



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	3/2/2021
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 2-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 7/30/20
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 7/30/20
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/13/20
- 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:**

Vitelia Mondragon – age 33 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On July 30, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 2-month-old child who was taken to the hospital in critical condition. Upon examination, the child was observed to have sustained multiple skull fractures and bleeding on her brain. The injuries were suspected to be non-accidental trauma. The Department filed a dependency petition as to the near fatality victim and her siblings on August 4, 2020, with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On October 13, 2020, the court granted the dependency petition and the Department substantiated the allegation of physical abuse as to the child's mother, Vitelia Mondragon.

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 report involving Vitelia Mondragon:

On May 16, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Vitelia Mondragon. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

There were no prior DCS reports involving 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 other children in the home were placed in licensed foster care. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was also placed in foster care.

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.



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*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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