



PRESS RELEASE

2.5-year-old shot at Warren Residence – Unsecured firearm at focus of police investigation

The Warren Police Department would like to provide a preliminary update regarding an incident involving a 2.5-year-old child who sustained a gunshot wound. Presently, the child is listed in stable condition at an area hospital.

This evening (08/03/2024) at approximately 06:06pm, Warren Police and Fire Units were dispatched to a residence in the 11,000 block of Edgemont Street (area of Stephens & Hoover Rd) regarding a toddler who shot themselves. Warren Police and Fire Units quickly arrived on scene and observed a 2.5-year-old child to have suffered a gunshot wound to his stomach area. The child was quickly rushed to an area hospital by the Warren Fire Department, with several Warren Police Officers blocking intersections along the way. The child is currently listed in stable condition and, at last check, was responsive and alert. So far, investigators have learned that the child was being babysat by a 42-year-old female babysitter who lives at the Edgemont residence. The babysitter, who is a licensed CPL holder, had two handguns to the residence. While babysitting, it is believed that the babysitter left the handguns unsecured in an area accessible to the child. The 2.5-year-old was able to access one of the handguns and shoot himself in the stomach. Investigators will be examining the details surrounding the safe and secure storage of the handgun as part of their investigation. As of this point in the investigation, it does not appear that more serious foul play was involved. The child's mother returned to the scene and is now at the hospital with her child. This is a very active investigation with detectives and evidence technicians on scene.

An in-person press conference is likely to occur this Monday (08/05/2024) in the afternoon at the Warren Police Department. Mayor Lori M. Stone and the Warren Police Department will provide an additional update at this press conference. Date/time notification of the press conference will be sent out once finalized.

If anybody has any additional information regarding this incident, please contact Detective Rudin at 586-574-4782.

**For further information, please contact Warren Police
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