

Bend child, 3, drowns in pond

by Cheryl McDermott

BEND, Ore. — A 3-year-old girl died in what appears to be a tragic accident Sunday afternoon while she was playing in the yard of her family's northwest Bend home and apparently drowned in an unfenced pond, deputies reported.

Synde Jensen was playing with her nine-year-old sister about 1:30 p.m., April 13, and was unattended for only 3-5 minutes before her sister found her in the pond at 64357 Schibel Road, Deschutes County Sheriff's Detective Lt. Kevin Dizney said.

The child's mother, Leslie Jensen, immediately provided first aid to the toddler and called 911. Synde was transported by ground ambulance to St. Charles Medical Center where she was pronounced deceased.

While the investigation is continuing, Lt. Dizney said that preliminary indications point to "a tragic accident."

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