



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	5/5/16
--------------------	---------------	--------

1. Near Fatality Victim: 16-month-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 11/29/15

3. Date of near fatality: 11/29/15

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 5/2/2016

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:

Luz Cordoba – age 24 – Phoenix, AZ
Joseph Siciliano – age 28 – Phoenix, AZ

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

On November 29, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the Phoenix Police Department responding to a call that the near fatality victim was found in a canal by his home. The Department substantiated the allegations of neglect as to the child's mother, Luz Cordoba, and father, Joseph Siciliano, as they failed to provide supervision to the near fatality victim and allowed him to be outside unattended resulting in the child nearly drowning in a canal near their home.

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 Luz Cordoba, Joseph Siciliano and/or the fatality victim.

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 release from the hospital, the child was placed back in the home with his parents. There were no other children in the home.

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.