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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**BRADLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATING DROWNING INCIDENT  
INVOLVING JUVENILE**

**CLEVELAND, TN (July 14, 2026)** — On July 13, 2026, at approximately 2:38 p.m., emergency personnel responded to a report of a child who had been found in a pond on the property of a private residence in the southeastern part of Bradley County.

First responders arrived promptly upon receiving the call and immediately began providing emergency medical care. The juvenile was transported to a local hospital, where the child was later pronounced deceased.

Detectives with the Bradley County Sheriff's Office are conducting a preliminary investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident. Because the investigation is ongoing and involves a juvenile, no additional identifying information will be released at this time.

**About BCSO**

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is a law enforcement agency serving all residents of Bradley County, Tennessee. The elected sheriff is Steve Lawson, who has held the post since September 2018. John Stone is the current chief deputy. BCSO is located at 2290 Blythe Avenue SE, Cleveland, TN 37311 and can be reached at 423-728-7300 for non-emergency calls.

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