

Information for Release

AMENDED

8/2/2013

**Date of the notification to CPS:** 4/14/2013

**Near Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the near fatality:** 4/14/2013

**Child's name:** Roberto

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

**Perpetrator(s):**

Paul Robles, age 21

Raquel Salgado, age 22

**Age:**

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

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

On April 14, 2013, Roberto was brought into the Tucson Medical Center emergency room. He was unconscious and non-responsive. The mother stated he fell off a futon, approximately 1.5 ft. onto a carpeted floor. He was diagnosed with old and new rib fractures in different stages of healing, a subdural hemorrhage and bilateral retinal hemorrhages. Paul Robles later admitted to shaking the baby. He was arrested and charged with Child Abuse. The mother failed to protect her child by leaving him in the care of the father even after the child was injured several times while in the father's care.

**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\* :**

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) had received one prior report alleging abuse or neglect of Roberto by Paul Robles and Raquel Salgado.

On February 1, 2013 a report was received alleging the following; on January 30, 2013, Roberto was observed with bruising and swelling on his face as he reportedly rolled off the bed while in the care of his father, and on January 31, 2013, it was reported that Roberto allegedly rollout out of the baby bathtub sometime during that week while in the care of his father. The baby was observed and assessed as safe when the current report was received.

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

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) conducted a joint investigation with Tucson Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of safety, the child was placed with a relative.

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

Services offered to the family include case management and supervised visitation.

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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.