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Update re. Child Drowning at Motel Pool

Victim: Jadan Justice, DOB 08/03/07 of 401 34th Street North, Apt #65

Witness: Stephanie Walker, 41 of 401 34th Street North, Apt #14 (performed CPR)

Witness: Joleen Kennedy, 37, of 401 34th Street North, Apt #101 (performed CPR)

Witness: Shawn Collins, 41, of 401 34th Street North, Apt #82 (jumped in and pulled child from the pool)

Based information received from witnesses at the scene it appears that a resident at the Mosley Motel was hosting a birthday party for her three year old child at the motel pool.

A number of adults and children were in attendance, both in the pool and outside of it at the time the drowning took place. The victim's parents were inside their apartment at the motel, but had placed him under the supervision of a 13 year old sibling who was in the pool at the time.

The victim was last seen playing with several other children near the shallow end of the pool, but had apparently slipped down to the deep end of the pool undetected by those present.

Motel resident Shawn Collins was standing outside the pool talking with party's hostess when he looked into the pool and saw the figure of a small child at the bottom of the deep end. He immediately dove in and pulled the child from the bottom and got him to the side of the pool where witnesses Walker and Kennedy administered CPR until Fire Rescue personnel arriving on the scene took over.

The child was transported to All Children's Hospital (previous release indicated Bayfront Medical Center) where he was subsequently pronounced deceased.

At this time the investigation is still active, however no charges have been filed.

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Officers Investigate Apparent Accidental Drowning of a 5 Year Old Child

Officers are on the scene of an apparent accidental drowning at the Mosley Motel, 401 34th Street North.

Officers and Fire Rescue personnel responded to the motel at about 9:40 pm and found the male child had been pulled
from the pool and resuscitation efforts by adults on scene were in progress. The child was subsequently transported to Bayfront Front Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

According to preliminary reports, a party was taking place at the motel which was attended by the parents of the child. The parents and child resides at the motel.

At some point one of the party attendees noticed the child lying at the bottom of the motel pool. Several individuals on the scene help to pull the child from the pool and began CPR efforts until medical personnel arrived on scene. The parents were present and accompanied the child to the hospital.

The investigation is still preliminary and details surrounding the incident are still being gathered. Since the parents are in the process of notifying other relatives, the child’s identity is being withheld and will be released at a later time.

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