

Information for Release

4/27/2010

**Date of the notification to CPS:** 10/10/2010

**Near Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the near fatality:** 10/10/2010

**Child's name:** Paul

**Age at time of incident:** 15 Months

**Perpetrator(s):** Paul Alva, 34; Angelica Bailon, 24.

**Age:** See above

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** At the time of the incident, the child and perpetrators were living in Buckeye.

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

On Oct. 10, 2010, Paul was taken to the hospital because of concerns about his health -- vomiting, lethargy and seizure-like symptoms -- for the past month. At the hospital, it was discovered that Paul had old and new injuries to his head which doctors indicated were the result of non-accidental trauma.

**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 Paul by Angelica Bailon. At the time of his birth in July 2009, Paul tested positive for illegal substances. The report was investigated, a dependency petition was filed and a case was opened. The case was closed in December 2009 when a relative obtained custody of Paul.

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

CPS jointly investigated the allegations with the Buckeye Police Department.

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

The other children in the home were immediately taken into CPS custody and Paul was also taken into CPS custody when he was discharged from the hospital. A dependency petition was filed in the juvenile court.

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

Services to the children and family are being through the dependency action.

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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.