

Information for Release		3/13/2012
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Date of the notification to CPS: 3/13/2012

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 9/28/2011

Child's name: Saul Sanchez

Age at time of incident: 2 Years

Perpetrator(s): Luis Sanchez

Age: 30

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Both the child and perpetrator were residing in Phoenix at the time of the incident.

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

On Sept. 28, 2011, Luis Sanchez, father, called 911 to report Saul had fallen down the stairs and was not breathing. When fire and rescue units arrived at the home, they were unable to find Saul's pulse or respiration. Saul was transported by fire to Maricopa Medical Center where he was examined by a physician, who found Saul to be deceased. The Maricopa Medical Examiner reported that it is "highly suspicious" that Saul died from a fall down the stairs.

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 no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Saul by Luis Sanchez.

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 Phoenix Police Department.

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

CPS has taken custody of three siblings and placed them in foster care.

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

The investigation is ongoing; whether services will be provided will be determined when the investigation is complete.

*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).

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.