



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	10/6/21
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 9-month-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 6/4/21

3. Date of near fatality: 6/4/21

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:

Robert Wilkie – 7/23/21

Vanessa Lopez – 8/5/21

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:

Robert Wilkie – age 36 – Phoenix, AZ

Vanessa Lopez – age 29 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On June 4, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 9-month-old female who was taken to the hospital in critical condition after being found unresponsive at home. Upon examination, it was determined the child tested positive for amphetamines. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court on June 21, 2021. On July 23 and August 5, 2021, the parents, Robert Wilkie and Vanessa Lopez did not contest the allegations and the Court granted the dependency. The Department substantiated the allegations of neglect.

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 Vanessa Lopez and the near fatality victim:

On August 29, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by her mother, Vanessa Lopez. The investigation resulted in a safety plan being implemented. The allegation was substantiated and the case was transferred for in-home monitoring while the parents completed services within the community. The safety plan was lifted and the case was closed on April 20, 2021.

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 near fatality victim was placed in foster care.

11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:



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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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