

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	03/31/2023
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** two-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 08/19/2021
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 08/19/2021
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:**

Alysha Wood- 4/27/22
Isaiah Whitaker- 2/18/22

- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Navajo County – Show Low, AZ

- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Alysha Wood – age 21 – Show Low, AZ
Isaiah Whitaker – age 27 – Show Low, AZ

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

On August 19, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a two-month-old male who was taken to his primary care physician due to abnormal breathing and fussiness. The child was transferred to the hospital. Upon evaluation, the child was determined to be in critical condition with multiple fractures. On August 26, 2021, a dependency petition was filed with the Navajo County Superior Court. On April 27, 2022, the court found the mother, Alysha Wood, physically abused the child and/or neglected to protect the child from physical abuse. On February 18, 2022, the Department substantiated the allegation of physical abuse against the other caregiver, Isaiah Whitaker.

- 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 Isaiah Whitaker.

DCS received the following prior report involving Alysha Wood and the near fatality victim:

On June 24, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report alleging neglect of the child by the mother, Alysha Wood. An investigation was initiated and still in progress when the near fatality incident occurred. The allegation was substantiated and the family is receiving services.

9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the near fatality:

A joint investigation was conducted with the Show Low Police Department.

10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Following an assessment of child safety, the child was placed in foster care. 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 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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