



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	11/30/17
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 9-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 7/24/17
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 7/23/17
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/16/17
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Graham County, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Artemio Sierra – age 33 – Graham County, AZ

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

On July 24, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 9-year-old girl who had been injured in an ATV accident. The child was not wearing a helmet and had reportedly been thrown from the vehicle that was being driven by her father, Artemio Sierra. She was transported to the hospital where she was determined to be in critical condition as a result of the incident. Artemio Sierra, was later charged with aggravated assault for her injuries.

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 the near fatality victim and/or Artemio Sierra.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Graham County Sheriff's Office.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the child and a sibling were assessed as being safe in the home.

11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

No services were provided by the Department.

*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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