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BARSTOW, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy was recently reunited with a two-year-old girl nearly killed during a vicious pit bull attack.

On Sunday, October 30, 2022, the Trona Sheriff's station received a service call for a child who was attacked by two pit bulls, officials said.

Upon arrival, Corporal Woytovich and Deputy Perkins assisted San Bernardino County Fire with the care and investigation of the incident.

According to sheriff's officials, the infant, Savannah Skipworth, suffered life-threatening injuries and was transported to Loma Linda Children's Hospital by airship.

"Due to her injuries and many complications two-year-old Savannah had a very low chance of survival," stated the Barstow Sheriff's Station in a Wednesday afternoon update.

On December 5, 2022, after spending 6 weeks in the hospital, Savannah returned home and is expected to make a full recovery.

"Fire personnel with **San Bernardino County Fire** Station 57 and Medical Staff at Loma Linda University did an excellent job with providing rapid care which very well saved Savannah's life. It is great to see her recovering from her injuries and back home," stated Barstow sheriff's officials.

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Second Hiker This Year Dies In Joshua Tree National Park

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There were two fatalities in Joshua Tree National Park throughout all of 2022. In the first week of 2023, the park has already matched that count.

According to the Desert Sun, the park's first death this year occurred January 2, when an unnamed hiker went into cardiac arrest on the Lost Palms Oasis Trail. After their family initiated CPR on the trail, the hiker was transported to a hospital, where they passed away.

Anna Nuno, 58, of Los Angeles County became the second fatality after falling and hitting her head in Rattlesnake Canyon on Saturday. Several organizations were involved in her recovery: San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Aviation Unit, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, and Morongo Basin Ambulance.

"It is a boulder climbing route to get up there, with large crevasses that will drop you down 20 or 30 feet, so it is a hard hike, especially in the dark with wet rocks," Superintendent David Smith told the Desert Sun. "This was a joint effort."

Although the contributing factors to her death are unknown, powerful downpours hit California in the new year, including the national park and its surrounding areas, making rocks and trails exceptionally hard to traverse.

Even without the additional challenge that the rains pose, both the Rattlesnake Canyon and Wonderland of Rocks areas are notably hard to navigate because of their remoteness, difficult terrain, and lack of cell service. The park's spotty reception can also delay emergency responses by several hours. (Planning on tackling these trails? Navigation skills, as well as a map and compass or GPS, are a must.)

"This is a very rough route that goes over a pass, so yes, rocks can be slippery," said Smith.

These slippery conditions can affect anyone on the trails. Nuno was an avid hiker and adventurer, with particular experience in the desert. On a memorial website for Nuno, Maggie Jackson, a friend, wrote "You are hiking with the angels now."

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