

Information for Release		7/12/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 9/29/2010

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 10/29/2010

Child's name: Dayani Brown

Age at time of incident: 2 Months

Perpetrator(s): Darnisha Bass

Damien Brown

Age: Both 26

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Both child and alleged perpetrators were residing in Phoenix 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 Sept. 29, 2010, Darnisha Bass walked Dayani's siblings to school. When Darnisha returned, Damien Brown was giving Dayani CPR. Emergency personnel were called and transported Dayani to St. Joseph's Hospital where she was pronounced dead. Dayani had purple bruising and severe injuries inconsistent with the parents' explanations. Dayani died due to non-accidental injuries.

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 reports alleging abuse of Dayani Brown by Darnisha Bass or Damien Brown.

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

CPS conducted a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

An assessment of child safety was completed 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 children will remain with family relatives. Services were offered through the dependency. The investigation has been closed.

*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.