



Division of Child Safety and Family Services

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Date of the notification to DCSFS: 5/18/2014

Child Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 5/21/2014

Child's name: Ian Blair

Age at time of incident: 5 years old

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Justin Hoskins – age 16

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

Phoenix, Arizona

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

On May 18, 2014, Ian Blair was brought to the hospital after being discovered unresponsive in his home where he resided with his mother, her boyfriend and the boyfriend's teenage son, Justin Hoskins. Ian had been in the care of Justin that day and was believed to be napping when his mother returned home. The hospital observed Ian to have a red bruise over his left eye and he was "posturing" with his arms brought up and his toes pointed. It was later determined that he had retinal hemorrhaging and a non-accidental brain injury. Ian died from his injuries on May 21, 2014. Justin Hoskins was detained on charges of child abuse. His case has since been referred to Maricopa County Superior Court.

Whether DCSFS 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*:

DCSFS has received two prior report alleging physical abuse of Ian Blair by Justin Hoskins:

On March 28, 2014, a report was made by an anonymous source stating Ian always has some kind of injury like black eyes, bruises and cuts. Dates and details are not known. It is believed that the son of the mother's boyfriend, Justin Hoskins, may be throwing Ian off the bunk bed. An investigation was initiated and in progress when the next report was received.

On April 3, 2014, a report was made by an anonymous source stating on March 29th or 30th of 2014, Ian was observed to have a black eye and said that Justin does things to him. Ian has been observed to have other black eyes in the past and his mother states he falls off the bunk bed. This report was still being investigated when the May 18, 2014 report was received.

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

The Office of Child Welfare Investigations (OCWI), assisted by DCSFS, is conducting a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.



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

Following an assessment of safety, the other children in the home were removed and placed with relatives.

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

Services will be determined following 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).

*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.