DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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Information for Release

6/18/2010

Date of the notification to CPS: 6/15/2010

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 6/15/2010

Child's name: Matthew Vandergriff

Age at time of incident: 1 Month

Perpetrator(s) & Age: Jonathan Vandergriff, 23 and Staci Barbosa, 19

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): The child and perpetrators resided in Bullhead City

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

CPS received a report indicating Matthew had been hospitalized with significant physical injuries determined to be non-accidental. Matthew did not survive.

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 Matthew by Jonathan Vandergriff or Staci Barbosa.

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

CPS is completing a joint investigation of the report with Bullhead City Police Department

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

Another child in the home was taken into CPS custody and placed with a relative.

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

The agency will complete an investigation into the circumstances of the family to determine the need for 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.