

Information for Release		7/11/2013
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Date of the notification to CPS: 7/10/2013

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 7/10/2013

Child's name: Miriam Ingram

Age at time of incident: 15 Months

Perpetrator(s): Denise Snow-Ingram and Ernest Ingram

Age: 38 years old and 38 years old

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 Phoenix, Arizona.

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

On July 10, 2013 the mother called 911 when she found Miriam unresponsive. The fire department responded to the home and attempted to resuscitate her while en route to Phoenix Children's Hospital. The hospital staff attempted to revive her for an additional 15 minutes; however, the child died. Upon examination at the hospital, the doctor determined the child to be severely malnourished. Miriam weighed less than nine pounds when she arrived at the hospital. Denise Snow-Ingram and Ernest Ingram were both arrested on July 10, 2013. Denise Snow-Ingram was charged with Child/Vulnerable Adult-physical abuse and Ernest Ingram was charged with Child/Vulnerable Adult abuse-intent.

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* :

The following prior report alleges neglect of Miriam Ingram by Denise Snow-Ingram.

On March 16, 2012 a report was received in regards to neglect. The report alleged that the mother arrived at the hospital because she was having seizures. The mother was 37 weeks pregnant with Miriam and subsequently delivered her early. The mother stated she has six other children who were born at home delivered by the father. The mother stated she has never obtained birth certificates for the children and has never taken them to the doctor. She did not receive pre-natal care. The mother did not appear to understand or comprehend what she was being told. There was concern that the baby would not get the follow-up care needed. Follow-up care was required to ensure that the baby was gaining weight. An investigation was completed and the children were determined to be safe. The parents declined services. The allegations were unsubstantiated.

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

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) and the Office of Child Welfare Investigations (OCWI) are conducting a joint investigation with the 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 in foster care.

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).

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.