



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT of CHILD SAFETY

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Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	09/25/2023
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 4-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 01/07/23

3. Date of near fatality: 01/07/23

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:
09/06/23

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:

Hivana Silfator – age 29 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On January 7, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 4-year-old child who was taken to the hospital after being shot in the head. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition. On January 25, 2023, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court alleging neglect by the mother, Hivana Silfator. On September 6, 2023, the court found the mother, Hivana Silfator, neglected the near fatality victim and her siblings by failing to provide a safe and effective home environment or to provide the children with appropriate supervision.

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 reports involving Hivana Silfator and the near fatality victim:

On November 27, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Hivana Silfator. The investigation assessed the child as safe with their mother and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was offered voluntary in-home services by the Department and the case was closed on May 5, 2016.

On October 9, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by her mother, Hivana Silfator. The investigation assessed the child as safe with her mother and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community resources and the case was closed on December 11, 2018.

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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, the other children in the home were placed with relatives. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was also placed with the relative.

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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