



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>08/21/2019</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1 year-old-female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 04/10/2018
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 04/09/2018
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 05/13/2019
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Mesa, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Isaias Payan – age 33 – Mesa, AZ  
Megan Makula – age 28 – Mesa, AZ

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

On April 10, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a one year old child who had been taken to the hospital after respiratory distress. The child was found to be in critical condition with a collapsed lung, low oxygen levels, bruising, and gastrointestinal injuries. On April 12, 2018, the Department filed a dependency petition in Maricopa County Juvenile Court. On May 13, 2019, the Maricopa County Juvenile Court found through a dependency proceeding that the mother, Megan Makula, and father, Isaias Payan, had abused 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 has received the following prior reports involving Megan Makula, Isaias Payan, and/or the near fatality victim:

On November 13, 2013 a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling by the parents, Megan Makula and Isaias Payan. The allegations were substantiated and a dependency petition was filed in juvenile court. Services were offered to the family throughout the dependency process.

On March 17, 2018, a report was received alleging physical abuse to the near fatality victim and sibling by the parents, Megan Makula, and Isaias Payan. The report was still open when the near fatality report came in. This report was eventually closed as unsubstantiated.

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

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Mesa Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other child in the home was placed in licensed foster care. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim will also be placed in foster care.

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



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Director

The Department is providing services to the children.

\*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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