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(joplinglobe.com) - A three-year-old girl has died after she suffered a gunshot wound to the head Monday morning in Newton County.



Newton County Sheriff Ken Copeland tells us authorities were dispatched to the Bykota Trailer Park in rural Joplin around 10:00 a.m., for a report of an unconscious child. Shortly after, it was determined the child had been shot in the head.

Police say the victim and her six-year-old brother were playing in a bedroom where a loaded handgun was located. No word on who fired the gun, but the sheriff says the shooting is being investigated as accidental.

Authorities confirm the mother of the two children was home at the time the trigger was pulled, but was in a different part of the house.

Officials say the girl, whose name has not been released, died at a Joplin hospital shortly after the incident.

The six-year-old boy has been placed in the custody of Children's Services during the investigation.