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The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department reports the tragic accidental death of a four-year old girl last evening.

About 6:00 p.m. on May 9, 2010, emergency personnel responded to 5885 S. Wolf Lodge Creek Road to a report of a child that was wedged between the tire and mud flap on a semi-tractor.

Upon arrival, emergency personnel found that the father, Steven Wilson had extricated his four-year-old daughter Julie Wilson, from where she was wedged in the vehicle. Investigators determined that Julie had apparently climbed on the back of the semi-tractor, unknown to Steven, as he was leaving their residence to take the tractor to a shop for maintenance. Somewhere during the seven tenths of a mile trip, Julie fell and was caught between the tires and mud flap assembly. When Steven arrived at the shop he found Julie wedged between the front set of dual wheels and the front mud flap.

Julie was pronounced dead at the scene due to massive head trauma. Sheriff's investigators have determined that this is nothing greater than a tragic accident.

The Wilson family requests no contact from media personnel.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff

By: Major Ben Wolfinger