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### Media Release

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**Re:** Toddler Drowns in Family Pool – 2024-000165739

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On 05-27-24 just before 8 p.m., Hernando County deputies along with Hernando County Fire Rescue were dispatched to a residence on Lydia Court in Spring Hill regarding a Drowning.

The 9-1-1 caller reported a two-year-old male had fallen into the swimming pool and was currently unresponsive.

Upon arrival, Sergeant J. Johnson provided CPR to the toddler until Fire Rescue personnel arrived on scene. Paramedics assumed treatment of the toddler, then immediately transported him to a local hospital.

Sadly, at 8:32 p.m., the toddler was pronounced deceased by a physician at the hospital.

Major Case detectives, Forensic technicians, and the Victim Advocate were dispatched to the scene.

Investigation revealed the family moved to Hernando County approximately one month ago. On 05-26-24, the family had a "pool party" at their new residence to celebrate the toddler's second birthday, which fell on Friday, 05-25-24.

Due to the toddler enjoying the pool, his father took him swimming again on the afternoon on 05-27-24. While the toddler and his father played and splashed in the pool, the mother took videos of the two.

On 05-27-24, both parents were in the toddler's bedroom attempting to fix the closet door. The toddler was in the bedroom with them. After a few minutes, they noticed the toddler was no longer in the bedroom and went to look for him.

As the parents began searching the house, they observed, through a sliding glass door in the kitchen/dining room area, the toddler was floating, face-down, in the pool. The parents removed the child from the pool, called 9-1-1, and began performing CPR.

Preliminary investigation revealed no signs of foul play. The incident appears to be tragic accident.

Please join Sheriff Al Nienhuis and the men and women of the Hernando County Sheriff's in sending our deepest condolences to the family as they navigate this tragedy.