

# LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## PRESS RELEASE

On July 2, 2016 at approximately 12:49 p.m. Lemoore PD patrol officers were dispatched to a residence located in the 800 block of Dogwood Ave. for a report of 3 year old child who suffered from a head injury. Arriving police and medical personnel located the child lying on the floor within the residence with head trauma. A loaded firearm was found near the child and preliminary facts of the investigation revealed the child had sustained a single gun shot wound to the skull. The child was transported to AMC where she was pronounced deceased.

The investigation initiated by Lemoore PD Detectives indicated that the victim child did not reside in the residence where she was found and the injury appears self inflicted. The firearm suspected to have been used in this incident belongs to a member of the household. The family is cooperating with the investigation, which is still ongoing and no criminal charges have been filed at this time.

The case is being investigated as reckless endangerment of a child resulting in death and negligent storage of a firearm. The identity of the victim will remain confidential.

Anyone with information is urged to call Lemoore Police Department Dispatch at (559) 924-5333.