

Information for Release

5/10/2013

Date of the notification to CPS: 9/5/2012

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 9/5/2012

Child's name: Troy

Age at time of incident: 16 Months

Perpetrator(s): Heidi Cousin

Age: 61 years

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 Sedona, Arizona.

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

On or about September 3, 2012, Heidi Cousin neglected Troy, age 16 months when she failed to provide adequate supervision when the child was in her care. The child gained access to and ingested the prescribed medication Clonidine causing the child to have multiple cardiac arrests, and requiring emergency medical treatment.

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) had no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Troy Page by Heidi Cousin.

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

Child Protective Services (CPS) conducted a joint investigation with the Sedona Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the child was placed with his father.

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

Services provided to the family included supervised visitation and 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).