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Child struck by car in Nowthen

On 6-23-2017 at 1222 hrs the Anoka County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to an address in the 5500 Block of Old Viking Blvd NW in the City of Nowthen to a child who had been struck by a vehicle. Deputies arrived and found a female infant just shy of her first birthday was partially underneath the tires of a vehicle and had been backed over.

The driver of the vehicle was a 54-year-old woman who was the child's grandmother. Deputies learned that the child and her mother were in the back yard of the residence when the mother stepped inside the house for a moment leaving the child unattended briefly. The grandmother entered the garage to leave for an appointment and was not aware the child had wandered over towards the area where the vehicle was parked. As the grandmother backed up, she struck the child. When Deputies arrived, the child was still partially underneath the vehicles tire and was removed. The child was ground transported to HCMC and is expected to survive.

Alcohol is NOT suspected to be a factor in the accident. The accident remains under investigation by the Anoka County Sheriff's Office at this time.

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