

<b>Information for Release</b>		7/12/2011
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**Date of the notification to CPS:** 10/27/2010

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 11/3/2010

**Child's name:** Jihan Shams

**Age at time of incident:** 11 Months

**Perpetrator(s):** Malika Shams

**Age:** 35

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** Both child and perpetrator were residing in Gold Canyon, Arizona, 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 October 27, 2010, Jihan was found face down in the bathtub. Malika Shams reported leaving the child unattended. Jihan was transported to Cardon Children's Hospital where she later died.

**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 has not received any prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Jihan Shams by Malika Shams.

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

CPS conducted a joint investigation with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office.

**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 are in the home.

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

Intensive Family Preservation Services, including parenting skills, grief and family counseling, were provided to the family. The case was closed in January 2010.

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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.