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Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	02/01/2024

1. Near Fatality Victim: 7-month-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 6/23/2023

3. Date of near fatality: 6/23/2023

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

Nicole Casebier- 9/22/23 Bodie Husko- 10/23/23

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Mohave County – Bullhead City, AZ

6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Nicole Casebier – age 28 – Bullhead City, AZ Bodie Husko – age 23 – Bullhead City, AZ

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

On June 23, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 7-month-old female who was found unresponsive at the home after being left unsupervised. The child was transported to the hospital, where she was determined to be in critical condition and required ventilation. On June 28, 2023, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Mohave County Superior Court. On September 22, 2023, the court found the mother, Nicole Casebier, neglected the near fatality victim. On October 23, 2023, the court found the father, Bodie Husko, neglected 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 Nicole Casebier, Bodie Husko, and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Bullhead City Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other child in the home was 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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.