



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT of CHILD SAFETY

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Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	03/13/2024
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 3-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 2/7/2023

3. Date of near fatality: 2/7/2023

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:
2/13/2024

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County – Chandler, AZ

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

Latonya Reamey – age 41 – Chandler, AZ

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

On February 7, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 3-year-old female child who was found unresponsive at the home and brought to the hospital by EMS services. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to methadone ingestion. On February 13, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of physical abuse to the child by their mother, Latonya Reamey.

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 report involving Latonya Reamey and/or the near fatality victim:

On May 7, 2011, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by the mother, Latonya Reamey. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed July 9, 2011.

On July 28, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to a child by the mother, Latonya Reamey, and another adult. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed on April 11, 2015. The family was provided with community resources.

On October 14, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by the mother, Latonya Reamey. The allegation was substantiated. The family participated in in-home services and the case was closed on December 18, 2020.

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

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A joint investigation was conducted with the Chandler Police Department.

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

There were no other children in the home. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim remained in-home under a safety plan with relatives and the family was referred for in-home services.

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

The family completed in-home services and the case was closed on June 30, 2023.

*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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