



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	12/21/2022
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 5-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 11/19/2022
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 11/19/2022
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 12/05/2022
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Chandler, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Derek Tighe – age 52 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On November 19, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 15-year-old male and 5-year-old female who had been shot by their father, Derek Tighe. They were transported to the hospital and determined to be in critical condition. The investigation determined the father, Derek Tighe, shot the children and then committed suicide.

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 report involving Derek Tighe and the near fatality victims:

On February 20, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report alleging neglect and physical abuse of the children by their father, Derek Tighe and their mother. An investigation was initiated and still in progress when the near fatality incident occurred. Ultimately, the allegations regarding the mother were unsubstantiated and the allegations regarding the father, Derek Tighe, were proposed to be substantiated-perpetrator deceased. The family was offered services.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Chandler Police Department.

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

Upon release from the hospital, the children were assessed as safe in the care of their mother.

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

The Department offered 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.



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** 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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