

Information for Release		7/19/2012
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Date of the notification to CPS: 7/13/2012

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 7/13/2012

Child's name: Nevaeh Banks

Age at time of incident: 3 Month

Perpetrator(s): Stacy Banks

Age: 37 years old

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 Tucson, Arizona.

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

On 7-13-12, the mother awoke to find Neveah's face beneath her and Nevaeh was not breathing. Nevaeh was rushed to the hospital and pronounced deceased. The mother admitted to using cocaine and Percocet and breastfeeding Nevaeh.

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 no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Nevaeh Banks by Stacy Banks.

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

CPS is conducting a joint investigation with Tucson Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, Nevaeh's siblings were removed from the home and 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 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.