



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	03/08/2022
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 10-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 12/26/2020
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 12/26/2020
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 01/07/2021
- 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:**

Laura Rodriguez – age 30 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On December 26, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 10-month-old child who was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. Upon examination, it was determined that the child had ingested fentanyl. On January 7, 2021, the Department of Child Safety substantiated the allegation of neglect against the mother, Laura Rodriguez.

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 Laura Rodriguez and/or the near fatality victim:

On October 21, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to other child in the home by the mother, Laura Rodriguez. The allegations were unsubstantiated. The mother was referred to community resources and the case was closed.

On December 17, 2015, a report was received alleging physical abuse to another child by Laura Rodriguez. The allegation was substantiated. It was determined that the child’s biological mother was protective and the case was closed.

On March 8, 2017, a report was received alleging physical abuse to another child by Laura Rodriguez. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to in-home services.

On February 25, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by her mother, Laura Rodriguez. The investigation assessed the baby as safe with her mother and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The mother was referred to community resources and the case was closed.

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:



Following an assessment of child safety, all the children in the home were found to be 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).
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