



## TEMPLE TERRACE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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### **TEEN DIES FOLLOWING TEMPLE TERRACE POOL PARTY**

**TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (9/25/12)** – A 15-year-old boy who was pulled from the water during a pool party Sept. 21 at the Family Recreation Complex in Temple Terrace has died, authorities said.

The youngster has been identified as Jessie Shillingford, 2004 Darlington Drive, Tampa. Temple Terrace police received a report from the Hillsborough County Medical Examiner's Office on Tuesday. The medical examiner's Initial Case Summary lists the cause of death as "drowning" and the manner of death as "accidental."

According to police, shortly before 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, the Temple Terrace Police Department received a call about a possible drowning at the Temple Terrace Family Recreation Complex, 6610 Whiteway Drive.

When police arrived, they found the youngster had been pulled from the facility's swimming pool, and lifeguards were performing cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Shillingford was transported to Florida Hospital in Tampa. He remained on life support until early Tuesday morning, authorities said.

The facility was being rented by the Pepin Academy of Tampa for a private party. An estimated 130 to 150 teachers, parents and youngsters were in attendance, according to Parks & Recreation personnel. Several lifeguards were on duty, recreation officials said.

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