



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>1/12/17</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 5-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 12/29/16
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 12/29/16
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 1/5/17
- 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:**

Samantha Osteraas – age 28 – Tucson, AZ

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

On December 29, 2016, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 5-year-old girl who had been scalded in a bathtub at home. The child was admitted to the hospital in critical condition. The investigation determined she had been in the care of her mother, Samantha Osteraas, who has been charged with child abuse.

**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 has received no prior reports of abuse or neglect involving Samantha Osteraas.

DCS has received the following involving the near fatality victim:

On December 7, 2012 and December 17, 2012, reports were received alleging neglect to an unknown child by unknown parents. An investigation was initiated and it was later determined that the child involved was the current near fatality victim. The case was open when a subsequent report was received. The allegations were later unsubstantiated.

On April 2, 2013, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by her biological parents. The child was removed from the home and the Department filed a dependency petition with the Pima County Juvenile Court. The allegations were substantiated.

On January 7, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by a caregiver. The investigation resulted in the removal of the child and the allegation was substantiated.

On May 15, 2015, a report was received alleging physical abuse to the child by a caregiver. The investigation assessed the child as safe in the home and the allegation was unsubstantiated.

On November 23, 2015, a report was received alleging past sexual abuse to the child by her biological father and physical abuse by her biological mother. The allegations were unsubstantiated.

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

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Pima County Sheriff's 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 removed and placed in licensed foster care. The near fatality victim remains hospitalized.

**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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