

Information for Release		12/15/2010
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Date of the notification to CPS: 12/13/2010

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 12/14/2010

Child's name: Rylee Thomas

Age at time of incident: 7 Months

Perpetrator(s): Sergio Thomas

Age: 21

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): The child resided in both Chandler and Mesa; the perpetrator resided in Chandler.

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

On Dec. 13, 2010, Rylee was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. At the hospital, physicians determined Rylee had suffered a severe head injury which was determined to be life-threatening. Rylee passed away on Dec. 14.

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 received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Rylee by Sergio Thomas.

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

CPS and Chancler Police Department are jointly investigating the allegations.

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

Another child living in the home was removed from the home and placed in the care of a relative.

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

Services are being provided to the sibling and additional services to the family will be determined as the investigation continues.

*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.