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Media Release - Teen Suicide

The Oshkosh Police Department has completed its investigation, pending toxicology results, of the tragic and untimely suicide of a 13 year- old Oshkosh girl and middle school student that occurred on March 26, 2012.

With intent to quell misinformation that has spread, specifically that the girl was subjected to bullying at school, the police investigation did not find bullying to be a contributing factor in her suicide. Out of respect for the family's privacy, no information about other contributing factors is being disclosed.

The recent media reports about bullying remind us that it is a serious issue that affects our youth and should not be taken lightly. Parents should take this opportunity to talk with their children about bullying and should stress to their children that it's okay to ask for help if they are experiencing bullying at school or other locations.

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