

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	05/03/2024
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 1-month-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 03/06/23

3. Date of near fatality: 03/06/23

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:
05/01/24

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

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

Shelby Everett – age 28 – Tucson, AZ

Traci Roman – age 28 – Tucson, AZ

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

On March 6, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-month-old male who was transported to the hospital. Upon evaluation, the child was determined to be in serious condition and was found to have subarachnoid hemorrhages requiring admission to the PICU. Ultimately, the father admitted to shaking the child multiple times. On March 29, 2023, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Juvenile Court alleging abuse and/or neglect to the near fatality victim by his parents, Shelby Everett and Traci Roman. On May 3, 2023, the court found that the father, Shelby Everett, abused and/or neglected the child due to injuries that child sustained while in his father’s care. On May 16, 2023, the court found that the mother, Traci Roman, abused and/or neglected the child, as she left the child in Mr. Everett’s care.

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 Shelby Everett, Traci Roman, 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 other child in the home was placed with a kinship caregiver. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was placed in a foster home for

medically fragile children. The near fatality victim was transitioned to a relative's home with his sibling in December 2023.

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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