Arizona Department of Child Safety



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	10/15/15

1. Near Fatality Victim: 4-month-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 9/24/14

3. Date of near fatality: 9/24/14

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 8/6/15

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:

Jose Luevanos - age 41 - Tucson, AZ

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

On September 24, 2014 the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 4-month-old male who was taken to the hospital and found to have multi-layer retinal hemorrhaging, a brain bleed, and bruising on his head and body. The DCS investigation determined that the baby sustained the injuries while in the care of Jose Luevanos. The allegation that Jose Luevanos physically abused the baby and caused the injuries has been substantiated.

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 no prior reports involving Jose Luevanos and/or the near fatality victim.

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

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

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

Upon release from the hospital, the child was placed in a licensed foster home. Two of the other children in the home were assessed as being safe in the care of their parents. Another child was assessed as being safe in the care of the child's biological father.

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.

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