

Information for Release		3/29/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 6/10/2011

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 6/10/2011

Child's name: Zipporah Johnson

Age at time of incident: 21 Months

Perpetrator(s): Afryka Johnson, 31; and Rodric Johnson, 33.

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 Phoenix.

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

On June 28, 2010, Zipporah was left in the car for approximately three hours after her caretakers returned home from church. Zipporah 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 Zipporah by Afryka or Rodric Johnson.

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

CPS jointly investigated the allegations with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

The safety of the other children was assessed during the investigation; it was determined they could remain in the home safely.

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

The family was provided with information about available services they could obtain.

*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).