



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	4/19/2021
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 8-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 11/3/20
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 11/3/20
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 11/12/20
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Mohave County – Kingman, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Marticella Lopez-Rodriguez – age 34 – Kingman, AZ

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

On November 3, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding an eight-month-old child who was taken to the hospital in critical condition with suspicious injuries. Upon investigation, it was learned that an adult was shooting at quail that were in the area of the child. The child was struck by two of the BBs. The mother, Marticella Lopez-Rodriguez, waited several hours before transporting the child to the hospital. The mother also reported a false story about the injuries being caused by an unknown person shooting at them. On 11/12/20, Marticella Lopez-Rodriguez, was indicted for child abuse and tampering with evidence.

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 Marticella Lopez-Rodriguez and/or the near fatality victim:

On April 20, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Marticella Lopez-Rodriguez. The investigation resulted in the child being removed. The Department filed a dependency petition and provided services to the family. The allegation of neglect was substantiated. The case was open when the next report was received.

On March 28, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to two children by their mother, Marticella Lopez-Rodriguez. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case remained open while the family was participating in services. The case was open when the next report was received.

On February 9, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Marticella Lopez-Rodriguez. The investigation resulted in the child being removed. The Department filed a supplemental dependency petition and the child was placed in kinship foster care with their sibling, who was already in DCS custody. The allegation of neglect was substantiated.

On February 29, 2020, a report was received regarding neglect to the near fatality victim by her mother, Marticella Lopez-Rodriguez. The investigation assessed the child as safe with her mother



and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The mother successfully completed in-home services with the Department and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Mohave County Sheriff's Office.

10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Upon release from the hospital, the child was placed in a licensed foster home. 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 intends to provide supportive services to the child 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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