

Information for Release		4/28/2010
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Date of the notification to CPS: 3/30/2010

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 3/30/2010

Child's name: Austin

Age at time of incident: 18 Months

Perpetrator(s): The identity of the perpetrator has not been determined.

Age: Unknown

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): The child is from Fort Mohave.

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

CPS received a report indicating Austin was flown to a children's hospital where the treating physician identified Austin's injuries as most consistent with non-accidental trauma. The physician reported that the injuries were extensive and unlikely to have been caused by an accident. According to the physician, there was nothing in the explanation that would account for the extensive injuries.

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 received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Austin by any of the adults he had been in the care of when he received the injuries.

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

CPS is completing a joint investigation with Bullhead City Police Department.

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

Once discharged from the hospital, CPS will place Austin in a foster home. The other children in the home have been placed out of the home.

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

Services will be provided based on the outcome of the investigation.

*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).