

Boy killed sliding in front of home

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TERREBONNE, Que. - A suburban family is grieving the loss of their eight-year-old son, who was struck and killed by a car after he slid into the street in front of his home.

The boy was playing outside his home on Monday afternoon in Terrebonne, near Montreal, when he apparently glided off the snowbank just as the car passed by.



The driver had no time to react and ran over the boy. Police say the 30-year-old driver jumped out of his car and tried in vain to revive the critically-injured child. He was rushed to hospital where he died about 30 minutes later. His mother was also brought to hospital, suffering from shock.

Police interviewed the motorist but did not expect to charge him.

"Speed is not a factor," said Terrebonne police spokesman Sylvain Theoret.

"The car was travelling at a normal speed for this type of street. Unfortunately at this point we think it's a terrible accident."

An overturned plastic sled could be seen at the side of the road as accident-reconstruction experts placed blue cones and yellow letters beside pieces of debris.