

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **18 Month Old Death**

Sheriff Jimmy Harris states as follows:

On June 22, 2009, DeKalb County Emergency 911 received a distress call at approximately 12:00pm from a father in the Aroney community. The father stated that he was in the house while his children, a 3 year old boy and an 18 month old boy, were watching television in another room. The father noticed that the room had become quiet and went into the room where the children were to find them no longer there. He then saw the 3 year old standing in the driveway next to an inflatable pool and the 18 month old was lying face down in the pool. The father ran to call 911 and was instructed to begin CPR until emergency response arrived. DeKalb Ambulance Service along with DeKalb County Sheriff's Office arrived and the child was transported to Marshall Medical Center South where doctors pronounced him dead.

Investigator Mitchell Dendy is investigating the incident. The body has been transported to Huntsville for an autopsy by order of District Attorney Mike O'Dell.

Sheriff Harris said, "This is a tragic incident that no parent or family can prepare for. Our thoughts and prayers go out to this family in this very difficult time."

