



Information for Release	AMENDED	5/14/15
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Date of the notification to DCS: 10/26/2014

Near Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 10/26/2014

Child's name: Parker

Age at time of incident: 4 months

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Cody Claywell – age 21

Cheyenne Miller – age 20

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

Prescott Valley, AZ

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

On October 26, 2014, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding four-month-old Parker who was found unresponsive while in the care of Cody Claywell. Parker was taken to the hospital where it was determined he had life-threatening injuries stemming from significant head and brain trauma. On December 10, 2014, Cody Claywell was arrested and charged with child abuse. Parker's mother, Cheyenne Miller, failed to protect him by leaving him with an inappropriate caregiver.

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 Cody Claywell, Cheyenne Miller and Parker.

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, conducted a joint investigation with the Prescott Valley Police Department.

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

The other child in the home was removed and placed with relatives. Upon discharge from the hospital, Parker was also placed with relatives.

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

The Department of Child Safety is providing services 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).

*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.