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NEWS RELEASE

Child suffers injury due to unattended firearm

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On March 16, 2020, officers were dispatched to the 1400 block of South 17th Street reference a medical call involving a possible gunshot wound to a child. It was found that a young child had obtained a loaded handgun that had been left in the house unsecured. The weapon had discharged and the child suffered a non-life threatening injury to their hand. The child was transported to Children's Hospital in Milwaukee. A male and female adult were home during the incident and police are continuing the investigation along with Child Protective Services.

The Sheboygan Police Department recognizes residents may have weapons in the home and they should always be kept unloaded, secure and not within reach of children. The use of a trigger lock or a gun safe is a good practice. Injuries caused by weapons are preventative if the owner takes the necessary steps to ensure a child or others within the home do not have access to an unloaded or loaded weapon.
