



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	5/24/2021
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 11/23/2020 are displayed below in red.

1. Near Fatality Victim: one-month-old-male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 11/3/2020

3. Date of near fatality: 11/2/2020

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

11/6/2020—Dionta Young Broom

1/8/2021—Nina Keel

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:

Dionta Young Broom – age 28 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On November 3, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a one-month-old child who was taken to the hospital. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition with severe head trauma. On November 6, 2020, Dionta Young Broom, the father, was charged with one count of child abuse, class 2 felony. **The Department filed a dependency petition on behalf of the child with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court on November 30, 2020, shortly after the child was released from the hospital. On January 8, 2021, the court found that Nina Keel, the mother, failed to protect the child.**

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 Dionta Young Broom and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was 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, another child in the home was removed and placed in foster care. **The near fatality victim was placed in foster care after he was released from the hospital around November 25, 2020.**

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 including services to support the other children involved.



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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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