



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	10/25/2018
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 3 month-old-male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 08/18/2017

3. Date of near fatality: 08/18/2017

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:

Jesus Rivera – 2/14/18
Jozelin Amaya – 9/20/18

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:

Jesus Rivera – age 22 – Phoenix, AZ
Jozelin Amaya – age 22 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On August 18, 2017, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 3-month-old child who was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition with severe head trauma and other injuries. The parents didn't have any explanations for the injuries. On February 14, 2018 and September 20, 2018, the Maricopa County Juvenile Court found through a dependency proceeding that the child's parents', Jesus Rivera and Jozelin Amaya, home was unfit by reason of abuse or neglect.

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 the parents Jesus Rivera and Jozelin Amaya:

On April 25, 2015, a report was received alleging physical abuse to another child by Jesus Rivera and Jozelin Amya. The investigation was still in progress when another report was received. The allegations were later unsubstantiated.

On June 29, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to other children by Jesus Rivera and Jozelin Amaya. A dependency was filed, the family participated in services, and the allegations were later unsubstantiated.

DCS has received no prior reports involving the near fatality victim.

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:

Following an assessment of child safety, the near fatality victim and his siblings were placed with relatives.



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 including services to support the other children involved.

*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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