



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	12/15/16
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 1/12/16 are displayed below in red.

1. **Near Fatality Victim:** 2-year-old male
2. **Date of notification to DCS:** 11/29/15
3. **Date of near fatality:** 11/29/15
4. **Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:**

Peter Schmidtfrenz – 12/2/15  
Monica Jones – 12/7/16

5. **County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Tucson, AZ

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

Peter Schmidtfrenz – age 38 – Tucson, AZ  
Monica Jones – age 43 – Tucson, AZ

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

On November 29, 2015 the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a two-year-old male who was taken to the hospital in critical condition and being found unresponsive at home. Further examination determined the child had a traumatic brain injury that was considered to be suspicious. On December 2, 2015, the mother's boyfriend, Peter Schmidtfrenz, was arrested for child abuse. On December 7, 2016, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect pertaining to the child's mother, Monica Jones, for failing to provide adequate supervision to him when he sustained serious injuries while in the care of her and her significant other, Peter Schmidtfrenz.

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 has received the following prior report involving the near fatality victim:

On November 23, 2015, a report was received alleging physical abuse to the child by his mother, Monica Jones. The report noted that the child had been observed to have a black eye on November 17, 2015 and an injury to his upper lip and bruise on his right thigh on November 22, 2015. An investigation was initiated by DCS and the Pima County Sheriff's Department and was still in progress when the near fatality incident occurred. It was later determined that the mother's boyfriend, Peter Schmidtfrenz, was living in the home at the time of the alleged abuse and was also considered a suspect. The Department completed the investigation of this report and substantiated allegations of neglect as to Monica Jones and Peter Schmidtfrenz.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Pima County Sheriff's Department.

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



Upon release from the hospital, the child was assessed as safe in the care of the other parent. 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 family was provided with information on services available in the community.

\*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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