

Information for Release

5/21/2013

Date of the notification to CPS: 12/24/2012

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 12/24/2012

Child's name: Dravyn

Age at time of incident: 1 Year

Perpetrator(s): Codie Mejia

Age: 26 years

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

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

On December 24, 2012, Codie Mejia physically abused Dravyn causing a subdural hematoma and a C-2 fracture to the spine. Codie Mejia was arrested and charged with Child Abuse.

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* :

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Dravyn by Codie Mejia.

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 Kingman Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the child was released to his mother.

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

Services offered to the family included case management 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.