



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	08/20/2021
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 3-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 03/07/2021
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 03/07/2021
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:** 08/09/2021
- 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:**

Ashley Fishnich AKA Fields – age 35 – Phoenix, AZ
Justin Fields – age 34 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On March 7, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 3-year-old child that was taken to the hospital in an altered state. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to marijuana ingestion. On August 9, 2021, the Department substantiated allegations of neglect of the child by his parents, Justin Fields and Ashley Fishnich AKA Fields.

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 Justin Fields:

On July 11, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to the children by their father, Justin Fields. The investigation assessed the children as safe. The allegations were unsubstantiated and no services were offered to the family.

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 assessed as safe 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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