Arizona Department of Child Safety



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	6/19/19
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim: 2-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS: 3/17/18
- 3. Date of near fatality: 3/17/18
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*: 5/21/19
- 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:

Felicity Mayfield – age 20 – Phoenix, AZ Abraham Herro – age 23 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the near fatality of a 2month-old female. The infant was taken to the hospital after becoming unresponsive. At the hospital, the child presented in critical condition with multiple subdural hemorrhages and hematomas consistent with non-accidental, repetitive injury. On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the Maricopa County Superior Court found that the parents, Felicity Mayfield and Abraham Herro, physically abused the child and/or failed to protect the child from physical abuse.

# 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 report involving the near-fatality victim and the mother, Felicity Mayfield:

On January 12, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by her mother, Felicity Mayfield. The investigation assessed the child as safe with her mother and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was offered daycare but refused 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:

Upon discharge from the hospital, the near fatality victim was removed from the parents and placed with a relative. There were no other children in the home.

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

The Department provided 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.



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\*\* 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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.