

Statement on the near death of a 4-month-old female

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On July 13, 2024, the Arizona Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the near fatality of a 4-month-old child that was found unresponsive at home. She was transported to the hospital and determined to be in critical condition due to an unsafe sleeping environment.

Upon release from the hospital, the child was placed in licensed DDD foster home. The other children in the home were ultimately placed together with an unlicensed kinship caregiver.

On August 1, 2024, the Department filed a dependency petition with the Gila County Superior Court alleging neglect to the near fatality victim and her siblings by her mother and father, Tamar Bradley. On September 23, 2024, the father pleaded no contest to the dependency petition.

The Department is providing services to the family.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Mr. Bradley:

On September 25, 2018, the Department received a report alleging neglect to a child by their mother and Mr. Bradley. The report alleged an incident where Mr. Bradley pushed the child's mother and the child was born premature. There are concerns of domestic violence between the parents. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and services were offered to the family; however, services were not completed by the family. The case was closed on October 3, 2018.

On October 29, 2020, the Department received a report alleging neglect to children by their mother and Mr. Bradley. The report alleged the home conditions were cluttered and could be a hazard to the children. It was also alleged the children were dirty and smell like cat urine. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and no services were offered to the family. The case was closed on December 18, 2020.

On February 23, 2021, the Department received a report alleging neglect to children by their mother and Mr. Bradley. The report alleged the home conditions were dirty with animal feces in a children's bedroom and could be a hazard to the children. It was also alleged one of the children was seen putting wood pellets in their mouth. The DCS investigation resulted in the filing of an in-home dependency petition with Gila County Superior Court. The allegations were substantiated. The family participated in services and the dependency was dismissed in April of 2022. The case was closed on April 27, 2022.

On July 24, 2021, the Department received a report alleging neglect and physical abuse to children by their mother and Mr. Bradley. The report alleged there was an argument with the parents and the father was attempting to prevent the mother from leaving by jumping on a car windshield. There were additional concerns the children were in the car when the windshield broke. The DCS investigation found evidence to support and substantiate the allegations of neglect. The physical abuse allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was still

open and the family was participating in the provided services during the in-home dependency matter. The case was closed on April 27, 2022.