

Information for Release		2/17/2010
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Date of the notification to CPS: 8/16/2009

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 8/16/2009

Child's name: Bronson

Age at time of incident: 6 Months

Perpetrator(s): The perpetrators are Joshua Goodman, 24, and Maylene Love, 20.

Age: See above.

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): The child and the perpetrators are from Casa Grande.

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

On August 16, 2009, CPS received information that Bronson had been airlifted to the hospital where he was found to have severe head trauma. Physicians from the hospital reported the injury was inconsistent with the information provided and believed it was most likely from non-accidental trauma.

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 two prior reports, in February and March 2009, alleging neglect of Bronson by Maylene Love. The allegations in both reports were unsubstantiated. The family had been referred to and were participating in community services. The last contact the agency had with the family was in May 2009.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation with Casa Grande Police Department.

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

Bronson was taken into CPS custody upon his discharge from the hospital. His siblings were also taken into CPS custody and a dependency petition filed. The children were placed in the care of relatives.

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

Jurisdiction of the case has been taken by another government entity that will be responsible for providing services to the family.

*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.