

Information for Release		5/6/2013
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Date of the notification to CPS: 5/1/2013

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 5/1/2013

Child's name: Blake Alvarez

Age at time of incident: Two Years

Perpetrator(s): Davieanna Blake

Darnell Alvarez

Age: 21 years and 24 years

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

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

On May 1, 2013, Blake Alvarez was taken to the hospital as he was found to be unconscious. The child was found with various bruising on his body suspected to be non-accidental resulting in his death. The child died as a result of his injuries. On May 2, 2013, Davieanna Blake and Darnell Alvarez were arrested and charged with Murder in the first degree.

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) has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Blake Alvarez by Davieanna Blake or Darnell Alvarez.

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

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) is conducting a joint investigation with Phoenix Police Department and the Office of Child Welfare Investigations (OCWI).

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:

Services will be determined following the completion 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).

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.