

Information for Release

6/6/2012

**Date of the notification to CPS:** 11/29/2011

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 11/17/2011

**Child's name:** Xavier Medrano

**Age at time of incident:** 2 Years

**Perpetrator(s):** Joe Medrano and Diana Valencia

**Age:** 31 Years and 28 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 Phoenix, Arizona.

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

On or around November 17, 2011 Joe Medrano killed Xavier Medrano when he physically beat him to death. Xavier had numerous injuries to his body from the physical abuse, including 87 lesions, hematomas, injury to his kidneys, lungs, stomach, and central nervous system.

Diana Valencia neglected Xavier Medrano when she was aware that her live-in boyfriend was physically abusing him and she failed to ensure his safety.

**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 Xavier Medrano by Joe Medrano or Diana Valencia.

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

CPS conducted a joint investigation with Mexico's Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety the siblings remaining in the U.S. were placed in licensed foster homes.

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

Services being offered to the extended family include supervised visitation and case management.

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\*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.