

Information for Release

12/6/2011

**Date of the notification to CPS:** 11/12/2010

**Near Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the near fatality:** 11/12/2010

**Child's name:** John

**Age at time of incident:** 4 Months

**Perpetrator(s):** John E. Collins, 49; Shamika Palmer, 21.

**Age:** See above

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** At the time of the incident, the child and perpetrators were living in Coolidge.

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

On or about Nov. 12, 2010, John was taken to the hospital where it was discovered that he had suffered multiple fractures over his body. The father has admitted to causing some of the injuries when he fell on John, when he accidentally picked him up too quickly, and when pulling John from between the bedframe and wall. The father stated he has too "much on his plate" and does everything in the home. The father also implicated the mother in the injuries, stating she may have caused the fractures while bathing John and when putting on his socks.

**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 no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of John by John E. Collins or Shamika Palmer.

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

CPS jointly investigated the allegations with the Coolidge Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, John was discharged from the hospital and placed in a licensed foster home, as was his sibling.

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

Services being provided include case management, rapid response, referral to AzEIP, out-of-home placement, counseling, parenting classes and psychological evaluation.

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\*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.