

Electrocution likely in death of Jacob Hill, 5

HARLAN -- Preliminary investigation by the Harlan Police Department is pointing to electrocution as the likely cause of death for five-year-old Jacob Hill, the son of Alan and Mayce Hill, Harlan, on Thursday, July 21.



Jacob Hill, 5, Harlan

The incident mirrors a second tragic electrocution on Friday in Little Sioux where the Harrison County Sheriff's Office said a woman in her 40's, was using an electrically-charged metal shaft and was apparently standing in water on the saturated ground and may have been electrocuted.

Harlan tragedy

The preliminary Harlan investigation presumes the youth

was hunting earthworms using an electrical device to bring the earthworms out of the ground and was electrocuted.

People often used metal poles, rods and wires and put them into the moist soil, which brings the night crawlers out on the grass or soil.

Official determination of cause of death is pending results from the medical examiner.

A prayer service will be held on Tuesday, July 26 at 8 p.m. at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. Visitation was held Monday, July 25 from 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Tuesday, July 26 from 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Hill is survived by his parents, Alan and Mayce Hill of Harlan; sisters, Sierra Hill of Harlan; Alexis Hill of Harlan; brother, Ashtin Hill of Harlan; maternal grandmother, Linda Gerrish of Fulton, TX; maternal grandfather, Larry Graber of Kirksville, MO; maternal great-grandmother, Betty Williams of Milan, IL; paternal grandmother, Janice Seeley of Logan; paternal grandfather, Raymond Hill of Scotia, NE; paternal great-grandmother, Clara Hatcher of Logan; and paternal great-grandmother, Arleta Barkhoff of Logan.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home is handling the arrangements