

Statement on the near death of a four-month-old male

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On August 26, 2023, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 4-month-old child who was taken to the hospital after becoming unresponsive at home. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to suspected non-accidental trauma.

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

On September 5, 2023, the mother, Kimberly Scott, was indicted for one count of child abuse and three counts of aggravated assault.

The Department is providing services to the child.

DCS received the following prior report involving Ms. Scott:

On April 16, 2023, the Department received a report alleging neglect to the child by Ms. Scott. The report alleged Ms. Scott admitted to marijuana use during the first trimester of her pregnancy. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegation. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The family declined services offered to the family and the case was closed on July 31, 2023.