

Information for Release		4/2/2010
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Date of the notification to CPS: 10/19/2009

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 4/30/2009

Child's name: Brieana Hopstaken

Age at time of incident: 1 Month

Perpetrator(s): Kristina Hopstaken

Age: 21

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Both the child and perpetrator are from Mesa.

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

CPS received a report indicating autopsy findings for Brieana identified that she had died from an overdose of adult-strength Benadryl not prescribed by a physician. At the time of her death, Briena was also found to have had bruises on several different parts of her body believed to be non-accidental 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 no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Brieana by Kristina Hopstaken.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation with Mesa Police Department.

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

There were no other children in the home.

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

No services were provided to the family as they could not be located.

*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.