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## Five-year-old boy killed in dog attack

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The Associated Press

LEBANON, Mo. -- A 5-year-old boy killed by a dog at the home of a family friend was identified Saturday as Michael Caylan Garner of Lebanon.

Michael had gone outside to play with the homeowner's dogs on Friday and was seen a short time later lying on the ground, the Laclede County Sheriff's Department said. The child had visited the home several times and had played with the dogs without incident, authorities said.

Garner was pronounced dead at the scene.

The sheriff's department said the dog appeared to be a pit bull, but on Saturday was still unsure of the dog's exact breed.

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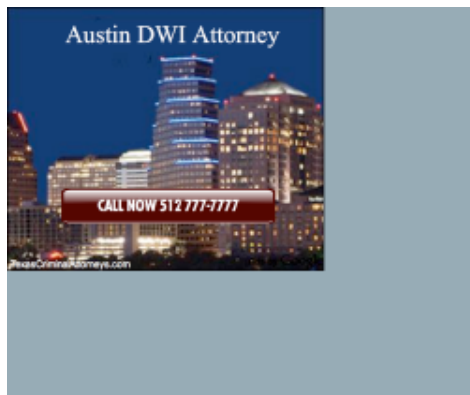
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The silence outside the white trailer house off Missouri 5 south of Lebanon sharply contrasted with the commotion Laclede County sheriff's deputies discovered there Friday night. Michael Caylan Garner died from a sudden dog attack as he played with a pit bull at a home of friends he and his mother were visiting, Sheriff Richard Wrinkle said.

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