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### Toddler Killed in Dog Attack

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Police in Waterford Twp. say a 2-year-old girl named Samantha was tragically mauled to death Friday morning by the family pets, two Siberian huskies.

Nanook and Angel are the 5-year-old female huskies investigators say mauled a 2-year-old girl named Samantha in her Waterford Twp. backyard. She had been bitten by them several times.

Samantha's mother found the little girl's body around 9:30 Friday morning after the attack.

"The mother went to check on her, and when she didn't discover her in the bed, then she went out and found her in the backyard with the two dogs," Waterford Twp. Police Chief John B. Dean said late Friday.

Emergency crews rushed Samantha to North Oakland Medical Center, where just after 10:00 a.m. she was pronounced dead. Investigators say Samantha's aunt last saw her at 6:45 a.m., before the teenager left for high school. They're not sure how the small girl got to the partially fenced backyard, but they say the family dogs were not on chains.

"There was a dog door there, but that's purely speculative on our part right now," Chief Dean explained. "Again, the crime scene people were emphasizing the fact that it was large enough for a girl of her size to get through, but we don't know if that's the case."

Neighbors like Carrol Hahn say they never heard the dogs bark, and didn't even know the family had them.

"It's just unbelievable. This poor baby, you know, two years old - it's just devastating," Hahn told Action News.

The dogs have been the family's pets for years, and investigators say they do not know of any prior violent behavior.

To be safe the huskies, weighing 60 and 80 pounds each, were expected to be put to sleep.

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