

Information for Release		3/29/2010
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Date of the notification to CPS: 12/11/2009

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 12/11/2009

Child's name: Christopher

Age at time of incident: 7 Months

Perpetrator(s): Jeremy Wilcox

Age: 32

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Both the child and perpetrator are from Phoenix.

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

CPS received a report indicating Christopher was believed to have been a victim of a near drowning after having been left unsupervised in a bathtub for a short time while his caretaker responded to the doorbell.

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 one prior report on Nov. 9, 2009, with allegations of neglect of a sibling. This report was being investigated when the near fatality incident was reported. The allegation in this report was unsubstantiated.

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

CPS is completing a joint investigation with Phoenix Police Department.

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

Christopher and his sibling have been taken into CPS custody.

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

Services are being provided 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.