



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

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Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	11/22/2023
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 2-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 7/24/22
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 7/24/22
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/27/23
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County, Arizona
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Martin Teeter – age 38 – Maricopa County, Arizona

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

On July 24, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 2-month-old male who was taken to the hospital after becoming unresponsive. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition with severe head trauma. The child sustained the injuries while in the care of the child’s foster parent, Martin Teeter. On October 27, 2023, the Department substantiated the allegation of abuse by Mr. Teeter.

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):**

There were no prior DCS reports involving Mr. Teeter.

DCS received the following prior report involving the near fatality victim:

On May 20, 2022, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by his mother. Upon investigation, the child was removed and placed in licensed foster care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Coconino County Superior Court and is providing services to the family.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, both children were removed from the foster home.



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

The Department is providing services to the near fatality victim and his family.

*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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