

Information for Release

7/19/2013

Date of the notification to CPS: 3/11/2013

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 3/11/2013

Child's name: Vanessa Wilson

Age at time of incident: 14 Years

Perpetrator(s): Michael Blanco

Age: 41 years old

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 Phoenix, Arizona.

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

On March 11, 2013, Vanessa Wilson, age 14 was found deceased in her bed as she had been shot to death. Michael Blanco was found deceased on March 12, 2013 with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. A .357 revolver was found in Michael Blanco's possession at the time of his suicide and is believed to be the murder weapon used in Vanessa Wilson's murder.

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 received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Vanessa Wilson by Michael Blanco.

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 Phoenix Police 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:

No services were offered to the family.

*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).