

Information for Release		6/15/2012
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Date of the notification to CPS: 6/11/2011

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 6/11/2011

Child's name: Joe

Age at time of incident: 14 Years

Perpetrator(s): Crystal Martinez

Age: 31 years

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 June 12, 2011 Crystal Martinez was driving a Ford Explorer and ran into the back of a semi-truck. Joe was not wearing a seatbelt and was critically injured. Crystal Martinez tested positive for methamphetamine and marijuana and was determined to be under the influence while driving.

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 one prior report alleging abuse or neglect of Joe by Crystal Martinez.

On or about March 12, 2007 a report was received regarding concerns that mother was using methamphetamines and that the drug use was occurring in the home in the bathroom. The report was investigated and unsubstantiated due to no evidence of abuse present. The family was referred to Family Builders.

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

CPS investigated the allegations through a joint investigation with the Kingman Police Department.

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

Joe was discharged from the hospital and placed in foster care with a relative. Following an assessment of child safety the other children in the home were also placed in foster care with relatives.

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

Intensive out of home services are being provided to the children and family. These services include intensive parent aide services, counseling, psychiatric services and visitation.

*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.