



Statement on the near fatality of a two-month-old girl

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On March 17, 2018, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the near fatality of a 2-month-old girl.

The child was taken to the hospital after becoming unresponsive.

At the hospital, doctors diagnosed the child as being in critical condition due to multiple subdural hemorrhages and hematomas. The doctors determined the injuries were non-accidental.

After the child was discharged from the hospital, DCS took custody of the near fatality victim on April 4, 2018, and placed her with a relative.

The Department filed a dependency petition on April 9, 2018, with the Maricopa County Superior Court and provided services to the family

There were no other children living in the home.

On May 21, 2019, the court ruled that the child's parents, Felicity Mayfield and Abraham Herro, physically abused the child and/or failed to protect the child from the physical abuse that led to the child's extensive injuries. This conclusion led the court to sever their parental rights.

DCS has the following history involving the family:

On January 12, 2018, the Department received a report alleging Ms. Mayfield neglected the near fatality victim. According to the report, Ms. Mayfield tested positive for marijuana during her pre-natal checkups. The child tested negative for marijuana at birth. The DCS investigation assessed the child as safe with her mother. The Department offered the family daycare, but they declined. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.