

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 4/15/2013

Agency Name: Clark County Department of Family Services (CCDFS)

Agency Address: 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89106-4309

Date of written notification to the Division of Child and Family Services and Legislative

Auditor: 3/19/2013.

Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number: 1386078

Type of Report: 48 Hour Notice 15 Day Update 30 Day Update Final

Child Fatality **Date of Death:** 3/14/2013

Near Fatality **Date of Near Fatality:** 3/13/2013

Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of
_____ **law enforcement agency.**

(Name of agency)

Information for Release:

A. Date of the notification to the child welfare agency of the death of a child:

CCDFS was notified of the near fatality on 3/13/2013. Information relating to the date of the fatality was received on 3/15/2015.

B. Location of child at the time of death or near fatality (city/county): N. Las Vegas, Clark

C. A summary of the report of abuse or neglect and a factual description of the contents of the report:

It was reported that law enforcement responded to a local emergency room in reference to an unresponsive child. Upon medical examination, the child was reported to be in critical condition with multiple injuries consistent with non-accidental trauma. At the time of the report, no explanation for the cause of the injuries was available.

On 3/14/2013, the child succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased.

D. The date of birth and gender of child: 1/23/2013, Female

E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:

Near fatality: 3/13/2013

Fatality: 3/14/2013

F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:

Release of the cause of the near fatality/fatality will remain pending until receipt of official coroner documentation.

- G. Whether the agency had any contact with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and, if so:** (1) The frequency of any contact or communication with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and the date on which the last contact or communication occurred before the fatality or near fatality;
- (2) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services provided any child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality;
- (3) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services made any referrals for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality;
- (4) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services took any other actions concerning the welfare of the child before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality; and
- (5) A summary of the status of the child's case at the time of the fatality or near fatality, including, without limitation, whether the child's case was closed by the agency which provides child welfare services before the fatality or near fatality and, if so, the reasons that the case was closed.

The information contained in this section is limited to contact(s) with the child who is the subject of this disclosure or a member of that child's family or household that are related to the fatality or near fatality incident. This limitation is required to preserve the confidentiality of all child abuse and neglect reports and records in order to protect the rights of the child and family as mandated by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.)

CCDFS has no prior CPS history for the child and/or her natural mother.

The natural father of the deceased child has CPS history as an alleged child victim that included him being a former Ward of the Court, with custody granted to the State of Nevada and/or Clark County between 1994 and 2007. Multiple services were administered to the child his family throughout the duration of the minor's Wardship and open cases. His history, as a minor, is as follows:

12/20/1994 – A report was received alleging neglect and court action was initiated, with the minor becoming a Ward of the State. Parental rights were relinquished as to the minor and the permanency goal for the child was achieved in 1999.

9/6/2000 – A report was received alleging abuse/neglect and court action was initiated. The allegations were subsequently court substantiated. The minor was made a Ward of the Court, and a new permanency plan was put in place.

Between 5/29/2003 and 4/23/2007, six referrals were received with factual circumstances that did not rise to the level of warranting an investigation, and were coded "Information Only".

Between 5/2/2008 and 2/15/2011, four reports were received alleging abuse. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation for each, the allegations were found unsubstantiated and the investigations were closed. Final closure of the 2011 report occurred on 3/22/2011.

H. Whether the agency which provides child welfare services, in response to the fatality or near fatality: (1) Has provided or intends to provide child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household; and (2) Has made or intends to make a referral for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household; and (3) Has taken or intends to take any other action concerning the welfare and safety of the child or any member of the child's family or household.

CCDFS continues to investigate the near fatality/fatality incident and is working in conjunction with local law enforcement. There are no other children in the home and the deceased child was the natural parents' only child.

NON-DISCLOSURE NOTICE

The following information must not be released (see Policy on Public Disclosure of Child Fatality and Near Fatality Information, page 4): 1) Information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 2) the name of the reporting party or individual making an allegation or referral will not be released; 3) if the disclosure of the information would adversely affect any pending investigation concerning a report (NRS 432B.290(3)); 4) if the disclosure violates other federal or state law, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Family Educational and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), alcohol and drug abuse patient records (42 USC §290dd-2 and 42 CFR §212 (c)(6)), and any other applicable law.