Death at Best Western Under Investigation

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Saturday, just before 12:30 PM, Boone Police and Fire responded with Watauga Medics to the Best Western Plus Blue Ridge Plaza located at 840 East King Street in reference to a medical emergency. Initial reports indicated that two persons were in distress. After emergency units arrived it was determined that one person - an 11-year-old boy - was deceased. The second person was transported via ambulance to Watauga Medical Center for treatment.

At this time, Boone Police and Fire investigators are continuing to work at the scene with other agencies to determine the sequence of events and the cause of the medical emergencies which resulted in one injury and one fatality. Investigators did discover this is the same location and room where two elderly people were found deceased on April 16, 2013. While no evidence has been discovered that these incidents are related, investigators continue to explore all possibilities. Further information will be released as it becomes available.