



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	08/29/2018
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 5/10/2018 are displayed below in red.

1. **Near Fatality Victim:** 4 month old male
2. **Date of notification to DCS:** 03/09/18
3. **Date of near fatality:** 03/09/2018
4. **Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:**

Daniel Sanchez - 03/29/2018
Michelle Montijo – 8/14/2018

5. **County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Yuma County – Yuma, AZ

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

Daniel Sanchez – age 23 – Yuma, AZ
Michelle Montijo – age 19 – Yuma, AZ

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

On March 9, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report alleging physical abuse of a 4-month-old child. The victim arrived at the hospital and upon examination the child was determined to be in critical condition. On March 29, 2018, the mother's significant other, Daniel Sanchez, was indicted by a Grand Jury for child abuse. On August 14, 2018, the Yuma County Juvenile Court found through a dependency proceeding that "mother failed to protect the child from physical abuse".

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 the following report involving Daniel Sanchez as a perpetrator.

On June 22, 2016, report was received alleging abuse to another child by Daniel Sanchez. The allegations were substantiated.

There are no reports regarding the near fatality victim or the mother, Michelle Montijo.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with Yuma Police Department.

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 home with a safety plan in place. The Department continued to monitor and assess the child's safety. On July 3, 2018, the child was removed and placed with relatives.



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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