

<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>03/11/2026</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 1-year-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 9/30/25
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 9/30/25
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:**  
3/4/26
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Markesia Crosslin – age 31 – Phoenix, AZ

**7. Circumstances of the near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:**

On September 30, 2025, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 1-year-old male who was brought to the hospital after having an altered mental status and seizure-like symptoms. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in serious condition, with multiple injuries to his abdomen, including his intestine and spleen. On October 3, 2025, a dependency petition was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court. On January 7, 2026, the court found the near fatality victim dependent as to their mother, Markesia Crosslin.

**8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s)\*\*:**

DCS received the following prior reports involving Markesia Crosslin and the near fatality victim:

On October 8, 2012, a report was received alleging neglect of children by their mother, Markesia Crosslin, and another adult. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated as to both caregivers.

On April 24, 2019, a report was received alleging neglect to children by their mother, Markesia Crosslin. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated

On December 28, 2020, a report was received alleging neglect of a child by their mother, Markesia Crosslin. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On November 1, 2022, a report was received alleging physical abuse to a child by their mother, Markesia Crosslin. The allegation was unsubstantiated, and community resources were provided to the family.

On June 5, 2023, a report was received alleging neglect and physical abuse to children by the near fatality victim's father and mother, Markesia Crosslin. The allegations were unsubstantiated as to both caregivers and community resources were provided to the family.

On August 14, 2023, a report was received alleging neglect, physical and emotional abuse to a child by the near fatality victim's father and mother, Markesia Crosslin. The allegations were unsubstantiated as to both caregivers.

On March 25, 2024, a report was received alleging neglect to children by their mother, Markesia Crosslin. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated a resource guide was provided to the mother.

On April 28, 2025, a report was received alleging neglect to the near-fatality victim and his siblings by the mother, Markesia Crosslin, and another adult. The report was still open when the near fatality report was received on September 30, 2025. This allegation of neglect was later unsubstantiated.

**9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the near fatality:**

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

**10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:**

Following an assessment of child safety, the other children in the home were placed in a licensed foster home. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was also placed in out-of-home care.

**11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:**

The Department is providing services to the family.

\*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

\*\* Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).  
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