

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>03/30/2023</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** One-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 10/11/21
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 10/11/21
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 03/14/23
- 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:**

Scott Forrester – age 35 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On October 11, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a one-year-old male who was taken to the hospital after being found non-responsive. Upon evaluation, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to fentanyl ingestion. On March 14, 2023, the Department of Child Safety substantiated the allegation of neglect against the father, Scott Forrester.

**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 Scott Forrester and/or the near fatality victim.

**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:**

Upon release from the hospital, the child was assessed as safe in the care of the other parent. There were no other children in the home.

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

The Department provided the family with information on services available in the community.

\*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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