

Information for Release		9/10/2010
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Date of the notification to CPS: 1/3/2010

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 1/3/2010

Child's name: Darren

Age at time of incident: 1 Year

Perpetrator(s): Jermaine Pino

Age: 24

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Both child and perpetrators resided in Phoenix at the time of the incident.

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

Darren was taken to the hospital by paramedics after having seizures at home. Hospital physicians found severe head injuries and bruising on his body, which they believed to have been caused by non-accidental trauma.

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 has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Darren by Jermaine.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation with Phoenix Police Department.

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

Darren was taken into CPS custody upon his discharge from the hospital. His siblings were also taken into CPS custody and a dependency petition filed.

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

A case has been opened to provide 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).

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.