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ary Report Near Fatality 01/23/2024

1. Near Fatality Victim: two-year-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 12/22/2021

3. Date of near fatality: 12/22/2021

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 08/06/2023

- **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:

Keshia Chambers – age 30 – Phoenix, AZ Leslie Davis – age 51 – Phoenix, AZ Phillip Chambers – age 54 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On December 22, 2021 the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 2-year-old child who was taken to the hospital by ambulance after becoming unresponsive at home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to fentanyl ingestion. On August 6, 2023, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect to the child by their grandparents, Leslie Davis and Phillip Chambers, and by their mother, Keshia Chambers.

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 Phillip Chambers as an alleged perpetrator.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Keshia Chambers, Leslie Davis, and/or the near fatality victim:

On May 1, 2006, a report was received alleging neglect to three children by their mother, Leslie Davis. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on June 8, 2006. The family was offered and declined services.

On January 30, 2007, a report was received alleging neglect to two children by their mother, Leslie Davis. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on April 13, 2007. The family was offered and declined services.

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On March 19, 2012, a report was received after a private dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County juvenile court alleging neglect to a child by their mother, Leslie Davis. The allegation was substantiated. The Department provided services to the family and the dependency was dismissed on August 8, 2013.

On November 13, 2015, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by Keshia Chambers. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed on January 12, 2016.

On December 11, 2018, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by Keshia Chambers. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed on April 10, 2019.

On August 8, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to the child and their siblings by their grandmother, Leslie Davis, and another adult. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed on November 13, 2020. The family was offered and declined daycare and community resources.

On March 24, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by another adult. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The investigation was still in progress when the next report was received.

On April 10, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to the child by his mother, Keshia Chambers, and his grandmother, Leslie Davis. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on June 1, 2021. The family was offered and declined services.

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 near fatality victim and his siblings were assessed as safe in the home.

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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.