

Information for Release		4/27/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 10/26/2010

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 10/25/2010

Child's name: Armani

Age at time of incident: 11 Months

Perpetrator(s): Chelsea Aionaaka, 23; Claude Richardson, 22.

Age: See above

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 Avondale.

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

On Oct. 25, 2010, Armani was taken to the hospital. At the hospital, physicians diagnosed Armani with a severe abdominal injury and other bruising determined to have been caused by non-accidental trauma.

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 received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect by Chelsea Aionaaka or Claude Richardson.

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

CPS jointly investigated the allegations with the Avondale Police Department.

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

Upon discharge from the hospital, Armani was taken into CPS custody and a dependency petition was filed. The other children in the home were also taken into CPS custody and a dependency petition was filed.

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

Services are being provided to the children and family through the dependency action.

*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.