



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>8/6/15</b>
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**1. Near Fatality Victim:** 18-month-old female

**2. Date of notification to DCS:** 9/28/14

**3. Date of near fatality:** 9/28/14

**4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 7/23/15

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

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

Tesia Liggins, age 28 – Mesa, AZ

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

On September 28, 2014, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding an 18-month-old female child who had been transported to the hospital in critical condition. The child was in the care of her mother, Tesia Liggins, when she nearly drowned in the home's pool. The pool was gated but still accessible due to the poor condition of the gates and doors leading to it. The pool was also very green and the bottom could not be seen. The investigation determined that the incident was the result of neglect due to insufficient supervision.

**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 the child or Tesia Liggins.

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

A joint investigation was conducted with the Mesa Police Department.

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

After the family repaired the doors and gates leading to the pool, the child and other children were assessed as safe in the home.

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

The family was offered counseling and in-home services. They were also provided with information on available community resources.

\*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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