

Information for Release		10/19/2012
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Date of the notification to CPS: 10/19/2012

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 10/19/2012

Child's name: Javier Martinez-Becerra

Age at time of incident: 22 Months

Perpetrator(s): Manuel Antonio Gonzalez

Age: 24 years old

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, Arizona.

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

On October 19, 2012, Manuel Antonio Gonzalez called 911 and reported that he found Javier "down and the hose running in his face" and not breathing. Javier was transported via ambulance to the hospital where he later died. Javier's stomach was full of air, his bowel was ruptured, there was bruising on the insides of his thighs and blood was coming from the mouth. The treating physician determined that the injuries were consistent with child abuse.

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 report alleging abuse or neglect of Javier Martinez-Becerra by Manuel Antonio Gonzalez.

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

CPS is conducting a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

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 following the conclusion 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.