

Information for Release

5/9/2012

Date of the notification to CPS: 4/9/2012

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 4/9/2012

Child's name: Jasper

Age at time of incident: 3 Years

Perpetrator(s): James Boling

Age: 39 years

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 Williams, Arizona.

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

On or around April 6, 2012, paramedics and Coconino County Sheriff's Department responded to the home due to Jasper being unresponsive. Jasper was found lying flat on his back, rigid with physical signs of ongoing abuse. Jasper had significant bruising to either side of his face, neck, jawline and ears. Jasper also had a black eye and bruising down his back near his spine and possible skull fracture. Jasper was flown by helicopter to Flagstaff Medical Center. James Boling, the child's caregiver, admitted to abusing Jasper.

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 not received any prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Jasper by James Boling.

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

CPS is investigating the allegations through a joint investigation with the Coconino County Sheriff's Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety Jasper was released from the hospital into the care of his mother. There are no other children in the home.

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

Services will be determined upon completion 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).

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.