

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	04/15/2024
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 16-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 11/05/2023
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 11/05/2023
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:**
11/21/2023
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Gila County – Payson, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Tamara Priddy – age 43 – Payson, AZ

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

On November 5, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 16-year-old male who was found unresponsive at home and was transported to the hospital. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition. On November 16, 2023, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Gila County Superior Court. On November 21, 2023, the court found that the mother, Tamara Priddy, neglected the near fatality victim.

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 Tamara Priddy and/or the near fatality victim:

On June 17, 2019, report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim and a sibling by the near fatality victim’s father and mother, Tamara Priddy. The allegations of neglect by the father and mother, Tamara Priddy, were substantiated. The family declined services offered by the Department and the case was closed on October 4, 2019.

On February 7, 2020, a report was received alleging physical abuse to the near fatality victim and a sibling by their father, and neglect by their mother, Tamara Priddy. The investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The family declined services offered by the Department and the case was closed on May 15, 2020.

On March 5, 2023, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim and a sibling by their mother, Tamara Priddy. An investigation was initiated and efforts were made

to locate Mrs. Priddy without success. The case was closed as unable to locate on August 14, 2023.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Payson Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other child in the home was placed in licensed foster care. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was also placed in foster care.

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

The Department is providing services to the family.

*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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