

Information for Release		4/29/2013
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Date of the notification to CPS: 9/10/2012

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 9/9/2012

Child's name: BabyUnknown Lester

Age at time of incident: Newborn

Perpetrator(s): Kadejra Lester

Age: 15 years

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

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

On or about September 9, 2012, Kadejra Lester neglected her newborn child by failing to provide supervision and medical care. Kadejra Lester did not remove him from the bath tub water after she gave birth to him resulting in his death by drowning.

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* :

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) had no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of BabyUnknown Lester by Kadejra Lester.

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

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) conducted a joint investigation with Tucson Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, all the children in the home were placed with relatives.

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

Services provided to the family included counseling and case management 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.