



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	5/25/17
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 5/11/17 are displayed below in red.

1. **Near Fatality Victim:** 3-year-old female
2. **Date of notification to DCS:** 4/26/17
3. **Date of near fatality:** 4/26/17
4. **Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:**

Gilbert Cuhen – 4/27/17
Valerie Pastran – 5/19/17

5. **County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Tucson, AZ

6. **Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Gilbert Cuhen – age 30 – Tucson, AZ
Valerie Pastran – age 21 – Tucson, AZ

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

On April 26, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 3-year-old child who was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition with severe head trauma. On April 27, 2017, Gilbert Cuhen, boyfriend to the child's mother, Valerie Pastran, turned himself in to Tucson police. On May 5, 2017, he was indicted by a Pima County grand jury with two counts of child abuse and one count of attempted second degree murder. On May 19, 2017, Valerie Pastran was also indicted on one count of child abuse and one count of attempted second degree murder.

8. **Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s)**:**

DCS has received no prior reports involving Valerie Pastran, Gilbert Cuhen and/or the near fatality victim.

9. **Actions taken by DCS in response to the near fatality:**

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Tucson Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, another child in the home was removed and placed in foster care. The near fatality victim remains hospitalized.

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

The Department is providing services to the family.



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*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

** Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).
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