



Arizona Department of Child Safety

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| Preliminary Report | Near Fatality | 9/10/15 |
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 2-year-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 8/26/15

3. Date of near fatality: 8/26/15

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 8/26/15

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Pima County – Tucson, AZ

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

Alejandra Esquivias – age 22 – Tucson, AZ

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

On August 26, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a two-year-old girl who was brought to the hospital due to having a seizure. Upon examination, the child was found to have a potentially lethal amount of Acetaminophen (Tylenol) in her system. The child's mother, Alejandra Esquivias, was later arrested for felony child abuse.

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):**

DCS has received the following prior reports involving Alejandra Esquivias and the near fatality victim:

On January 24, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to the child and her siblings by Alejandra Esquivias and their father. The concerns involved the parents engaging in domestic violence in the presence of the children. The allegations were unsubstantiated as to Alejandra Esquivias. The family was provided with information on services available in the community and the case was closed on March 5, 2015.

On April 22, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to the child and her siblings and physical abuse to one of the siblings by Alejandra Esquivias. An investigation was initiated and still in progress when the near fatality incident occurred.

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

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Pima County Sheriff's Department.

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

Following an assessment of child safety, the other children in the home were placed in foster care.

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

The Department is providing services to the family.



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*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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