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Preliminary Report Near Fatality 04/04/2023

1. Near Fatality Victim: two-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 6/19/2021

3. Date of near fatality: 6/19/2021

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 12/16/2022

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County – Gilbert, AZ

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

Nasim Naveed Naimi- age 35 - Gilbert, AZ

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

On June 19, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a two-year-old female who was transported to the hospital after becoming unresponsive as result of fentanyl ingestion while in her father's care. Upon evaluation, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to respiratory arrest. On March 23, 2022, Nasim Naimi pled guilty as charged to felony child abuse related to the near fatality victim's fentanyl ingestion. On December 12, 2022, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect pertaining to the child's father, Nasim Naimi, for failing to provide supervision and shelter as he had fentanyl accessible to the child that resulted in the child ingesting fentanyl and requiring medical attention.

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 the child's mother, the father, Nasim Naimi, and/or the near fatality victim:

On March 29, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect by the child's mother and the father, Nasim Naimi, to siblings. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On February 6, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect by the child's mother and the father, Nasim Naimi, to siblings. The allegation was substantiated and resulted in the removal of the siblings from the home. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile court and was providing services to the family when a subsequent report was received.

On September 10, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by the child's mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The Department remained involved due to the open dependency, however the near fatality victim remained in the home while the family completed services. The siblings were returned home with the parents, the dependency was dismissed on March 27, 2019, and the case was closed.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Gilbert Police Department.

Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Following an assessment of child safety, the near fatality victim and their siblings were assessed as safe in the care of the other parent.

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). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.