

Death of youth ruled accident

HACKETTSTOWN — The death of a 13-year old boy here Friday afternoon has been ruled accidental by the Hackettstown police.

John Mauriello died of accidental asphyxiation, according to Detective Edward Wisniewski, Hackettstown juvenile officer. The boy was found in the basement TV room of his 801 High St. house, Wisniewski said.

He was pronounced dead at the scene at 4:50 p.m. by Dr. L. B. VanBuskirk, according to Chief Richard Armstrong. The body was examined Saturday by Dr. Homer Schaaf, deputy state medical examiner.

Armstrong said the boy had apparently been watching television. He would not give further details on the accident.

Born in Newton, June 11, 1964, the boy lived here all his life. He was a seventh grade student at the Hackettstown Middle School and a member of the Hackettstown Little League.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Mauriello; a brother, Kenneth, at home; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Anna Partyka of Eynon, Pa., and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Mauriello of Newark.

Services were held Monday from the Cochran Funeral Home to St. Mary's Church of the Assumption where a Liturgy of Christian Burial was said by the Rev. Stephen A. Bielen.

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John Mauriello
Date of Death, January 13, 1978