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Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	10/1/2020

1. Near Fatality Victim: 13-year-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 12/21/19

3. Date of near fatality: 12/21/19

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 5/18/20

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Pima County - Tucson, AZ

6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Sukie Johnson AKA Sukie Sanchez - age 37 - Tucson, AZ

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

On December 21, 2019, the Department of Child Safety (DCS) received a report regarding a thirteen-year-old male who was transported to the hospital after being found unresponsive due to high blood sugar levels. It was determined the near fatality victim was in critical condition. This child had been hospitalized multiple times in the last year due to similar concerns. DCS substantiated the allegation of neglect of the child by his mother, Sukie Johnson AKA Sukie Sanchez.

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 Sukie Johnson AKA Sukie Sanchez and/or the near fatality victim:

On April 27, 2012, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim and his half siblings by their mother, Sukie Johnson AKA Sukie Sanchez and her husband. The allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On March 5, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by his mother, Sukie Johnson AKA Sukie Sanchez. The investigation was open when a new report was received. The allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On March 26, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by his mother, Sukie Johnson AKA Sukie Sanchez. The investigation resulted in the child being assessed as safe with his mother. The mother declined services from the Department. The allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On June 22, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by his mother, Sukie Johnson AKA Sukie Sanchez. The child was assessed as safe with his mother. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed. The Department provided a referral for services within the community.

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



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A joint investigation was conducted with the Tucson 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 initially removed from the home. The near fatality victim has since been returned to the home and the family was provided in-home services by the Department. There are 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 provided 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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.