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## Police: 8-year-old killed in dog mauling

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**HANOVER TWP.** — An 8-year-old girl died Monday after being mauled by a dog at a residence in Hanover Township.

State police Trooper Rocco DeMaiolo said it appeared the girl's death was an accident, but he and the Beaver County coroner's office would have to consult with Beaver County District Attorney Anthony Berosh.

DeMaiolo said the girl, Brianna Nicole Shanor, had been staying at 181 Sutherlin Road, at the border with West Virginia, since the beginning of the month.

Beaver County tax records list the property owner as William J. Renda.

DeMaiolo said the girl and Renda were outside shortly before 7 p.m., and the girl told Renda she was going to the house because she was cold. Renda stayed behind.

The girl apparently went near one of several dogs at the property, a more than 100-pound, mixed-breed dog, which was chained outside an old camping trailer that the dog used for shelter. The dog, DeMaiolo said, was on a chain 15 to 20 feet long.

DeMaiolo said Renda went to check on the whereabouts of the girl and found her inside the trailer; there were no witnesses to the attack. Beaver County Coroner Teri Tatalovich-Rossi said the girl was bitten multiple times in different places on her body; DeMaiolo said the locations included her neck.

The girl was taken to The Medical Center, Beaver, where she was pronounced dead.

DeMaiolo said the girl had been staying with Renda and his wife, who are acquaintances of the girl's mother, who wasn't named.

The girl had just started the second grade at South Side Elementary School, DeMaiolo said.

The dog was quarantined by a dog officer from Lawrence County. Tatalovich-Rossi said an autopsy was expected to be performed on the girl today.