

Information for Release		9/14/2012
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Date of the notification to CPS: 9/6/2012

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: On or about 10/11/2011

Child's name: Jhessye Shockley

Age at time of incident: 5 Years

Perpetrator(s): Jerice Hunter

Age: 37 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 Glendale, Arizona.

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

On or about October 11, 2011 Glendale Police called the Child Abuse Hotline to report that mother, Jerice Hunter, had reported Jhessye Shockley missing. On September 6, 2012, Jerice Hunter was arrested for the murder and abuse of Jhessye Shockley.

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 received one prior report alleging abuse or neglect of Jhessye Shockley by Jerice Hunter.

On February 28, 2011 a report was received alleging that Jerice Hunter was homeless. There was an additional concern, as Jerice Hunter had recently been incarcerated for child abuse.

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 Glendale Police Department.

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

The siblings were placed in foster care.

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

Services provided to the family include intensive individual therapy, parent aide support, psychological consultation, psychiatric evaluation, case management and substance abuse testing and treatment.

*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.