

<b>Information for Release</b>		9/7/2010
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**Date of the notification to CPS:** 9/7/2009

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 9/7/2009

**Child's name:** George Gonzales

**Age at time of incident:** 14 Months

**Perpetrator(s):** Stephanie Burkett, 36 and Brian Burkett, 40.

**Age:** See above

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** Both child and perpetrators resided in Queen Creek at the time of the incident.

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

George got into the backyard through an open door where he then fell into the swimming pool unnoticed while his caretakers were distracted.

**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 no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of George by Stephanie or Brian Burkett.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office.

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

The safety of the other children in the home was assessed and it was determined they could remain in the home safely. A foster child under tribal jurisdiction was removed from the home.

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

The family obtained grief counseling services on their own. CPS identified no need for additional services.

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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.