



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	9/6/18
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 6/26/18 are displayed below in red.

1. **Near Fatality Victim:** 4-month-old female
2. **Date of notification to DCS:** 4/28/18
3. **Date of near fatality:** 4/28/18
4. **Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:**

Jassidy Arias – 6/20/18
Cristian Valtierra – 8/23/18

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:**

Jassidy Arias – age 20 – Phoenix, AZ
Cristian Valtierra – age 22 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On April 28, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 4-month-old female who had been transported to the hospital after becoming unresponsive at home. She presented as severely malnourished and was determined to be in critical condition due to respiratory failure. The child's mother, Jassidy Arias, was later charged with felony child abuse. On August 23, 2018, the Maricopa County Juvenile Court found through a dependency proceeding that the child's father, Cristian Valtierra, neglected the child by failing to ensure her basic needs, including medical attention, were being met.

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 has received no prior reports involving Jassidy Arias, Cristian Valtierra, and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

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



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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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