

Information for Release		5/22/2013
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Date of the notification to CPS: 10/29/2012

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 10/29/2012

Child's name: Victoria Rodriguez

Age at time of incident: 2 Years

Perpetrator(s): Jose Acevedo

Age: 25

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 Williams, Arizona.

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

On October 29, 2012, Jose Acevedo physically abused Victoria Rodriguez causing head trauma, a contusion to the forehead, laceration of the frenulum, retinal hemorrhages, hemorrhage of the left optic nerve, detachment of the retina in both eyes, a subdural hematoma, subarachnoid hemorrhages in cerebral hemispheres, cortical hemorrhages in the frontal, temporal, and parietal lobes, and abrasions to her cheek, chest and back. Victoria died as a result of her injuries on October 30, 2012.

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* :

Child Protective Services (CPS) had received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Victoria Rodriguez by Jose Acevedo.

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 Coconino 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 was returned to the mother.

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

Services offered to the family included counseling 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).

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.