



*Division of Child Safety and Family Services*

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**Date of the notification to DCSFS:** 11/27/2013

**Near Fatality**

**Date of fatality or near fatality:** 11/27/2013

**Child's name:** Sean

**Age at time of incident:** 4 years old

**Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:**

Sean Prinner – age 25

Marissa Davenport – age 26

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

El Mirage, Arizona

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

On November 27, 2013, a report was made regarding life-threatening injuries to 4-year-old Sean, who lived with his father, Sean Prinner, and his father's girlfriend, Marissa Davenport. Mr. Prinner stated that Sean had been sent home from school two days earlier with a note stating he had fallen at school. The school also sent home a list of symptoms to watch for in case of a head injury. Mr. Prinner reported that he and his girlfriend watched Sean and did not observe anything of concern. Two days later, Ms. Davenport reportedly heard Sean cry out while he was napping and then observed him to be having seizures. She called 911 and Sean was transported to the hospital as a Level One Trauma. A CT scan showed a large subdural bleed in Sean's brain that was causing swelling. Sean underwent surgery to relieve the swelling and it was discovered that he had a skull fracture as well. Sean's injuries were diagnosed as non-accidental and unlikely to have been caused by a fall. It was noted that he would have likely died if he had not had surgery and medical attention when he did.

**Whether DCSFS 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\*:**

DCSFS has received two prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Sean by Marissa Davenport and Sean Prinner.

On October 31, 2013, a report was made regarding physical abuse and neglect of Sean by his father Sean Prinner and the father's live-in girlfriend, Marissa Davenport. The report alleged that Ms. Davenport was with the child in another part of the house when the sound of a slap was heard. Sean was observed afterwards to have a handprint red mark on his right cheek. Sean was also observed to have a splotchy red mark on the left side of his face. The report alleged that the father and his girlfriend do not appear to have a good understanding of Sean's needs. An investigation was initiated and was in progress when another report was received.



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On November 4, 2013, a report was made stating that Sean was observed to have a huge bruise on his forehead that was about the size of a golf ball and purplish in color. Sean also had a blotchy pattern of purple bruising on his neck that was directly below his chin. Sean complained of pain when eating and was observed to have purple bruising on the inside of his lip. The report stated that Sean is not able to answer questions about his injuries. This report was still being investigated when the near fatality occurred.

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

The Office of Child Welfare Investigations (OCWI), assisted by the Division of Child Safety and Family Services (DCSFS) is conducting a joint investigation with the El Mirage Police Department.

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

Sean remained hospitalized for over a month and was then placed with a relative. The other child in the home was removed and placed with a relative.

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

The family was offered parent aide, substance abuse and psychological services, as well as supervised visitation.

\*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.

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.