

Information for Release

10/9/2009

Date of the notification to CPS: 1/22/2009

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 1/22/2009

Child's name: Kaitlyn

Age at time of incident: 2 Months

Perpetrator(s): The identity of the perpetrator has not been determined.

Age: Unknown

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Child is from Phoenix.

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

On January 22, 2009, CPS received information that Kaitlyn had been hospitalized as a result of head trauma. The information reported indicated that the severity of Kaitlyn's injuries was not consistent with the explanation provided and 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 has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Kaitlyn.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation with Phoenix Police Department.

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

Kaitlyn was taken into CPS custody upon her discharge from the hospital. Her siblings were also taken into CPS custody and a dependency petition filed.

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

A case has been opened to provide services to the children and 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).