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Accident claims life of three year-old

Bremerton, Wash. -- A simple and routine errand turned into a tragic loss for a Central Kitsap family, Sunday evening, with the accidental death of a three year-old little boy.

Sheriff's deputies and emergency crews from Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue responded to the 4800 block of Erlands Point Road NW, in the Chico area north of Bremerton, regarding a frantic 9-1-1 report that the child had fallen off of the back of a pick-up truck.

Despite life saving actions by the child's father, the little boy was declared deceased at the scene by paramedics.

The Kitsap County Coroner has identified the child as Bret Michael Hermann. Following an autopsy Monday afternoon the coroner's determination is that the cause of death was a result of multiple blunt impact head injuries. The manner of death was determined to be accidental.

According to sheriff's traffic investigators the child's mother left the residence around 5:45 p.m. to go to the store, driving a 2006 Chevrolet Colorado 4-door pick-up truck. Her three year-old son ran out of the house, after his mother, and climbed up on the truck's rear bumper. The woman left the driveway and drove on Erlands Point Road, unaware that her son had been on the rear bumper of the truck and had fallen off, striking the asphalt pavement.

The child's father realized that the boy was missing from the house and ran outside to find his son lying in the street. He administered cardio-pulmonary resuscitation until arrival of emergency personnel.

Per standard procedure, completed sheriff's office reports concerning this investigation will be forwarded to the Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office for review.

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