

Summary Report	Near Fatality	04/04/2023
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1. Victim: two-year-old female

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 her home when the following incident occurred:

On June 19, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a two-year-old female who was transported to the hospital after becoming unresponsive as result of fentanyl ingestion while in her father's care. Upon evaluation, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to respiratory arrest. On March 23, 2022, Nasim Naimi pled guilty as charged to felony child abuse related to the near fatality victim's fentanyl ingestion. On December 12, 2022, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect pertaining to the child's father, Nasim Naimi, for failing to provide supervision and shelter as he had fentanyl accessible to the child that resulted in the child ingesting fentanyl and requiring medical attention.

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:

There were no services 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:

The child's parents involved in the following reports in the five years preceding the near fatality incident:

On March 29, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect by the child's mother and the father, Nasim Naimi, to siblings. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

On February 6, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect by the child's mother and the father, Nasim Naimi, to siblings. The allegation was substantiated and resulted in the removal of the siblings from the home. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Juvenile court and was providing services to the family when a subsequent report was received.

On September 10, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by the child's mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The Department remained involved due to the open dependency, however the near fatality victim remained in the home while the family continued to engage with DCS and services. The siblings were returned home with the parents, the dependency was dismissed on March 27, 2019, and the case was closed.

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 resulted in the child's father being arrested for child abuse. The near fatality victim and their siblings were assessed as safe in the care of the other parent. The allegations of neglect were substantiated against the father, Nasim Naimi, the family was provided with community resources, and the case was closed.

There have been no subsequent reports of abuse or neglect 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 conducted a joint investigation with the Gilbert Police Department. The child's father, Nasim Naimi, was arrested and charged with child abuse. Nasim Naimi pled guilty as

charged to felony child abuse and the Department substantiated the allegations of neglect as to the father. The near fatality victim and their siblings were assessed as safe with the other parent. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed.

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 is using 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 will be compiled into an annual report to be shared on the DCS website. The target date for release of this report is December 1, 2023.