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Date of the notification to CPS: 1/9/2011

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 1/9/2011

Child's name: Andre Melton

Age at time of incident: 6 Weeks

Perpetrator(s): Rhiannon Hughey, 19
Teamer Melton,21

Age: see above

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident, the child and perpetrators were living in Glendale.

A. Circumstances of the fatality or near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On or about Jan. 9, 2011, paramedics were called after a report that Andre had become unresponsive following a bout of choking and spitting up. Paramedics performed CPR and transported to the hospital. Andre was admitted to the ICU and a CT scan found a central brain bleed and no fractures. Andre coded and was pronounced dead. The incident was documented as non-accidental trauma and shaken baby syndrome is suspected. Andre's parents, Rhiannon Hughey and Teamer Melton, fled the state following the incident.

B. Whether CPS has received any reports or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian* :

CPS had no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Andre Melton by Rhiannon Hughey or Teamer Melton.

1. Actions taken by CPS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:

CPS conducted a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

2. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

There are no other children in the home.

3. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

The parents fled the state and refused to cooperate with the investigation conducted by law enforcement and the department.

*Posted information provides whether there have been reports or any current or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).

Information, if any, regarding other family or household members and the child or the alleged perpetrator is not posted on the Web site. Calls to the Child Abuse Hotline that do not meet the criteria of a report because they do not contain allegations of abuse or neglect (or because there is no information provided to locate the child or family) are not posted.