

Information for Release		6/15/2012
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Date of the notification to CPS: 8/2/2011

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 8/2/2011

Child's name: Darshan Kharel

Age at time of incident: 4 Years

Perpetrator(s): Chandra Kharel

Age: 30 years

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

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

On August 2, 2011, Chandra Kharel neglected Darshan Kharel, when she failed to provide supervision as she left the child unattended and he was found in a swimming pool which resulted in his death.

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 had no prior report alleging abuse or neglect of Darshan Kharel by Chandra Kharel.

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

CPS conducted a joint investigation with the Tucson Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety the sibling remained in the home.

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

The family was offered counseling and community services.

*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.