

<b>Information for Release</b>		11/5/2012
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**Date of the notification to CPS:** 5/29/2012

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 5/29/2012

**Child's name:** Eradessa Correa

**Age at time of incident:** 7 Months

**Perpetrator(s):** Patrick Correa and Jereca Whiteman

**Age:** 20 years and 22 years

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

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

On or about May 29, 2012, Patrick Correa and Jereca Whiteman neglected Eradessa Correa when they failed to provide adequate supervision, as they left the child in the bathtub unsupervised, resulting in the child's death due to drowning. They thereby placed the child at unreasonable risk of serious injury and ultimately her death.

**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\* :**

CPS has received one prior report alleging abuse or neglect of Eradessa Correa by Jereca Whiteman and Patrick Correa.

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

CPS conducted a joint investigation with the Glendale 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 care.

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

Services being provided to the family include intensive in home services, parent aide services, Arizona Families First, child care services and case management.

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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.