



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	10/1/18
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 2-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 8/28/17
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 8/28/17
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 7/23/18
- 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:**

Brandon Bellamy – age 30 – Phoenix, AZ
Cecilly Columbus – age 30 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On August 28, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 2-year-old male that was unrestrained in a vehicle occupied by both parents, Brandon and Cecilly. The vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle collision and the child sustained critical, life threatening injuries. On July 23, 2018, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect as to both parents.

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 or Brandon Bellamy.

DCS has received the following prior report involving Cecilly Columbus:

On December 23, 2016, the Department of Child Safety received a report alleging neglect of two children by Cecilly Columbus. The allegations were substantiated and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Tempe Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the near fatality victim and his sibling were assessed as safe with the parents.

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

The Department provided the family with in-home services.

*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.



Arizona Department of Child Safety

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** 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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