

Information for Release		7/15/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 7/1/2011

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 7/1/2011

Child's name: Marina

Age at time of incident: 6 Months

Perpetrator(s): Angelita Murrieta

Age: 38

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Both the child and perpetrator were residing in Cashion at the time of the incident.

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

Marina was a passenger in a motor vehicle where the infant car seat was not appropriately secured. The vehicle was involved in an accident. She was transported to Phoenix Children's Hospital in critical condition. The driver of the vehicle, Angelita Murrieta, is believed to have been under the influence of drugs.

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 no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Marina by Angelita Murrieta.

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

CPS is conducting a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

CPS completed a child safety assessment of the relative's home with whom the children are placed. The home was deemed safe and appropriate.

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

The investigation is ongoing; whether or not services are warranted will be determined upon conclusion.

*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).