

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	04/16/2024
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 1-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 12/02/22

3. Date of near fatality: 12/02/22

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

Jose Samaniego Jr. – 10/09/23

Jocelyn Maddox – 11/13/23

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Santa Cruz County – Rio Rico, AZ

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

Jose Samaniego Jr. – age 28 – Rio Rico, AZ

Jocelyn Maddox – age 26 – Rio Rico, AZ

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

On December 2, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-year-old female who was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to opioid ingestion. On October 9, 2023, the Santa Cruz County Superior Court found the father, Jose Samaniego Jr., guilty on two counts of felony child abuse. On November 13, 2023, the Santa Cruz County Superior court found the mother, Jocelyn Maddox, guilty on two counts of felony child abuse.

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 Jose Samaniego Jr., Jocelyn Maddox, and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Santa Cruz County Sherriff's Office.

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 removed and placed with relatives.

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

The Department provided 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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