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Date of the notification to DCS: 5/25/2015

**Near Fatality** 

Date of fatality or near fatality: 5/25/2015

Child's name: Noah

Age at time of incident: 2 weeks

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Anthony Estrada - age 19

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

Tempe, AZ

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

On May 25, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 2-week-old Noah who had been taken to the hospital in critical condition by his parents. According to the parents, Noah's breathing became abnormal and his eyes swelled shut after he accidentally hit his head on a changing table. Attending physicians noted that Noah's injuries were inconsistent with the explanation provided and observed Noah to have bleeding in the brain, bruises and abrasions on his left cheek, leg and arm and a broken skin bite mark on his right hand. Noah's father, Anthony Estrada, has been arrested for 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 Anthony Estrada and Noah.

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 Tempe Police Department.

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

There were 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 pending the outcome of the investigation.

<sup>\*</sup>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).



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\*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.