



Summary Report	Near Fatality	06/30/17
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 03/01/17 are displayed below in red.

1. Victim: 4-month-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 December 16, 2016, the Department of Child Safety received a report alleging physical abuse of a 4-month-old near fatality victim. The victim arrived at hospital and upon examination it was determined she was in critical condition. On December 17, 2016, the child's father, Corey Salewsky, was arrested for child abuse. **The child was in the care of the father when she sustained injuries consistent with non-accidental trauma. The mother failed to protect the child from abuse when she left the child with the father after voicing concerns about his ability to care for the child. Allegations of physical abuse were substantiated against the child's father and allegations of neglect were substantiated against the child's mother.**

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 prior to the December 16, 2016 near fatality report, the family was being investigated for an open report from December 7, 2016. An investigation was initiated and the last date of contact with the child was on December 7, 2016.

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 near fatality victim, her mother and father were subjects of the December 7, 2016 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:

The child and her parents were involved in the following report:

On December 7, 2016, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse of the child by her mother and neglect of the child by her father. The investigation was still in progress when the near fatality incident occurred. The Department placed the near fatality victim with a relative and filed a dependency petition in Mohave County Juvenile Court. **The allegations of neglect were substantiated against the child's father and mother and the allegation of physical abuse against the child's mother was unsubstantiated.**

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 into the near fatality resulted in the child's father, Corey Salewsky, being arrested for child abuse. Upon release from the hospital, the child was placed with a relative and the Department filed a dependency petition with the Mohave County Juvenile Court. The Department is providing services to the family. **No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect have been received.**

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 Lake Havasu City Police Department. Lake Havasu City Police Department arrested Corey Salewsky for child abuse. **The allegations of physical abuse by the child's father and neglect by the child's mother were substantiated.**

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.

This case was 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, 2017.

For more information regarding the Department of Child Safety's Strategic Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016, please visit the DCS website at: <https://dcs.az.gov/news/dcs-strategic-plan>.



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