



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	11/30/17
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 8-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 10/17/17
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 10/17/17
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/17/17
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Litchfield Park, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Eric Christopher McMorris- age 31 – Litchfield Park, AZ

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

On October 17th, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a single car collision after witnesses observed the vehicle driving recklessly by speeding and swerving. The driver of the vehicle was Eric McMorris and the 8-year-old female was a passenger who suffered life-threatening injuries. Mr. McMorris was arrested for manslaughter, aggravated assault and endangerment on October 17, 2017.

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 Eric McMorris:

On December 26, 2015, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by Eric McMorris. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the victim's siblings residing in the home were placed with relatives. Another child residing in the home was found to be safe with the other 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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.