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**Up-Date**  
**Media Release**  
**Child killed in snow plowing incident**  
**Star Prairie Township.**  
**12-12-12**

**On 12-11-12 at 1152am Deputies and EMS were dispatched 1071 238<sup>th</sup> Ave. for a report of a 4 year old child that had been struck by a vehicle.**

**The Child has been identified as: Collin Fitzgerald, age 4**

**Results of the investigation have revealed that: Daniel Fitzgerald, Collin's father, had intended to plow the driveway of the family's home at 1071 238<sup>th</sup> Ave. Collin had asked to play in a "Snow-Fort" that the parents had built for him while his father plowed. Daniel watched as Collin made his way to the "Snow-Fort" in the front yard. Daniel then started plowing.**

**Daniel noticed an area in front of the garage of the home that had a snow build up. Daniel pulled partially into the garage and then backed up, using his snowplow to pull snow from the front of the garage. It was at this point that Daniel noticed blood on the snow and as he looked closer he realized that Collin was injured.**

**Daniel immediately called for help and attempted life saving measures.**

**Unfortunately Collin had received massive head injuries as a result of being run over by the pickup truck. No one else was home at the time of the accident.**

**New Richmond EMS transported Collin to Westfield's Hospital where he was pronounced dead.**

**"This is one of the most tragic events that anyone could ever have to deal with."**

**"This is an accident by all accounts, and our thoughts and prayers go out to the Fitzgerald family" said St. Croix County Sheriff John Shilts.**