

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	08/28/2024
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1. Near Fatality Victim: nine-month-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 7/26/2024

3. Date of near fatality: 7/26/2024

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:
8/21/2024

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County – Glendale, AZ

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

Joshua Seeber – age 32 – Glendale, AZ

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

On July 26, 2024, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a nine-month-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 requiring multiple doses of Narcan and respiratory support due to fentanyl ingestion. On August 2, 2024, Joshua Seeber was arrested by Glendale Police Department for child abuse and drug possession. On August 6, 2024, Joshua Seeber was charged with one count of child abuse.

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 received the following prior report involving Joshua Seeber:

On July 17, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to a child by their father, Joshua Seeber, and their mother. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed on July 29, 2020.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Glendale Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the near fatality victim and his siblings were assessed as safe in the care of the other parent.

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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