

Information for Release

10/27/2009

Date of the notification to CPS: 7/5/2009

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 7/5/2009

Child's name: Mia

Age at time of incident: 23 Months

Perpetrator(s): The perpetrator is Cyndy Amavisca.

Age: 49

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Both the child and the perpetrator are from Gilbert.

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

Mia fell into a community pool unnoticed while her caretaker was distracted by other children.

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 received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Mia by Cyndy Amavisca.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation with the Gilbert Police Department.

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

While the report was investigated, a safety monitor was identified to provide direct supervision of older children in the home. Mia and her sibling were removed from the foster home.

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

Services will continue to be provided to the family.

*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.