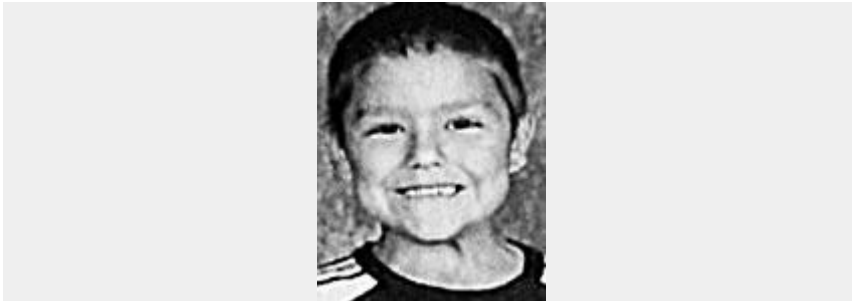


Mother is charged in boy's drowning

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Dylan Rambo, 8, drowned after the car went into Lake Cumberland.

SOMERSET - State police filed a manslaughter charge yesterday against a woman whose 8-year-old son drowned after she drove into Lake Cumberland in Wayne County.

Wynema Worley, 27, was charged with second-degree manslaughter. Commonwealth's Attorney Larry Rogers said he recommended that charge based on the result of a toxicology test that showed Worley had alcohol and drugs in her system.

"Obviously, we believe she was driving impaired," Rogers said.

Dylan Rambo died when the car Worley was driving plunged into the lake at the Cumberland Point boat ramp. The boy's sister, 6-year-old Misty Rambo, managed to free herself and swam to some nearby fishermen. The fishermen also pulled Worley from the car, but it sank before they could get Dylan out.

Worley reportedly had argued with her husband before leaving home with her children to go to a relative's house.

A charge of second-degree manslaughter is often used in cases involving deaths resulting from impaired driving. It alleges wanton -- meaning grossly negligent -- conduct, but not an intent to cause a death, the statute says.

State police Detective Doug Boyd told WKYT-TV after the arrest that the investigation "could not substantiate in any way that this was intentional."

The charge is a Class C felony punishable by five to 10 years in prison.

Police arrested Worley yesterday afternoon at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset and placed her in the Wayne County Detention Center. No bond was set, said Jailer Ray Upchurch.



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