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| <b>Preliminary Report</b> | <b>Near Fatality</b> | <b>4/1/21</b> |
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 2/27/21
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 2/27/21
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 3/22/21
- 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:**

Gabriel Cordova – age 25 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On February 27, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-year-old male who was taken to the hospital in critical condition. After a medical evaluation, the child was found to have bleeding on his brain. The father, Gabriel Cordova, admitted to causing the child’s injuries. On March 3, 2021, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On March 22, 2021, Gabriel Cordova did not contest the dependency allegations and the court found the child dependent as to the father.

**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)\*\*:**

There were no prior DCS reports involving Gabriel Cordova 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, a safety plan was implemented with the other parent.

**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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