

Information for Release		8/3/2010
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Date of the notification to CPS: 5/17/2010

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 5/16/2010

Child's name: Eric

Age at time of incident: 2 Years

Perpetrator(s): Kimberly Thomas

Age: 25

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): The child and perpetrator resided in Golden Valley.

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

CPS received a report indicating Erik had been burned over 85 percent of his body when a 5-year-old child set fire to a mattress in an RV where the children were playing.

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 had received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Eric by Kimberly.

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

CPS is completing a joint investigation of the report with Mohave County Sheriff's Department.

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

The other children in the home have been taken into CPS custody and a dependency petition has been filed.

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

Services are being provided to the family.

*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.