

Information for Release		4/18/2012
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Date of the notification to CPS: 12/25/2011

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 12/25/2011

Child's name: Judah

Age at time of incident: 6 Months

Perpetrator(s): Kimberly Knight

Age: 39

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 Yuma.

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

On Dec. 25, 2011, Judah's mother took him to the emergency room where he was diagnosed with a suspicious head trauma injury and a subdural hematoma (brain bleed). Judah was unresponsive at arrival, required mechanical ventilation, and his condition did not improve when the decision was made to air lift him to Phoenix Hospital for more appropriate care.

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 Judah by Kimberly Knight.

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

CPS jointly investigated the allegations with the Yuma Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling was placed in a licensed foster home. Judah was later discharged from the hospital and also placed in a licensed foster home.

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

Services being provided to the family include visitation and case management.

*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.