



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	9/14/17
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1-year-old male.
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 5/25/2017
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 5/25/2017
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 7/17/2017
- 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:**

Nicole Gordin-Saunders – age 31 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On May 25th, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-year-old male who was taken to the hospital after appearing to be in an altered mental state. Upon examination and a urine drug screen being processed, the child tested positive for cocaine, opiates, and oxycodone. The Department substantiated the allegation of neglect of the child by his mother, Nicole Gordin-Saunders.

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 prior report involving Nicole Gordin-Saunders:

On April 28th, 2010, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim's sibling by the mother. The child was assessed as safe with the mother and the allegation was unsubstantiated.

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:

Upon release from the hospital, the child was placed in licensed foster care. Two other children who lived part time in the home were assessed as safe with the parent.

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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