



Statement on the Near Fatality of a two-month-old boy:

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On February 25, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a two-month-old male who was taken to the hospital and found to be in critical condition with severe head trauma. The injuries were determined to be non-accidental.

On September 4, 2021, Garrett Jones, the father, was charged with child abuse.

Following an assessment of child safety, the near fatality victim was found safe in the home as to the other parent. The Department has been providing services to the family.

DCS received the following prior report involving Garrett Jones:

On June 15, 2011, a report was received alleging physical abuse to another child by their father, Garrett Jones. The report alleged the child had red handprints on his buttocks from the father. There were no injuries observed during the investigation and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The case closed without any further involvement from the Department.