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PRESS RELEASE

Release Date and Time: June 19th, 2009 @ 8:00am

Subject: Seven Year Old Shoots Foot with Father's Pistol

LPD Case #: 09-4989

Details: On June 18th, 2009 at approximately 11:00pm Lodi Police officers responded to the 700 block of Golden Avenue regarding a 7 year old boy who accidentally shot his left foot with his father's handgun.

The child obtained the gun by climbing to the top shelf in a closet where the gun was stored in a black plastic box. The child was able to remove the large caliber semi-automatic pistol from the box and he discharged it into his left foot, almost severing his little toe. Paramedics transported the child to Lodi Memorial Hospital where he'll undergo surgery this morning.

The report will be sent to the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office for a possible complaint against the child's father. According to California Penal Code Section 12036(b) a parent or guardian could face a misdemeanor charge for not properly keeping a handgun secured.

The father hasn't been arrested or charged at the time of this release so his name isn't going to be released pending a case review by the district attorney.

Persons with information on this or any criminal case or activity are encouraged to call Lodi Area Crimestoppers at 209-333-6771. You may remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward.