

Information for Release	AMENDED	8/15/2013
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Date of the notification to CPS: 3/10/2012

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 3/10/2012

Child's name: Damian Peru

Age at time of incident: 3 Months

Perpetrator(s): Manuel Carrasco

Age: 21

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 Safford, Arizona.

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

On March 10, 2012, Manuel Carrasco arrived at Mt. Graham Regional Hospital at about 10:00 a.m. with Damian and his sibling. Damian was not breathing and was not responsive. He was resuscitated and transported to UMC in Tucson. Damian was found to have a skull fracture, subdural bleed and subarachnoid bleed. The child died as a result of his injuries. Manuel Carrasco was convicted of second degree murder.

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 not received any prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Damian Peru by Manuel Carrasco.

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 the Safford Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety Damian's siblings were placed with a relative.

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

Services offered to the family include parent aide services, substance abuse treatment and supervised visitation.

*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).

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.