Sunshine Advocate

Baby dies after eating tablets, Paul Zaiko, Aged 14 Months

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Location: 10 Ferndale Road, Sunshine North



A 14 months old child, Paul Zaiko, whose parents live at Ferndale Road, Sunshine, died on Monday morning after swallowing tablets containing quinine, ergot and strychnine.

As soon as the child's mother noticed he was ill she rushed him to Dr. Hobart's surgery, McIntyre Road, where efforts were made to revive him by massaging the heart, but without success.

First Constable C. E. Ware investigated the incident. He stated the mother of the child had received a supply of the tablets on a doctor's prescription. These were placed in a drawer in a bedroom in which her children slept.

It is thought an elder child, about three years, took the bottle from the drawer, broke it and gave the tablets to the baby.

Later, when a check was made of the tablets, ten were not accounted for.