

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>09/17/2024</b>
---------------------------	----------------------	-------------------

- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 4-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 8/26/23
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 8/26/23
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:**  
9/13/24
- 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:**

Kimberely Scott – age 23 – Tucson, AZ

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

On August 26, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 4-month-old child who was taken to the hospital after becoming unresponsive at home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to suspected non-accidental trauma. On September 5, 2023, the mother, Kimberely Scott, was indicted for one count of child abuse and three counts of aggravated assault.

**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 Kimberely Scott and the near fatality victim:

On April 16, 2023, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by his mother, Kimberely Scott. The investigation assessed the baby as safe with his parents and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The next report was received while the investigation was ongoing.

On May 16, 2023, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by his father. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family declined voluntary in-home services offered by the Department and the case was closed on July 23, 2023.

**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:**

There were no other children in the home. Upon discharge from the hospital, the child was taken into DCS custody and placed in a foster home.

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

The Department is providing services to the child.

\*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.