



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	10/14/2022
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 04/10/21
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 04/09/21
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/03/22
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Tempe, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Jordan Rakita – age 33 – Tempe, AZ

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

On April 10, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-year-old child who was involved in a near drowning incident. The child was taken to the hospital where he was determined to be in critical condition. The child was in the care of his father, Jordan Rakita, when he nearly drowned at his home. On October 3, 2022, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect of the child by his father, Jordan Rakita.

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 Jordan Rakita and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Tempe 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 and his sibling were assessed as safe with their parents.

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

There were no services provided by the Department.

*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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