

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	04/16/2024
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 15-year-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 04/26/22

3. Date of near fatality: 04/25/22

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:
11/08/23

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

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

Diana Diaz – age 36 – Yuma, AZ

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

On April 26, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 15-year-old male who was stabbed multiple times. A witness contacted emergency services and the child was transported to the hospital. Upon examination, he was determined to be in serious condition. On May 3, 2022, the child’s mother, Diana Diaz, was indicted by a Yuma County grand jury with attempted first-degree murder and aggravated assault. On November 8, 2023, the court found Diana Diaz guilty of aggravated assault.

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 Diana Diaz and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Yuma 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 assessed as safe with their father. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was placed with a relative.

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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