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Date of the notification to DCS: 10/5/2014

Child Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 10/5/2014

Child's name: Thomas Gonzales

Age at time of incident: 7 weeks

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Guadalupe Gonzales – age 28

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

Phoenix, AZ

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

On October 5, 2014, 7-week-old Thomas Gonzales was brought to the hospital in critical condition after being at home in the care of his father, Guadalupe Gonzales. Thomas' injuries were determined to be inconsistent with the explanation provided. Guadalupe Gonzales later admitted to shaking the baby and was arrested for child abuse. On October 7, 2014, Thomas died from his injuries.

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 report of abuse or neglect involving Thomas and Guadalupe Gonzales.

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

The Department of Child Safety, in conjunction with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, is conducting a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

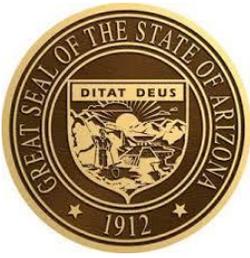
Following an assessment of child safety, the siblings remained in the care of their mother.

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

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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.