



<b>Summary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>6/19/19</b>
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**1. Victim:** 8-year-old male

**2. Was the child residing in the child's home or in an out-of-home placement at the time of the near fatality?**

The child was residing in his home when the following incident occurred:

On February 19, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding an 8-year-old male that was taken to the hospital in critical condition after being run over by a vehicle driven by his grandmother, Kimberly Southern. On April 25, 2019, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect by Kimberly Southern.

**3. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in the child's home, the following information will be provided:**

**a. Services being provided to the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect at the time of the incident and the date of the last contact before the incident between the entity providing services and the person receiving services:**

No services were being provided to the family by the Department of Child Safety at the time of the incident.

**b. Was the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect the subject of a report for investigation at the time of the incident?**

No.

**c. All involvement of the child's parents and of the person suspected of the abuse or neglect in a situation for which a report for investigation was made or in services provided pursuant to this chapter in the five years preceding the incident:**

Kimberly Southern was involved in the following prior reports within the past five years:

On January, 22, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by Kimberly Southern. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On November 8, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by Kimberly Southern. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On June 24, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by Kimberly Southern. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

The child's mother was involved in the following prior reports within the past five years:

On January, 22, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by his mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On August 7, 2017, a report was received alleging physical abuse and neglect to the near fatality victim's siblings by their mother. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.



On July 20, 2017, a report was received alleging physical abuse and neglect to a sibling by their mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On June 18, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim and their siblings by their mother. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On January 27, 2015, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by their mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On December 17, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse and neglect to the near fatality victim's siblings by their mother. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the family was provided in-home services.

On August 28, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim and their siblings by their mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the family was provided in-home services.

On April 26, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse to the near fatality victim's sibling by their mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed. The family was involved in resources within the community and were provided child care.

On February 26, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse and neglect to the near fatality victim and his siblings by their mother. The report was unsubstantiated and the case was closed. The family was involved in resources within the community.

**d. Any investigation pursuant to a report for investigation concerning the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect or services provided to the child or the child's family since the date of the incident involving the near fatality:**

The investigation of the near fatality report resulted in the near fatality victim's sibling being removed and placed with a relative. A dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court regarding the sibling. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was placed in a medical group home and a dependency petition was filed. The allegation of neglect pertaining to Kimberly Southern was substantiated.

**4. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in an out-of-home placement, the following information will be provided:**

**a. Licensing Agency:**

N/A

**b. Licensing history of the out-of-home placement, including the type of license held by the operator of the placement and the period for which the placement has been licensed:**

N/A

**c. Summary of all violations by the licensee:**

N/A



**d. Any other actions by the licensee or an employee of the licensee that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of a child.**

N/A

**5. Actions taken by the Department in response to the case including any changes to policy or practice and/or recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes:**

The Department conducted a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department. Following an assessment of child safety, one child was placed with relatives and upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was placed in a medical group home. The Department filed dependency petitions for both children and services are being provided. The Department substantiated the allegation of neglect pertaining to Kimberly Southern. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect have been received.

Additionally, in accordance with the DCS Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16), multidisciplinary team (MDT) reviews of fatality and near fatality cases were implemented during the first quarter of FY16. The MDT reviews of fatality and near fatality cases, especially those with prior DCS involvement, are a key feature of the Strategic Plan and support the objective of increasing the accuracy of safety and risk assessments in investigations.

Cases are reviewed by the MDT in order to identify any systemic factors, both internal and external to the Department that may have had an impact. The Department uses the aggregate data gathered through all of the MDT reviews to assess and guide future changes and/or recommendations to policies, practices, rules or statutes. Findings from these reviews are compiled into an annual report to be shared on the DCS website. The target date for release of the next report is December 1, 2019.

For more information regarding the Department of Child Safety's Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016, please visit the DCS website.