



Information for Release		9/10/2014
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Date of the notification to DCS: 9/7/2014

Child Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 9/7/2014

Child's name: Juanito Valenzuela

Age at time of incident: 14 months

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Robert Reynolds – age 29

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

Tempe, AZ

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

On September 7, 2014, 14-month-old Juanito was being cared for by Robert Reynolds when he was found to be in distress and with no pulse. He was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. Juanito had a head injury, a fractured forearm and extensive bruising to his face and head including bite marks to his ears. Robert Reynolds has been arrested and charged with child abuse.

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 Juanito Valenzuela and Robert Reynolds.

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

The Department of Child Safety, in conjunction with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, is conducting a joint investigation with the Tempe Police Department.

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

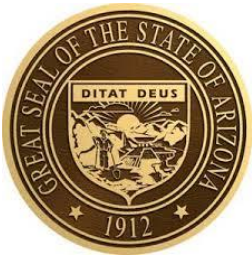
The other children in the home were removed and placed in foster care.

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

Services will be determined pending the outcome of the investigation.

*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.



Division of Child Safety and Family Services

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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.