

Information for Release		5/15/2012
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**Date of the notification to CPS:** 5/1/2012

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 4/30/2012

**Child's name:** Angel Alvarez

**Age at time of incident:** 5 Years

**Perpetrator(s):** Evangelina Barrios

**Age:** 22 years

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

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

On or around April 30, 2012, Angel was taken to the emergency room by Phoenix Fire where he was pronounced dead. The mother, Evangelina Barrios, and a 19-year-old male (name unknown) were in a car with Angel when it was involved in a head-on collision. Evangelina was highly intoxicated at the time and Angel was not in a car seat, nor was he restrained by a seatbelt.

**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 Angel Alvarez by Evangelina Barrios.

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

CPS is conducting a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the siblings were removed from the home and placed in foster care.

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

Services will be determined upon completion of the investigation.

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\*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).