



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>9/18/19</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 3-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 5/31/19
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 5/31/19
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 8/16/19
- 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:**

Myriah Carlton – age 18 – Phoenix, AZ  
Arnez Carter – age 18 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On May 31, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 3-month-old male that was taken to the hospital with multiple skull fractures and a brain bleed. The child was determined to be in critical condition. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court on June 5, 2019. On August 16, 2019, the court found the child dependent as to both parents, Myriah Carlton and Arnez Carter, and the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect and 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 no prior reports involving Myriah Carlton, Arnez, and/or the near fatality victim.

**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:**

Following an assessment of child safety, the near fatality victim was removed and placed in licensed foster care. 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 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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