



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	08/21/2019
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 10-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 11/10/2018
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 11/10/2018
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 05/02/2019
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – El Mirage, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Emilia Infante – age 25 – El Mirage, AZ

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

On November 10, 2018, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 10 month old child who had been taken to the hospital. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to ingestion of methamphetamines. On November 8, 2018, prior to receiving the near fatality report, the Department filed a dependency petition and pick up order in Maricopa County Juvenile Court due concerns for the children’s safety based on the open reports from October 25, 2018 and October 27, 2018 and the children’s whereabouts were unknown. On May 2, 2019, it was determined through a dependency proceeding that the mother, Emilia Infante, had neglected the near fatality victim by failing to provide for his basic needs.

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 mother, Emilia Infante, and/or the near fatality victim:

On February 13, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by the mother, Emilia Infante. The allegation was substantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On June 14, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling and the near fatality victim by the mother, Emilia Infante. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On October 25, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling and the near fatality victim by the mother, Emilia Infante. An investigation was initiated and efforts were made to locate the family without success. The Department was continuing efforts to locate the family when the report of the near fatality incident was received. The report was later substantiated at the time the children were brought into foster care.

On October 27, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling and the near fatality victim by the mother, Emilia Infante. An investigation was initiated and efforts were made to locate the family without success. The Department was continuing efforts to locate the family when the report of the near fatality incident was received. The report was later substantiated at the time the children were brought into foster care.



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

A joint investigation was conducted with the El Mirage 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 and later placed with relatives. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was also be 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.

*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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