

Information for Release		8/30/2013
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Date of the notification to CPS: 8/12/2013

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 8/19/2013

Child's name: Mavrik Riggin

Age at time of incident: 2 Months

Perpetrator(s): Fayde Riggin, Katherine Fitzgerald

Age: Age 22, Age 20

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

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

On August 12, 2013, the Tucson Fire Department received a call from the home at 4:08 p.m. When they arrived they spoke with the father and he stated that Mavrik was "fussy" and having a "fit". The father stated he went to hold the child against his chest to try and calm him down and he noticed formula coming out of his nose. The child was transported to the hospital where he was found to have a brain bleed, retinal hemorrhages and corneal tears. The child died as a result of his injuries on August 19, 2013. The father admitted to shaking the child and was arrested on August 19, 2013 and charged with murder. The mother was arrested on August 20, 2013 and charged with child abuse. The father reported the mother had caught him shaking the baby on a separate occasion and she did not seek medical care for the child and continued to allow the father to care for the child unsupervised.

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* :

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Mavrik Riggin by Fayde Riggin or Katherine Fitzgerald.

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

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) is conducting a joint investigation with the Tucson Police Department and the Office of Child Welfare Investigations (OCWI).

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

There are no other children in the home.

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

No services are being provided 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).

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.