

Information for Release		5/14/2012
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Date of the notification to CPS: 7/14/2011

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 7/14/2011

Child's name: Victor Blanco

Age at time of incident: 2 Years

Perpetrator(s): Joseph Schiegg

Age: 33 years

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

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

On or about July 14, 2011, Joseph Schiegg created an unsafe setting for Victor Blanco, by failing to ensure reasonable adult supervision of the child. Joseph Schiegg placed a marker board and other heavy objects on the top of the child's playpen, which resulted in the child fatally strangling himself as he wedged his head outside the playpen.

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* :

CPS had no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Victor Blanco by Joseph Schiegg.

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

CPS conducted a joint investigation with the Scottsdale Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling was removed from the home and placed in a foster home.

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

No other children remained in the home so services were not provided.

*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.