



Information for Release		6/11/2014
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**Date of the notification to DCS: 6/10/2014**

**Child Fatality**

**Date of fatality or near fatality: 6/10/2014**

**Child's name: Phoenix Castillo**

**Age at time of incident: 3 months**

**Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:**

Carlos Castillo – age 19

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and alleged perpetrator(s):**

Phoenix, AZ

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

On June 10, 2014, Carlos Castillo left his infant son, Phoenix Castillo, unattended in a bathtub with the water running. Mr. Castillo then fell asleep and found Phoenix to be unresponsive when he awoke. Phoenix was transported to a local hospital and pronounced deceased. Mr. Castillo was arrested and has been charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder.

**Whether DCS 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 Department of Child Safety has received no prior reports of abuse or neglect of Phoenix Castillo by Carlos Castillo.

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

The Department of Child Safety, in conjunction with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, is 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 remain in the care of their mother.

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

Services will be determined pending 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).

\*Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.



## *Arizona Department of Child Safety*

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**Janice K. Brewer**  
Governor

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Director

Information, if any, regarding the child and other family or household members, not specifically related to the fatality or near fatality, is not posted on the website. This also applies to information, if any, regarding the alleged perpetrator(s) and other family or household members.