

Information for Release

6/15/2011

Date of the notification to CPS: 5/31/2011

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 5/31/2011

Child's name: Danielle Martinez Sepulveda

Age at time of incident: 21 Months

Perpetrator(s): Victor Noriega

Age: 29

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Both child and perpetrator 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 May 31, 2011 Danielle Martinez Sepulveda was left in the care of Victor Noriega. Mr. Noriega reported that he picked up Danielle and she became limp, defecated, and started to have seizure activities. Mr. Noriega called 911 and Yuma Police Department and Rural Metro Fire Department responded. Danielle was unresponsive and was transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center where she was pronounced dead.

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* :

On May 16, 2011, CPS received a report alleging neglect of Danielle Martinez Sepulveda. This report is currently under investigation.

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 Yuma Police Department.

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

There are no other children in the home.

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

A determination of whether services are warranted will occur at the conclusion of the investigation, which is still ongoing.

*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).

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.