



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	03/18/2022
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** One-year-old-male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 02/25/2020
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 02/24/2020
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 12/16/2021
- 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:**

Kenya Martinez Cardenas – age 23 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On February 25, 2020, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a one-year-old male involved in a near drowning incident. The victim arrived at the hospital where he was determined to be in critical condition. The child was in the care of his mother, Kenya Martinez Cardenas, when he nearly drowned at her home. The Department substantiated the allegation of neglect of the child by his mother.

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 report involving Kenya Martinez Cardenas:

On November 7, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to another child by their mother, Kenya Martinez Cardenas, and another adult. The investigation assessed the other child to be safe with the mother and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was given information on 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, the near fatality victim and his siblings were determined to be safe in the home with their parents.

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

The Department provided 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.



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** 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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