



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

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Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	05/16/2023
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 7/07/22 are displayed below in red.

1. Near Fatality Victim: 16-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 02/21/2022

3. Date of near fatality: 02/21/2022

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

Bruce Bloomquist- 03/18/2022

Sherrian Bloomquist- 05/31/2022

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Yavapai County – Sedona, AZ

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

Bruce Bloomquist – age 64 – Sedona, AZ

Sherrian Bloomquist- age 67- Sedona, AZ

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

On 2/21/2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 16-year-old female with pre-existing medical needs being hospitalized due to being extremely underweight. She was diagnosed as failure to thrive due to an extreme state of malnutrition. On 3/18/2022, an indictment was filed in the Superior Court of Yavapai County, Arizona, charging Bruce Bloomquist with the crime of child abuse. **On March 15, 2022, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Yavapai County Superior court alleging neglect to the near fatality victim. On May 31, 2022, the court found her legal guardian, Sherrian Bloomquist, 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):**

There were no prior DCS reports involving Bruce Bloomquist **or Sherrian Bloomquist**, the near fatality victim’s legal guardians.

DCS received the following report involving the near fatality victim:

On September 21, 2005, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by her biological mother. DCS did not have jurisdiction of this report and the allegations were cross reported to tribal social services.

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

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A joint investigation was conducted with the Sedona Police Department.

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

Upon release from the hospital, the child was placed in licensed foster care. Another child who lived in the home was 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 supportive services to the children and will continue to assess for other services to be provided to the biological families of the children.

*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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