

Information for Release		6/29/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 7/10/2010

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 7/10/2010

Child's name: Troy

Age at time of incident: 2 Years

Perpetrator(s): Cheri Marks

Age: 49

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

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

On July 8, 2010, caretaker Cheri Marks failed to ensure adequate supervision of Troy by leaving him with adults unable to safely care for him. Troy crawled through the open doggy door to the pool, which resulted in his being a victim of a near drowning. Troy was transported by ambulance and admitted to Cardon Children's Hospital.

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 not received any prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Troy by Cheri Marks.

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

CPS jointly investigated the allegations with the Gilbert Police Department.

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

Troy was discharged from the hospital and placed in a licensed foster home following an assessment of child safety. There were no other children in the home.

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

Troy was placed with a licensed provider and was receiving services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Therapy and parent aide services were provided to the family to assist in reunification, which has occurred.

*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).

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.