



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

David Lujan, Director
Katie Hobbs, Governor

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	04/25/2023
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 10-month-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 04/08/2022

3. Date of near fatality: 04/08/2022

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:
4/12/23

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:

Jamie Whitson – age 42 – Tucson, AZ

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

On April 8, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a ten-month-old male who was taken to the hospital in critical condition. Upon examination, the child tested positive for fentanyl. On April 12, 2023, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to the near fatality victim by the grandmother, Jamie Whitson.

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 Jamie Whitson 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:

Upon release from the hospital, the child was assessed as safe in the care of their parents. Following an assessment of child safety, Ms. Whitson’s child was determined to be safe in the home.

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

The Department provided services to the family.

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*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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