

Information for Release		12/20/2010
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Date of the notification to CPS: 12/6/2010

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 12/8/2010

Child's name: Francisco Hernandez

Age at time of incident: 3 Months

Perpetrator(s): Francisco Hernandez

Age: 20

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident, the child and perpetrator were living in Phoenix.

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

On Dec. 6, 2010, Francisco was taken to the hospital where physicians determined head suffered a severe head injury which was determined to be life-threatening. Francisco passed away on Dec. 8, 2010.

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 Francisco by Francisco Hernandez.

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 Phoenix Police Department.

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

The safety of a sibling, who was not living in the home with Francisco Hernandez, is being assessed through the investigation. At this time, the sibling remains with the custodial parent who has agreed to not allow Francisco Hernandez contact with this child or anyone else who was living in his home. Further investigation regarding this child's safety will continue.

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

Services are being provided to the sibling and additional services to the family will be determined as the investigation continues.

*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.