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| Preliminary Report | Near Fatality | 02/19/2020 |
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 3-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 07/22/2019
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 07/21/2019
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 09/12/2019
- 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:**

Katherine Dillard – age 28 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On July 22, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 3-year-old female who had been in a car accident. The child was not properly restrained in the vehicle and suffered injuries that placed her in serious or critical condition. The investigation determined she had been riding in the vehicle with her mother, Katherine Dillard. The Department substantiated the allegation of neglect.

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 Katherine Dillard 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 and her sibling were assessed safe in the care of their parent and the other adults who lived 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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