



<b>Information for Release</b>		5/14/15
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**Date of the notification to DCS: 9/8/2014**

**Near Fatality**

**Date of fatality or near fatality: 9/8/2014**

**Child's name: Landon**

**Age at time of incident: 3 years**

**Alleged perpetrator(s) name and age:**

Breann Anzar – age 22  
Eli Nolte – age 25  
Alexandra Scroggins – age 22

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and alleged perpetrator(s):**

Cottonwood, AZ

**Circumstances of the fatality or near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:**

On September 8, 2014, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding 3-year-old Landon who had been brought to the hospital with life-threatening injuries by his father's girlfriend, Breann Anzar. Landon was found to have a traumatic brain injury and explanations provided by caregivers did not match the severity of the injury. The investigation determined that Landon's injuries were caused by physical abuse by Breann Anzar. Landon's parents, Eli Nolte and Alexandra Scroggins, were found to have failed to protect Landon from abuse which led to his injuries.

**Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian\*:**

DCS has received three prior reports alleging neglect of Landon by Alexandra Scroggins and/or Eli Nolte and one additional call made to the DCS Hotline regarding the family:

On February 20, 2011, a report was received alleging that Alexandra Scroggins and Eli Nolte had engaged in a physical altercation in Landon's presence. The investigation found insufficient evidence to support the allegations. The case was still open when a new report was received.

On May 3, 2011, a report was received alleging that Alexandra Scroggins was using marijuana in Landon's presence. The investigation found insufficient evidence to support the allegation. The Department provided services to support the family and the case was closed on June 13, 2011. Both reports were unsubstantiated.

On July 25, 2011, a report was received alleging neglect to Landon due to concerns about Alexandra Scroggins' ability to properly care for him. The investigation assessed Landon to be safe in the care of his grandmother and the case was closed on January 9, 2012.

On February 5, 2012, the Hotline received a call stating Alexandra Scroggins had removed Landon from the grandmother's home with police assistance. This call was taken as a Communication only and therefore there was no investigation.



**1. Actions taken by DCS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:**

The Department of Child Safety, in conjunction with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, conducted a joint investigation with the Cottonwood Police Department.

**2. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:**

Upon release from the hospital, Landon was placed in a licensed foster home.

**3. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:**

The Department of Child Safety is providing services to the family.

\*Posted information provides whether there have been reports, or any current or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).

\*Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.

Information, if any, regarding the child and other family or household members, not specifically related to the fatality or near fatality, is not posted on the website. This also applies to information, if any, regarding the alleged perpetrator(s) and other family or household members.