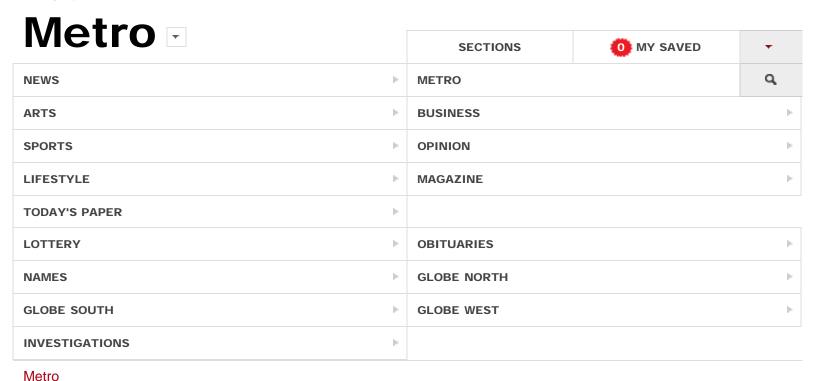
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Dorchester boy, 5, hit by vehicle has perished

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A 5-year-old boy struck by a vehicle in Dorchester a week ago has died, police said.

The boy was hit on Whitten Street at about 11:45 a.m. on May 20.

He was taken with life-threatening injuries to Boston Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead on May 21, according to a Boston police spokeswoman, Officer Nicole Grant.

The accident remains under investigation, according to Grant and Jake Wark, a spokesman for the Suffolk district attorney's office.

No charges have been filed and no citations have been issued to the vehicle's driver, who was female, authorities said.



Along a sidewalk on Whitten Street near where the boy was

struck, flowers and several stuffed animals had been arranged next to a tree Sunday evening.

A man who answered the door of the home where neighbors said the boy lived with his grandmother said the boy who was killed was named Christopher Huynh.

The man spoke limited English, and did not say whether he was related to the boy.

Witnesses, including residents of Whitten Street, told the Globe last week they heard piercing screams and then watched with dread as rescuers tried to revive the boy in the middle of the street.

Witnesses said last week that the vehicle's occupants included a woman and two men.

Neighbors said the boy lived on Whitten Street with his grandmother.

One woman said the boy was with another child at the time of the accident who was not hurt.

The woman said the boy's grandmother told her after the accident that she had warned the children to wait for her before crossing the street to reach her vehicle.

The street can be dangerous, according to neighbors. Drivers sometimes speed down the narrow, one-way road.

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