



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	TBD
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 26-month-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 7/2/15

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4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect: 7/17/15

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ

6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Vanessa Jones – age 25 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On 7/2/15 DCS received a report that 26-month-old male child was in critical condition due to a near drowning. Someone in the home found the child floating on top of the family's pool. The mother of the child was not at home. The DCS investigation determined the child's mother, Vanessa Jones, neglected the child and placed him at risk when she left him with an inappropriate caregiver and failed to clearly communicate with the caregiver that he needed to watch the child.

8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s):

On 1/29/11 DCS received a report alleging neglect involving Vanessa Jones and baby boy age-one-day old. The baby has tested positive for marijuana. Mother admitted using at the start of the pregnancy, because she did not think it was harmful to the baby. Findings were substantiated for neglect on mother and the DCS offered services to the family. Case was closed.

On 8/10/11 DCS received a report alleging mother had left two of her children 15-month-old male and 6-month-old male with a relative who could no longer care for the children. The mother was reported to be in California. Allegations that mother is a prostitute. The family was unable to be located and the case was closed.

On 7/3/12 DCS received a report alleging neglect by mother regarding her two children 28-month-old male and 18-month old male. The report included mother is a prostitute and brings different men to the home. Mother is not feeding the children, does not have clothes for them and does not change the children's diapers. Mother leaves the children alone up to 20-30 minutes at a time. Mother abuses marijuana and alcohol. The allegation was substantiated on mother. The DCS was investigating the report when the following subsequent report was received.

On 8/19/12 DCS received a report alleging physical abuse and neglect regarding by mother regarding her two children, 29-month-old male and 19-month-old male. It was reported that mother hits the children, has substance abuse issues and there is domestic violence in the home. The report alleged mother is a prostitute. A dependency was filed and the DCS offered services to the family. The allegations were substantiated on mother. The children were placed in father's home and the case was closed.



On 3/17/14 DCS received a report alleging neglect by the mother regarding her 10-month-old male child. Mother was observed with cocaine on her nose. Mother is also abusing marijuana with the child in the same room. Mother is a prostitute and has many men coming and going from her home. The allegation was unsubstantiated. DCS did not offer the family services as the mother reported she was residing in another state. Case was closed.

On 3/27/15 DCS received a report alleging neglect as to mother regarding baby boy DOB 3/26/15. The mother tested positive for marijuana on 1/29/15 at a prenatal visit. Baby's meconium was positive for marijuana. Mother said that she used marijuana during the pregnancy to increase her appetite. The report was substantiated as to neglect on mother. Services were being provided to the family when the near fatality report was received.

9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the near fatality:

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, upon the release of the child from the hospital, the child was placed with a relative.

11. 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.

*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

** Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).
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