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CHILD DROWNING 1300 BLOCK OF SOUTH BRISTOL AVENUE

The Tucson Police Department is investigating the drowning of a 7-year-old boy that took place at a residence in Midtown Tucson yesterday afternoon.

On July 27, 2017, just after 3:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to a residence in the 1300 block of South Bristol Avenue for a report of a missing child. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the mother who called 911. She advised officers that her 7-year-old son had been missing for approximately 30 minutes. Officers began searching the immediate area around the home and located an in-ground swimming pool in the backyard. The pool was dark green and murky and officers were unable to see to the bottom. Officers began skimming the bottom of the pool with a pole they found in the back yard. While skimming the pool, officers located the child underwater. The child was immediately pulled from the water and officers began CPR. Tucson Fire responded to the residence and took over medical treatment. The child was transported to a local hospital, but sadly passed away shortly after arrival.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Child Physical Abuse Unit responded to continue the investigation. At this time, no charges have been issued in the case. Detectives are still investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident. Further details will be released as they become available.

The Tucson Police Department would like to remind the community to take extra precautions if you have or live near a pool or body of water.

- Actively supervise children in and around open bodies of water, giving them your undivided attention.
- If multiple adults are around when children are swimming, identify a specific adult in charge of watching them.
- If you own a pool (in-ground or above ground), make sure it has a four-sided barrier/fence (at least 4 feet high) with a self-closing, self-latching gate.
- Remove steps/ladder when not using an above ground pool.
- Teach your children at an early age how to swim, float and tread water.
- Educate your children. Teach them to never go in or near water without an adult present.
- Take the time to learn CPR. There are many classes available for free or at minimal cost.
- When using inflatable/portable pools, empty them immediately after use and store out of children's reach.

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- If your pool becomes unusable (dirty/murky water) and you are unable to fix it right away, drain the pool so that it does not become a hazard.
- Consider putting door alarms on pool gates and doors that lead to backyards.
- No one should swim alone – even adults. Accidents can happen, so a second person should always be near.

The residential pool from yesterday's tragic drowning had a fence around the backyard, but did not have a four-sided barrier around the pool itself. Please double check your pool areas, make improvements if needed and be overly cautious when thinking about pool safety.

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