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| <b>Information for Release</b> |  | 12/17/2009 |
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**Date of the notification to CPS:** 12/6/2009

**Near Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the near fatality:** 12/6/2009

**Child's name:** Trinity

**Age at time of incident:** 2 Month

**Perpetrator(s):** The perpetrator is Robert Gilchrist

**Age:** 38

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

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

Trinity was taken to the emergency room with severe head trauma which is believed to have been caused by abuse. Trinity was found to have a skull fracture and bruising to her face, back and legs.

**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 received a report on October 27, 2009 which included allegations of neglect of Trinity by Robert Gilchrist. An in-home dependency petition was filed in juvenile court in November based on additional information received regarding risk to Trinity.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

Trinity will be placed in out of home care upon her discharge from the hospital. Another child in the home is in the care of a relative.

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

Services will be provided to the family through the dependency action.

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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).