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Date of the notification to DCS: 7/27/2014

Near Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 7/26/2014

Child's name: Rondalyn

Age at time of incident: 20 months

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Abbygail Burk – age 21

City, town or general location of residence of the child and alleged perpetrator(s):

Phoenix, AZ

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

On July 27, 2014, the Department of Child Safety received a report stating 20-month-old Rondalyn had been visiting a home with a pool with her mother, Abbygail Burk, when she was able to exit the home undetected through a doggy door. She was found shortly afterwards in the pool where she nearly drowned.

Whether DCS 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*:

DCS has received no prior reports of abuse or neglect involving Abbygail Burk and Rondalyn.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with The Department of Child Safety and the Glendale Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, Rondalyn was discharged from the hospital to her mother's care.

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

The family was provided with information on services available in the community.

*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).

*Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.



Arizona Department of Child Safety

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

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Director

Information, if any, regarding the child and other family or household members, not specifically related to the fatality or near fatality, is not posted on the website. This also applies to information, if any, regarding the alleged perpetrator(s) and other family or household members.