



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	5/13/2022
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 4-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 3/23/22
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 3/23/22
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 4/1/22
- 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:**

Raul Franco – age 17 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On March 23, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 4-year-old child who was taken to the hospital in critical condition after being shot in the neck during an altercation between the child’s mother’s significant other and other teenagers. On April 1, 2022, Raul Franco was charged with aggravated assault and endangerment.

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 Raul Franco and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Glendale Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the children in the home were assessed as safe with their mother.

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

No services have been provided to the family at this time as the investigation remains open.

*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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