



Information for Release		10/1/2014
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Date of the notification to DCS: 2/5/2014

Child Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 2/5/2014

Child's name: Delmon Matuska

Age at time of incident: 2 ½ hours

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Amber Matuska – age 30

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

Tucson, AZ

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

On February 5, 2014, Amber Matuska neglected her newborn son, Delmon Matuska, when she exposed him to illegal substances, causing Delmon to test positive for methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana at birth. According to the report from the Medical Examiner's Office, Delmon died as a result of prematurity with substance abuse by his mother as a contributing factor to his prematurity and subsequent death.

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 Delmon Matuska and his mother Amber Matuska.

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 Tucson 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:

No services were provided.

*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

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

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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.