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Date of the notification to CPS: 5/2/2013

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 5/1/2013

Child's name: Darrien Nez

Age at time of incident: 3 Years

Perpetrator(s): Rachel Boys Spry

Age: age 35

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident, the child and alleged perpetrator(s) were living in Yuma, Arizona.

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

On May 1, 2013, 3-year-old Darrien Nez fatally shot himself with a 9mm handgun belonging to his grandmother, Rachel Boys Spry. Darrien was in the bathroom with his grandmother at the time and she failed to notice him going into her backpack where the gun was kept. The grandmother was aware that Darrien would look for candy in her backpack and she later stated she thought the gun had a safety catch that was engaged. Ms. Spry was arrested and charged with second-degree murder.

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* :

The Division of Child Safety and Family Services (DCSFS) has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Darrien Nez by Rachel Boys Spry.

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

The Division of Child Safety and Family Services (DCSFS) conducted a joint investigation with the Yuma Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the sibling was determined to be safe in the home with the parents.

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

The family was offered counseling services, but declined.

*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.