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Child dies following North Kitsap accident

Kingston, Wash. -- A young girl was pronounced dead at Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton, earlier this afternoon, the victim of a tragic accident at her residence in North Kitsap.

The Kitsap County Coroner's Office has identified the child as Hannah K. Bryant, age 14 months.

Kitsap County Sheriff's deputies, along with engine and medic units from North Kitsap Fire & Rescue, responded to property in the 33700 block of NE Eglon Road, northwest of Kingston, regarding a 9-1-1 dispatch of a vehicle vs. pedestrian motor vehicle collision.

Upon arrival emergency responders found family members and neighbors providing first aid for Hannah, who had sustained severe injuries. An airlift request to transport her to Harborview Medical Center, Seattle was ordered but subsequently cancelled due to the lengthy estimated arrival time for the airlift helicopter to the designated landing zone. The patient was then transported by medic unit to Harrison Medical Center.

Although the investigation into the accident remains open, a preliminary analysis by sheriff's traffic deputies indicates that the victim was positioned in the driveway, unseen, behind a family passenger vehicle. The driver, her 15 year-old sister, placed the vehicle into reverse and backed up, unknowingly striking the child. The driver was performing an errand for her mother and using the car to drive on private family property.

The coroner will make a determination as to cause and manner of death. An autopsy is being performed today.

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