



Information for Release		6/26/2014
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Date of the notification to DCS: 9/14/2013

## Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 9/14/2013

Child's name: Tyre Butler

Age at time of incident: 12 years old

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Genise Butler – age 41

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 September 14, 2013, Genise Butler was driving under the influence of alcohol with her 12-year-old son, Tyre Butler, in the vehicle. Ms. Butler was driving at a high rate of speed and lost control of the vehicle when the roadway ended. Tyre was transported to the hospital in critical condition and died shortly after from his injuries. Ms. Butler was found to have a blood alcohol level of .237 and was charged with second-degree murder.

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\*:

The Department of Child Safety has received no prior reports involving Tyre Butler and Genise Butler.

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

The Department of Child Safety conducted a joint investigation with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the sibling remained in the home with the father.

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

The family was provided with information on available community resources.

\*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.



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**Janice K. Brewer**  
Governor

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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.