

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>02/24/2023</b>
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**Amendments to the information originally posted on 01/24/22 are displayed below in red.**

- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 08/15/21
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 08/15/21
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:**

Mireya Heredia -12/15/21  
Jacimarie Roark- 02/17/23

- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ

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

Mireya Heredia – age 20 – Phoenix, AZ  
Jacimarie Roark – age 40 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On August 15, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-year-old female who taken to the hospital after ingesting amphetamine and fentanyl. The child was determined to be in critical condition. On September 7, 2021, a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court alleging neglect to the near fatality victim. On December 15, 2021, the court ruled the mother, Mireya Heredia, neglected the near fatality victim. **On February, 17, 2023, the Department substantiated allegations of physical abuse and neglect by the child’s maternal grandmother, Jacimarie Roark, to the near fatality victim.**

- 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 Mireya Heredia, **Jacimarie Roark** and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

There were no other children in the home. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was placed with a kinship caregiver.

**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.

\*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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