DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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Information for Release

9/6/2011

Date of the notification to CPS: 2/15/2011

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 2/11/2011

Child's name: Naudia Fornfeist

Age at time of incident: 7 Weeks

Perpetrator(s): Kimberly Fornfeist, 30; and Ricardo Apodaca, 36.

Age: See above

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

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

On Feb. 11, 2011, the Show Low Police Department received a call reporting that Naudia was found not breathing. Naudia was taken to an area hospital, where she was reported deceased. Both Kimberly Fornfeist and Ricardo Apodaca were neglectful, when they both failed to provide proper supervision of Naudia Fornfeist. Ricardo Apodaca neglectfully placed Naudia in bed with Kimberly Fornfeist, who had consumed large quantities of alcohol, then rolled over onto the child causing suffocation, which resulted in Naudia Fornfeist's death.

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 has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Naudia Fornfeist by Kimberly Fornfeist or Ricardo Apodaca.

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

CPS conducted a joint investigation with the Show Low Police Department.

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

An assessment of child safety was completed for the other children. These children have been placed in licensed foster homes.

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

The family is being provided with intensive family support services through a dependency action, which includes substance abuse counseling, individual and grief counseling, domestic violence classes, parent aide and daycare services.

*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.