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Date of the notification to DCS: 3/29/2013

## Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 3/28/2013

Child's name: Joan Plumb

Age at time of incident: 11 years old

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

George Plumb – age 42

Mary Plumb – age 40

City, town or general location of residence of the child and alleged perpetrator(s):

Casa Grande, AZ

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

On March 29, 2013, the Department of Child Safety received a report stating that 11-year-old Joan Plumb was killed by a gunshot wound on March 28, 2013. The investigation determined that the parents, George and Mary Plumb, were negligent in causing the fatality by failing to supervise children in the home and allowing access to unsecured firearms and ammunition.

Whether DCS 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\*:

DCS has received no prior reports of abuse or neglect involving Joan Plumb and George and Mary Plumb.

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

The Department of Child Safety conducted a joint investigation with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the siblings remained in the home with the parents.

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

The family was provided with information on services in the community.

\*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).

\*Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.



## *Arizona Department of Child Safety*

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**Janice K. Brewer**  
Governor

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Director

Information, if any, regarding the child and other family or household members, not specifically related to the fatality or near fatality, is not posted on the website. This also applies to information, if any, regarding the alleged perpetrator(s) and other family or household members.