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Update re. Accidental Drowning

The two victims of last night’s drowning are twin boys, 14 months old. Both were transported to All Children’s Hospital. As I understand from this morning’s report, doctors determined their condition to be critical and they were transferred to the intensive care unit.

The preliminary investigation determined that the children’s grandmother had stepped outside via a sliding glass door to the backyard to smoke a cigarette. When she returned she failed to fully close the door and this was how the two boys made their way out of the house and into the backyard to the pool.

Both the boy’s mother and father were in the house at the time and began to notice they were missing. They estimated they were out of sight for about 10 minutes. During their search of the interior of the house, they noticed the sliding glass door was partially open.

When they went outside they found both boys floating face down in the pool. The father jumped in and pulled the two boys out of the pool as the mother and a great aunt performed CPR on the children until paramedics arrived.

Apparently there are several families with children of various ages residing at this residence.

At this time the drowning appears to be accidental in nature, however Child Protection Investigators are continuing their inquiry into the overall circumstances at the household.

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At about approximately 8:30 p.m. this evening police and paramedic units responded to 4052 38th Avenue North regarding a report of drowning involving two infant children, both approximately one year of age.

The children apparently made their way out of the house and fell into the backyard pool undetected. Adults in the residence discovered the children in the pool underwater, removed them and began resuscitation efforts while calling 911.

Both children were transported to All Children’s Hospital, but according to a preliminary report they appear to be in good condition with no life threatening injuries.

Officers on the scene report the residence is occupied by multiple families.

The investigation is still ongoing to determine if any negligence is involved in the case.

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