



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT of CHILD SAFETY

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Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	03/12/2024
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 6-month-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 06/13/22

3. Date of near fatality: 06/13/22

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:
01/16/24

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:

Katherine Arellano– age 28 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On June 13, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 6-month-old male who was taken to hospital after being found unresponsive wedged between an adult bed and a wall. Upon evaluation by EMS, the child was determined to be in serious condition. On January 16, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to the child by his mother, Katherine Arellano.

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 Katherine Arellano and/or the near fatality victim.

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 their sibling were assessed as safe in the home with their parents.

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

The Department provided the family with information on services available in the community.

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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).
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