

Information for Release

8/13/2012

Date of the notification to CPS: 4/5/2012

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 4/5/2012

Child's name: Richard

Age at time of incident: 21 Months

Perpetrator(s): Richard Knott

Age: 24 years

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

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

On or about April 5, 2012, Richard Knott neglected his son Richard, when he failed to provide adequate supervision, as he left the child unattended and the child was found face down in the above ground swimming pool. The neglect thereby placed the child at unreasonable risk of serious injury and/or 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 Richard by Richard Knott.

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

CPS investigated the allegations through a joint investigation with the Pinal County Sheriff's office.

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

Richard was released from the hospital and moved to rehab for recovery. Following an assessment of child safety the other children were placed under a protective action plan with relatives.

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

Services offered to the family included a referral to AzEIP, counseling, child care and community resources.

*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).