



Information for Release		4/27/15
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Date of the notification to DCS: 4/8/2015

Near Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 4/8/2015

Child's name: Caleb

Age at time of incident: 19 months

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Matthew Romeo Sanchez – age 19

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

Phoenix, AZ

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

On April 8, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 19-month-old Caleb who was brought to the hospital in critical condition after being in the care of his mother's boyfriend, Matthew Romeo Sanchez. Caleb was found to have significant injuries including brain bleeds and bruising to his face and body. Physicians determined that the injuries were inconsistent with accidental trauma and Matthew Sanchez was arrested for felony 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 has received no prior reports of abuse or neglect involving Matthew Sanchez and Caleb.

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

The Department of Child Safety, in conjunction with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, is conducting a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling was removed from the home and placed with relatives.

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

Services will be determined pending the outcome 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).

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



Arizona Department of Child Safety

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Director

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.