

Information for Release

9/28/2011

Date of the notification to CPS: 6/22/2011

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 6/26/2011

Child's name: Kylieb Freeman

Age at time of incident: 13 Weeks

Perpetrator(s): Apryl Freeman

Age: 37

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Both child and alleged perpetrator were residing in Surprise at the time of the incident.

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

On June 22, 2011, Kylieb Freeman was transported to the hospital with critically serious, life-threatening, major head trauma. Kylieb was observed to have bruises to his forehead and down both sides of his head, including both eyes that are inconsistent with accidental injury. Kylieb was given a nuclear medicine brain scan and the findings were compatible with brain death. The parents were notified of the findings and Kylieb died when he was taken off life support.

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* :

There is one prior report alleging neglect of Kylieb Freeman by Apryl Freeman. The report was received on June 16, 2011, when mother, Apryl Freeman, gave birth to her child, Kylieb. Apryl Freeman admitted to a history of methamphetamine use ten years ago. Apryl had only one prenatal visit, let her AHCCCS coverage lapse, and was not prepared for Kylieb. Apryl Freeman did not have a crib or any place for Kylieb to sleep. An attempt to contact the family was made prior to the June 22, 2011, report. Findings on the report were deemed unable to locate.

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

CPS conducted a joint investigation with the Surprise Police Department.

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

An assessment of child safety was completed for the other children. These children have been placed in licensed foster homes.

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

The family is being provided with intensive family support services through a dependency action, which includes substance abuse counseling, individual and grief counseling, bonding assessment, psychological

evaluation and parent aide services.

*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.