

Statement on the near death of a twelve-year old male

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On October 11, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the near death of a twelve-year-old male involved in a near drowning incident.

The victim arrived at the hospital where doctors determined he was in critical condition.

The child was in the care of his mother, Yaminna Rouse, when he nearly drowned.

The Glendale Police Department's investigation did not lead to charges being filed.

DCS's investigation did not find enough evidence to remove the near fatality victim or his siblings from the home.

However, there was enough evidence to support the allegation that Mrs. Rouse did not properly supervise the child while he was in the pool even though she knew the child could not swim.

The Department substantiated the neglect allegation against Ms. Rouse and the case was closed.

DCS has received the following prior reports involving Ms. Rouse and/or the near fatality victim:

On August 2, 2011, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Rouse and the father physically abused and neglected the near fatality victim and his sibling. According to the report, the father physically abused another child, causing multiple injuries. The DCS investigation determined there was evidence to support the allegations. The children were removed from the home and placed in foster care. A dependency petition was filed with the Yuma County Superior Court and the allegations were substantiated. The Department provided services to the family. The parents successfully completed DCS services. The children were eventually returned to their parents' care and the case was closed.

On May 13, 2016, the Department received two reports alleging the father physically abused the near fatality victim and another child. According to the report, the father physically abused the children, leaving bruises and cuts on them. The DCS investigation did not find any bruises or injuries to the children. When interviewed alone, the children told the investigator that they were well-cared for and not abused. There was not enough evidence to support the allegations. The family was provided with information on services available in the community. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.