



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	4/22/2021
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 03/30/21
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 03/30/21
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 04/02/21
- 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:**

Triston Dishon Sanders – age 20 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On March 30, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-month-old female who presented to the hospital with bilateral parietal skull fractures and an intracranial hemorrhage. Upon examination, it was determined the child was in critical condition. On April 2, 2021, the father, Triston Dishon Sanders, was charged with three counts of child abuse.

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 Triston Dishon Sanders.

DCS received the following prior report involving the near fatality victim and her mother:

On March 6, 2021, report was received alleging neglect to the child by her mother. The investigation assessed the child as safe with her mother. The investigation was pending when the near fatality report was received.

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:

There were 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 will assess for services for the family as the investigation continues.

*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.



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** 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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