



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>2/13/2020</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 8-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 12/18/2019
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 12/18/2019
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 12/27/2019
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Glendale, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Jorge Elias – age 28 – Glendale, AZ

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

On December 18, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding an 8-year-old child who was taken to the hospital after he had difficulty breathing. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition with internal injuries and bruising on several parts of his body. On December 27, 2019, Jorge Elias, the child’s father, was indicted by a Maricopa County grand jury with six counts 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 received the following prior reports involving Jorge Elias and/or the near fatality victim:

On April 29, 2011, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by his mother and another adult. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family participated in in-home services and the case was closed.

On October 28, 2012, a report was received alleging neglect the near fatality victim by the mother. The allegation was substantiated. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court and provided in-home services to the family.

On May 31, 2013, a report was received alleging physical abuse and neglect to another child who was unrelated to the near fatality victim by Jorge Elias. The family was not located during the report and it was closed.

On July 6, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by his mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated and closed.

On February 25, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to another child who was unrelated the near fatality victim by Jorge Elias. The allegation was unsubstantiated and closed.

On March 23, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to one of the near fatality victim’s half-siblings and another child who was unrelated to the near fatality victim by Jorge Elias. The allegation was unsubstantiated and closed.



On September 1, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by his mother and his father, Jorge Elias. The allegation was substantiated. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court and provided services to the family. Mr. Elias successfully completed services and the near fatality victim was returned to the father's care.

On December 15, 2017, a report was received alleging physical abuse to another child by Jorge Elias. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the family was referred to in-home services.

On May 24, 2018, a report was received alleging physical abuse to the near fatality victim by another adult. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On November 18, 2019, a report was received alleging physical abuse to the near fatality victim by his father, Jorge Elias. An investigation was initiated and was still open when the Department received the near fatality report.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Glendale 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 with relatives. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was placed in a licensed foster home.

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

The Department is providing supportive services to the children and will continue to assess for other services to be provided 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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