

## **Statement on the near-fatality of a nine-month-old male**

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On July 26, 2024, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a nine-month-old child who was taken to the hospital after being found unresponsive at home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition requiring multiple doses of Narcan and respiratory support due to fentanyl ingestion.

Following an assessment of child safety, the near fatality victim and his siblings were assessed as safe in the care of the other parent.

On August 2, 2024, Joshua Seeber was arrested by Glendale Police Department for child abuse and drug possession. On August 6, 2024, Joshua Seeber was charged with one count of child abuse.

The Department is providing services to the family.

DCS received the following prior report involving Mr. Seeber:

On July 17, 2020, the Department received a report alleging neglect and physical abuse to a child by their father, Joshua Seeber, and their mother. The report alleged concerns for a newborn child not gaining weight appropriately and possible bruising. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the family was provided with information on services available in the community. The case was closed on July 29, 2020.