

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>04/18/2024</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** eight-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 9/10/2022
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 9/10/2022
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:**  
3/21/2023
- 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:**

Amber Runningwolf – age 37 – Tucson, AZ  
David Jordan– age 39 – Tucson, AZ

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

On September 10, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding neglect to an eight-month-old male. The child was brought to the hospital by his parents due to concerns for the child’s weight. Upon evaluation, it was determined that the child was in serious condition and was diagnosed with failure to thrive, protein malnutrition and developmental delays. On September 16, 2022, a dependency petition was filed with Pima County Superior Court. On March 21, 2023, the court found that the parents, Amber Runningwolf and David Jordan, neglected 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)\*\*:**

DCS received the following prior reports involving Amber Runningwolf:

On August 11, 2008, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse towards the children by mother, Amber Runningwolf. The allegations were unsubstantiated against the mother and the case was closed.

On November 7, 2013, a report was received alleging neglect towards the children by mother, Amber Runningwolf and their father. The case was unsubstantiated against the mother and father. A list of community resources and child care was offered to the family and the case was closed.

On July 10, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse toward a child by mother and step-father. The allegations against mother and step-father were

unsubstantiated and the case was closed on September 27, 2019. No services were offered to the family.

On October 17, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect towards the children by mother, Amber Runningwolf and their father. The allegation was substantiated and resulted in the removal of all of the children from the home. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court and was providing services to the family. The Dependency was dismissed on May 6, 2021, and the children were returned to their father's care.

DCS received the following prior report involving David Jordan and siblings:

On December 11, 2010, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by her father, David Jordan. The investigation assessed the child to be safe with her mother and the allegation was unsubstantiated.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Pima County Sheriff's Office.

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

Upon release from the hospital, the child was placed in licensed foster care. There were no other children in the 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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