

Information for Release		1/27/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 11/28/2010

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 11/28/2010

Child's name: Lexi

Age at time of incident: 6 Months

Perpetrator(s): Vincente Phillips

Age: 23

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

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

On Nov. 28, 2010, Lexi was found unresponsive and taken to the hospital. The hospital reported to CPS that Lexi had a severe head injury and evidence of trauma. Further information from the physicians indicate Lexi had injuries consistent with being shaken.

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 of Lexi by Vincente Phillips.

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

CPS jointly investigated the allegations with the Peoria Police Department.

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

While Lexi was hospitalized, the investigation focused on assessing her safety once discharged from the hospital. At the time Lexi was discharged, a relative was identified and assessed as being able to protect and care for Lexi's needs.

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

CPS will remain involved with the family to provide services and monitor Lexi's care.

*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).