



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	07/28/2017
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1 year old – Female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 9/4/2016
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 9/3/2016
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 6/6/2017
- 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:**

Karen Padilla – 21 years – Mesa, AZ

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

On September 4, 2016, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1 year old female child who was brought to the hospital because she was having trouble breathing. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was observed with multiple bruises to her body and determined to be in critical condition. It was determined that she had been in the care of her mother, Karen Padilla, during the time the injuries would have taken place. DCS found the mother willfully abused or failed to protect the child from the 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 no prior reports involving the near fatality victim.

DCS has received no prior reports involving Karen Padilla.

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

A joint investigation has been 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, a sibling was removed and placed with a relative and upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim child was also placed with that relative.

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

The Department has 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.

** 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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