

<b>Information for Release</b>		7/12/2011
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**Date of the notification to CPS:** 10/14/2010

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 11/1/2010

**Child's name:** Brianna Pena

**Age at time of incident:** 22 Months

**Perpetrator(s):** Julio Navarro,20; Alma Pena, 28

**Age:** See above

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** Both child and alleged perpetrators were residing in Yuma 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 October 14, 2010, Brianna was taken into Yuma Regional Medical Center due to her vomiting all night. She was transferred to Phoenix Children's Hospital where she was found to have a perforated small intestine, which is usually caused by intentional trauma. Medical staff determined the injury was not related to any pre-existing medical condition and was consistent with inflicted child abuse.

**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 received one prior report alleging abuse of Brianna while in the care of Alma Pena and Julio Navarro. The report was received on July 7, 2010, when Brianna was taken to the hospital with two fractures in her right foot. Medical staff stated neither fracture was suspicious for non-accidental trauma. The report was unsubstantiated and no services were provided.

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

CPS conducted a joint investigation with the San Luis Police Department.

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

CPS completed a child safety assessment for the other children, who have been placed with a relative.

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

The family is being offered services through the dependency and while the investigation is ongoing.

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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.