



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	06/17/2022
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 3-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 5/20/21
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 5/20/21
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 5/9/22
- 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:**

Tonisha Johnson – age 41 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On May 20, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 3-year-old female that was taken to the hospital for difficulty breathing. The child was determined to be in critical condition and had multiple injuries including fractures and a brain bleed. On May 9, 2022, the Maricopa County Superior Court found the mother, Tonisha Johnson, abused and neglected the child and granted the petition for termination of parent-child relationship as to the mother. The court terminated the mother’s parental rights to the three children and the Department substantiated the allegations of abuse and neglect.

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 Ms. Johnson and the near fatality victim.

On December 29, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by her mother, Tonisha Johnson. The investigation did not find evidence supporting the allegations. The family was provided information on resources within the community 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, three of the younger siblings were removed and placed in foster care. Three of the older siblings were assessed as safe in the home. One of the siblings that had been removed was later reunified with their father.

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.



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*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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