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Young Girl Killed in Middle Canyon ATV Accident

A seven-year-old girl died following an ATV accident late yesterday afternoon in Middle Canyon. Tooele County Sheriff's Deputies are investigating the factors contributing to the cause of the accident.

Miranda Anderson was a front passenger on a four-wheeler driven by 32-year-old Chad Tharp, a friend of Anderson's mother. The two were traveling down the canyon about five miles from the mouth when the four-wheeler suddenly swerved off the road to the right and into a stand of trees.

Anderson sustained a stab wound below her neck as well as lacerations, from some low-hanging branches of the trees. Her father transported her to the mouth of the canyon where he could get cell phone coverage and called 911. People at the scene began to administer CPR on Anderson. She was transported to Mountain West Medical Center where she was pronounced dead.

Tharp underwent surgery for injuries sustained in the accident. His current condition is unknown. Both Tharp and Anderson were wearing helmets. Sheriff's Deputies received a warrant to draw blood from the driver to analyze blood alcohol content.

The Tooele County Sheriff's 911 Dispatch Center received the initial call at 4:14 p.m.

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