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On 7/17/2013 at approximately 10:15 P.M., the body of two year old Isaiah Theis was located in the trunk of a locked vehicle located near the residence where he lived. Initial reports indicate that while the vehicle had been looked into and the area around the vehicle had been searched several times, searchers had been advised that the vehicle had been locked prior to Isaiah being reported as missing and that it was extremely unlikely that he could have been in it based on that information.

At about 10:00 P.M. the owner of the car arrived to remove it. Prior to the owner leaving with the car, a deputy opened the trunk and Isaiah was located.

The death of an otherwise healthy two-year old boy requires a complete and thorough investigation as to any possible cause, whether that cause is accidental or criminal. At this very early stage of the investigation, the cause and manner of death is unknown.

The scene was processed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice with the assistance of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Polk County Medical Examiner's Office.

A full autopsy has been requested and it would be inappropriate for anyone to speculate as to the cause and nature of death until that examination has been done.

The investigation into Isaiah's death is being conducted by investigators of DOJ's Division of Criminal Investigation, the Polk County Sheriff's Office, and the Polk County Medical Examiner's office.

Registrations at the staging area indicate that approximately 2450 civilian volunteers assisted with the search throughout the day on the 17th. Without the assistance of those volunteers, we would not have been able to adequately search the areas that needed to be searched. I couldn't be more impressed by the compassion of the people living in this area. THANK YOU! To everyone that came to assist in the search, that provided food, water, and other supplies, or who assisted in many other ways to support this enormous effort.

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