

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>06/12/2024</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 3/20/21
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 3/20/21
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:**  
06/05/2024
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ

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

Elisa Martinez – age 20 – Phoenix, AZ  
Gabriel Ramirez - age 18 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On March 20, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-month-old female who was taken to the hospital. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition and was diagnosed with failure to thrive and malnutrition. The investigation determined that the mother, Elisa Martinez, and her significant other, Gabriel Ramirez, had not consistently provided the child with food or medical care prior to her hospitalization. On December 5, 2023, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect to the child by Gabriel Ramirez. On May 23, 2024, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect to the child by the mother, Elisa Martinez.

**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 Gabriel Ramirez, and/or the near fatality victim.

DCS received the following prior report involving Elisa Martinez:

On July 22, 2020, a report was received alleging physical abuse to two children by their mother, Elisa Martinez. There was no evidence found to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix 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 remained in the home with a safety plan in place. The other children in the home were assessed as safe.

**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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