

10 SEP 1996

1. CASE NO. 960712CCCS5331		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID [9][0][0][3]		3. OFFICE CODE [8][3][0]		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
4. DATE OF INCIDENT R MO DAY [9][6][0][5][2][9]		5. DATE INVESTIGATION YR MO DAY INITIATED [9][6][0][7][1][5]					
6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT: On 5/29/96 a four year old boy started his family's automobile on fire with a butane grill/fireplace lighter. The boy started papers in the car's glove compartment on fire, then closed the glove compartment and ran from the car. A sibling happened to see the car interior filled with smoke and alerted her mother who called the fire department, however the car's interior was completely destroyed before the fire department could extinguish the flames. No one was injured; damage was estimated at \$5,000. The lighter was collected by MKE-RP submitted to CCA as sample #96-830-3548.							
7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) [1][0] home			8. CITY Pontiac			9. STATE IL.	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT grill lighter [1][2][8][5]			11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS "Aim n Flame" model butane gas lighter manufactured by the Scripto-Tokai Corporation, Fontana, CA. 92337.				
10B. SECOND PRODUCT automobile [0][0][0][0]			11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS N/A				
12. AGE OF VICTIM [9][9][9]		13. SEX (USE NUMERICAL CODE) MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [9] UNKNOWN - 3		14. DISPOSITION No injury [0]		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS No injury [7][1]	
16. BODY PART No injury [9][9]		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) victim's mother, fire department investigators [1]		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [3] OTHER - 3		19. TIME SPENT Tr: 0 [0][4][0]	
20. ATTACHMENTS multiple [9]		21. CASE SOURCE [0][5]		22. REVIEWED BY [8][1][3][0]		YR MO DAY [9][6][0][9][0][6]	
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24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2) See attached narrative.				25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE			

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ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit "A" - Fire department photographs of the lighter involved in this incident.

Exhibit "B" - Pontiac, IL. Fire Department report.

Exhibit "C" - Sample Collection Receipt issued to the complainant on 8/21/96 for the lighter involved.

Exhibit "D" - Sample Collection Report #96-830-3548.

Exhibit "E" - Original investigation request.

Exhibit "G"

8/10/96

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INCIDENT REPORT
PONTIAC FIRE DEPARTMENT

1 DELETE
2 CHANGE

A	FDID LE222	INCIDENT NO 960384	EXP NO 00 05	DAY 29	YEAR 96	DAY OF WEEK Wednesday 4	ALARM TIME 16:34	ARRIVAL TIME 16:39	TIME IN SERVICE 16:58
B	TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND Vehicle fire 13					TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN Extinguishment 1			MUTUAL AID 1 RECD 2 GIVEN
C	FIXED PROPERTY USE Paved public street 962					IGNITION FACTOR Children, playing 36			
D	CORRECT ADDRESS [REDACTED]					ZIP CODE 61764		CENSUS TRACT 9606.00	
E	OCCUPANT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI) [REDACTED]					TELEPHONE [REDACTED]		ROOM OR APT	
F	OWNER NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI) [REDACTED]			ADDRESS [REDACTED]				TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	
G	METHOD OF ALARM FROM PUBLIC Phone direct to PD 1			CO. INSPECTION DISTRICT 00C		SHIFT 3		NO. ALARMS 1	
H	NO. FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED 16		NO. ENGINES RESPONDED 1		NO. AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED 0		NO. OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED 1		
I	NUMBER OF INJURIES FIRE SERVICE 0		OTHER 0		NUMBER OF FATALITIES FIRE SERVICE 0		OTHER 0		
J	COMPLEX Road complex 96			MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE Automobile 11					
K	AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN Passenger area of equip. 81			EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION No equipment involved 98					
L	FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION Lighter 46			TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED Man-made fabric 71			FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED Sofa/chair/seat 21		
M	METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT Hose precon. to tank 5			LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN Grade to 9' above gr 1			ESTIMATED LOSS (DOLLARS ONLY) 5000.00		
S	IF MOBILE PROPERTY AUTO	YEAR 91	MAKE PLYMOUTH	MODEL ACCLAIM	SERIAL NO. 1P3XA46K6M1692019			LICENSE NO. YCV483	
T	IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.				

○ Check if comments on reverse side

U	OFFICER IN CHARGE (NAME, POSITION, ASSIGNMENT) McDUGLE, DENNIS, LIBUTENANT 6	DATE 05/29/96
	MEMBER MAKING REPORT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)	DATE / /

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REMARKS

PONTIAC FIRE DEPARTMENT

For Incident: 960384 Exposure: 00 DATE: 05/29/96 TIME: 16:34

ON ARRIVAL FOUND AUTOMOBILE FULLY INVOLVED IN FIRE.
AFTER EXTINGUISHMENT OUR INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT A YOUNG
BOY HAD BEEN PLAYING WITH A BUTANE GRILL LIGHTER AND HAD
IGNITED THE SEAT COVERS IN THE CAR. OUR INVESTIGATORS
TALKED TO THE CHILD And he was turned over to his parents.

LT. D. E. MCDUGLE

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Dennis,

Our investigator is Scott Runyon and you can contact him at 815-842-3225 (fire station)
He will be working Sat. Aug. 10th and then every 3rd day after that. Thanks.

960 712 CCC 5331

Aim n Flame

Warning reads as follows:

WARNING: Failure to follow instructions can result in burn injury. **DANGER:** LIGHTER CONTAINS BUTANE GAS UNDER PRESSURE. EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE. Do not use near fire or flame. **CAUTION:** Do not puncture, incinerate or expose to temperature above 120°F. **KEEP AND STORE AWAY FROM CHILDREN!**
SCRIPTO-TOKAI CORPORATION, FONTANA, CA 92337 MADE IN MEXICO

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

W276 N878 Woodridge Lane

Waukesha, WI. 53188

tel (414) 650-1216

fax (414) 650-1217

fax t r a n s m i t t a l

to: City of Pontiac Fire Department

fax #: 815-844-6457

from: Dennis R. Blasius

date: August 5, 1996

re: Request for fire report

pages: 2, including this cover sheet

NOTES: Attached is the completed F.O.I. you faxed to me on 3/05/96- thank you! I am interested in obtaining a copy of the fire incident report, investigation report, and any photos that were taken at the scene, especially any photos of the lighter involved.

I would also like to contact any fire official/police officer who interviewed the child involved in starting the fire, please provide name, telephone number, and normal shift hours they could be reached at.

Please include an invoice for any customary costs involved if you do charge other government investigative agencies. If there are any questions please call me immediately at 414-650-1216. Thank you

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very much!

By the way, I've attached a copy of the newspaper article that brought this fire to our attention. As you might be aware, we are putting together documentation to support or refute adding grill/fireplace style lighters to the list of lighters requiring a child resistant feature. Any comments?

Dennis Blasius

Dennis Blasius
Federal Investigator

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PONTIAC FIRE DEPARTMENT/BUILDING SAFETY SERVICES
413 NORTH MILL STREET
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764
(815) 842-3225 BUSINESS
fax (815) 844-6457

fax

to:

fax #:

from:

date:

subject:

pages:

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REQUEST FOR INSPECTION OR COPYING OF

CITY OF PONTIAC RECORDS PURSUANT TO

SECTION 3.35 OF THE PONTIAC MUNICIPAL CODE

TO: City Clerk of the City of Pontiac

Individual making the request:

INVESTIGATOR DENNIS BLASIK

Name: U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT

Safety Commission

Address: W 276 N 878 WOODRIDGE CT.

Waukesha, WI. 53188

Telephone: 414-650-1216

650-1217 (FAX)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

The undersigned hereby requests that the following described records be made available for inspection:

See attached fax memo. Any incident report, investigative reports, AND photographs relating to a fire occurring on approximately 5/20/96 at the BARB Gillick residence, 404 E. PULK street. THE FIRE INVOLVED AN automobile. This information will be used solely by the U.S. consumer product safety commission, AND will not be released without the city of Pontiac, IL.'s permission.

The undersigned further requests copies of the following described records and agrees to pay up to Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for said copies, said charge to be computed in accordance with the applicable schedule of charges:

X Dennis Blasik
Signature of Individual Requesting Records

Signature of Individual Requesting Records

X Date of Request: 8/05/96

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U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

W276 N878 Woodridge Lane • Waukesha, WI. 53188 • 414-650-1216 • 414-650-1217 fax

August 12, 1996

Investigator Scott Runyon
Pontiac FD
413 N. Mill Street
Pontiac, IL. 61764

Re: 5/29/96 Grill lighter fire

Dear Mr. Runyon:

My Headquarters Compliance Division has asked if it would be possible for me to collect the grill lighter from this incident as a sample. I wonder if you could mail it to me at the above address? Thanks again for your help, call if there's any problem.

Sincerely yours,



Dennis R. Blasius
Investigator

Exhibit "C"

8/10/96

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION		1. AREA OF <u>FOI # 9607120005331</u> (002) <u>Cpsc Milwaukee Resident post</u> <u>W276 N878 Woodridge Ln.</u> <u>Waukesha, WI 53188</u>	
		2. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL <u>Scott Runyon</u>	3. TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL <u>Investigator</u>
5. FIRM NAME <u>Pontiac, IL F.D.</u>		4. DATE <u>8/21/96</u>	
7. NUMBER AND STREET <u>413 N. Mill St</u>		6. SAMPLE NUMBER <u>96 830-3548</u>	
8. CITY AND STATE (Include Zip Code) <u>Pontiac, IL 61764</u>		9. SAMPLES COLLECTED (Describe fully. List lot, serial, model numbers and other positive identification)	

The following samples were collected by the Consumer Product Safety Commission pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2078(f)) and/or Section 11(b) of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1270(b)) and/or Sections 5(c) and (d) of the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1194(c) and (d)) and/or Section 704(c) of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 374(c)) [Authority for sample collections made in connection with the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.)], and receipt for said samples is hereby acknowledged. Sections cited are quoted on the reverse side of this form.

1 - used "AIR IN FLAME" model grill lighter, distributed by the Scripto-Tokai Corp., Fontana, CA. The lighter is 9" long, has a red pushc handle, and a black metal top. Lighter was used by a child to start a fire on 5/24/96.

Lighter received at CPSC/MTK-RP by mail on 8/21/96.



10. SAMPLES		11. SAMPLES WERE		12. COLLECTOR	
a. AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SAMPLE <u>\$0.</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PURCHASED		a. NAME (Print or type) <u>Dennis R. Blasius</u>	
b. SIGNATURE (Person from whom sample received) <u>MTK</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> BORROWED (To be returned)		b. SIGNATURE <u>Dennis Blasius</u>	

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CONTINUATION OF NARRATIVES FOR SAMPLE #

96-830-3548

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

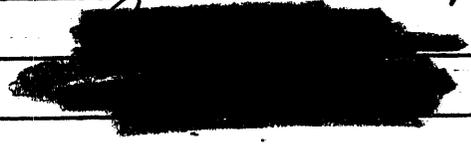
slide type on/off switch, and a wheel type switch to control the flame height. Warning labeling is on sticker on lighter handle, see report.

METHOD OF COLLECTION

sealed as ID'd in #22. Lighter does not need to be returned.

Document Number ~~C-660216~~ G 9440214A
Date of Incident 5-29-96 Category I.D. SECT KW 1996
Follow-Up Requested _____ Hazard Analysis Section 15
Type Follow-Up Requested _____ Telephone Call _____ On-Site _____

Headquarters Contact Kate Wallace, CCA
Assignment Message Please conduct a Section 15 IDI.
Determine make of lighter and whether switch was
in "on" position. How old is the child? How did
he get a hold of the lighter? What was the lighter
used for? Cigarettes?

Person(s) to Contact Portier Fire Dept.


Guideline _____

Requested By Kate Wallace, CCA
Task Number 960 712 CCC 5331
Assigned to CAID Date 7/12/96

TC 20

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Kate

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Pontiac
Daily Leader
8,178

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129 Child accidentally sets car fire

A child playing with a grill-type long lighter accidentally caught the interior of a car on fire Wednesday afternoon.

The Pontiac Fire Department said the 1991 Plymouth, owned by [REDACTED], was heavily damaged. The interior of the vehicle was destroyed by fire. The fire occurred at 4:34 p.m. while the vehicle was parked at the [REDACTED] residence. The youth was not injured.

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7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Family Home	8. CITY Imogene	9. STATE Iowa
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT Utility-Type Lighter	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Model: Butane Mfr: Unknown
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT Used Children's Clothes	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Brand: Unknown Mfr: Unknown
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FIELD ACTIVITY COVERSHEET			
1. REGION/STATE FOCR/Iowa	2. OPERATION (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Other		3. DATE 10/11/96
		<input type="checkbox"/> Establishment Visit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investigation-Telephone	4. NUMBER (For RO Use) 96072CCC5332
5. ESTABLISHMENT Name <u>Manufacturer Of Utility-Type Lighter Is Unknown</u> Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone No. _____			
6. RELATED FIRM Name _____ City _____ State _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Headquarters <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
7. PRODUCTS COVERED <u>Used Utility-Type Butane Lighter</u> <u>Used Children's Clothes</u>		8. OTHER CONSUMER PRODUCTS _____ _____	
9. ESTABLISHMENT TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> Importer <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesaler <input type="checkbox"/> Own Label Distributor <input type="checkbox"/> Retailer <input type="checkbox"/> Repackager <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		10. ANNUAL PRODUCTION Product Covered \$ _____ Units _____ Other Products \$ _____ Units _____	
11. I.S. BUSINESS % Received _____ % Shipped _____	12. SAMPLES COLLECTED None	13. MIS CODE 32626	14. HOURS Activity <u>06</u> Travel <u>00</u>
15. REASON FOR ACTIVITY (Assignment Reference) <u>Investigation Requested By CPSC Headquarters As A F/U To Newspaper Clip No. G9660222A</u>			
16. ANNOUNCED <input type="checkbox"/> Rationale for Announced Inspection UNANNOUNCED <input type="checkbox"/>			
17. EMPLOYEE'S NAME Harold E. Snyder	TITLE Senior Investigator Kansas City RP/FOCR	SIGNATURE <i>Harold E. Snyder</i>	
18. <input type="checkbox"/> ENDORSEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> REMARKS <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ A 4 year old male sustained severe burns when he accidentally ignited his clothes while playing with a butane lighter. No product ident was available. Efforts to contact the parents were unsuccessful. F/U: None.			
19. REVIEWER'S NAME William E. Gentry	TITLE SPSI ATL SO/FOCR	SIGNATURE <i>W E Gentry</i>	
20. REVIEW DATE 10/17/96	21. DISTRIBUTION O: EPDS, C: FOCR(IDI), CCA(KW), CS: BG, RF, HES		

PRE-ACCIDENT:

According to local authorities a four year old boy accidentally ignited his clothes with a "fireplace, (i.e. utility-type), lighter".

The boy purportedly sustained third degree burns over about 50% of his upper body, (i.e. front and back). He was transported to a local hospital for initial treatment. He was subsequently transferred to Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska. He was admitted to Clarkson and is recovering from his burn injuries.

The victim is a four year old male. The victim has no known physical or mental disability which contributed directly to his incident with the utility-type lighter. According to local authorities the victim does not have a history of starting fires.

The victim lives with his father, mother and older siblings in a farm house located near Imogene, Iowa. The family residence is a two story structure with front room, living room and kitchen on the first floor. Bedrooms are on the second floor of this home.

ACCIDENT:

There are no known eyewitnesses to the victim's incident with the utility-type lighter. He was reportedly alone, on the second floor of the family home, where the incident is thought to have occurred.

Through post-incident interviews local authorities recreated the following accident scenario. On the incident day the four year old victim was in the family home. He was purportedly under the care of his 17 year old brother. The father was outside mowing the grass. Other family members were away from the home.

The victim's 16 year old sister arrived home. About the same time the 17 year old brother came out of the house to tell his father he was leaving. The father asked the 16 year old sister to go in the house and take care of the four year old victim.

The sister did go into the house and found the four year victim with his clothes on fire. The father reportedly estimated the time between the 17 year old brother leaving the house and the 16 year old sister entering the house at approximately three minutes.

However, the sheriff offered his opinion that the victim had probably not been closely watched by his 17 year old brother. The sheriff stated the victim may have been by himself much longer than the three minutes estimated by the father.

After entering the house the 16 year old sister found the four year old victim with his clothes on fire. The 16 year old sister put out the victim's burning clothes by using wet towels. She ran outside and told her father. An ambulance was called to the family home.

POST-ACCIDENT:

Initially, the victim was transported, via an ambulance, to a hospital in Shenandoah, Iowa. Examination disclosed the victim had sustained third degree burns over about 50% of his upper body, (i.e. both front and back).

After treatment to stabilize the victim he was transferred and admitted to Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska. Successful treatment was given and the victim is now recovering from his burn injuries. His burn injuries necessitated a lengthy stay in Clarkson Hospital.

A Commission Body Burn Injury Diagram was prepared showing the victim's burn injuries. This diagram is included as attachment No. 1.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

Local authorities determined the four year old victim had used a "fireplace, (i.e. utility-type lighter)" to ignite his clothes.

Local authorities did not determine the brand or manufacturer of the incident utility-type lighter. According to the sheriff the incident utility-type lighter had a red handle attached to an extended metal tube about four - six inches in length. This lighter was fueled by butane. The sheriff stated his opinion that the incident utility-type lighter is "very easy" to turn on, (i.e. a four year old was able to turn on this lighter).

The family reportedly used the incident lighter as a "fireplace lighter". Local authorities did not determine exactly how the victim obtained this lighter. However, this lighter was in a place accessible to a four year old child. Attempts to contact the victims family were not successful.

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A copy of the sheriff's department report, on the victim's incident, was obtained and is included as attachment No. 2.

STANDARD'S INFORMATION:

No standard's information, on the incident utility-type lighter, was obtained during this investigation.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1	Copy of a Body Burn Injury Diagram for the victim - Prepared by this Commission investigator
Attachment No. 2	Copy of a sheriff's department report on the victim's incident
Attachment No. 3	Commission Investigation Assignment Tracking Sheet
Attachment No. 4	Commission Accident Investigation Request Form
Attachment No. 5	Photocopy of newspaper article on the victim's incident - Assigned Commission Document No. G9660222A

NON-PURGED

IDI NUMBER: 960712CCC5332

PRODUCT: Utility-Type Used Children's
 Butane Lighter Clothes

FIRM: Mfr. Unknown Mfr. Unknown

LOCATION OF INJURY		Upper Body - Front And Back	CASE NUMBER	960712CCC5332
Victim: Four Year Old Male				
BODY DIAGRAM	Left			
	Back			3° BURN
	Front			2° BURN
	Right			
				1° BURN
				KEY FOR BURN CASES

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STATEMENT OF: ~~Thomas Johnson~~ 36-39Case No. 960712CCC5332
Office: 830 Invest: 8185
Attach. No. 2

1804, on June 14th myself and Deputy Lee Dagg were
 Dispatched to ~~Residence~~ Residence in Imogene, we were told
 a child was burned and that Shepandoah had dispatched An Ambulance.
 Prior to arriving we were told that the boy was now in the hospital,
 and to go to Shepandoah P.D. We arrived at Sher. P.D. at 1815.
 talked to their dispatcher since they received the 911 call.

At 1820 we went to Shepandoah Memorial.

At approx. 1824 we talked to ~~John Johnson~~, who is the father
 of the child. He states that while I was mowing the lawn,
 I had my oldest son watch ~~the child~~ (the burn victim), they
 were upstairs at the time. I was bringing the riding lawn mower
 up to the house when I saw my Daughter pull up to the house.
 the oldest boy came out to say he was leaving since his sister
 was home. The time between him coming out of the house and
 the sister going in was approx. 3 minutes. The daughter went
 in and discovered the child on fire, she put the fire out and
 ran to get the father. they then called 911. (end of statement.)

The child was burned, and SCARRED on his upper torso.
 The child was playing or came into possession of a fireplace
 sparker.

No charges were filed.

Att:

Harold Snyder

~~John Johnson~~ 36-39
 Deputy

IDI ASSIGNMENT TRACKING SHEET 447

1. ASSIGNMENT # 9607120005332 2. INVEST. 8185 3. SUP. 8007
4. DATE ASGD 7/22/96 5. TARGET 8/26/96 6. UPDATE _____
7. ASGN TYPE 08 8. MIS 32626 9. ACTIVITIES _____
10. NAME Meyer 11. LOCATION Imogene, IA
12. PRODUCT utility lighter 13. DOC # G9660222A
14. HIA REF SECT15 15. STATUS _____ 16. LAST REV (GENERATED)
17. REGION C
18. DATE COMPLETED 10/11/96 19. TIME 06 Hrs 20 TRAVEL 00
21. REMARKS DOI 960614

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND DIRECTIONS (NOT IN COMPUTER RECORD)

If lighter is available conduct visit
to examine, photograph, and collect as
a sample for CEA (K12) evaluation.
If not available, do by phone.

See HQ assignment prod info / id sent
critical

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

Case No. 960712CCC5332

Office: 830

Invest: 8185

Attach. No. 4

Document Number ~~G-660222~~ G9460222A

Date of Incident 6-14-96 Category I.D. SECTKW 1996

Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call On-Site

Headquarters Contact Kate Wallace, CCA

Assignment Message Please conduct a Section 15 IDI. Determine
more of utility lighter where it was stored and
how the child was able to get it. Was the switch in
the "on" position? For what purpose was the lighter
used?

Person(s) to Contact ~~_____~~

Margene, IA

Guideline _____

Requested By Kate Wallace, CCA

Task Number 940712CCC5332

Assigned to QAI'D Date 7/12/96

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JUN 18 1996

By BARBARA J. BALM
IMOGENE — Quick action by an older teenage sister has been credited with saving the life of [redacted], 4, of Imogene following an accident at the family's rural home late Friday afternoon.

[redacted] (16-year-old sister) probably saved his life. [redacted]'s grandmother [redacted], also of rural Imogene, said when contacted Monday morning, [redacted]'s sister grabbed wet towels and was able to put the fire out before the ambulance personnel arrived on the scene, the grandmother said. [redacted] is the son of [redacted] and [redacted].

The 4-year-old was lifeflighted by Sky-Med to Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, Neb., Friday, shortly after his arrival at the Shenandoah hospital, according to official reports. Another family member said that [redacted] sustained third degree burns over almost 50 percent of his upper torso area, front and back.

Monday afternoon, Elizabeth Owen, spokesperson from Clarkson, said, the young boy's condition remains listed as critical.

"Thankfully, he didn't inhale any of the fire into his lungs," the grandmother said, "and his face and hands didn't get burnt too badly." She reported that [redacted] was wearing a shirt and shorts at the time of the accident.

According to the sheriff's report, the clothes ignited as the young boy was playing upstairs at the family home with a type of long-stemmed butane lighter used to light fireplaces or barbecue grills.

The older sister was also credited in notifying the mother of the accident and getting her home in time to ride in the ambulance with the boy to the hospital, the grandmother said. [redacted] mother was in Imogene helping paint rooms used for CCD classes at the convent at the time the accident occurred.

According to the grandmother, Friday afternoon [redacted]'s father [redacted] was outside mowing the yard while [redacted] 17-year-old brother [redacted] was in the house with [redacted] and a little sister. The older brother went outside to tell his father that he would be leaving shortly.

period of time elapsed between the older brother walking outside and the 16-year-old sister walking inside, the grandmother said. "It was just one of those things that happens. We are all just so grateful for [redacted]'s quick reaction."

The Shenandoah communications center was notified of the accident at 5:49 p.m. on June 14. An ambulance was dispatched to the rural residence of the [redacted] to pick up a burn victim. A Fremont County deputy was dispatched to meet the ambulance at the Shenandoah hospital to fill out a routine report regarding the incident.

By Monday morning, [redacted]'s grandmother said, a check with the hospital revealed that the swelling was going down, and [redacted] was off oxygen. While his face and hands sustained very few burns, she said, one of his arms is bandaged rather heavily with most of the burns on his upper body. His eyebrows and hair were singed somewhat in the accident, she reported, and there are a few burns under his chin. Hospital staff have been walking him to the whirlpool, she added, and "he was able to sit up in a chair this (Monday) morning."

The family has received numerous phone calls from concerned relatives, friends and acquaintances. The grandmother said the family is very grateful for all the concern and interest shown and all the prayers being said for [redacted] recovery and recuperation. She added the hospital staff has indicated that his stay there may last at least two months.

Anyone wishing to send a card or letter to the young boy may do so at the following address: [redacted] patient, c/o Clarkson Burn Service, Clarkson Hospital, [redacted] Omaha, NE 68105.

*[redacted] arrived home,
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PURGED

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Case No. 960712CCC5332

Office: 830

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		KEY FOR BURN CASES	

C.P.C. FORM NO. 182

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The child was burned, and SCARRED on his upper torso. The child was playing or came into possession of a fireplace sparkler.

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Harold Snyder

[Signature] 36-39
Deputy

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

Case No. 960712CCC5332

Office: 830

Invest: 8185

Attach. No. 4

Document Number ~~G-660222~~ G9440222A

Date of Incident 6-14-96 Category I.D. SECTKW 1996

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Person(s) to Contact [Redacted]
Imogene, IA

Guideline _____

Requested By Kate Wallace, CCA

Task Number 940712CCC5332

Assigned to AHO Date 7/12/96

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Clarkson Hospital, [redacted]
Omaha, NE 68105.

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13 SEP 1996

EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. CASE NUMBER 960717CNE5184	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8170	3. OFFICE CODE 800
4. INCIDENT DATE: 960705	5. DATE IDI INITIATED YR MO DAY 960730	

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT
 A 38 year old female sustained first degree burns to her legs when she attempted to extinguish a fire in the bedroom of a single family dwelling started by her 3 year old son playing with a butane grill lighter. The victim was treated and released. The son had obtained the grill lighter from off an end table in the second floor bedroom and set paper lying on top of a mattress on fire. The fire gutted the bedroom and destroyed the lighter.

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 No. Mfrs/PrvtLbrs or Products Identified
 Excused by ANPR
 Firms Notified.
 Comments Processed 6/30/97

7. LOCATION Home (bedroom)=10	8. CITY Neptune	9. STATE NJ
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT Butane grill lighter (NEISS 1285)	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS UNKNOWN
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT Mattress (NEISS 4009)	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS UNKNOWN
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12. AGE OF VICTIM 038	13. SEX F=02	14. DISPOSITION Treated & released=1	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Burns (thermal)=51
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16. BODY PART Legs=36	17. RESPONDENT(S) Fire Investigator=03	18. INVESTIGATION TYPE Other=03	19. TIME SPENT 8.0
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20. ATTACHMENTS Fire Report, Police Report=02	21. CASE SOURCE Newspaper=05	22. REVIEWED BY 8342	YR MO DAY 96 09 09
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY)
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24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)	25. REGIONAL DIRECTOR REVIEW/ DATE 9-12-96
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MFR/PRVLBR NOTIFIED
 No Comments made
 Comments attached
 Excisions/Revisions
 Firm has not requested
 further notice

NOTE: The respondent is the fire investigator at the scene. The butane grill lighter involved in this fire was not retrieved and was destroyed in the fire. The dwelling was declared unfit for occupancy and the occupants were relocated with other family members. The owner of the dwelling was contacted but declined to supply any information and claimed he did not know the whereabouts of the tenants.

PRE-INCIDENT

This incident occurred in an older two story wood frame single family dwelling that was occupied by a family of seven. The family rented the dwelling which per fire investigator is zoned for no more than five occupants. At the time of the fire the mother, age 38 years, and five children ranging in ages from 18 years to 3 year old twin boys were in the dwelling. The father was reportedly at work at the time.

Per fire investigator the parents had a butane grill lighter which was used to light an outdoor charcoal grill. It was kept in their bedroom on an end table next to the bed. Per fire investigator the father had later mentioned that one of the twin boys had attempted to light the grill lighter on previous occasions and that it was taken from the child.

On the day of the incident the mother was in the second floor bedroom putting away laundry with one of her 3 year old twin boys in the bedroom with her. Reportedly the child began playing with the lighter while the mother was in the same bedroom. The mother reportedly took the cigarette lighter from the child and told him not to play with it. The lighter was returned to the end table. Per fire investigator the bedroom was crowded with pieces of furniture and pieces of paper were on top of the bed's mattress. The boy again picked up the lighter from the end table and lit the paper on the mattress with the grill lighter.

INCIDENT

A 3 year old male used a butane grill lighter to set on fire paper lying on top of a bedroom mattress. The resulting fire gutted the bedroom before it was extinguished. The child's mother sustained first degree burns to her legs from fighting the fire. She was treated and released at the local hospital.

POST INCIDENT

Per fire investigator the mother and family members attempted to extinguish the fire themselves. They were unable to stop the fire from spreading and the mother and her children ran outside where the mother began screaming to neighbors. One neighbor

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NEPTUNE FIRE DEPARTMENT
DISTRICT NUMBER 1

SUPPLEMENT
 OPERATION REPORT

AREA: Unexcelled

1. NATURE OF INCIDENT Fire	2. DATE 7-5-96	3. TIME 1032	4. CLASSIFICATION	5. COMPLAINT NUMBER 96-14530
6. VICTIM - COMPLAINANT - ACCUSED				
7. ADDRESS				11. PHONE
9. LOCATION OF INCIDENT				
10. REPORTED BY			RADIO	PHONE
11. ADDRESS			12. PHONE	
13.				
14.				

15. ACTION TAKEN

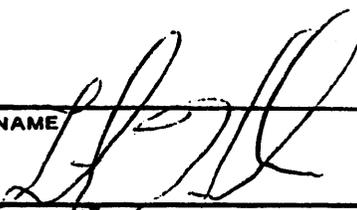
This Inspector responded to a structure fire at 96 Ridge Avenue. Upon arrival I spoke with Detective Captain Diglio and Detective Furman of the Neptune Police Department who advised me that it appears the fire was started by a 3-year-old who lived in the house. At this time this Inspector requested the Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office to respond. Deputy Marshal Phil Payne arrived on the scene at approximately 11:15 hours.

The structure is a two-story wood frame dwelling. The fire was contained to the second floor area with smoke and water damage throughout.

At this time I spoke with Ms. Gloria Johnson, age 38, who advised me she was home with her six children and that one of her twin boys, William Jones, age 3, had been playing with a butane grill lighter and had set the bed on fire. She then stated that she had attempted to extinguish the fire but was unable to control it and she and the children left the home. She also stated that she was in the rear bedroom with the twins but did not know that William had the lighter.

An investigation of the rear bedroom was conducted by Fire Marshal Payne and myself. This investigation showed very heavy fire damage to this room and hallway area. This room was cluttered with furniture and the area of the bed was totally destroyed. At this point Marshal Payne and I spoke with William Jones in the presence of his father and Detective Furman. William stated he found the lighter by his mom's bed and lite a piece of paper on the bed on fire.

EXHIBIT A1

16. NAME 	17. BADGE NO.	18. HOURS	19. DATE	20. REVIEWED 	21. PENDING	22. COMPLETE
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NEPTUNE FIRE DEPARTMENT
DISTRICT NUMBER 1

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Ms. [REDACTED] was transported to JSMC by Neptune First Aid for burns to her left leg. The Unexcelled, Liberty and Shark River Hills Fire Companies were on the scene. All utilities were shut off by the utility companies. The owner was notified and instructed to board up the house. This home did have operating smoke detectors.

In the opinion of this Inspector and Deputy Fire Marshal Payne this fire was accidental in nature caused by a child playing with a lighter.

Occupants in the house at time of fire were:

[REDACTED]	Age 38
[REDACTED]	Age 18
[REDACTED]	Age 12
[REDACTED]	Age 3
[REDACTED]	Age 3
[REDACTED]	Age 5

All occupants were relocated with other family members. This fire was reported by use of the 911 system by a neighbor.

EXHIBIT A 2

REPORT MADE BY		DATE		TELETYPE NO.		
NAME	BADGE NO.	HOURS	DATE	REVIEWED	PENDING	COMPLETE
SIGNATURE						

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NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
FIRE REPORT

Case #: 96-14530

POSSE: Offense _____ UCR _____ Status _____ UCR Damage Amt _____
Location _____ Patrol Area Z2 Grid _____
Shift 7-3 Date 7/5/96 Time 1032 Misc _____
Structure X Vehicle _____ Brush _____ Trash _____ Other _____
MAKE _____ YEAR _____ REG. _____

COMPLAINANT: John Durham Type _____
Sex M Race _____ DOB _____ Age _____ SOC # _____
Address _____ apt#40 Neptune, NJ Phone # _____
Employer _____ Phone # _____

OWNER: _____ Complainant _____
Sex _____ Race _____ DOB _____ Age _____ SOC # _____
Address _____ Phone # _____
Employer _____ Phone # _____

OCCUPANT: _____ Owner renter
Sex F Race B Age 38 DOB 3/9/58 SOC # unknown Phone # none
Employer none Phone # _____
Total Residents 7 Total Present 6 (Describe)
Total Injured 1 Total Fatal 0 (Describe)

RESPONSE:

Fire UnExcelled Fire Department
First Aid Neptune First Aid
Ranking Officer Asst. Chief A. Fritz Detective Detective D. Furman
Fire Inspector: Yes X No _____ Fire Police: Yes X No _____
Photographs: Yes X No _____ Evidence Taken: Yes _____ No X

NARRATIVE: See Investigation Report for details.
Photographs were taken by the Fire Department photographer.
Fire call was placed on a 911 line from a phone registered to the above complainant.

Investigating Officer Det. Felix Cuevas Date of Report 7/5/96
Dispatcher D18 Page 1 of 1 Reviewed by MC

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONMOUTH COUNTY UNIFORM REPORT SYSTEM**

0. AGENCY: Neptune Twp. Police

INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. Complaint No.		2. Mun. Code 1334		3. Phone No.		4. UCR		21. Prosecutor's Case Number		22. Department Case Number 96-14530		
5. Crime: Incident Juvenile Delinquency Arson						23. Victim/s/ 1. State of New Jersey		24. Age		25. Sex	26. Race	
6. NJS 2C:17-1						27. Victim/s/ Home Address 1.				Phone		
7. Between		8. Hour		9. Day	10. Mo	11. Date	12. Yr		28. Employer		Phone	
At X		1032		6	7	5	96		2			
13. Crime/Incident Location						3.						
14. Municipality Neptune Twp.			15. County Monmouth			16. Code 1334		29. Person Reporting Crime/Incident		30. Date and Time 7/5/96 1032 hours		
17. Type of Premises SFD		18. Code 21		19. Weapons-Tools Butane lighter		20. Code 20		31. Address Neptune, NJ		Phone		
32. Method of Operation The accused allegedly used a extended butane lighter to set papers and a bed on fire.												
33. Vehicle		34. Year		35. Make		36. Body Type		37. Color		38. Registration Number & State		
39. Serial Number or Identification	40. Currency		41. Jewelry		42. Furs		43. Clothing		44. Auto		45. Misc.	
VALUE STOLEN PROPERTY	46. Total Value Stolen n/a		47. Total Value Recovered n/a		48. Teletype Alarm none		49. Technical Services none		50. Technician - Agency none			
List Accused - List and identify Additional Victims - Describe Perpetrators or Suspects - Action Taken Include Findings and Observations of Investigator - Physical Evidence Found - Where By Whom - Disposition and Technical Services Performed - Interview of Victims - Witnesses - Persons Contacted - Accused Suspects - List - Describe Stolen Property Value - Court Action - Attach Statements.												
51. No. of Accused 1		52. Adult 0		53. Juvenile 1		54. Status Crime active		55. Status Case investigation		56. UCR Status Month _____ Year _____		
57. Date Cleared		58. Name		Address		SSN unknown		59. Age 3	60. Sex M	61. Race B	62. DOB 10/21/92	
63. Narrative Dispatch received a call that there was a house fire at the above location. A fire tone was sounded on the Fire frequency and I responded to the scene from two blocks away. Enroute to the scene I observed heavy black smoke rising to the sky. Upon arrival to the scene I could observe flames coming out of the second floor windows. Dispatch was notified												
64. Name Ptl. Louis Cuevas				65. Badge Number 170				66. Page 1 of 3 Pages		67. Date Report 7/5/96		68. Reviewed by <i>[Signature]</i>
Signature <i>[Signature]</i>								69. 70.		71.		

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONMOUTH COUNTY UNIFORM CRIME REPORT**

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0. AGENCY Neptune Twp. Police Dept.

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that there was a "working" house fire at the scene.

A black female was screaming in front of the house. Residents of the area reported that the subject lived in the house. [REDACTED] b/f DOB 3/9/58 reported she resided in the house and that everyone was accounted for. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that a total of six people were in the house with her and she pointed out all of them to me. Ms. [REDACTED] had a slight odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from her breath. She was very upset over the matter and was yelling and disorderly. She attempted to enter the house several times to retrieve items. Ms. [REDACTED] was restrained by me and two of her relatives. We attempted to calm her down for over five minutes. Each time she attempted to break free from our hold and tried to enter the house. Det. Furman arrived on the scene and assisted me in restraining the subject. After all attempts failed to calm the subject down, she was handcuffed behind the back and secured in Car#9. Lt. Zagury arrived shortly thereafter and released the subject from the patrol car.

The following subjects were in the house:

1. [REDACTED] b/f DOB 3/9/58, age 38
2. [REDACTED] b/f DOB 3/7/78, age 18
3. [REDACTED] b/m DOB 1/29/84, age 12
4. [REDACTED] s b/m DOB 10/21/92, age 3
5. [REDACTED] s b/m DOB 10/21/92, age 3
6. [REDACTED] b/m DOB 11/3/90, age 5

All subjects were the children of [REDACTED]. A total of seven persons lived in the house. The seventh subject later responded to the scene.

Next door neighbor and friend of the above family, [REDACTED] b/f of [REDACTED] Neptune, NJ reported that one of the twin boys that lived in the house was responsible for the fire. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] set a bed on fire. Det. Furman and Det. Capt. Diglio were made aware of the information. Det. Furman conducted interviews and assisted in the investigation.

Fire Departments from Neptune Township responded to the scene and extinguished the fire.

64. Name Ptl. Louis Cuevas Signature <i>L. Cuevas</i>	65. Bodge Number 170	66. Page 2 of 3 Pages	67. Date Report 7/5/96	68. Reviewed By <i>[Signature]</i>
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MONMOUTH COUNTY UNIFORM CRIME REPORT**

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0. AGENCY Neptune Twp. Police Dept.

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Det. Furman reported that the child used an extended butane lighter that is commonly used to light barbecue grills. The child lit papers on a bed and the bed caught on fire. Residents attempted to extinguish the fire themselves and were unable to control it. The fire was then reported by a resident from the 30 [REDACTED] apartment complex.

The second floor received extensive damage. The utilities were shut off by officials of the companies. Fire Officials reported that they would attempt to have someone board up the house.

See Fire Report for additional details.

64. Name Pt1. Louis Cuevas Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	65. Badge Number 170	66. Page 3 of 3 Pages	67. Date Report 7/5/96	68. Reviewed By <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
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POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONMOUTH COUNTY UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

0. AGENCY: Neptune Twp. P.D.

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. Complaint No.	2. Municipal Code	3. Phone Number	4. UCR	21. Prosecutor's Case Number	22. Department Case Number
	1334	988-8000			96-14530
5. Crime/Incident			5A. New Crime/Incident if Changed		
Juvenile Delinquency/ Arson					
6A. New NJS			23. Victim/s/ New Address if Changed		
			1.		
			2.		
			3.		
7. Date of Crime		43A. Clothing		40A. Currency	41A. Jewelry
7-5-96					42A. Furs
48A. Teletype - File No.		49A. Additional Technical Service-Agency		44A. Auto	
				45A. Miscellaneous	
46A. Additional Stolen Property Value			47A. Add'l. Recovered Property Value		

List Name Only of Previous Accused — Complete Information on New Accused — Include Additional Perpetrators — Suspects — Record all Developments Since Last Report — Explain Any Crime Change — List Additional Interviews of Victims — Persons Contacted — Witnesses — Evidence — Technical Services — Stolen Property — Recovered Property — Court Action

51. No. of Accused	51A. New Accused	52A. Adult	53A. Juvenile	54A. Status Crime	55A. Status Case	56A. UCR Status	57A. Date Cleared	
one			one			Mo. _____ Yr. _____		
58A. Name	Address		SSN		59A. Age	60A. Sex	61A. Race	62A. DOB

63A. Narrative

Victim: State of New Jersey
Location: [REDACTED], Neptune

While on patrol, D.Capt. Diglio and myself heard a radio transmission of a working house fire at [REDACTED]. Both responded in car #20.

When we arrived, I observed Ptl. Cuevas struggling with a black female that was screaming and attempting to go inside of [REDACTED]. Ptl. Cuevas and myself restrained this black female, later identified as [REDACTED], black female, dob/3-9-58 of [REDACTED] Neptune. Subject was cuffed and placed in the rear of Ptl. Cuevas's vehicle.

64A. Name	65A. Badge Number	66A.	67A. Date Report	68A. Reviewed By
Det. Darrell J. Roman	#176	Page 1 of ___ Pages	7-5-96	[Signature]
Signature: [Signature]		69A.	70A.	71A.
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INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

Attachment A

Data Recording Sheet for Mattress/Bedding Fires
(To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report
along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 960717CNE5184 Incident Date 7/5/96

A. MATTRESS DESCRIPTION:

1. Mattress surface type:

- / Quilted
- / Smooth
- / Tufted
- / Other _____
- / Unknown

2. Material directly under surface ticking:

- / Polyester fiberfill
- / Polyurethane foam
- / Cotton batting
- / Other _____
- / Unknown

3. Pre- or post-standard construction (estimate to the extent possible):

- / Pre-standard
- / Post-standard
- / Other _____
- / Unknown

4. Purchased:

- / New
- / Used. If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.): _____
- / Unknown

5. Date mattress purchased: UNK Mattress age: UNK

6. Manufacturer/distributor/brand: UNK



INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

E. DETECTION OF FIRE

11. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present?

- Yes; specify type: UNK.
- / No
- / Unknown

12. Detector went off (alarmed)?

- Yes
- / No; possible reasons why not _____
- / Unknown

13. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? 1 minute

F. VICTIM(S)

0 Number of Deaths 1 Number of Injuries

G. SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA:

14. Education level of head of household:

- / Less than high school
- / High school
- / Some college
- / Unknown

15. Total household income:

- / < \$15,000
- / \$15,000 - \$34,999
- / \$35,000 +
- / Unknown

16. Approximate home market value: UNK

- / Rent
- / Own
- / Unknown

General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information in the investigation report.



INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

B. BEDDING:

7. Bedding items involved in fire:

- / / Mattress pad
- / / Sheet(s)
- / / Blanket(s)
- / / Comforter
- / / Bedspread
- / / Pillow(s)
- / / Dust ruffle
- Other All bedding

C. IGNITION:

8. Ignition source:

- / / Cigarette
- Lighter; child-resistant _____ not child-resistant unknown _____
- / / Match; book _____ box _____ unknown _____
- / / Candle
- / / Heater; fuel type _____ distance from mattress _____
- / / Other _____
- / / Unknown

9. Location of mattress ignition (even if bedding was the first item ignited):

- Smooth top surface
- / / Tape edge on top of mattress
- / / Quilted or tufted depression on top of mattress
- / / Side of mattress
- / / Underside of mattress
- / / Dust cover on box springs
- / / Other _____
- / / Unknown

10. Age of person involved in ignition (if appropriate):

- < 5 years
- / / 5 - 14 years
- / / 15 - 24 years
- / / 25 - 64 years
- / / 65 + years
- / / Unknown

Boy playing with lighter starts fire

Asbury Park Press Sept. 7/6/96

Neptune family is left homeless

By JAMES W. ROBERTS
COASTAL MONMOUTH BUREAU

NEPTUNE — A 3-year-old boy playing with a butane lighter and paper on top of a mattress started a fire yesterday morning that left his family homeless and the two-story masonry structure badly damaged.

The boy, [redacted], was playing in an upstairs bedroom of his [redacted] home. The fire spread from the paper to the mattress and to sections of the second floor and roof despite efforts by [redacted] mother and siblings to put the fire out, a neighbor and township officials said.

Only [redacted] mother, [redacted], 38, was injured in the fire, said Neptune police Sgt. Larry Dizard. Dizard said she suffered burns to her legs and was treated at Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune, although a nursing supervisor at the hospital said there was no record of the woman's visit.

Township Fire Inspector Lester Harker, after talking to [redacted], ruled the blaze accidental.

The family members tried to extinguish the fire, but they were unable to control it, Dizard said.

"She just kept saying, 'I lost everything I got, I lost everything I got,' over and over," said Neptune resident [redacted], who was staying with at a friend's home next door to the [redacted] house when the house caught fire around 10:30 a.m. yesterday.

"I was in the house eating breakfast and heard a smoke alarm and didn't think anything of it. But then I looked around and there was fire coming out of the window," she said.



NOAH K. MURRAY/Staff Photographer

[redacted] tries to explain to his father (left) and a police officer how the fire was started.

Ever before Neptune firefighters arrived, she took her friend's garden hose and sprayed water up into the window to help cool the fire down, she said.

But there was little evidence of [redacted]'s attempts to stem the spread of the fire yesterday afternoon. The house sat unoccupied; the back end of the second floor was gutted by fire; windows had been smashed by firefighters to battle the fire; and the family's sudden fire-ringed belongings were strewn about the back yard.

"She had a lot of kids, but she's lost everything she's got," [redacted] said.

Sgt. Dizard said a Ridge Court resident first called in the fire at 10:32 a.m., using the 911 emergency system. Fire officials arrived minutes later, he said.

[redacted] the 3-year-old, his twin brother and three other children, ages 16, 12 and 5, were staying with relatives yesterday, he said.

"You just don't leave things like this in the house," said Harker, referring to the long-nosed-style butane lighter, which is used to light grills or gas stoves.

[redacted] could not be reached for comment last night.



NOAH K. MURRAY/Staff Photographer

● Neptune firefighters survey the home on [redacted]. The family tried to put out the fire but was unsuccessful. A woman sustained burns to her legs.

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Fire Dept. 344 Broadway Drive
ST-5651

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Investigation Report - Analyst's Comments

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Task No. 460717 CNE 5184 Regional Office ny co
Product Code 1285-4009 Investigator ID 8170
Category SECTIS Hours Reported 8

Comments *Narrator provides clear details of incident*

Reviewer *J. Taylor* Date:

If you believe the identified deficiencies require contacting investigator/victim and requesting further information, please sign here.

Additional Information
Requested

Signature

17 SEP 1996

1. CASE NO. 960723HCN1582	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID [8][9][2][9]	3. OFFICE CODE [8][3][0]	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4. DATE OF INCIDENT MO DAY [9][6][0][7][1][8]	5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED	YR MO DAY [9][6][0][7][2][2]	

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT
 This investigation was initiated through contact with an area fire department who reported a fire which was started by a three year old male using a grill starter type of lighter. The boy started an unknown object on fire and then attempted to dispose of it in the garbage. The fire in the garbage spread to other combustibles in a closet area of the home. The lighter was found by fire department personnel located under the sheets in the boys bed.

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home [1][0]	8. CITY Kenosha	9. STATE Wisconsin
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT Grill Starter [1][2][8][5]	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Scripto Brand, "Aim n' Flame", Scripto-Tokai Corp., Fontana, CA. 92337
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT None [0][0][0][0]	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS N/A
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12. AGE OF VICTIM [0][0][3]	13. SEX (USE NUMERICAL CODE) MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [1] UNKNOWN - 3	14. DISPOSITION No Injury [0]	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS No Injury [7][1]
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16. BODY PART No Injury [9][9]	17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Mother [1]	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [3] OTHER - 3	19. TIME SPENT TR: 2.0 [18][0]
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20. ATTACHMENTS Multiple [9]	21. CASE SOURCE [0][1]	22. REVIEWED BY [8][1][3][0]	YR MO DAY [9][6][0][9][9][6]
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES
 (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME [] CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME [X]

24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)	25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW Eric B. Ault, 9/13/96
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ATTACHED

CPSA 6 (M) Cleared 25c
No Mfrs/Prvlbrs or Products Identified
Exceeded by ANPR
Firms Notified, Comments Processed *Ann 6/30/97*

MFR/PRVLBR NOTIFIED
~~No Comments made~~
~~Comments attached~~
~~Excisions/Revisions~~
~~Firm has not requested further notice~~

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

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SUMMARY:

This investigation was initiated through an area fire department who reported a house fire started by a three year old male using a grill starter lighter. Upon investigation it was determined that the grill starter was maintained in the home in a cupboard above the refrigerator in the kitchen. The mother indicated that the lighter was kept in the "off" position and was only used to light candles. While the mother was out of the room for an estimated 5-10 minutes, the three year old overturned a bucket and stepping on top of the bucket onto the clothes dryer he was able to obtain the lighter. He lit an unknown item and threw the burning item into the garbage. The mother returned into the room when the smoke detector sounded and found the closet area in her kitchen in flames.

PRE-INCIDENT:

The mother stated that she has a three year old male and a two year old female in the home. She stated that she does not smoke and only used the grill starter lighter for lighting candles in the home. She stated that purchased the lighter from an area Wal-Mart in early July. She estimated that the last time she had used the lighter had been two days prior to this incident to light candles in the home. She questions whether her son had ever witnessed her operating the lighter as she generally lit candles without him present.

On the date of this incident, 7/18/96, the mother stated that she was not feeling well. She stated that because of this she was in the bathroom at the time her son obtained the lighter.

INCIDENT:

It was approximately 10:00 a.m. The mother stated that she was not feeling well and was in the bathroom for approximately 5 or 10 minutes. She heard the smoke detector in the apartment sound and came out of the bathroom to find smoke and fire coming from a closet in the kitchen.

POST-INCIDENT:

The mother stated that she attempted to call the fire department, but the telephone in her apartment was not operating. She then yelled to some of the other residents of the apartment who were standing in the hallway and told them to contact the fire department. She then exited the building.

The mother stated that the newspaper report was incorrect because it reported that her son had lit his "Barney" doll on fire with the grill starter. She stated that he still has this doll and therefore it could not have been what he had used to start the

fire. She stated that the closet where the fire started was used for the garbage can as well as having various paper products such as halloween decorations and tax documents on the shelves above the garbage can. She stated that she feels that whatever her son used to start the fire he then proceeded to throw the object into the garbage can which allowed it to spread to the other paper items in the closet.

The fire department found the grill starter in her son's bed under the covers. Her son had been found playing with matches in the past and does have the ability to operate the trigger mechanism on a toy gun.

Photos were taken of the grill starter and are attached. In addition, photos of the fire scene were requested from the fire department. These have not yet been received but will be forwarded as an addendum to this report upon receipt.

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

Grill Starter: Scripto Brand
"Aim n' Flame"

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A-Fire Department Report

Exhibit B-Photos of grill starter

**KENOSHA FIRE DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENT TO OR INVESTIGATION OF FIRE INCIDENT REPORT**

Fire Department
Incident No. 96-083336

Location: [REDACTED]	Time 1000 AM	Date: 7-18-96	Police Dept Complaint No.
Officer Reporting: Fire Investigator Pat Ryan & Jim Miller		Photos: Yes	Names on File: [REDACTED]
Investigator: P. Ryan and J. Miller	Time 1020 AM	Date 7-18-96	Investigation No. 1075.

DATE: 7/18/96
 TIME: 10:00 AM
 LOCATION: 4007 45 st.
 RE: Apartment Fire
 TENANT: [REDACTED]
 OWNER: [REDACTED]
 MGMT CO. : Horizon Management
 201 Main st. Suite 710
 P.O. Box 2829
 La Crosse, WI 54602-2829
 (608) 784-2935
 PROP. MNGR. : Larry Neuling
 654-1944

INVESTIGATORS: Pat Ryan and Jim Miller, City of Kenosha Fire Department

INTERVIEWS

[REDACTED] stated to inspector Ryan that he had started the fire using a grill type lighter to start a stuffed toy on fire. However [REDACTED] could not remember where he left the toy after lighting it on fire or where he put the lighter.

[REDACTED] stated that she was sleeping in the apartment with her son [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] woke her up telling her that the house was on fire. [REDACTED] got up from the couch were she was sleeping and proceed to the kitchen were she found flames coming from the pantry. She attempted to extinguish the fire with a fire extinguisher but could not. [REDACTED] then took the children out of the apartment and called the Fire Department from a neighbors phone.

[REDACTED] does have renters insurance with Century Insurance Co., Agent Mike Galligan of Kenosha.

[REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED] has Attention Deficit Disorder and is seeing a psychologist for this problem.

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[REDACTED] is the sister of [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has ADD and that he has also been reprimanded in the past for playing with matches, lighters and attempting to start various items on fire.

INVESTIGATION

The first in Engine company reported the apartment door was closed and on entering the apartment they were confronted with thick black smoke. When myself and Pat Ryan were able to enter into the apartment we saw high level burn accompanied with a large amount of soot deposits on the ceilings, walls and furnishings throughout the apartment. The fire pattern indicated that the fire originated in the area of the pantry at floor level and spread upward across the ceiling into the kitchen area and also breaching a wall that separated the pantry and a clothes closet. The pantry contained a Christmas tree, decorations, ornaments, paper products (files, checks), waste can, recyclables and 3 cans of lighter fluid. The cans of lighter fluid were found to have contributed to the fire but were not found to be the cause of the fire. The fire damage was contained to the kitchen, pantry and clothes closet. The rest of the damage was due to smoke.

There was an electric fuse panel in the pantry. This panel was found to be intact, fuses installed and not a contributing factor or cause in this fire. No electrical appliances were in the area of origin nor were there any indication of pour patterns indicative of flammable liquids used as an accelerant. The weather was fair and not conducive to any type of act of GOD.

Finding no other evidence that would lead us to believe that the fire started any other way than what [REDACTED] told Inspector Ryan, we sifted through the burned material and inspected the rest of the apartment for the grill type lighter [REDACTED] had mentioned. We were successful finding the lighter in [REDACTED] bedroom under the sheets on his bed.

Photographs were taken of the scene.

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**KENOSHA FIRE DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENT TO OR INVESTIGATION OF FIRE INCIDENT REPORT**

Fire Department
Incident No. 96-083336

Location: [REDACTED]	Time 1000 AM	Date: 7-18-96	Police Dept Complaint No.
Officer Reporting: Fire Investigator Pat Ryan & Jim Miller		Photos: Yes	Names on File: [REDACTED]
Investigator: P. Ryan and J. Miller	Time 1020 AM	Date 7-18-96	Investigation No. 1075.

- CONCLUSION -

Our findings concur with the statement given by [REDACTED] to Inspector Ryan. [REDACTED] did indeed use a grill type lighter to light a stuffed toy of some type on fire and then placed the ignited toy in the area of the pantry, leaving it there on the floor where it caught the pantry and it's contents on fire. [REDACTED] then proceeded to his bedroom where he hid the lighter under his bed sheets.

[REDACTED] has been referred to the Juvenile Fire Setters program.

Submitted by,

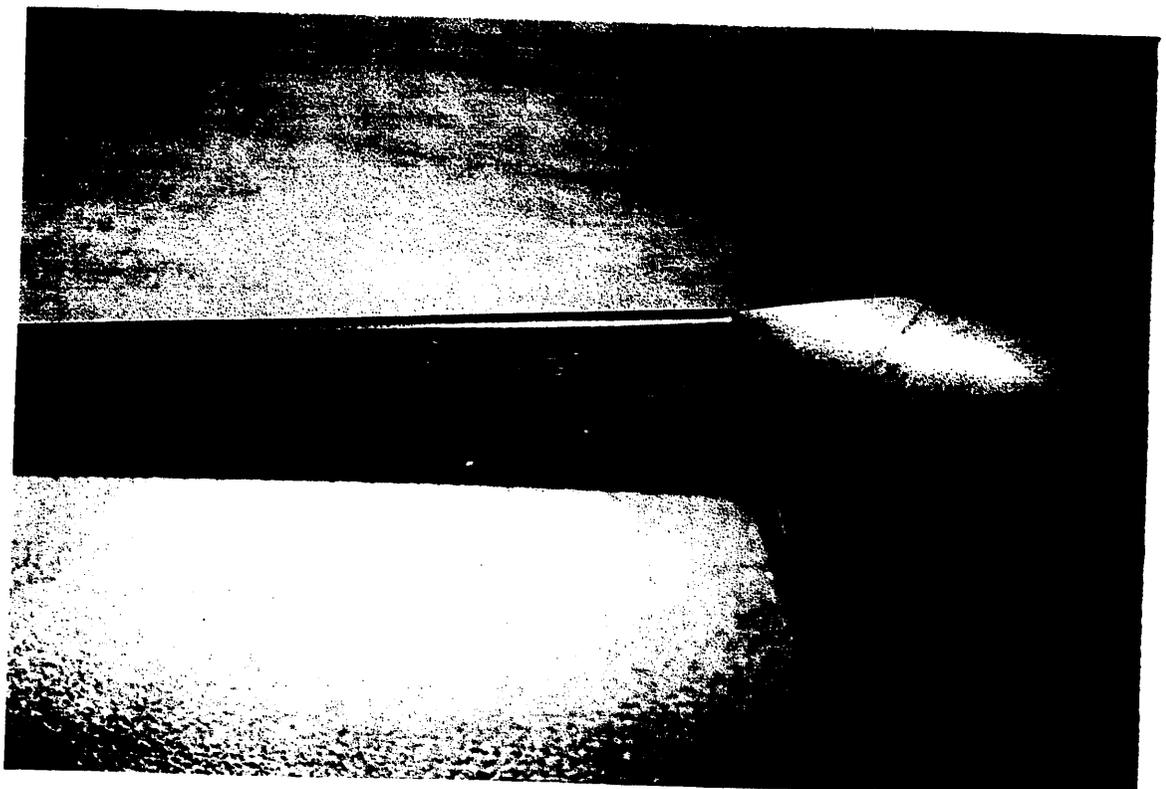
James A. Miller
Firefighter/Paramedic
7/23/96

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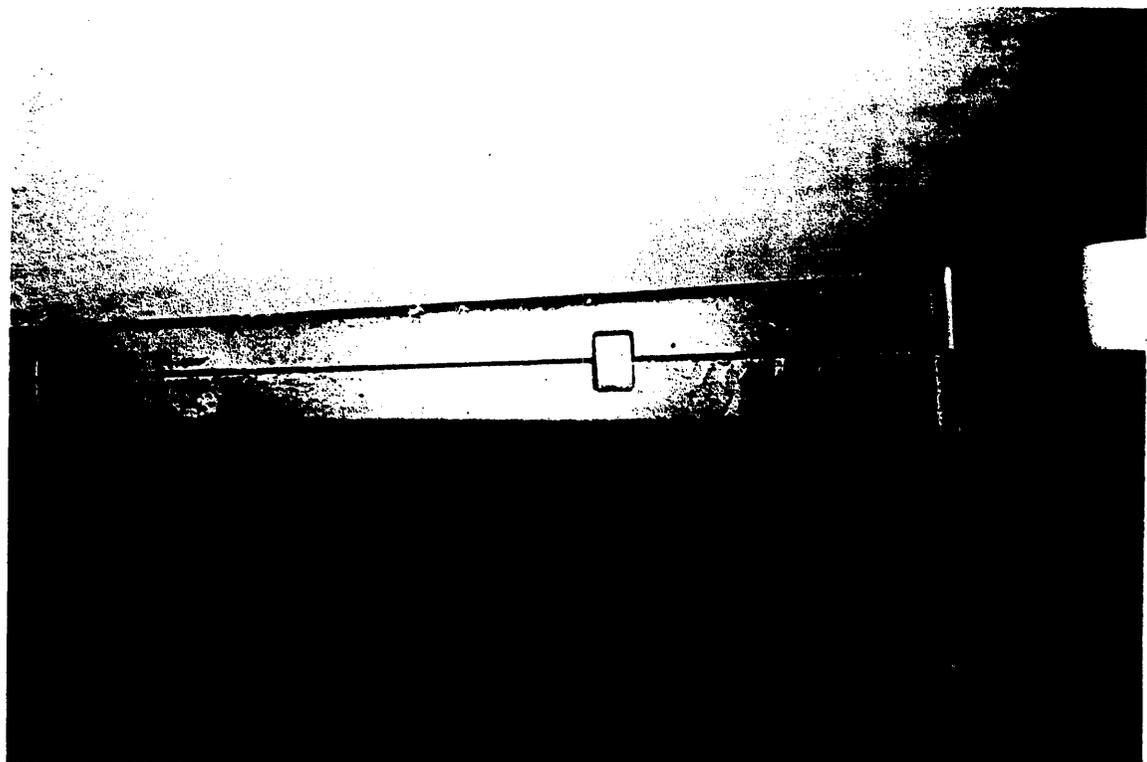
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"Aim n Flame" brand



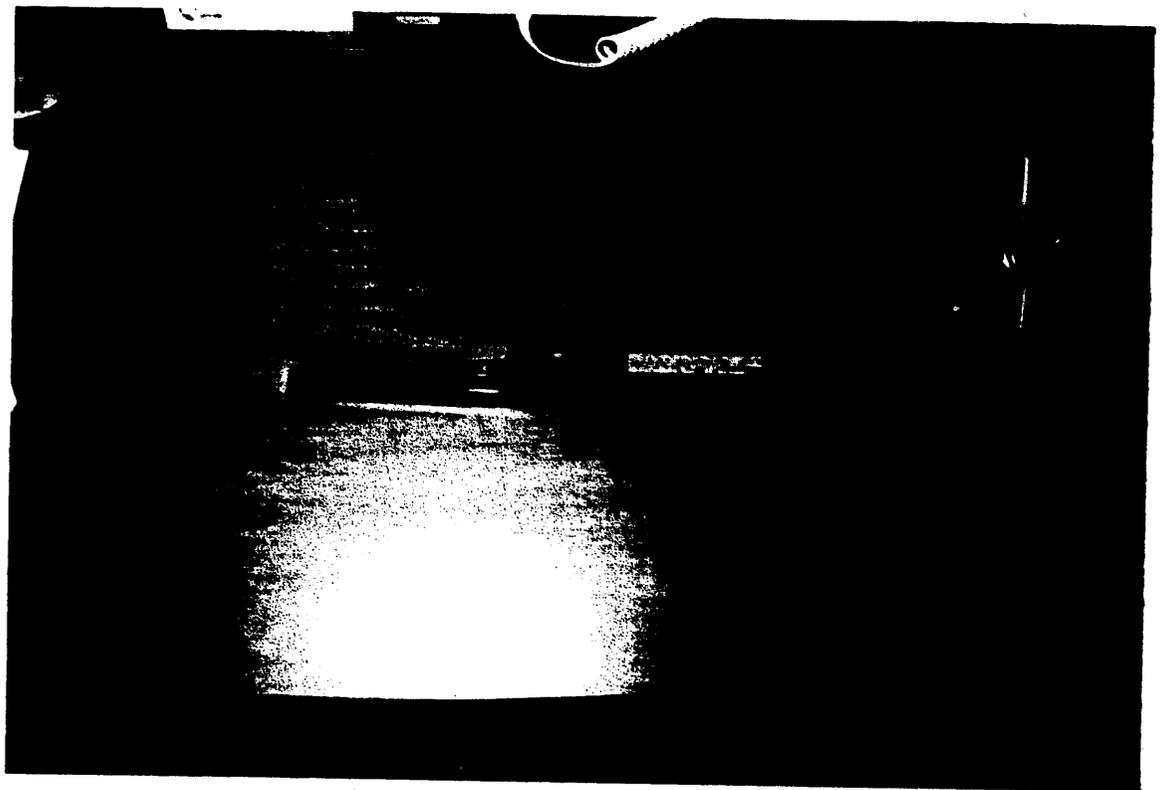
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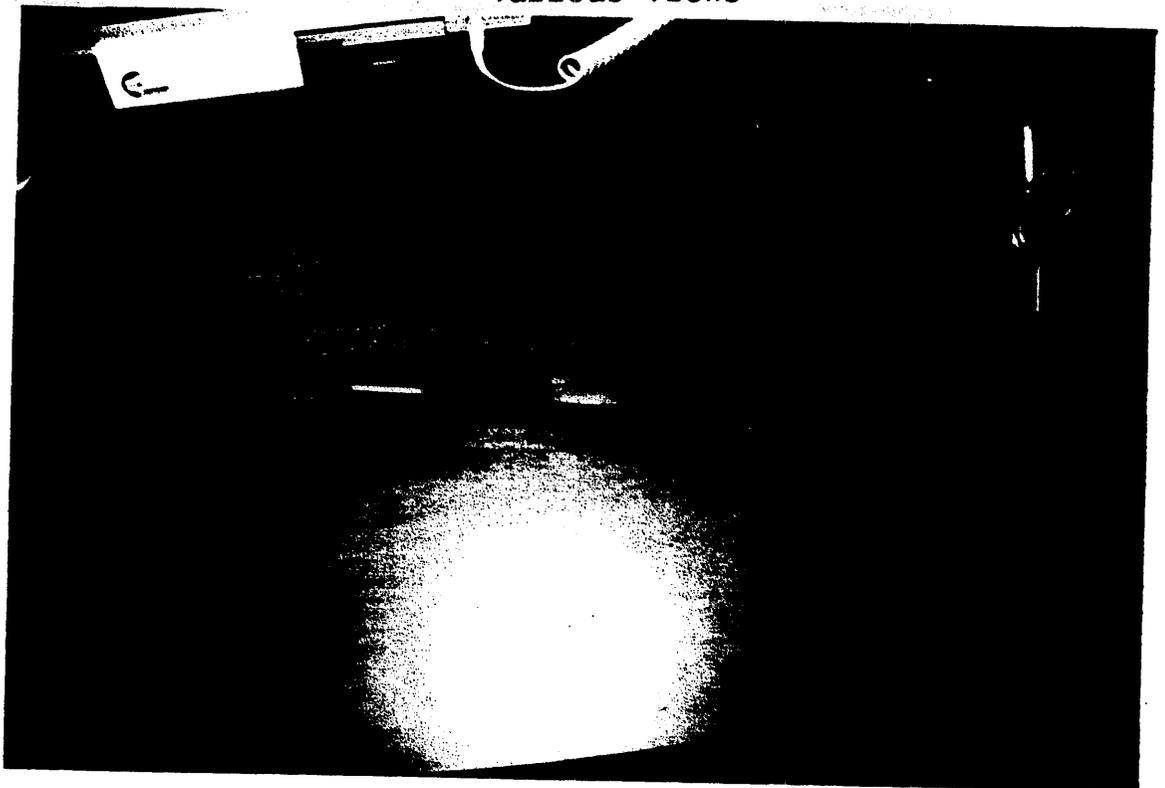
Photos of grill starter-
various views



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Photos of grill starter-
various views



Negatives

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CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

1. Name of Respondent Pat Ryan		2. Telephone No. (Home) (Work) 653-4110	
3. Street Address 625 52nd Street		4. City Kenosha State WI Zip Code 53140	
5. Describe accident situation or hazard, including data on injuries. (Use second page if necessary.) This fire investigator contacted me indicating that he had a fire involving a 3 year old (almost 4) who started a fire with a grill starter. He stated that he obtained the grill starter and started his "Barney" doll on fire. He then became frightened and threw the doll in a kitchen closet which started the fire. The fire investigator found the grill starter between the sheets and comforter on the child's bed. He has the grill starter in his possession.			
6. Date of Incident(s) 7/18/96	7. If injury or near miss, obtain Age [] Sex [] and describe injury	8. If victim different from respondent, provide Name: Relationship:	
9. Description of Product grill starter		10. Brand Name Unknown at time of telephone contact	
11. Manufacturer/Distributor Name, Address & Phone		12. Model, Serial No.:	
		13. Dealer's Name, Address, & Phone	
14. Was the product damaged, repaired or modified? Yes [] No [] If yes, before or after the incident? Describe:		15. Product purchased New [] Used [] Date purchased [] Age []	
		16. Does product have warning labels? If so, Note:	
17. Have you contacted the manufacturer? Yes [] No [] If not, Do you plan to contact them? Yes [] No [] Other		18. Is the product still available? Yes [X] No [] If not, its disposition	
19. May we use your name with this report? Yes [X] No []			
FOR ADMINISTRATION USE			
20. Date Received 7/22/96	21. Received by (Name & Office) Robin Ross-MKE	22. Document No. G674 295-0172A	
23. Follow-Up Action Investigation 960723 HCN1582		24. Product Code(s) 1085	

FOCR, EHDS

Eric B.ault, Reg. Dis

Investigation Report - Analyst's Comments

Task No. 960723 HCN 1582 Regional Office CH10
Product Code 1285 Investigator ID 8929
Category CARM071996 Hours Reported 8.0

Comments

GOOD DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT SEQUENCE.

Reviewer CAS (0061) Date 9/17/96

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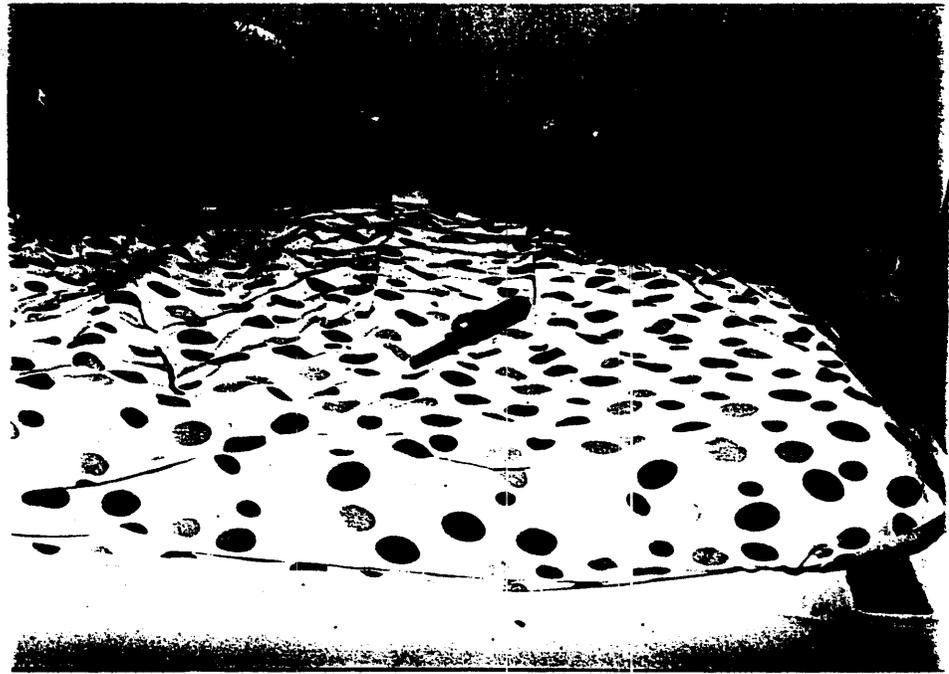
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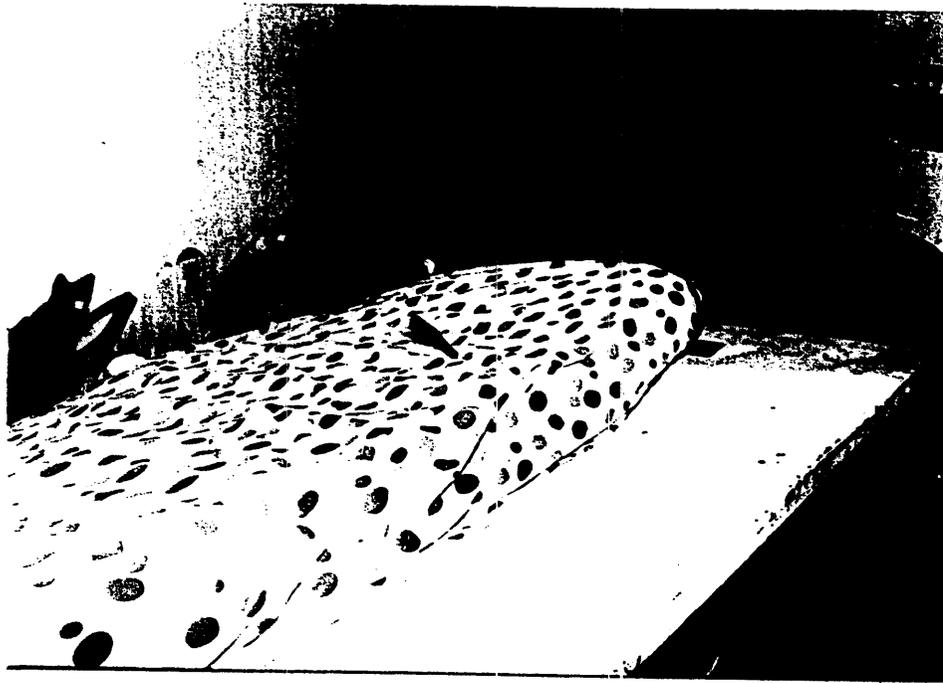
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Attached please find copies of the grill starter lighter involved in this incident. These photos were obtained through the Kenosha Fire Department and show the fire damage and where the grill starter had been found after the incident.

This concludes my investigation of this incident.

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Document Number: X9683377A Task Number: Issue : 44
Date Received : 08/01/96 Confirmed : Date Entered : 08/16/96
City : KENOSHA State : WI Zip : 53140
Source : 0 Type Of Contact : 20
Prod : 1285 CHARCOAL LIGHTERS, NOT SPECIFIED
Prod : 5004 TOYS, NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED
Date Injured : 07/18/96 D Work Related : N
Age : 0 Sex : 0 UNKNOWN
Disposition : 0 0=NO INJURY Haz Type : 1 FIRES AND FLAMES
Brand : MANUFACTURER UNKN Screened ? :
Model : 0

Narrative :

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WAS STARTED BY A BOY, AGE 3, IGNITING A DOLL WITH
A GRILL STARTER. NO INJURY. DAMAGE: N/A.

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Task number: 960723HCN1582	Date Accident: 07/18/96	D	Date Entered: 09/27/96
City : KENSOHA	State : WI	Type: 3=OTHER	Source: 21
Sex: MALE	Status: C		Disposition: 0=NO INJURY
Age: 3	Location: HOME		
Diagnosis: NOT STATED OR UNKNOWN	Body Part: 99		
Document Number: G9670172A	Category Id: BUNN011996		
Product 1 : 1285	CHARCOAL LIGHTERS, NOT SPECIFIED		
Product 2 : 0	NO SECOND PRODUCT INVOLVEMENT		
Manufacturer: SCRIPTO BRAND	Model : AIM 'N FLAME		

Synopsis :

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH CONTACT WITH AN AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO REPORTED A FIRE AND THEN ATTEMPTED TO DISPOSE OF IT IN THE GARBAGE. THE FIRE IN THE GARBAGE SPREAD TO OTHER COMBUSTIBLES IN A CLOSET AREA OF THE HOME. THE LIGHTER WAS FOUND BY