



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	10/01/18
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 5 year old - female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 03/04/18
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 03/03/18
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 09/06/18
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Coconino County – Flagstaff, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Natasha Brown – age 26 – Flagstaff, AZ

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

On March 4, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 5 year old female who was involved in a head on collision. At the hospital, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to injuries sustained as a result of being unrestrained in a vehicle driven by the mother, Natasha Brown. The Department substantiated the allegations of neglect to the mother, Natasha Brown.

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 reports involving Natasha Brown and/or the near fatality victim:

On July 23, 2011, the Department of Child Safety received a report alleging neglect to the near fatality victim’s sibling by the mother, Natasha Brown. The mother was offered child care and in home services. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On August 30, 2011, the Department of Child Safety received a report alleging physical abuse to the near fatality victim’s sibling by the mother, Natasha Brown. The mother began receiving services in the community and continued with child care services provided by the Department. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On May 4, 2014, the Department of Child Safety received a report alleging physical abuse to the near fatality victim’s sibling by the mother, Natasha Brown. The Department provided the mother with child care services. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On June 28, 2014, the Department of Child Safety received a report alleging physical abuse to the near fatality victim’s sibling by the mother, Natasha Brown. The mother was receiving services through tribal social services and declined services offered by the Department. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On July 16, 2015, the Department received a report alleging neglect to the near fatality victim and a sibling by the mother, Natasha Brown. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On July 21, 2017, the Department received a report alleging neglect of the near fatality victim’s sibling by the mother, Natasha Brown. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.



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

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

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

Following an assessment of child safety, one child went to live with another parent. Upon their release from the hospital, the near fatality victim went to live with a relative. The five-year-old near fatality victim continued to require intensive medical services and remained at a healthcare facility.

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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