

Information for Release		6/1/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 4/16/2011

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 4/16/2011

Child's name: Serenity

Age at time of incident: 9 Months

Perpetrator(s): Jasman Thomas

Age: 20

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 Sierra Vista.

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

On April 16, 2011, Serenity was found unconscious and submerged in a tub of water not breathing. Serenity was transported to Sierra Vista Regional Health Care Center, Sierra Vista, AZ.

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 not received any prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Serenity by Jasman.

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

CPS conducted a joint investigation with the Sierra Vista Police Department.

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

Serenity was discharged from the hospital and placed, along with her sibling, with relatives following an assessment of child safety.

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

Intensive services are being provided to the family.

*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.