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| Preliminary Report | Near Fatality | 06/14/2022 |
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 3-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 01/10/22
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 01/10/22
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 04/08/22
- 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:**

Anthony Morrow – age 31 – Phoenix, AZ
Raven Elmer – age 21 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On January 10, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 3-month-old male who presented at the hospital in critical condition due to malnutrition. On January 27, 2022, a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court alleging neglect to the near fatality victim. On April 8, 2022, the court ruled the parents, Anthony Morrow and Raven Elmer, 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):**

DCS received the following prior report involving Raven Elmer and the near fatality victim:

On October 4, 2021, report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality by his mother, Raven Elmer. The investigation assessed the child as safe with his parents and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided community resources and the case was closed on November 8, 2021.

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:

There were no other children in the home. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was placed in a licensed foster home.

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



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The Department is providing supportive services to the child and will continue to assess for other services to be provided 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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