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Media Advisory

"Summertime Safety"

DETAILS:

With Summer vacation just around the corner, the San Jose Police Department and the Family Violence Unit want to remind parents, guardians and babysitters to take extra care with little ones this year. Tragic reminders surround us every day:

In 2006, San Jose Police Officers investigated 15 cases of children falling out of second-floor windows;

Officers have responded to numerous complaints from concerned citizens about children left in locked cars in sweltering heat;

In the past several years, San Jose Police Officers have investigated numerous drownings or near-drownings of children, some as old as 11 years of age.

In April 2002, San Jose Police Officers removed two small children, one 3-years-old and one 10-months-old, who were locked in a car. The officers estimated the interior temperature of the vehicle to be 100 degrees. The father was shopping at a nearby commercial center.

In May 2000, San Jose Police Officers removed a two-year-old from a car when the child was found by a passer-by. The child's mother was shopping at Eastridge Mall in east San Jose.

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In June 2000, San Jose Police Officers removed a three-year-old from a car when the child was found by a passer-by. The outside temperature was 83 degrees and the inside temperature of the car was well over 100 degrees. The child's mother was shopping at Westgate Mall in west San Jose.

In the past two years, we have seen children drown in bathtubs and in home or apartment swimming pools.

Many of these cases have resulted in criminal charges being filed against the parent or guardian. The most tragic scenario is a parent, guardian or babysitter living a lifetime of regret over an injury or death that could easily have been prevented.

The San Jose Police Department reminds parents, guardians and babysitters to make good decisions this summer. Know where your children are. If you have to leave them, even momentarily, make sure that someone else is watching them for you. It takes only an instant to change a young life, or yours... forever...

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