

Information for Release		4/25/2012
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Date of the notification to CPS: 4/17/2012

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: In or around January 2012

Child's name: Vanessa Martinez

Age at time of incident: 3 Months

Perpetrator(s): Olivia Martinez and Jonathan Kesterson

Age: 20 and 26 years

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident the child and perpetrators were living in Tucson, Arizona.

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

On April 17, 2012, the Arizona CPS Child Abuse Hotline received information regarding a family in San Diego. It was reported that the father, Jonathan Kesterson, had been arrested on unrelated charges and while in jail disclosed that he and Olivia Martinez killed their newborn sometime in January 2012 and disposed of her in the desert in Pinal County. Pima County Sheriff's Office investigated the information and did in fact discover the infant's remains.

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* :

On or about October 21, 2011, Olivia Martinez neglected Vanessa Martinez Kesterson, newborn, when she exposed her to illegal substances as the child tested positive for methamphetamines at birth.

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

Pima County Sheriff's Department is investigating and CPS has been in contact with San Diego CPS who has taken custody of the sibling.

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

CPS in San Diego has taken custody of the sibling who was residing in California with the parents.

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

A determination will be made at a later date as to whether or not services will be provided to the family in Arizona.

*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.