

Information for Release	AMENDED	2/10/2014
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**Date of the notification to CPS:** 10/6/2008

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 3/28/2012

**Child's name:** Destiny Speed

**Age at time of incident:** 3 Years

**Perpetrator(s):**

Mia Speed – age 40

Bobby Speed – age 47

**Age:**

**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 Phoenix, Arizona.

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

On October 6, 2008, Destiny Speed was found to have been severely abused and neglected by her parents, Mia and Bobby Speed, who were solely responsible for her care. Destiny was hospitalized with injuries including multiple brain bleeds, several fractures to her right wrist, right hand, third and fourth right fingers and her right foot. All of the fractures were found to be at various stages of healing. In addition, she presented as extremely malnourished and had bruising all over her body. The parents were both convicted of child abuse.

Information was previously released regarding Destiny on October 15, 2008. Destiny never fully recovered and remained bedbound in a vegetative state until her death on March 28, 2012. The Maricopa County Medical Examiner's report documented the cause of death as complications of remote multiple blunt force injuries including severe head injuries. The manner of death was listed as homicide.

**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\* :**

There has been one prior report to the state Child Abuse Hotline alleging that Mia Speed neglected Destiny. That report was received and investigated in 2005. Although there was no finding of neglect at that time, CPS maintained an open case to provide services to the family. Due to the family's lack of progress in services and additional risks factors identified in CPS' work with the family, Destiny and two other children were removed from the home in May 2006. While the children were in out-of-home care, CPS provided reports on the family's progress to the court. In February 2008, the court determined that the children could return to the home. The family successfully completed the reunification plan in May 2008; the court dismissed its case and the CPS case was subsequently closed.

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

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) conducted a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

The other children in the home were removed and placed in foster care.

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

Services were provided to the children only.

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\*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.