



MEDIA RELEASE

HAMLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incident Code:	Drowning
Date of Call:	September 15, 2025
Time of Call:	2:52pm CDT
Location:	3 Miles south of Castlewood, SD
Details:	
CASTLEWOOD, SD - At 2:52pm on Monday, September 15th, 2025, Watertown Regional Dispatch received a 911 call of a 1.5-year-old boy who had been missing for a while.	
First responders from the area were quickly dispatched to the location where the boy was last seen. A search of nearby buildings, shelter belts, wooded areas, vehicles, and fields was conducted.	
Additional resources from other counties and state government were called to the scene to widen the search.	
ATVs, drones, vehicles, and community members aided in the search.	
Shortly after 6:00pm, the body of the boy was discovered in a slough south of the place where the boy had gone missing.	
Agencies on scene for the search were Castlewood Ambulance, Castlewood Fire Department, Codington County Search and Rescue, Codington County Sheriff's Office, Estelline Ambulance, Estelline Fire Department, Hamlin County Emergency Management, Hamlin County Sheriff's Office, Hayti Fire Department, Hazel Fire Department, Lake Norden Fire Department, Lake Norden Police Department, South Dakota Department of Criminal Investigations, South Dakota Game Fish and Parks, South Dakota Highway Patrol, and Watertown Police Department.	
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