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Two Children Drown During Separate Incidents

Around 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 23rd, the Fresno County Sheriff's Office received a call saying family members had pulled a three year old boy out of an in ground hot tub at their home. Deputies responded to the home located on the 2200 block of W. Adams Ave. in Fresno. The first deputy on scene performed CPR until EMS showed up and took over. The boy was transported to Community Regional Medical Center, where he later passed away. The boy has been identified as Alexander Leon.

The investigation shows Alexander's father was doing yard work, while his two teenage sons were watching their little brother. Alexander slipped out of their sight and got into the hot tub. It's believed he was in the water a few minutes before being removed.

Around 8:00 pm on Sunday, June 24th, the Fresno County Sheriff's Office received a report of a two year old boy who was unconscious, floating in a swimming pool at a home on the 32000 block of Lockwood Lane in Prather. A parent pulled the boy out of the water and started doing CPR on the child until EMS arrived and took over. The boy was transported to Clovis Community Hospital and then transferred to Valley Children's where he passed away. The boy's name is not available for release at this time.

The Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public to be safe in and around pools and all natural waterways. Take these simple measures.

- 1) Wear a life jacket. Make sure children have one that fits them properly.**
- 2) Stay close to shore if you are not an experienced swimmer.**
- 3) Parents should watch their children at all times.**
- 4) Do not mix alcohol and swimming. Alcohol causes swimmers to fatigue faster than normal and can create dangerous situations.**
- 5) Understand that when it's extremely hot outside you will get tired faster than usual.**
- 6) Respect the water. The temperature of the water remains cold and the current is often stronger than it appears. There can be debris in the water, which is difficult to see and may cause hazardous situations for swimmers. Be careful of the mud on the bottom of lakes and rivers, it's easy to sink in some spots and get your feet stuck.**