

<b>Information for Release</b>		10/26/2012
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**Date of the notification to CPS:** 11/16/2011

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 11/16/2011

**Child's name:** Rita Taylor

**Age at time of incident:** 0 Day

**Perpetrator(s):** Rachel Jimenez

**Age:** 41 years old

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** At the time of the incident, the perpetrator was living in San Tan Valley, Arizona.

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

On November 16, 2011, Rachel Jimenez neglected her newborn daughter, Rita Taylor, when she exposed her to illegal substances, causing Rita to test positive for methamphetamines at birth. Rita Taylor died due to prematurity with substance use by mother as a contributing factor to her prematurity and subsequent 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 had no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Rita Taylor by Rachel Jimenez

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

CPS conducted a joint investigation with the Pinal County Sheriff's Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety an approved safety monitor was identified to monitor and supervise the children at all times.

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

The family was provided with a community resource guide.

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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).

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.