

Information for Release		1/23/2014
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Date of the notification to CPS: 5/30/2013

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 5/30/2013

Child's name: Karishma Shepherd

Age at time of incident: 2 Years

Perpetrator(s): Vanea Hansen

Age: 57

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident, the child and alleged perpetrator(s) were living in Phoenix, Arizona.

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

On May 30, 2013, Vanea Hansen was the lone adult responsible for the supervision of Karishma Shepherd. It was during that time that the two year old went out through an unlatched door to the backyard where she fell in and drowned in an unsecured swimming pool.

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* :

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Karishma Shepherd by Vanea Hansen.

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

The Office of Child Welfare Investigations (OCWI), assisted by Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) conducted a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

There are no other children in the home.

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

No services are being provided 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).

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.