



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

David Lujan, Director
Katie Hobbs, Governor

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	07/11/2023
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 11-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 06/03/2023

3. Date of near fatality: 06/02/2023

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:
06/19/2023

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:

Faisal Saleh Abdullah – age 38 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On June 3, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding an 11-year-old child who was found unresponsive at home and was transported to the hospital the next day. Upon examination, it was determined the child was in critical condition and multiple injuries were observed. On June 7, 2023, a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On June 19, 2023, the court found the father, Faisal Saleh Abdullah, physically abused, medically neglected, and was unable to provide proper care and control of 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):**

There were no prior DCS reports involving Faisal Saleh Abdullah and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation is being 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 other children in the home were placed with a kinship caregiver. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was also placed with the same caregiver.

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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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