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**Date of the notification to DCS: 10/23/2014**

**Child Fatality**

**Date of fatality or near fatality: 10/23/2014**

**Child's name: Drayson Tese**

**Age at time of incident: 15 months**

**Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:**

David Ramos – age 23

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

Bullhead City, AZ

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

On October 23, 2014, the Department of Child Safety received a report stating 15-month-old Drayson Tese was being transported to the hospital in critical condition. Drayson had been in the care of his mother's boyfriend, David Ramos, who said he had accidentally dropped Drayson the evening of October 22 while throwing him up in the air. Drayson's injuries were inconsistent with the explanation provided and he died shortly after arriving at the hospital. An autopsy determined he died as a result of blunt force trauma to the abdomen. On October 27, 2014, David Ramos was arrested and charged with second degree murder and child abuse.

**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 Drayson Tese and David Ramos.

**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, is conducting a joint investigation with the Bullhead City Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other child was determined to be safe with the father.

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

Services will be determined pending the outcome of the investigation.

\*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).



## *Arizona Department of Child Safety*

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Director

\*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.