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Date of the notification to DCS: 6/5/2015

Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 6/5/2015

Child's name: Joylynn Giebel

Age at time of incident: 22 months

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Andrew "Drew" Isaacs - age 27

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

Mesa, AZ

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

On June 5, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report following a response from EMS to the residence regarding 21-month-old Joylynn Giebel. Joylynn was not breathing and EMS attempts to resuscitate her were unsuccessful. Joylynn was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Joylynn was found to have significant injuries including bruising to the left side of her head, several small bruises and scrapes to her face and body, internal trauma to her abdomen and three broken ribs. The treating physician stated that the injuries appear to be caused by some form of abuse. Joylynn's stepfather, Andrew "Drew" Isaacs, was arrested on one count of 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 the following prior report involving Andrew "Drew" Isaacs and Joylynn Giebel:

On December 21, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse and neglect to Joylynn by Andrew Isaacs. The report also alleged that Andrew Isaacs abuses and sells drugs in the home and has been known to give Joylynn Percocet in order to "tranquilize" her. The report was responded to on December 22, 2014 however, there appeared to be no one home. A card with a message to contact the Department as soon as possible was left at the residence. No further visits to the home were made and the case remained open when the current 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, in conjunction with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, is conducting a joint investigation with the Mesa 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 and placed in a licensed foster home.



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.

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.