

Summary Report	Near Fatality	02/09/2024
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1. Victim: five-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 July 28, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding neglect to a five-year-old male and their siblings. The children were transported to the hospital for evaluations and upon evaluation, it was determined that the child was in serious condition and was diagnosed with severe protein-calorie malnourishment complicated by refeeding syndrome, failure to thrive, and dehydration. On August 11, 2023, a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On September 18, 2023, the court found that the parents, Janiece Brooks and Tremaure Stanley, neglected the near fatality victim and their siblings.

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:

Although no services were being provided to the family prior to the July 28, 2023 near fatality incident, the family was being investigated for a report of neglect to a sibling made earlier in the day of July 28, 2023. The Department had contact with the family on the day both reports were received.

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?

The child's sibling and their parents, Janiece Brooks and Tremaure Stanley, were subjects of the July 28, 2023 report.

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:

DCS received the following prior report involving the child's parents, Janiece Brooks and Tremaure Stanley:

On July 28, 2023, the Department of Child Safety received a report alleging neglect to a child by their parents, Janiece Brooks and Tremaure Stanley. An investigation was initiated and still in progress when the near fatality report was received.

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 child and their siblings being placed in licensed foster care after their release from the hospital. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court and is providing services to the family.

No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect were received regarding the family.

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 is conducting a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim and their siblings were placed in foster care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court and services are being provided. On September 18, 2023, the court found that the parents, Janiece Brooks and Tremaure Stanley, neglected the near fatality victim and their siblings. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect have been received regarding the family.

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 fatality and near fatality cases with prior DCS involvement, which are a key feature of the Strategic Plan and supports 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, 2024.