

Information for Release		8/12/2010
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Date of the notification to CPS: 8/3/2010

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 8/3/2010

Child's name: Michael Ibarra

Age at time of incident: 6 Years

Perpetrator(s): Koffi Dogbevi

Age: 23

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

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

CPS received a report that Michael had fallen down the stairs and was taken to the hospital by emergency medical services. At the hospital, Michael was found to have a serious head injury, including a skull fracture, as well as numerous bruises in various stages of healing. A hospital physician indicated the injuries were not consistent with the history. Michael 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 one prior report alleging abuse of Michael by Koffi Dogbevi. The report was received on Dec. 4, 2009. CPS conducted a joint investigation with Tucson Police Department; the allegations were proposed for substantiation. The family declined services beyond day care assistance. The perpetrator denied abuse and the proposed finding was in the process of being appealed by the perpetrator when the current report was received.

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

CPS is completing a joint investigation with the Pima County Sheriff's Office.

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

Another child in the home has been taken into CPS custody and a dependency petition has been filed in Juvenile Court. The child has been placed with a relative.

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

CPS is in the initial stages of its investigation and will determine whether services will be provided to the family as the investigation is complete.

*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.