

Information for Release

6/17/2013

Date of the notification to CPS: 7/17/2012

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 7/9/2012

Child's name: Teonna George-Brown

Age at time of incident: 4 Months

Perpetrator(s): Shawn Dale

Age: 19

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident, the child and alleged perpetrator were living in Mesa, Arizona.

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

On July 12, 2012, Shawn Dale neglected Teonna George-Brown by driving with the child in a car with no air conditioning for over 4 hours. When Shawn Dale stopped to get gas, he noticed the child was not moving. The child was transported to the hospital where she died. At the time of death, the child's body temperature was 109 degrees. The child died as a result of environmental heat exposure.

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* :

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Teonna-George-Brown by Shawn Dale.

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

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) conducted a joint investigation with Mesa Police Department.

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

There were no other children in the home.

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

Services offered to the family included case management services.

*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).