

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	12/15/2023
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 3-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 7/13/21
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 7/13/21
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:**
8/6/21
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Tucson, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Patrick Smith – age 33 – Tucson, AZ

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

On July 13, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 3-year-old male who was taken to the hospital in critical condition. The child had multiple injuries that were believed to be non-accidental. On August 6, 2021, the father, Patrick Smith, was charged with child abuse.

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 Patrick Smith and/ or the near fatality victim:

On June 29, 2018, the Department received a report alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by his mother and father, Patrick Smith. A dependency petition was filed and the Department provided services. The child was reunified with his father. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated as to the father and substantiated as to the mother.

On May 25, 2021, the Department received a report alleging physical abuse to the near fatality victim by his father, Patrick Smith. The report was investigated with law enforcement and no evidence of abuse was found. The case remained open when the near fatality report was received on July 13, 2021.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Pima County Sheriff’s Office.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the children were removed and placed in foster care.

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

The Department provided 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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