

VIRGINIA SHERIFF SAYS COUPLE WAS ON METH AS CHILD DROWNED

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BARREN SPRINGS, Va. (AP) - Virginia authorities say the parents of a missing girl found drowned in the New River were high on meth at the time she fell into the water.

The Wythe County Sheriff's Office says they've charged 45-year-old Kimberly Dawn Moore and her boyfriend, 45-year-old Adrian Neil Puckett, with felony child neglect with reckless disregard for life and felony child endangerment.

Sheriff Keith Dunagan said the couple were under the influence of methamphetamine and "didn't pay attention and now they lost their child."

Crews found 3-year-old Josie Burleson dead in the river Wednesday. She was reported missing Tuesday after the couple says she wandered off while playing on the river trail.

Dunagan said more than 100 searchers looked for the child in the area in a five-hour search.