



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	09/12/19
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 13-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 4/30/19
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 4/30/19
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 5/8/19
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Surprise, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Isiah Jackson – age 36 – Surprise, AZ

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

On April 30, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 13-year-old girl who was shot in the chest with a long rifle pellet gun by her stepfather, Isiah Jackson. The child was transported to the hospital where it was determined she was in critical condition and required emergency surgery. On May 8, 2019, Isiah Jackson was indicted on charges of child 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 reports involving Isiah Jackson and/or the near fatality victim:

On September 2, 2009, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a sibling of the near fatality victim by Isiah Jackson. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On February 16, 2010, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling of the near fatality victim by Isiah Jackson. The investigation resulted in additional allegations of neglect to the sibling and the near fatality victim by their parents. The children were removed from the home and the Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court. The allegations were later substantiated. The family was participating in services when a subsequent report was received.

On September 28, 2010, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling of the near fatality victim by the child's mother and Isiah Jackson. The sibling was born while the parents were continuing to engage in services with the Department. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court as to the newborn sibling and the allegations were later substantiated.

On June 12, 2012, a report was received alleging physical abuse and neglect to the near fatality victim by an unidentified perpetrator while the child was residing in an out-of-home placement. The allegations were unsubstantiated.

On February 21, 2013, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by the child's mother and Isiah Jackson. The report was received after the court dismissed the



dependency and the child was returned to the mother. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On May 2, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim and a sibling by the children's mother and Isiah Jackson. An investigation was initiated and in progress when another report was received. The allegations were later unsubstantiated.

On May 16, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse to the near fatality victim by Isiah Jackson. The Department began providing in-home services to the family and the allegation was later unsubstantiated. The case remained open with services and a subsequent report was received.

On September 8, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim and siblings by their mother and Isiah Jackson. The Department continued to provide in-home services and the allegations were later unsubstantiated.

On January 30, 2015, a report was received alleging physical abuse to the near fatality victim and a sibling by Isiah Jackson. The investigation resulted in additional allegations of neglect to the children's siblings. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Pinal County Superior Court and began providing services to the family. The allegations of abuse by Isiah Jackson were later substantiated. It was also later determined through the dependency proceeding that the near fatality victim had been neglected by her father.

On February 24, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling of the near fatality victim by child's mother and Isiah Jackson. The sibling was born while the parents were continuing to engage in services with the Department. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court as to the newborn sibling and the allegations were later unsubstantiated.

On April 14, 2015, a report was received alleging physical abuse to the near fatality victim in the licensed foster home where she was placed. The child was moved to a new placement during the investigation. The allegations were later unsubstantiated.

On January 29, 2016 a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by her mother and Isiah Jackson. The previously filed dependency petition had been dismissed by the court and the child was residing back in the home. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On November 29, 2016, a report was received alleging sexual abuse to the near fatality victim by Isiah Jackson and an uncle living in the home. The report resulted in allegations of sexual abuse to the siblings as well. The Maricopa Police Department was also involved and the near fatality victim was assessed as safe in the home. The report was open when a new report was received.

On December 10, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by her mother. Both the victim and mother were interviewed and it was determined the child was safe with the mother. The report remained open when a new report was received.

On December 23, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to siblings of the near fatality victim by Isiah Jackson. The Department responded to the report and met with Isiah Jackson who refused to cooperate with the investigation. The report remained open and it was later learned that the family had moved. The case was closed noting that although some contact had been made with the family, it would be classified as unable to locate at this time.



On July 24, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by her mother and Isiah Jackson. The child had been reported as a runaway by the parents and was located by the Surprise Police Department on July 23, 2017. She was returned to the home by police and the family refused to cooperate upon initial contact by the Department. The case was closed with the allegations unsubstantiated.

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

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

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

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