

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>03/01/2023</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 10-year-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 12/09/21
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 12/09/21
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 08/03/22
- 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:**

Chloe Rae Sergent – age 25 – Phoenix, AZ  
Keola Kalani Wimbish – age 38 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On December 9, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 10 year-old-girl, who was being physically abused. She was transported to the hospital due to several open wounds and broken bones. The child was determined to be in serious condition. On December 15, 2021, a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On April 12, 2022, the child’s mother, Chloe Rae Sergent, and the mother’s significant other, Keola Kalani Wimbish, were indicted on several counts of child abuse. On August 3, 2022, the court made a finding that Chloe Rae Sergent and Keola Kalani Wimbish abused 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 reports involving the child’s father, mother, Chloe Rae Sergent, Keola Kalani Wimbish and the near fatality victim:

On July 29, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by her father and mother, Chloe Rae Sergent. The investigation resulted in the child coming into DCS custody and a dependency petition was filed on August 3, 2015. The family successfully completed services. DCS requested the dependency be dismissed and the court granted the dismissal on January 18, 2017.

On November 10, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by other adult relatives the child was living with. The allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on January 17, 2016.

On February 7, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to the child by her mother, Chloe Rae Sergent. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated and the case was closed on March 26, 2017.

On March 29, 2021, a report was received alleging neglect to the child and her siblings by the near fatality victim's father, the children's mother Chloe Rae Sergent, and Keola Kalani Wimbish. The investigation resulted a safety plan being implemented with a relative supervising the parents contact with the children. An in-home dependency petition was filed on April 19, 2021. The family successfully completed services. The dependency matter was dismissed on August 9, 2021 prior to an adjudication. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed on October 21, 2021.

**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 other children in the home were placed in licensed foster care. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was also placed in a licensed foster home. The children have since been placed together in the same licensed foster home.

**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.

\*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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