



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	03/18/2022
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 3-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 03/30/21
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 03/30/21
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 02/23/22
- 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:**

Sedona Funderburg– age 24 – Tucson, AZ
Xavier Hyser– age 23 – Tucson, AZ

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

On March 30, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 3-year-old male involved in a near drowning incident. The child was transported to the hospital and determined to be in critical condition. On February 23, 2022, the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect of the child by his mother, Sedona Funderburg, and her significant other, Xavier Hyser.

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 Xavier Hyser.

DCS received the following prior report involving Sedona Funderburg and the near fatality victim:

On February 16, 2018, report was received alleging neglect to the child by his father and mother, Sedona Funderburg. The allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was still open when the next report was received.

On February 20, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by his father and mother, Sedona Funderburg. The family was referred for services in the community and provided daycare. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on April 6, 2018.

On June 20, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect of the child by the father and mother, Sedona Funderburg. The family was referred for in-home services, which they completed successfully. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on October 26, 2018.

On February 13, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by his mother, Sedona Funderburg. The family was provided community resources and daycare. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed on April 19, 2019.

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



A joint investigation was conducted with the Pima County Sheriff's Office.

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

Following an assessment of the child safety, the child was assessed as safe. 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:

There were no services provided by the Department.

*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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