



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	08/02/2021
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 9-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 04/26/21
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 04/26/21
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 05/06/2021
- 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:**

Priscilla Ann Caldera – age 18 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On April 26, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 9-month-old male who was found unresponsive after ingesting fentanyl. The child was transported to the hospital and determined to be in critical condition. On April 29, 2021, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court regarding the near fatality victim and his sibling. On May 6, 2021, the court found the mother, Priscilla Ann Caldera, neglected the near fatality victim.

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 Priscilla Ann Caldera and the near fatality victim:

On July 18, 2020 report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim and sibling by their mother, Priscilla Ann Caldera. As a result of the investigation, the children were assessed as safe with her mother and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The mother was provided with community resources and the case was closed and August 31, 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 other child in the home was placed with relatives. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was also placed with those same relatives.

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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