

Information for Release		10/27/2009
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Date of the notification to CPS: 4/4/2009

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 8/24/2009

Child's name: Logan

Age at time of incident: 3 Years

Perpetrator(s): Alpha Wallace

Age: 31

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): The child and perpetrator are from El Mirage.

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

CPS received a report indicating Logan fell into a backyard pool after being left unsupervised near the pool.

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 one prior report alleging neglect of Logan by Alpha in May 2007. The investigation resulted in a substantiated finding of the allegation because it was determined Alpha had left Logan in the care of an inappropriate caretaker when she was at work. Day care services were provided to Alpha and the case was closed.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation with the El Mirage Police Department.

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

While the report was being investigated, the family identified a person to provide care of a sibling and, upon Logan's discharge from the hospital, care of Logan also. Both children were returned to the care of their family after a fence was installed around the pool.

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

The family declined further direct services from CPS. The family was provided with information about available services in the community and the case was 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).

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.