

Information for Release

4/18/2012

Date of the notification to CPS: 6/30/2011

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 6/28/2011

Child's name: Lorraine

Age at time of incident: 16 Years

Perpetrator(s): Cindy Russell

Age: 38

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 Lake Havasu.

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

On June 28, 2011, Cindy Russell found Lorraine unresponsive in the middle of the night. Lorraine was transported via helicopter to the hospital, admitted due to her medical condition and put on a ventilator. Cindy Russell, mother, acknowledges Lorraine's medical needs require monitoring; however, mother does not consistently monitor her.

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 received one prior report, which was unsubstantiated, alleging neglect of Lorraine by Cindy Russell.

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

CPS completed a thorough investigation of the allegations.

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

Lorraine was discharged from the hospital and placed with relatives. Lorraine's sibling was determined to be safe and remained in the home.

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

Intensive out-of-home services, including parent aide, mental health services and community resources, were provided 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).