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Preliminary Report Near Fatality 01/15/2025
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 10-month-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 11/23/22

3. Date of near fatality: 11/23/22

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

01/09/2025

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County - Peoria, AZ

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

Jaquelyn White - age 33 - Winchester, Virginia

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

On November 23, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a motor vehicle accident involving multiple children who were unrestrained. The accident resulted in a 10-month-old male being transported to the hospital where he was determined to be in critical condition. Two other siblings died in the accident. On December 18, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect to the children by their mother, Jaquelyn White.

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 Jacquelyn White or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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 assessed as safe in their mother's care.

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

The Department offered services to the family, but the family moved out of state prior to services being implemented.

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\*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.