

Statement on the near death of a one-year-old boy

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On September 25, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the near fatality of a one-year-old boy.

The child arrived at the hospital in critical condition with multiple, internal injuries.

After the DCS investigation, the Department removed the near fatality victim's sibling from the home and placed the child with a relative.

When the near fatality victim was released from the hospital, he was placed with the same relative.

On October 21, 2019, the court determined that the near fatality victim's mother, Artieona Satterwhite, was responsible for the child's injuries.

The Department substantiated the neglect and physical abuse allegations against Ms. Satterwhite.

The family continues to receive services from the Department.

DCS has the following history involving Ms. Satterwhite and the near fatality victim:

On November 24, 2018, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Satterwhite and her significant other neglected the near fatality victim. According to the report, Ms. Satterwhite and her significant other engaged in a domestic violence altercation with the child present. The investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The Department provided MS. Satterwhite with community resources and the case was closed.