

Information for Release		11/25/2009
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Date of the notification to CPS: 9/12/2009

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 9/12/2009

Child's name: Justin

Age at time of incident: 5 Months

Perpetrator(s): Marco Chairez-Gallardo

Age: 20

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): The child and the perpetrator are from Scottsdale.

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

CPS received a report that Justin had been to the hospital where it was determined he had suffered from acute and chronic injuries to his head which were inconsistent with the explanation provided and that non-accidental trauma was suspected.

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 had received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Justin by Marco Chairez-Gallardo.

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

CPS is completing a joint investigation with the Scottsdale Police Department.

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

Justin and another child in the home were taken into CPS custody and a dependency petition filed. Both children have been placed in a foster home.

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

Services will be provided to the family during the dependency proceeding.

*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.