

Information for Release		4/22/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 3/22/2010

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 3/21/2010

Child's name: Shane Sparlin

Age at time of incident: 10 Years

Perpetrator(s): Kelly Mejia

Age: 42

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): Both the child and perpetrator resided in San Tan Valley at the time of the incident.

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

On March 21, 2010, Shane was found unconscious, slouched over in the shallow water of the bathtub. He was taken to the hospital but did not survive.

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 no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Shane by Kelly Mejia.

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

CPS completed a joint investigation with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office.

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

CPS assessed the safety of other children in the home was assessed and determined they could remain in the home safely. A foster child was placed in respite care while the allegations were being investigated.

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

No services were provided to the family beyond the investigation.

*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.