

Information for Release		11/5/2012
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Date of the notification to CPS: 2/24/2012

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 2/24/2012

Child's name: Rutger Scofield

Age at time of incident: 16 Years

Perpetrator(s): Shannon Tanner

Age: 45 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 Mesa, Arizona.

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

On February 24, 2012, family members found Rutger on the couch, unresponsive; they notified Shannon Tanner who was also in the home. She phoned the father but failed to obtain any emergency medical assistance for Rutger. Father came home from work hours after Rutger was discovered to be unresponsive and only then called 911. Rutger was deceased at the time emergency medical personnel arrived at the home.

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 one prior report alleging abuse or neglect of Rutger Scofield by Shannon Tanner.

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

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

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

Following an assessment of child safety the siblings were placed in foster care.

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

Services provided to the family include intensive out of home services, psychological evaluation, parent aide services, visitation and case management.

*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).