

Information for Release

11/8/2011

Date of the notification to CPS: 4/27/2011

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 4/24/2011

Child's name: Issac

Age at time of incident: 21 Days

Perpetrator(s): Kristy Whitfield

Age: 27

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 Phoenix.

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

On April 24, 2011, a family relative left Isaac in Kristy Whitfield's care between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. When the relative returned home, the mother, Kristy, and Isaac were asleep. This relative reported noticing that the baby was not responsive and called paramedics; after paramedics arrived Isaac was transported to the hospital, intubated and placed in the Intensive Care unit. Toxicology screen results conducted on Isaac were positive for benzodiazepines and opiates. Mother could not explain why Isaac tested positive for benzodiazepines and opiates.

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 Issac by Kristy Whitfield.

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

CPS jointly investigated the allegations with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

Following a child safety assessment, Issac and his sibling were placed with a relative.

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

The family and children are being provided intensive out-of-home services, including intensive parent aide services, supervised visitation and substance abuse services.

*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).

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.