



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	04/23/19
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 2 year old - male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 06/19/18

3. Date of near fatality: 06/19/18

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

Angela Shultz – 10/22/18

Joseph Harris – 12/27/18

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Navajo County

6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Angela Shultz – age 24 – Navajo County

Joseph Harris (Also Known as Joseph Harris Jr and Joseph Harris Sr) - age 24- Navajo County

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

On June 19, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a two year old male who was unsupervised and had fallen from a window that was approximately 12 feet high. At the hospital, it was determined the child was in critical condition. The Department filed a dependency petition in Navajo County Superior Court. It was determined through a dependency proceeding that the mother, Angela Shultz, and stepfather, Joseph Harris, had abused, neglected, and/or failed to protect the near fatality victim.

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 received the following prior reports involving Angela Shultz and Joseph Harris and the near fatality victim:

On May 4, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report alleging abuse of the child by the mother, Angela Shultz, and stepfather, Joseph Harris. An investigation was initiated and still in progress when the near fatality incident occurred.

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

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

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 and other children were removed and placed in foster care.

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.



Arizona Department of Child Safety

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*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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