

Information for Release		5/15/2013
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Date of the notification to CPS: 1/24/2012

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 1/24/2012

Child's name: Jaxon

Age at time of incident: 0 Days

Perpetrator(s): Jeannie Ralls

Age: 39

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident, the child and alleged 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 or about January 24, 2012, Jeannie Ralls gave birth to Jaxon in a vacant house. She was unable to separate the baby from the umbilical cord so she left him attached and kept him lying next to her, covered with a blanket. A friend, name unknown, of the mother came by to check on her, discovered she had given birth and called police and fire to the home. Phoenix Fire Department attempted to clear the baby's airway and resuscitate him; he was taken via ambulance to the hospital and listed in critical condition.

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) had received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Jaxon by Jeannie Ralls.

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

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) investigated the allegations through 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 child safety, the baby was discharged months later and placed with a family member. There were no other siblings in the home.

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

Services offered to the family included case management and community 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).

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.