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Date of the notification to DCS: 4/11/2014

Child Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 4/5/2014

Child's name: Matthew Bradley

Age at time of incident: 5 months

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Brandi Bradley

City, town or general location of residence of the child and alleged perpetrator(s):

Yuma, AZ

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

On April 11, 2014, the Department of Child Safety received a report stating that 5-month-old Matthew Bradley had died from cardiac arrest on April 5, 2014. The investigation determined that Matthew's mother, Brandi Bradley, had delayed seeking medical attention and went against medical advice by not following up on his medical needs.

Whether DCS 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*:

DCS has received two prior reports involving Matthew and Brandi Bradley:

On October 24, 2013, a report was received when Matthew was born substance-exposed to opiates due to Ms. Bradley's drug use during pregnancy. Ms. Bradley was referred for intensive services provided through the Department, but she failed to participate. The case was closed and the allegation of neglect was substantiated.

On March 14, 2014, a report was received alleging that Ms. Bradley was failing to seek necessary medical care for Matthew. Ms. Bradley had taken Matthew to the doctor on February 24, 2014 and he was observed to have some developmental delays. Referrals were made for an MRI and EEG and also to be seen by a pediatric neurologist. Ms. Bradley refused to follow through with these appointments. An investigation was initiated, but attempts to locate the family were unsuccessful. This report was still open when the report of the fatality was received.

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

The Department of Child Safety conducted a joint investigation with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling was placed in foster care.



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

The Department of Child Safety is providing services to the 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).

*Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.

Information, if any, regarding the child and other family or household members, not specifically related to the fatality or near fatality, is not posted on the website. This also applies to information, if any, regarding the alleged perpetrator(s) and other family or household members.