

Information for Release

5/3/2011

Date of the notification to CPS: 4/8/2011

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 4/6/2011

Child's name: Takorii Baha

Age at time of incident: 1 Month

Perpetrator(s): Deeanna James

Age: 22

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

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

Takorii Baha was a passenger in a motor vehicle accident which resulted in his death. The driver of the vehicle is believed to have been intoxicated.

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 Takorii Baha by Deeanna James.

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 Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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

An assessment of child safety was completed for the other children. These children are residing with a relative.

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

The family obtained services available to them outside of the department.

*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).