

Information for Release		2/25/2014
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Date of the notification to CPS: 9/20/2013

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 9/20/2013

Child's name: Isaiah Espinoza

Age at time of incident: 6 Years

Perpetrator(s): Jose Espinoza and Rosa Marquez

Age: 25 years and 24 years

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

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

On September 20, 2013, Jose Espinoza, father to Isaiah Espinoza, knowingly drove while intoxicated with Isaiah in the vehicle. Mr. Espinoza drove off the road, rolling the vehicle and ejecting himself and Isaiah – both of whom were unrestrained. Isaiah passed away from head injuries. Mr. Espinoza's blood alcohol level was reported to be .158 which is nearly double the legal limit. The child's mother, Rosa Marquez, was aware that Mr. Espinoza had been drinking and still allowed Isaiah to ride with him in the vehicle.

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* :

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) has received no prior report alleging abuse or neglect of Isaiah Espinoza by Jose Espinoza or Rosa Marquez.

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

The Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) conducted a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

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

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

Services offered to the family include counseling, substance abuse services and supervised visitation.

*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.