



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>4/27/17</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 4-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 3/9/16
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 3/9/16
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 3/20/17
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Tucson, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

William McKale – 46 years – Tucson, AZ  
Marina McKale – 44 years – Tucson, AZ

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

On March 9, 2016, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 4-month-old baby who was brought to the hospital after appearing lethargic in the foster home where she was being cared for. It was later determined that she had injuries that placed her in critical condition including retinal hemorrhaging and bilateral sub-dural hematomas. The child was in the care of her licensed foster parents, Marina and William McKale, when the injuries occurred. The Department substantiated the allegations of physical abuse pertaining to each of them.

**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 near fatality victim and/or Marina and William McKale:

On October 12, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by her birth parents. The investigation of that report resulted in the child being placed in out-of-home care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Juvenile Court and the allegations were substantiated.

On December 5, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by licensed foster parent, Marina McKale. The investigation resulted in the allegations being unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Tucson Police Department.

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

The near fatality victim was removed and hospitalized. Upon release from the hospital, she was moved to a new placement. Another child placed in the home was also moved to a new placement. The other children in the home were assessed as safe in the care of the parents.



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

Services were provided to support the near fatality victim.

\*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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