

Information for Release		10/9/2009
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Date of the notification to CPS: 7/29/2009

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 7/30/2009

Child's name: Mathew Dobbs

Age at time of incident: 2 Months

Perpetrator(s): The identity of the perpetrator has not been determined.

Age: Unknown

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Child was from Peoria.

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

CPS received a report which indicated Matthew had been hospitalized on July 29, 2009, with severe head trauma believed to be caused by non-accidental trauma from shaking.

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 has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Matthew.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation with Peoria Police Department.

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

A sibling was taken into CPS custody through a voluntary foster care agreement. A dependency petition was later filed.

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

A case has been opened to provide services to the child 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).

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.