

Information for Release

4/23/2010

Date of the notification to CPS: 12/4/2009

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 12/4/2009

Child's name: Jaxson Rausch

Age at time of incident: 11 Months

Perpetrator(s): James Rausch

Age: 24

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Both the child and perpetrator are from Mohave Valley.

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

CPS received a report indicating Jaxson had been left unattended in a bathtub for 45 seconds to one minute. When the caretaker returned, Jaxson was discovered floating face down in the tub and was not breathing. 911 was contacted and Jaxson was taken to a hospital by ambulance.

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 no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Jaxson by James Rausch.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation with Mohave County Sheriff's Office.

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

CPS assessed the safety of all the children in the home.

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

The family accepted and continues to participate in services from the department.

*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.