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Date of the notification to DCS: 6/26/2013

Near Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 6/25/2013

Child's name: Trinity

Age at time of incident: 4 years

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Ashley Smith – age 28

Robert Smith – age 28

City, town or general location of residence of the child and alleged perpetrator(s):

Superior, AZ

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

On June 26, 2013, the DCS received another report regarding 4-year-old Trinity who had been admitted to the hospital on June 25, 2013. Trinity required critical care due to congestive heart failure and bacterial endocarditis. Her parents, Ashley and Robert Smith, have been charged with child abuse.

Whether DCS 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*:

DCS received one prior reports of abuse or neglect involving Ashley Smith and Trinity:

On June 24, 2013, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 4-year-old Trinity. A Superior police officer had been flagged down on June 23, 2013 and was told that Trinity was having an allergic reaction to something and her mother was refusing medical treatment. Police responded to the home and told the mother, Ashley Smith, it was an emergency and to take Trinity to the hospital. The mother was instructed to then bring the paperwork showing she had sought medical care to the police station. This report was assigned for investigation at DCS on June 25, 2013 and had not yet been responded to when the June 26, 2013 report was received.

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

The Department of Child Safety conducted a joint investigation with the Superior Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the siblings were placed in foster homes. Upon discharge from the hospital, Electra was placed in a foster home.



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

The Department of Child Safety is providing 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).

*Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.

Information, if any, regarding the child and other family or household members, not specifically related to the fatality or near fatality, is not posted on the website. This also applies to information, if any, regarding the alleged perpetrator(s) and other family or household members.