

Information for Release		11/8/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 3/12/2011

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 3/12/2011

Child's name: Augustine

Age at time of incident: 3 Years

Perpetrator(s): Christopher Lopez

Age: 37

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.

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

On and before March 12, 2011, Augustine sustained severe, life-threatening injuries while in the immediate care of Christopher Lopez. The injuries included, but were not limited to, a skull fracture on the right side of his head, bruising to the left side of his head, and bruising and the shape of a hand indentation on the rib area. A scar in the shape of a belt/cord was also present on the back of Augustine's neck directly below the hairline.

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 has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Augustine by Christopher Lopez.

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

CPS jointly investigated the allegations with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

Following a child safety assessment, Augustine was placed in a licensed foster home.

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

The children and family are being provided intensive out-of-home services, including intensive parent aide services, supervised visitation and substance abuse services.

*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.