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Accidental Shooting Leads to Death of Child

(Paulding County, GA) On Saturday 10/17/15 at approximately 5:06 pm Deputies responded to 442 Fairview Drive in reference to an accidental shooting. When Deputies and Fire/EMS personnel arrived, they discovered two victims with gunshot wounds. The adult victim, identified as Marsha Lynch (B/F, 45 YOA) suffered a gunshot wound to the leg and was transported to Floyd Medical Center where she underwent surgery. The juvenile victim, identified as Sharia Lynch (B/F, 8 YOA), suffered a gunshot wound to the head and was transported to an awaiting life flight helicopter. As she was being transported to the helicopter her condition worsened and she was rerouted to the hospital. Miss Sharia Lynch passed away while enroute to Paulding Wellstar Hospital.

According to the adult victim, the weapon (which was a handgun), fell and discharged once it hit the ground. Detectives are still investigating where exactly the gun fell from. When the gun discharged it struck the mother's leg and traveled into the child's head. At this point, Detectives are still investigating this case and will speak to the victim and witnesses in more detail once the funeral has taken place.