

Information for Release

12/20/2010

**Date of the notification to CPS:** 12/9/2010

**Near Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the near fatality:** 12/9/2010

**Child's name:** Deriq

**Age at time of incident:** 2 Months

**Perpetrator(s):** Jhoanna Ramirez, age 20; Jose Javalero, age 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 Tucson.

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

On Dec. 9, 2010, Deriq was taken to the hospital. At the hospital, physicians determined Deriq had suffered a severe head injury, determined to be life-threatening.

**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 of Deriq by Jhoanna Ramirez or Jose Javalero.

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

CPS is jointly investigating the allegations with the Tucson Police Department.

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

At this time, Deriq remains hospitalized. He will be taken into the Department of Economic Security's custody if he is released from the hospital.

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

Services provided to the family will be determined as the investigation continues.

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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.