

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>06/03/2024</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 5/7/2023
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 5/7/2023
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:**  
5/29/2024
- 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:**

Kira Jones – age 37 – Tucson, AZ

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

On May 7, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-month-old child who had been brought to the hospital by a family member due to concerns of neglect. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in serious condition with severe malnutrition and dehydration, requiring intubation. On May 19, 2023, Kira Jones was indicted by a Pima County grand jury with two counts of child abuse and three counts of drug possession. Kira Jones was convicted of child abuse on February 13, 2024, and is serving 7.5 years in prison with 25 years of probation supervision. On May 26, 2023, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court. On July 14, 2023, the court found the mother, Kira Jones, 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)\*\*:**

The child’s mother, Kira Jones, was involved in the following prior reports:

On December 26, 2004, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by the mother, Kira Jones. The allegation was substantiated and resulted in the removal of the child from the home. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court and was providing services to the family. Parental rights were relinquished to this child and they were adopted by a relative.

On September 9, 2008, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their father and the mother, Kira Jones. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court. The child was placed out of the home and services were being provided to the family. Parental rights were terminated to this child and they were adopted.

On August 19, 2013, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their father and the mother, Kira Jones. The allegation was substantiated and resulted in the removal of the child from the home. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Superior Court and was providing services to the family. Parental rights were terminated to this child and they were adopted.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Oro Valley Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other child in the home was placed in licensed foster care. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was also placed in licensed foster care.

**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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