

Information for Release

4/26/2013

Date of the notification to CPS: 4/8/2013

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 4/8/2013

Child's name: Maya Koistinen

Age at time of incident: Newborn

Perpetrator(s): Nina Koistinen

Age: 36 years

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

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

On April 8, 2013 a call was made to police that Maya was not breathing. The police and paramedics arrived at the home. The paramedics began CPR and the child was subsequently transported to Paradise Valley Hospital where the child was pronounced dead. On April 25, 2013, the mother, Nina Koistinen admitted to police that she pinched the child's nose and then held her hand over the child's mouth until she stopped breathing. Nina Koistinen was arrested and charged with Murder in the first degree.

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) had received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Maya Koistinen by Nina Koistinen.

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 Phoenix Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the siblings were placed with relatives.

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

Services will be determined following the completion of the investigation.

*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).

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.