

Information for Release		7/28/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 7/12/2011

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 7/12/2011

Child's name: Ame Deal

Age at time of incident: 10 Years

Perpetrator(s): Sammantha Allen
John Allen

Age: 23

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): The child and alleged perpetrators resided in Phoenix, Arizona at the time of the incident.

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

On July 12, 2011 Ame Deal was found deceased in a box. The investigation indicated that Ame's cause of death was due to suffocation.

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 priors reporting alleged abuse of Ame Deal by Sammantha Allen or John Allen.

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

CPS is conducting a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

The other children in the home were taken into CPS custody.

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

Services are being provided to the children through the dependency.

*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.