

Statement on the near fatality of a three-month-old boy:

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On January 10, 2022, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the near fatality of a 3-month-old child who was taken to the hospital in an altered state. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to malnutrition.

Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was placed in a licensed foster home.

On January 27, 2022, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Maricopa County Superior Court alleging neglect. On April 8, 2022, the court ruled the parents Anthony Morrow and Raven Elmer neglected the near fatality victim.

The Department is offering services to the family.

DCS received the following prior report involving Ms. Elmer:

On October 4, 2021, the Department received a report alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by Ms Elmer. The report alleged the Ms. Elmer had tested positive for marijuana at the time of the near fatality victim's birth. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The allegation was unsubstantiated and community resources were offered to the family. The case was closed on November 8, 2021.