



Information for Release		9/17/2014
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Date of the notification to DCS: 8/7/2014

Near Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 8/7/2014

Child's name: Teairra

Age at time of incident: 3 months old

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Anthony Brown – age 23

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

Casa Grande, AZ

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

On August 7, 2014, 3-month-old Teairra was brought to the hospital after she began experiencing seizures and periods of not breathing. Further examination determined that she had two skull fractures and two areas of bleeding in the brain. Teairra was also found to have extensive retinal hemorrhaging in both eyes. Physicians determined that the injuries were life-threatening and had been caused by non-accidental trauma. On August 22, 2014, Anthony Brown, father to Teairra, was arrested and charged with child abuse.

Whether DCS 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*:

DCS has received no prior reports of abuse or neglect involving Teairra and Anthony Brown.

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

The Department of Child Safety is conducting a joint investigation with the Casa Grande Police Department.

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

There are no other children in the home.

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

Services will be determined pending the outcome of the investigation.

*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.



Arizona Department of Child Safety

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

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Director

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.