

Statement on the near fatality of a two-year-old girl

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On June 19, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a two-year-old female who was transported to the hospital after becoming unresponsive as result of fentanyl ingestion while in her father's care. Upon evaluation, the child was determined to be in critical condition due to respiratory arrest. A joint investigation was completed with the Gilbert Police Department and the father, Nasim Naimi, was arrested and charged with child abuse. On March 23, 2022, Nasim Naimi pled guilty as charged to felony child abuse related to the near fatality victim's fentanyl ingestion. The near fatality victim and their siblings were assessed as safe in the other parent's care. The allegations of neglect were substantiated against the father, Nasim Naimi, the family was provided with community resources, and the case was closed.

DCS received the following prior reports involving Nasim Naimi:

On March 29, 2015, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling by the child's mother and father, Nasim Naimi. The report included concern for the parents using drugs while caring for the children and that the drugs were within reach of the children. The DCS investigation did not find evidence to support the allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

On February 6, 2017, a report was received alleging neglect to siblings by the child's mother and the father, Nasim Naimi. The report included concern for domestic violence between the parents occurring in front of the children, even after previous police involvement. There was concern that the parents were continuing to have contact, despite no contact orders that were in place. The report also included concern for possible substance use in the home. An assessment of child safety determined that the children were not safe in either parents' care. The children were removed and placed with a family member. During the dependency, the near-fatality victim was born and an additional report was generated. The parents completed family reunification services, including drug testing, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence counseling, parenting services, and in-home reunification services. The dependency was dismissed on March 27, 2019, and the case was closed.

On September 10, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to the near fatality victim by their mother. The report included that the child was born substance exposed to methadone. The mother was prescribed the medication and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The Department remained involved with the parents and the near-fatality victim due to the open dependency for the siblings. A plan was put in place for supervised contact for the parents with the baby while the parents continued to engage in the services that were already being provided.