



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

Mike Faust, Director
Douglas A. Ducey, Governor

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	3/25/2020
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1 year old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 10/28/19
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 10/27/19
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 1/10/2020
- 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:**

Maria Gonzalez – age 36 – Glendale, AZ

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

On October 27, 2019, The Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-year-old male who was involved in a near drowning incident. The near fatality victim arrived at the hospital where he was determined to be in critical condition. The child was in the care of his mother, Maria Gonzalez, when he nearly drowned at his home. The Department of Child Safety substantiated the allegation of neglect by his mother, Maria Gonzalez.

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 no prior reports involving Maria Gonzalez and/or the near fatality victim.

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 who live in the home part time were assessed as safe. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was also assessed as safe.

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

The family declined in-home services from the Department.

*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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