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DROWNING

On January 15, 2011, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue responded to 729 Northwest 19th Street in reference to a child possibly drowning in the waterway behind an apartment complex. Upon arrival, officers and members from Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue located an unresponsive 8 year old black male in the waterway.

Paramedics were able to rescue the child from the waterway and began performing CPR to bring the child back to life. The child was transported to Broward General Medical Center where he is still listed in critical condition and undergoing medical treatment.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the 8 year old male was playing with a 6 year old black male on the edge of the canal. Witnesses stated that both children voluntarily jumped into the water together. The 6 year old child was able to grasp onto the canal ledge, while the 8 year old child was unable to keep afloat and submerged beneath the water's surface.

At this time, investigators do not believe that foul play was involved. Investigators are urging anyone with further information about the drowning to call Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

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