

<b>Information for Release</b>		2/11/2011
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**Date of the notification to CPS:** 3/13/2010

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 3/13/2010

**Child's name:** Serenity Maldonado

**Age at time of incident:** 1 day

**Perpetrator(s):** Priscilla Maldonado, age at time of incident

**Age:** 23

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** Both child and perpetrators resided in Safford at the time of the incident.

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

Serenity passed away a few hours after birth. Her attending physicians reported to CPS that the cause of death for Serenity was due to prenatal exposure to methamphetamine and marijuana use.

**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 received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Serenity by Priscilla Maldonado.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation with the Safford Police Department.

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

Another child in the home was taken into CPS custody, and a dependency petition was filed in juvenile court. The child was placed in the physical custody of a relative.

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

Services are being provided to the child and family.

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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.