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Date of the notification to DCS: 9/13/2014

Near Fatality

Date of fatality or near fatality: 9/12/2014

Child's name: Yael

Age at time of incident: 2 months

Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:

Victor Palmillas Baez – age 25

City, town or general location of residence of the child and alleged perpetrator(s):

Phoenix, AZ

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

On September 12, 2014, 2-month-old Yael was brought to the hospital with a life-threatening brain injury after being at home in the care of his father, Victor Palmillas Baez. Further examination determined that the injury was non-accidental. On September 13, 2014, Victor Palmillas Baez was arrested and charged with child abuse.

Whether DCS 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*:

DCS has received no prior reports of abuse or neglect involving Yael and Victor Palmillas Baez.

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

The Department of Child Safety, in conjunction with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, is conducting a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling was placed with a relative.

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

Services will be determined pending the outcome of the investigation.

*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).

*Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.

Information, if any, regarding the child and other family or household members, not specifically related to the fatality or near fatality, is not posted on the website. This also applies to information, if any, regarding the alleged perpetrator(s) and other family or household members.