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**Date of the notification to DCS: 10/21/2014**

**Child Fatality**

**Date of fatality or near fatality: 10/23/2014**

**Child's name: Kade Kryska**

**Age at time of incident: 15 months**

**Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:**

Tyler Kirkpatrick – age 20

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

Fort Mohave, AZ

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

On October 21, 2014, the Department of Child Safety received a report that 15-month-old Kade Kryska was brought to the hospital unresponsive and not breathing. He was observed to have bruising on his head and body and later died from his injuries on October 23. The investigation determined that he had been in the care of his mother's boyfriend, Tyler Kirkpatrick, earlier that day. On February 18, 2015, Tyler Kirkpatrick was charged with first-degree murder committed during a crime, second-degree murder and 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 Kade Kryska and Tyler Kirkpatrick.

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

The Department of Child Safety conducted a joint investigation with the Mohave County Sheriff's Office.

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

There were no other children in the home.

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

The Department is not providing any services to the family.

\*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.



## *Arizona Department of Child Safety*

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Director

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.