



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	06/13/2022
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 9-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 7/7/21
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 7/7/21
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/18/21
- 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:**

Rae Eberts – age 50 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On July 7, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 9-year-old child who was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition and had tested positive for fentanyl. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court on July 13, 2021. On October 18, 2021, the court found the mother, Rae Eberts, neglected the child by allowing an active drug user in her home which resulted in the child ingesting fentanyl.

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 reports involving Rae Eberts and/ or the near fatality victim:

On October 30, 1999, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Rae Eberts. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On April 3, 2001, a report was received alleging neglect to multiple children by their mother, Rae Eberts. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On April 9, 2003, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Rae Eberts. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the family was referred to in-home services.

On June 20, 2005, a report was received alleging neglect to multiple children by their mother, Rae Eberts. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the mother was provided information on resources within the community.

On August 31, 2006, a report was received alleging neglect to multiple children by their mother, Rae Eberts. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the family was referred to in-home services.

On April 29, 2008, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by their mother, Rae Eberts. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.



On November 21, 2008, a report was received alleging neglect to multiple children by their mother, Rae Eberts. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On July 10, 2012, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by their mother, Rae Eberts. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On October 12, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim and his sibling by their mother, Rae Eberts. The children were removed and a dependency petition was filed. The allegations were substantiated and the Department provided services to the family. The children were reunified with the mother and the case was closed on December 5, 2019.

On December 16, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Rae Eberts. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

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 were removed and placed in licensed foster care.

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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