



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>7/9/21</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 10/29/20
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 10/29/20
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 3/16/21
- 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:**

Jaquoya Staples – age 27– Phoenix, AZ

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

On October 29, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-year-old child who was taken to the hospital after ingesting fentanyl in her home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition. The Department removed the child and her siblings. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court on November 3, 2020. On March 16, 2021 the court granted the dependency petition and the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect as to the mother, Jaquoya Staples.

**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 Jaquoya Staples, and/or the near fatality victim:

On June 24, 2010, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Jaquoya Staples. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On March 26, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to two children by Jaquoya Staples. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was referred for in-home services, however, the parents did not participate and the case was closed.

On September 30, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to three children by Jaquoya Staples. The family was referred for in-home services, however, after a safety plan was violated, the Department removed the children and filed a dependency petition on January 13, 2017.

On May 3, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by Jaquoya Staples. The allegation was substantiated and the family continued to participate in services through the open dependency case. The dependency was dismissed on December 14, 2018, after the mother completed services.

On March 24, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by Jaquoya Staples. The allegation was substantiated and the Department filed an in-home dependency petition for the five children.



On December 18, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to the children by Jaquoya Staples. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the family continued participating in in-home services. The dependency was dismissed by the Maricopa County Superior Court on October 14, 2020.

**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 children were removed and 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.

\*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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