

Summary Report	Near Fatality	03/01/2023
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1. Victim: 10-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 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.

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:

DCS received the following prior reports involving the child's father, mother, Chloe Rae Sergent, Keola Kalani Wimbish and the near fatality victim:

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.

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 being placed in licensed foster care after her release from the hospital. The other children residing in the home were placed in licensed foster care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court on December 15, 2021. Services are being provided to the children. On April 12, 2022, the child's mother, Chloe Rae Sergent, and mother's significant other, Keola Kalani Wimbish, were indicted on several counts of child abuse.

The investigation also resulted in a separate report regarding another child of Keola Kalani Wimbish. That investigation resulted in that child coming into DCS custody.

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. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was placed in a foster home. The other children residing

in the home were placed in licensed foster care. The Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court on December 15, 2021. Services are being provided to the children. On April 12, 2022, the child's mother, Chloe Rae Sergent, and mother's significant other, Keola Kalani Wimbish, were indicted on several counts of child abuse.

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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.