

<b>Information for Release</b>		5/16/2013
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**Date of the notification to CPS:** 6/4/2012

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 6/6/2012

**Child's name:** Tristan Sutton

**Age at time of incident:** 3 Years

**Perpetrator(s):** Joseph Sutton

**Age:** 28

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** The child resided in Mesa, Arizona and the alleged perpetrator resided in Gold Canyon, Arizona at the time of the incident.

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

On 06-04-12, Joseph Sutton neglected his son, Tristan Sutton when he left Tristan unsupervised by the family swimming pool while he went to the bathroom. The lack of supervision resulted in Tristan's death by drowning.

**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 no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Tristan Sutton by Joseph Sutton

**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 the Pinal County Sheriff's 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 were not provided.

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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).

Information, if any, regarding other family or household members and the child or the alleged perpetrator is not posted on the Web site. Calls to the Child Abuse Hotline that do not meet the criteria of a report because they do not contain allegations of abuse or neglect (or because there is no information provided to locate the child or family) are not posted.