



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>1/8/2020</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1 year old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 02/21/19
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 02/21/19
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 11/21/19
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Mohave County – Bullhead City, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Shawnee Stidham – age 23- Bullhead City, AZ

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

On February 21, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-year-old child who was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive due to being mauled by dogs. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition with severe traumatic injuries. The child was in the care of his mother, Shawnee Stidham, when he nearly died at home. The Department substantiated the allegation of neglect of the child by his mother.

**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 Shawnee Stidham as a perpetrator and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with Bullhead City Police Department.

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

The child was assessed as safe in the care of the father. 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:**

No services were provided by the Department as the mother relocated to another state during the investigation of the near fatality. A report was made to that state.

\*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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