

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	01/17/2025
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 9-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 11/09/2022
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 11/09/2022
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:**
1/15/2025
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Goodyear, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Elizabeth Marie Dorney– age 29 – Goodyear, AZ

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

On November 9, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 9-month-old child who was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition. The child was in the care of her mother, Elizabeth Marie Dorney, when she nearly drowned after being unsupervised in the bathtub. On January 10, 2025, the Department substantiated the allegation of the neglect to the near fatality victim by her mother, Elizabeth Marie Dorney.

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 the mother, Elizabeth Marie Dorney, or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Goodyear 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 her siblings were assessed as safe.

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

The Department referred the family to in-home services.

*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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