

Information for Release		8/23/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 9/28/2009

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 9/26/2009

Child's name: Leo Dunham

Age at time of incident: Newborn Month

Perpetrator(s): Natalie Dunham

Age: 15

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

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

On Sept. 26, 2009, Natalie Dunham went to a hospital emergency room and gave birth to Leo Dunham in a bathroom, then placed him in the trash can, which resulted in his death.

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 by Natalie Dunham.

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

CPS conducted a joint investigation with the Glendale Police Department.

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 family was provided with a list of available resource 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.