



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

David Lujan, Director
Katie Hobbs, Governor

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	06/15/2023
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1. Near Fatality Victim: two-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 02/01/23

3. Date of near fatality: 02/01/23

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:
04/10/23

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:

Hope Diaz – age 20– Phoenix, AZ

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

On February 1, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the near drowning of a two-year-old female. The child was taken to the hospital where she was determined to be in critical condition. The child was in the care of her mother, Hope Diaz, when she nearly drowned in a neighbor’s pool. On March 1, 2023, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On April 10, 2023, the court found Ms. Diaz neglected the child.

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):**

There were no prior DCS reports involving Hope Diaz and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Maricopa County Sherriff’s Office.

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

Upon release from the hospital, the child was placed in foster care. There were no other children in the home.

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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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