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Missing boy apparent victim of accidental drowning

BURLESON, Texas Officials say a missing five-year-old North Texas boy authorities feared had been abducted apparently drowned accidentally in a pond on his own property.

An Amber Alert was issued yesterday for Anthony Turner, who lived in rural Johnson County south of Fort Worth. Anthony was last seen riding his bicycle south of Burleson late yesterday afternoon.

Fears for his safety were heightened by reports of someone cruising the area trying to pick up children. But Corporal Pam Jetsel of the Johnson County Sheriff's Department says the boy's body and his bicycle were discovered early today in a pond on the family property.

Jetsel says the pond's bank was so steep that it appears the boy probably wasn't able to stop his bike before hitting the water.

Jetsel says the reports of a possible child predator in the area "didn't pan out."

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