

Information for Release

2/17/2010

**Date of the notification to CPS:** 11/29/2009

**Near Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the near fatality:** 11/29/2009

**Child's name:** Steven

**Age at time of incident:** 1 Month

**Perpetrator(s):** The perpetrator(s) are unknown.

**Age:** Unknown.

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** The child is from Phoenix.

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

On Nov. 29, 2009, CPS received information that Steven had been taken to the hospital after having seizures at home. At the hospital, physicians found that Steven had severe head trauma and other bruising on his face and body. They reported the injury was inconsistent with the explanation provided and believed the injury was most likely from non-accidental trauma.

**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\* :**

In September 2009, CPS received two reports alleging abuse of Steven by an unknown perpetrator. These reports were in the process of being investigated when the most recent report was received. One of the September reports has since been substantiated, with an unknown perpetrator. The other report could not be substantiated.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation with Phoenix Police Department.

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

Steven was voluntarily placed with relatives.

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

Services are being provided to the family.

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\*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).