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Date of the notification to DCS: 6/26/2013

Near Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 6/25/2013

Child's name: Electra

Age at time of incident: 14 months

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Ashley Smith – age 28

Robert Smith – age 28

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

Superior, AZ

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

On June 26, 2013, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 14-month-old Electra who had been admitted to the hospital. Electra required critical care due to extreme malnourishment and refeeding syndrome. Her parents, Ashley and Robert Smith, have been charged with 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 Electra and Ashley or Robert Smith.

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

The Department of Child Safety conducted a joint investigation with the Superior Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the siblings were placed in foster homes. Upon discharge from the hospital, Trinity was placed in a foster home.

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

The Department of Child Safety is providing 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).

*Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.



Arizona Department of Child Safety

Douglas A. Ducey
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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.