

On Saturday, August 8, 2015, at approximately 7:18 pm, the Wadena County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a 1 yr. old child that was found unresponsive in a pool of water on 139th Ave in Blueberry Township. The child's father was the one that discovered the child unresponsive in the water. Upon arrival at the scene, officers began CPR on the child and continued CPR while the child was transported by Tri-County Ambulance to a waiting North Air Care Helicopter located near Menahga School. The child was later pronounced deceased on arrival at Sanford Hospital in Fargo.

Sheriff Michael D. Carr said the father was outside working on the front side of the house for a short time. The father walked to the back of the house and saw the child floating in the water of a small rock pond, approximately four feet deep, in close proximity to the house. The child is believed to have been in the water for approximately 5-10 minutes before being discovered. While the case is still under investigation by the Wadena County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Carr advises foul play is not suspected and all evidence, at this time, indicates this was a tragic accident.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Menahga Police Department, Sebeka Police Department, Tri County Ambulance, Menahga First Responders, Menahga Fire Department, MN State Patrol and North Air Care.