

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	01/14/2025
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 5-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 04/27/2021

3. Date of near fatality: 04/27/2021

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: Santa Cruz County – Nogales, AZ

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

Yvette Urquidez – age 28 – Tucson, AZ

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

On April 27, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a motor vehicle accident that resulted in the near fatality of a 5-year-old female who was not properly restrained. It was reported that the child’s mother, Yvette Urquidez, was driving and ran a red light that resulted in the car accident. The child was transported to the hospital where she was determined to be in critical condition. On December 18, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to the child by her mother, Yvette Urquidez.

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 Yvette Urquidez and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Tucson 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 a sibling were assessed as safe in the care of their other parent.

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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