



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	03/18/2022
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 06/14/21
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 06/14/21
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 10/27/21
- 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:**

Antoinette Malone – age 19 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On June 14, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-year-old male who was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to fentanyl ingestion. On July 14, 2021, a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On October 27, 2021, the court found the mother, Antoinette Malone, failed to protect the near fatality victim.

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 the child’s mother, Antoinette Malone, and the near fatality victim:

On January 9, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by his mother, Antoinette Malone. The investigation assessed the child as safe with his mother and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The mother declined child care services offered by the Department and the case was closed on March 13, 2020.

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:

Upon release from the hospital, a safety plan was implemented with relatives requiring the contact between the parents and child be monitored. An in-home dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court on July 14, 2021. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident.

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.



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*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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