



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	05/25/2022
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 2-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 4/7/22
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 4/7/22
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 5/12/22
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Chandler, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Adrian Muela – age 22 – Chandler, AZ

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

On April 7, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 2-month-old child that was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive with seizure-like activity. The child was determined to be in critical condition and suffered from multiple injuries including a brain bleed. The father, Adrian Muela, was arrested and charged with abuse on May 12, 2022, after he admitted to shaking the child.

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 Adrian Muela and/or the near fatality victim.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Chandler Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the children were assessed as safe with the children’s mother.

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

The Department is providing in-home 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.

** 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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