

Information for Release		8/31/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 8/18/2011

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 8/18/2011

Child's name: Robert

Age at time of incident: 1 Month

Perpetrator(s): Thomas Wood

Age: 27

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

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

On or around August 18, 2011, Thomas Wood called 911 when he reported hearing a thud in the living room and finding 1 month old Robert on the floor with his eyes "fixed." Robert was transported by emergency personnel to the hospital. Robert was diagnosed as having a brain bleed in two places, rib fractures; he is on a ventilator.

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 not received any prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Robert by Thomas Wood.

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

CPS is conducting a joint investigation with the Tucson Police Department.

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

The perpetrator and the victim were residing in a home with relatives. Other children residing in the home have been removed from the home to allow further assessment of their safety.

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

A determination of whether services are warranted will occur at the conclusion of the investigation, which is ongoing.

*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).