



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>6/19/19</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 8-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 2/19/19
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 2/19/19
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 4/25/19
- 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:**

Kimberly Southern – age 50 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On February 19, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding an 8-year-old male that was taken to the hospital in critical condition after being run over by a vehicle driven by his grandmother, Kimberly Southern. On April 25, 2019, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by Kimberly Southern.

**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 Kimberly Southern and/ or the near fatality victim:

On January, 22, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by Kimberly Southern. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On November 8, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by Kimberly Southern. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On June 24, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by Kimberly Southern. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On February 13, 2001, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Kimberly Southern. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

DCS has received the following prior reports involving the near fatality victim:

On September 6, 2017, a report was received alleging physical abuse to the child. The report was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On June 26, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by his mother. The report was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On June 18, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by his mother. The report was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On August 28, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by his mother. The report was unsubstantiated and the family was provided in-home services.



On February 26, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse and neglect to the child by his mother. The report was unsubstantiated and the case was closed. The family was involved in resources within the community.

On December 7, 2010, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by his mother. An in-home dependency was filed and services were provided. The report was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

**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, one child was placed with relatives and another was assessed as safe with their father. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was placed in a medical group home.

**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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