

Information for Release

2/25/2014

Date of the notification to CPS: 11/2/2013

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 11/2/2013

Child's name: Michael Martinez

Age at time of incident: 19 Months

Perpetrator(s): Jesse Martinez

Age: 30 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(s) were living in Oro Valley, Arizona.

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

On November, 2, 2013, Jesse Martinez, father to Michael Martinez, neglected the child when he failed to provide supervision as he left him unattended in a bath tub. Michael was placed in the tub by his father who then fell asleep. Upon waking, the father found Michael outside the bath tub, unconscious and unresponsive. Emergency responders were not able to resuscitate him and he was later pronounced dead. The Pima County Medical Examiner stated the death was a probable drowning.

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 Michael Martinez by Jesse Martinez.

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

The Office of Child Welfare Investigations (OCWI), assisted by Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) conducted a joint investigation with the Oro Valley Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the sibling remained in the home with the parents.

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

The family was offered childcare and provided with information on community resources for counseling.

*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.