



**ARIZONA**  
DEPARTMENT  
*of* CHILD SAFETY

Matthew Stewart, Director  
Katie Hobbs, Governor

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>1/10/2023</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** one-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 9/14/22
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 9/13/22
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 11/22/22
- 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:**

Deseray Chavez – age 28 – Phoenix, AZ  
Joshua Trujillo – age 32 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On September 14, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a one-year-old female who had been taken to the hospital and was determined to be in critical condition due to severe malnutrition. On September 16, 2022 the Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On November 22, 2022 the court ruled the parents, Deseray Chavez and Joshua Trujillo, medically neglected the near-fatality victim.

**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)\*\*:**

DCS received the following prior reports involving Deseray Chavez, Joshua Trujillo, and/or the near fatality victim:

On May 27, 2012, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling by the mother, Deseray Chavez. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services and resources available in the community and the case was closed.

On July 26, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by her parents, Deseray Chavez and Joshua Trujillo. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

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On May 29, 2022, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling by the mother, Deseray Chavez. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was transferred to the in-home section for additional services and ongoing case management.

On August 24, 2022, the Department received a report with allegations of neglect as to the near-fatality victim and the siblings in the home by Deseray Chavez and Joshua Trujillo. The Department implemented a safety plan while continuing efforts to further engage the family.

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

A joint investigation is being 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 other children in the home were placed with relatives. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was placed in foster care.

**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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