

<b>Information for Release</b>		1/10/2012
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**Date of the notification to CPS:** 12/19/2010

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 12/19/2010

**Child's name:** Rene Hernandez

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

**Perpetrator(s):** Connie Garcia, 20; and Rene Hernandez, 20.

**Age:** See above

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** The child and the alleged perpetrators were residing in Tucson at the time of the incident.

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

On or about Dec. 19, 2010, Connie Garcia and Rene Hernandez Sr. abused Rene Hernandez Jr., while he was in their care. The child sustained bruising to his skull, penis, scrotum, buttocks and face, rib fractures and hemorrhaging along his spine; the injuries were diagnosed as non-accidental trauma and resulted in Rene'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 Rene Hernandez Jr. by Connie Garcia or Rene Hernandez Sr.

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

CPS conducted a joint investigation with the Tucson Police Department.

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

There are no other children in the home.

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

The investigation is ongoing; whether services will be provided will be determined when the investigation is complete.

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\*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).

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.