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Preliminary Report Near Fatality 03/30/2023
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 13-year-old male

**2. Date of notification to DCS:** 1/14/21

**3. Date of near fatality:** 1/14/21

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*: 3/23/23

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:

Lashunn Transoe - age 34 - Phoenix, AZ

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

On January 14, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 13-year-old male who had been taken to the hospital after being shot at his home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition. Another child had obtained the mother's loaded firearm and accidentally discharged the weapon, striking the near fatality victim. On March 23, 2023, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by the mother, Lashunn Transoe.

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 Lashunn Transoe and/or the near fatality victim.

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 in the home were assessed as safe.

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

There were no services provided by the Department.

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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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.