

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	04/14/2025
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 15-year-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 5/2/23

3. Date of near fatality: 5/2/23

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:
4/8/25

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Yavapai County – Congress, AZ

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

Bodie Ence – age 41 – Congress, AZ

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

On May 2, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 15-year-old male who was taken to the hospital after sustaining a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition that required intubation and life saving measures. The allegation of neglect pertaining to the father, Bodie Ence, was substantiated based on his failure to provide supervision, despite being aware of the child’s prior suicide attempts, resulting in the child accessing a loaded firearm.

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 Bodie Ence and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Yavapai 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 assessed as safe in the care of the other parent. 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:

There were no services provided by the Department.

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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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