

Information for Release		10/26/2012
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Date of the notification to CPS: 10/15/2012

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 8/1/2012

Child's name: Calandra Balas

Age at time of incident: 7 Years

Perpetrator(s): Gasoa Balas

Age: 36 years old

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

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

On August 1, 2012, Gasoa Balas was in a car with his daughter Calandra Balas when Gasoa failed to maintain control of the vehicle, which resulted in a crash and the vehicle rolling. Gasoa neglected Calandra Balas as he failed to properly restrain her in the vehicle, resulting in her death after being ejected from the vehicle.

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 alleging abuse or neglect of Calandra Balas by Gasao Balas.

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

CPS is conducting a joint investigation with the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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 upon 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.