

Information for Release		3/4/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 2/24/2011

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 12/17/2007

Child's name: Jeselle Wallace

Age at time of incident: 11 Months

Perpetrator(s): Jose 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 Glendale.

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

On or about Dec. 14, 2007, Jeselle was taken to the hospital where she was found to have a serious head injury determined to have been most likely caused by non-accidental trauma. Jeselle did not survive.

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 Jeselle by Jose Hernandez.

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

The incident was investigated by the Glendale Police Department. A joint investigation was not completed as CPS was not notified of the incident at the time.

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

Jeselle had no siblings at the time of the incident.

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

Services were not provided to the family as CPS was not aware of the incident at the time; however, CPS is currently assessing the safety of other children in the home and will determine if intervention or services are appropriate.

*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).