

1. CASE NO. 960821HCN1721		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID [8][9][3][8]		3. OFFICE CODE [8][3][0]		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY [9][6][0][7][2][8]			5. DATE INVESTIGATION YR MO DAY INITIATED [9][6][0][8][3][0]				
6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A 3 year old male started a house fire with a disposable utility gas lighter. The child lit his own mattress on fire with the lighter. No one was injured.							
7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home [1][0]			8. CITY Edwardsville			9. STATE IL	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT Utility Lighter [1][2][8][5]				11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Marlboro Brand, Philip Morris Inc., 120 Park Ave., NY, NY 10017			
10B. SECOND PRODUCT Mattress [4][0][0][9]				11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Serta, Inc., Des Plaines, IL 60018			
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) Mother/ Fire Chief [3]		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [1] OTHER - 3		19. TIME SPENT [0][8].[0]	
20. ATTACHMENTS Multi [9]		21. CASE SOURCE Newspaper [0][5]		22. REVIEWED BY YR MO DAY [8][1][3][0] [9][6][1][0][1][0]			
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES Verbal (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME [x] CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME []							
24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)				25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE			

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY).

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SYNOPSIS

A three year old male started a house fire with a disposable utility gas lighter causing considerable monetary damage to his mother's historic house. The child set his own bed mattress on fire with the lighter then ran downstairs to tell his mother's boyfriend, who was sleeping on the sofa in the living room. No one was injured, because they ran out of the house immediately.

PRE-INCIDENT

The information contained in this report came from the Fire Department's office and the mother of the three year old boy, who started the fire.

The mother stated that she left her house at approximately 4:30 p.m. on sunny Sunday afternoon in July, which was her birthday, to go to the store. Her boyfriend, who was lying on the sofa, and her son were in the living room watching television. Her three year old son was in excellent shape, did not have any physical abnormalities, had not been recently sick, and was not on any medication.

Her boyfriend apparently fell asleep, but not totally, she stated. The couple was in the process of restoring an historic home which she inherited from her grandmother.

INCIDENT

While the male friend was sleeping on the sofa, the three year old boy reached up and inside of the family entertainment center where the disposable utility gas lighter was located. The child took the lighter upstairs to his bedroom and set his mattress on fire. Approximately two minutes later, the child ran back downstairs to wake up and tell the mother's boyfriend what he had done. When the the man awoke, he smelled and saw heavy smoke in the upstairs area, which was proceeding rapidly down the stairs.

POST INCIDENT

The smoke alarm, which was attached to a security system, went off immediately. The male friend grabbed the three year old boy, and both of them ran out of the house to the detached garage where 911 was called. The volunteer fire personnel arrived approximately fifteen minutes later, which was a long time considering the fact that they were around the corner, the mother stated. However, the fire report, (See attachment #2), stated that only two minutes lapsed, from the time the department received the call, to the time they arrived.

The heat from the fire was so intense it broke out all three windows in the child's bedroom and an adjacent hall window. No

one was injured in this fire.

The mother stated that there were two smoke detectors in the house at the time of the fire. Only one, the one located downstairs in the hallway and connected to a security system company, actually went off. The other one, located upstairs caught on fire before it went off. Every piece of furniture and items located in the child's bedroom were totally destroyed. The mother stated that the reason she believes the fire spread so quickly was because of the many pillows, (10), sheets, comforters, toys and other items which were in the child's bedroom. "The room was literally congested with toys, but it was clean and neat", she stated. There were approximately twenty five to thirty stuffed animals also in the child's bedroom.

The child had not played with lighters before, and did not have a history of lighting fires. The mother never operated lighters, (at the time of the fire there were approximately fifteen child resistant cigarette lighters in her house), for the amusement of her son. The lighters were usually lying all over her house. Her son was very bright and did possess an above average manual dexterity. He was very capable of lighting cigarette lighters. As stated previously, the child climbed up on the entertainment center to retrieve the disposable utility gas lighter.

The suspect lighter was normally kept on the mother's dresser in her bedroom, which is located across from the son's bedroom, fire officials stated.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

The product involved in this incident was a disposable utility gas lighter. The lighter measures approximately 6-1/2" in length. It was a promotional item from Marlboro, a division of Phillip Morris Tobacco Company, Inc. The lighter was given, new, to the mother of the child from her boyfriend's friend. It was six months old, at the time of the fire, and it was a butane type. The lighter is normally used to light charcoal and for camping cooking equipment. Photographs are attached as attachment #5. The lighter did have a safety lock on it, as well as an adjustable flame lever. It had a marking on the underside of it labeled: "T.C.". The fire department had the lighter and would not allow it to be collected as a sample.

The child's mattress was approximately eighteen months old, and it was purchased new, by the mother. The manufacturer was Serta, Inc. in Des Plaines, IL 60018. The model of the mattress was a perfect sleeper. The mattress was totally destroyed in the fire.

The mattress was of post-standard construction, and was quilted. Other information on the mattress can be found in Attachment #4,

Attachment A of the investigation guideline.

STANDARDS INFORMATION

No standards information was found or available on the lighter or the mattress.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Fire Department Report
2. Police Report
3. Data Record Sheet for Cigarette Lighters
4. Data Recording Sheet for Mattress/Bedding Fires
5. Photographs

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INCIDENT REPORT: EDWARDSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT FDID: MC292

INC NO 960290 EXP NO 00 DATE 07-28-96 DAY 1 TIME: ALM 16:59 ARR 17:03 I/S 18:50

TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND 11 STRUCTURE FIRE
TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN 1 EXTINGUISHMENT MUTUAL AID RECEIVED
FIXED PROPERTY USE 411 ONE FAMILY DWELLING - YR ROUND USE
IGNITION FACTOR 36 CHILDREN WITH / CHILD PLAYING

ADDRESS 744 HOLYOAK, EDWARDSVILLE ZIP 62025 CENSUS TRACT 4030.00
OCC NAME KUHN, KELLY J. TEL 618-656-9849 ROOM OR APT NO
OWNER KUHN, KELLY J. ADDRESS 744 HOLYOAK, EDWARDSVILLE
TELEPHONE 618-656-9849

METHOD OF ALARM 7 TELEPHONE TIE-LINE TO FD
CO INSP DIST 002 SHIFT C NO ALARMS 1 PERSONNEL RESP 27 ENGINES RESP 3
AER APP RESP 0 OTHER VEHICLES 0

INCIDENT RELATED INJURIES: FIRE SERVICE 0 OTHER 0
INCIDENT RELATED FATALITIES: FIRE SERVICE 0 OTHER 0

COMPLEX 41 DWELLING COMPLEX (1 AND 2 FAMILY)
MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE 08 MOBILE PROP NOT APPLICABLE
AREA OF ORIGIN 21 SLEEPING ROOM - UNDER 5 PERSONS
EQUIPMENT INVOLVED 98 NO EQUIPMENT INVOLVED
FORM OF HEAT IGNITION 46 LIGHTER / FLAME TYPE
TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED 71 MAN-MADE FABRIC/ FIBER/ FINISHED GD
FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED 31 MATTRESS / PILLOW
METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT 5 PRECON HOSE LN/ WATER IN APP TANKS
LEVEL OF ORIGIN 2 10 TO 19 FT ABOVE GRADE

ESTIMATED DOLLAR LOSS \$ 0
NUMBER OF STORIES 2 2 STORIES
CONSTRUCTION TYPE 6 UNPROTECTED ORDINARY
EXTENT OF FLAME DAMAGE 2 CONF TO PT OF ROOM / AREA OF ORIGIN
EXTENT OF SMOKE DAMAGE 6 CONFINED TO STRUCTURE OF ORIGIN
DETECTOR PERFORMANCE 2 DETECT(S) NOT IN RM ORIG / OPERT
SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE 8 NO EQUIP PRESENT IN AREA OF ORIGIN

IF SMOKE SPREAD:
TYPE OF MATERIAL 71 MAN-MADE FABRIC/ FIBER/ FINISHED GD
AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL 2 CORRIDOR
FORM OF MATERIAL 31 MATTRESS / PILLOW

IF MOBILE PROPERTY:
YEAR 0 MAKE MODEL
SERIAL NUMBER LICENSE NO

IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION:
YEAR 0 MAKE MODEL
SERIAL NUMBER

OFFICER IN CHARGE: DONALD LADD, ACTING CHIEF DATE 07-29-96
REPORT BY: RON SCHRAGE, CAPTAIN DATE 07-29-96

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NC NO. 960290 EXP NO 00 DATE 07-28-96 DAY 1 TIME: ALM:16:59 ARR 17:03 I/S 18:50

COMMENTS BY CAPTAIN RON SCHRAGE:

WE WERE CALLED TO THE SCENE OF A HOUSE FIRE AT 744 HOLYOAK. UPON
1310'S ARRIVAL, 1320 WAS AT THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE GETTING READY TO
MAKE ENTRY. 1300 WAS AT THE SCENE AND ASSUMED INCIDENT COMMAND. IT
LOOKED AS THOUGH THE MOST SMOKE WAS COMING FROM THE UPSTAIRS AREA. AN
ORDER WAS GIVEN TO LADDER THE BUILDING AND VENTILATE THE ROOF. ALSO
THE POSITIVE PRESSURE FAN WAS ORDERED TO THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING.
WHEN THE FIRE WAS FOUND BY THE INTERIOR ATTACK CREW AND THEY STARTED
TO APPLY WATER, THE POSITIVE PRESSURE FAN WAS TURNED ON. IT TOOK
ABOUT 10-15 MINUTES TO GET THE FIRE UNDER CONTROL. GLEN CARBON UNIT
1385 WAS BROUGHT IN FOR STAND-BY AT STATION II. AN INVESTIGATION
REVEALED THAT A LIGHTER WAS ACCIDENTAL SOURCE OF IGNITION IN THE
BEDROOM AREA. BOTH TRUCKS WERE PUT BACK INTO SERVICE AND RETURNED TO
STATIONS.

COMMENTS BY ACTING CHIEF DONALD LADD:

ARRIVED ON SCENE TO FIND UNIT 1320 IN FRONT OF FIRE BUILDING WITH
1-1/2" HOSE LINE BEING STRETCHED OUT TO ENTER NORTHEAST ENTRANCE. I
ASSUMED COMMAND. UNIT 1310 ARRIVED. CAPTAIN SCHRAGE WAS PUT IN
CHARGE OF INTERIOR. UNIT 1320 ATTACHED TO HYDRANT AND FLOWED WATER.
I ORDERED MEN ON THE ROOF TO VENTILATE. A REPORT FROM INTERIOR THAT
THEY COULD NOT FIND THE FIRE. A FEW MINUTES LATER INTERIOR REPORTED
FINDING FIRE IN SOUTH BEDROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR. I ORDERED POSITIVE
PRESSURE BLOWER TO FRONT DOOR. AT THIS TIME, SMOKE DIMINISHED TO
LIGHT GRAY FROM THE HEAVY BLACK SMOKE THAT WAS SHOWING UPON OUR
ARRIVAL.

I TALKED TO ONE OF THE OWNERS, KELLY KUHN, AND SHE STATED HER SON WAS
PLAYING IN HIS ROOM EARLIER AND THEN HE CAME DOWNSTAIRS AT A LITTLE
BEFORE 1630 HOURS. KELLY KUHN THEN LEFT TO DO SHOPPING AT 1630 HOURS.
SHE ARRIVED BACK HOME TO FIND HER SON AND HER CO-OWNER OF HOUSE IN THE
GARAGE. SHE SAID THAT THEY STATED THE HOUSE WAS ON FIRE AND THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED.

I TALKED WITH THE OTHER OWNER, DARREN MATLOCK, AND HE STATED HE WAS
ASLEEP ON THE COUCH WITH HIS SON WHEN HE WAS WOKEN UP BY THE SMOKE
DETECTOR. HE HEARD THE SMOKE DETECTOR THAT WAS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE
STEPS ON THE FIRST FLOOR. HE TOOK HIS SON AND THEY WENT TO THE GARAGE
AND CALLED 911 TO REPORT THE FIRE. HE SAID HE WAS ASLEEP FOR A SHORT
PERIOD OF TIME AND THAT HIS SON FELL ASLEEP A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME
BEFORE HIM.

FIRE WAS DECLARED UNDER CONTROL. INVESTIGATION OF FIRE STARTED.
CAPTAIN DON BARNARD, LIEUTENANT JIM ACRA AND MYSELF INTERVIEWED KELLY
KUHN. I ASKED KELLY KUHN TO BRING HER SON TO THE HOUSE SO WE COULD
TALK WITH HIM; KELLY KUHN HAD SENT HER SON WITH A FRIEND AT ANOTHER
RESIDENCE. HER SON ARRIVED ON SCENE. CAPT. BARNARD AND LT. ACRA
INTERVIEWED THE CHILD. THE CHILD ADMITTED THAT HE WAS PLAYING WITH A
CIGARETTE LIGHTER IN HIS BEDROOM.

WE WENT INTO THE FIRE STRUCTURE. THE LIGHTER WAS FOUND ON THE LANDING
BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS. THE LIGHTER IS NORMALLY KEPT ON
KELLY KUHN'S DRESSER IN HER BEDROOM WHICH IS ACROSS FROM HER SON'S
BEDROOM.

FIRE DAMAGE TO SOUTH BEDROOM AND HEAVY SMOKE DAMAGE TO SOUTH BEDROOM
AND THE REST OF THE SECOND STORY OF THE STRUCTURE.

THE METER WAS PULLED AND GAS TURNED OFF AT THE STRUCTURE WITHIN 10
MINUTES OF OUR ARRIVAL. ILLINOIS POWER ARRIVED AT APPROXIMATELY 1800
HOURS AND TOOK THE METER AND LOCKED DOWN THE GAS METER AND ELECTRICAL

TO THE HOUSE.

I SENT UNIT 1310 TO STATION I. DISCONNECTED HYDRANT. PUT 1-1/2" HOSE
LINE ON UNIT 1320, LEAVING 1-3/4" HOSE LINE IN HOUSE. OVERHAUL. PUT

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1-3/4" HOSE LINE ON UNIT 1320. SENT UNIT 1320 TO STATION I FOR
RESERVICING. OVERHAUL COMPLETE. COMMAND TERMINATED. UNIT 1319 LEFT
SCENE.

FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDING TO ALARM:

UNIT #1310: SCHRAGE, R. BOLLMAN AND FUNK

UNIT #1320: LANDERS AND BECKER

UNIT #1319: LADD

UNIT #1385: 3 FIREFIGHTERS FROM GLEN CARBON STAND-BY AT STA. #2

UNIT #1312: ANDERSON AND REITER (CANCELLED EN ROUTE)

PERSONNEL RESPONDING TO SCENE: HEUCHERT, HUFF, MERSINGER, P. MEIER,
L. MEIER, LANGE, DUSTMAN, ACRA, BARNARD, CLARK, BEHRENDT, SCOTT,
JOHNSON, KRUSCHIK, PEGG

STAND-BY STA. #2: HOGAN

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Case Type: INFORMATIONAL Status: CASE ADMI Cross Ref:
Scheduled Review Date:
Reviewing Supervisor: HALL, CHARLES W
Offense Description 400I: ASSIST FIRE DEPT

INCIDENT NUMBER: EPD962100042

Place of Occurrence:
744 HOLYOAKE RD

Area: 200 Beat: B Shift: 1
Reporting Officer: TAYLOR, CHRISTOPHER S

Reported	Dispatch	Enroute	Arrived	Cleared	Occurred	From-To
7/28/96	7/28/96	7/28/96	7/28/96	7/28/96	7/28/96	7/28/96
17:03	17:03	17:03	17:05	18:40	17:03	17:03

Offense Description 400I: ASSIST FIRE DEPT

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

** NAME:

Involvement: VICTIM Party Number: 1
Name: KUHN KELLY J
Addr: 744 HOLYOAKE EDW IL 62025
Home Phone: 618-656-9849
Bus Phone: 618-656-5695
Bus: SIUE EDWARDSVILLE IL 62025
Drivers License Number: K500-5107-0814 State: IL Class: D
Date of Birth: 7/28/70
Officer Safety Hazard: NO Victim of Violent Crime Notif: NO
Race: WHITE Sex: FEMALE
Height: 5 ft 8 inches Weight: 165
Eye Color: BROWN Hair Color: BROWN
Disposition: NOT ARRESTED
Gang Affiliated: NO Gang Id:
Finger Printed: NO Photos Taken: NO
Registered Sex Offender: NO Narcotic User: NO

Involvement: VICTIM Party Number: 2
Name: MATLOCK DARIN R
Addr: 1029 SAND RD EDWARDSVILLE IL 62025
Home Phone: 618-656-9849
Bus Phone: 618-345-6986 Occupation: CARPENTER
Bus: P O BOX 836 RD COLLINSVILLE IL
Drivers License Number: M342-1766-5036 State: IL Class: A
Date of Birth: 2/05/65
Officer Safety Hazard: NO Victim of Violent Crime Notif: NO
Race: WHITE Sex: MALE

Height: 5 ft 10 inches
 Eye Color: BROWN
 Disposition: NOT ARRESTED
 Gang Affiliated: NO
 Finger Printed: NO
 Registered Sex Offender: NO

Weight: 130
 Hair Color: AUBURN
 Gang Id:
 Photos Taken: NO
 Narcotic User: NO

** NARRATIVE:

FIRE DEPT ON SCENE 1702 HRS/L1 CONTACTED 1827 HRS
 On Sunday, 072896, at 5:05pm, Reporting Officer Chris Taylor arrived at 744 Holyoake in reference to residential fire. R/O observed EFD already on the scene and they were ventilating the residence which had a moderate amount of smoke coming from the front door. R/O met with Kelly J. Kuhn, W/F, DOB/072870, who advised that she, her fiance, Darin R. Matlock, W/M, DOB/020565, and their three year old son, Danny, all live at the residence. Ms. Kuhn stated that she left the residence at approximately 4:30pm, to run errands to McDonald's and Wal-Mart. Ms. Kuhn stated that when she returned, she observed Darin and Danny outside with smoke coming from the residence. Ms. Kuhn was visibly shaken and reminded R/O that today is her birthday. R/O then spoke to Darin Matlock, who advised that he and his son were in the basement prior to the fire. Mr. Matlock stated that he was asleep when the smoke detectors went off. Mr. Matlock stated that he woke up, grabbed Danny and went outside to the garage. Mr. Matlock stated he called EPD from the garage. Mr. Matlock stated that Ms. Kuhn then arrived home and also called EPD from the garage. R/O was then approached by volunteer Firefighter, Don Barnard, who advised that 3 year old Danny Matlock confessed to him that he started the fire. FF Barnard stated that Danny showed him the lighter that he used and that he lit his own bed mattress (located on the second story). R/O was advised by EFD personnel that evidence is being seized and that the scene is being processed by their personnel. R/O contacted DCFS (Hotline) and informed DCFS rep. Rich Henning of the incident. There were no reported injuries.

Officer Chris Taylor, DSN 9932

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CHILDREN PLAYING WITH
CIGARETTE LIGHTERS
-DATA RECORD SHEET-

(For All Incidents Assigned Under BUNN02)

1. Task Number 960821HCN1721
2. Date of Incident 7/28/96
3. Sex of Child MALE
4. Age of Child 3 years old

If the child who lit the lighter is under 6 years old, complete items 5 through 8.

If the child is 6 years or older, terminate at this point and submit an abbreviated SF 182. Include the child's age and sex in the synopsis along with a brief accident scenario. A separate narrative is not necessary.

5. Describe the accident scenario in the narrative portion of the investigation report. The narrative, which should be on a separate page, would include information on how the accident occurred, how severely the child and/or others were injured, and how much property damage was caused by the fire.
6. Kind of Lighter (Check one)
Disposable - Regular Size _____
Mini Size _____
Size Unknown _____
 Disposable gas lighter - 6 1/2"
Refillable _____
Unknown _____
7. Lighting Mechanism (Check one)
Roll and Press _____
Press Only _____
 Other (specify) Trigger
Manufacturer/Model T.C. MALPERO
8. Obtain copy of fire incident report from Fire department.

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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 960821HCN1721 Incident Date 7/28/96

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: 1-'95 Mattress age: 18 months

6. Manufacturer/distributor/brand: Serta - Perfect Sleeper

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INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

E. DETECTION OF FIRE

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

- Yes; specify type: BRINKS
 / 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? 3 minutes

F. VICTIM(S)

N/A Number of Deaths

N/A 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:

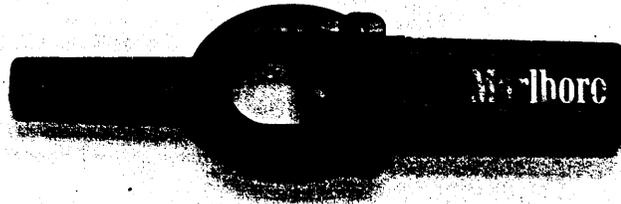
- / < \$15,000
 / \$15,000 - \$34,999
 / \$35,000 +
 / Unknown

16. Approximate home market value: \$110,000.00

- / Rent
 / Own
 / Unknown

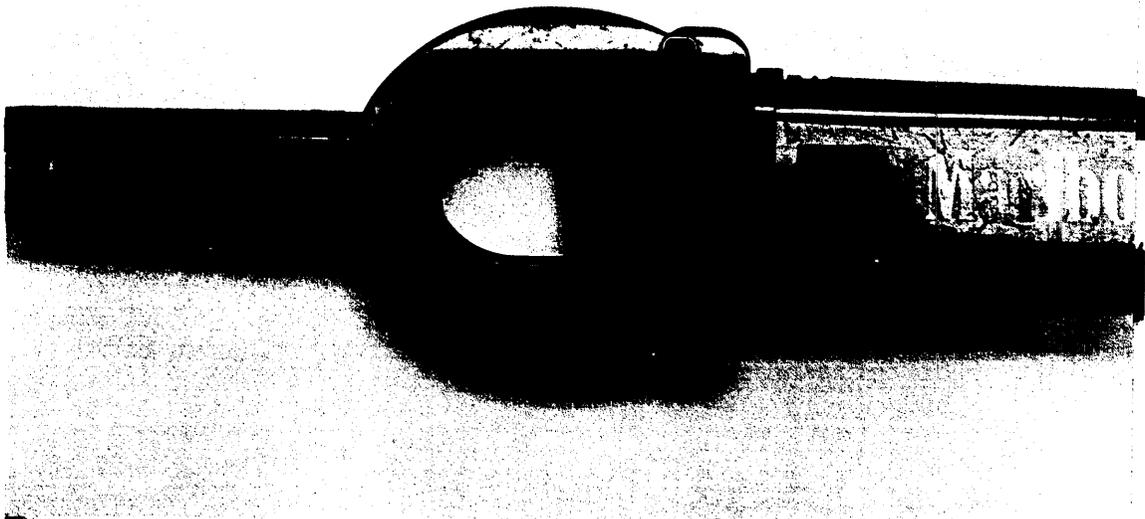
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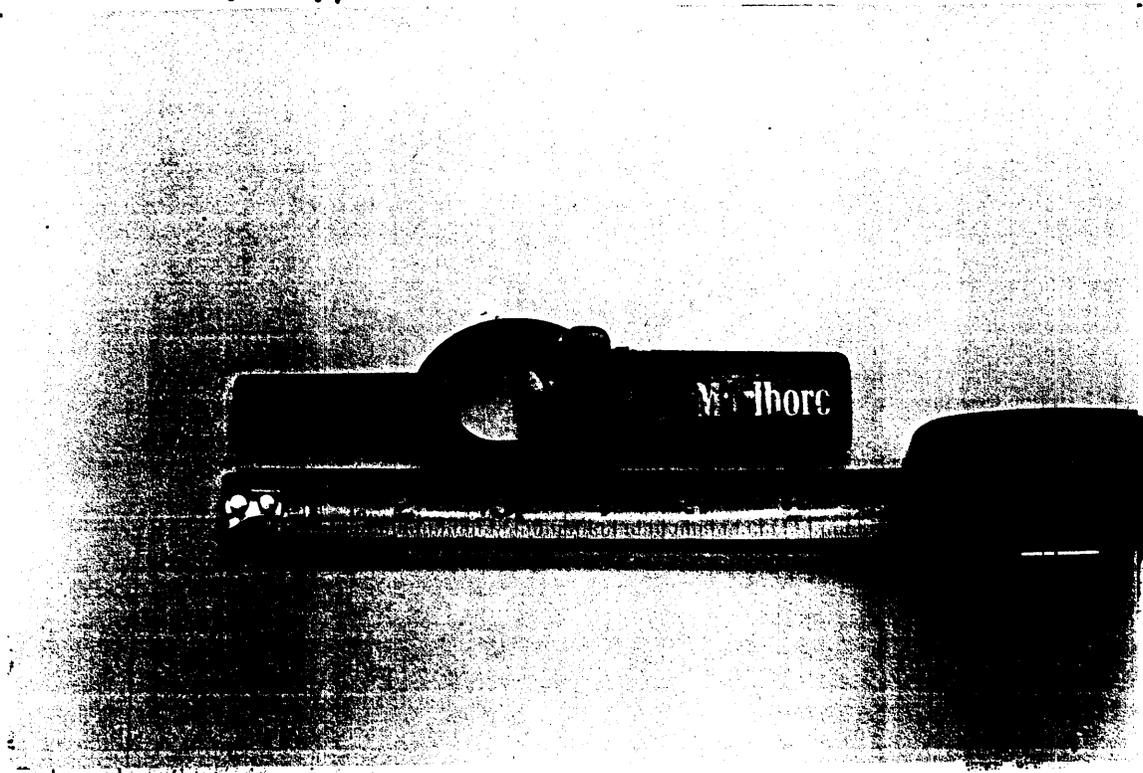
Full side view of disposable gas/
cigarette lighter



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close-up view of lighter's trigger mechanism

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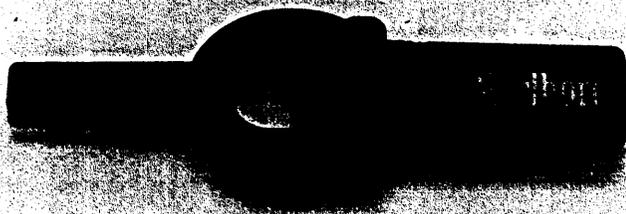
Side view of disposable gas/cigarette
lighter showing length = 6 1/2"



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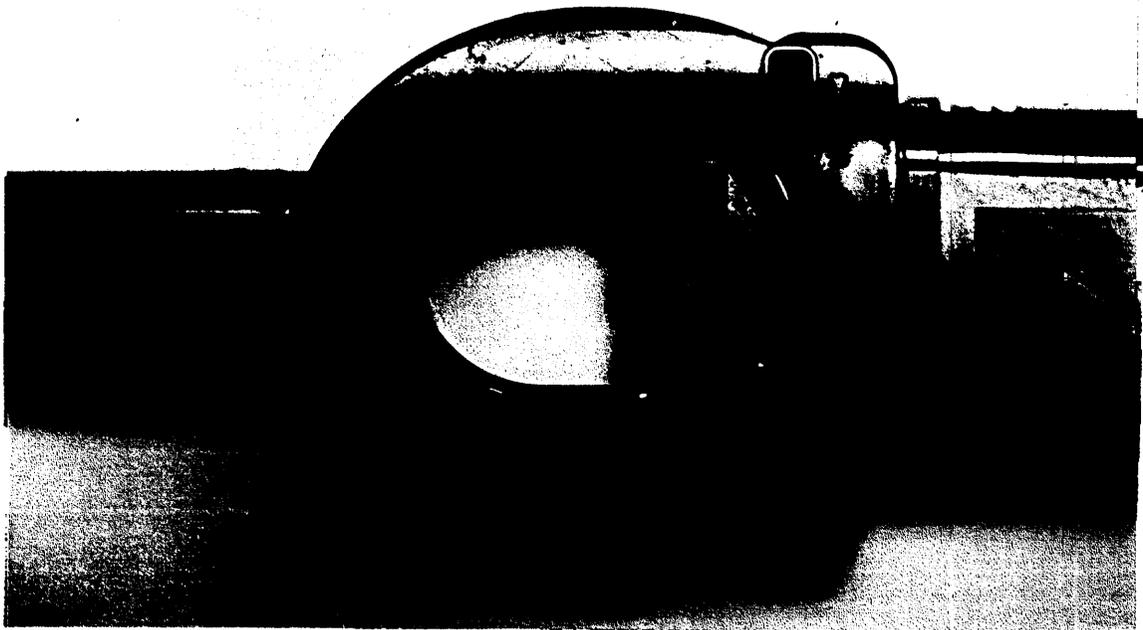
Close-up view showing promoter "Marlboro"

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Full view of disposable cigarette/gas
lighter



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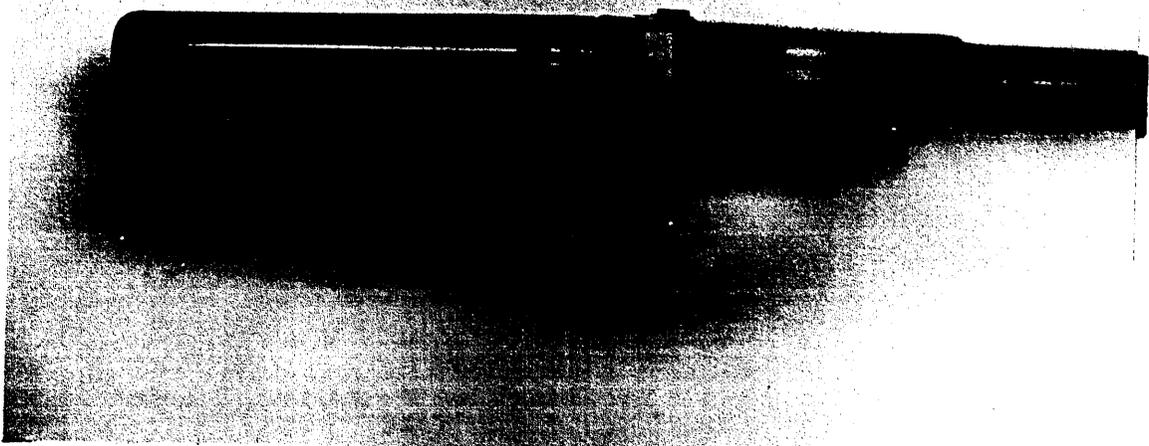
Close-up view showing slide locking
mechanism

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View observing opening of disposable
lighter from which flames emit



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Bottom view of disposable lighter

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Another full view of disposable
"Marlboro" cigarette/gas lighter

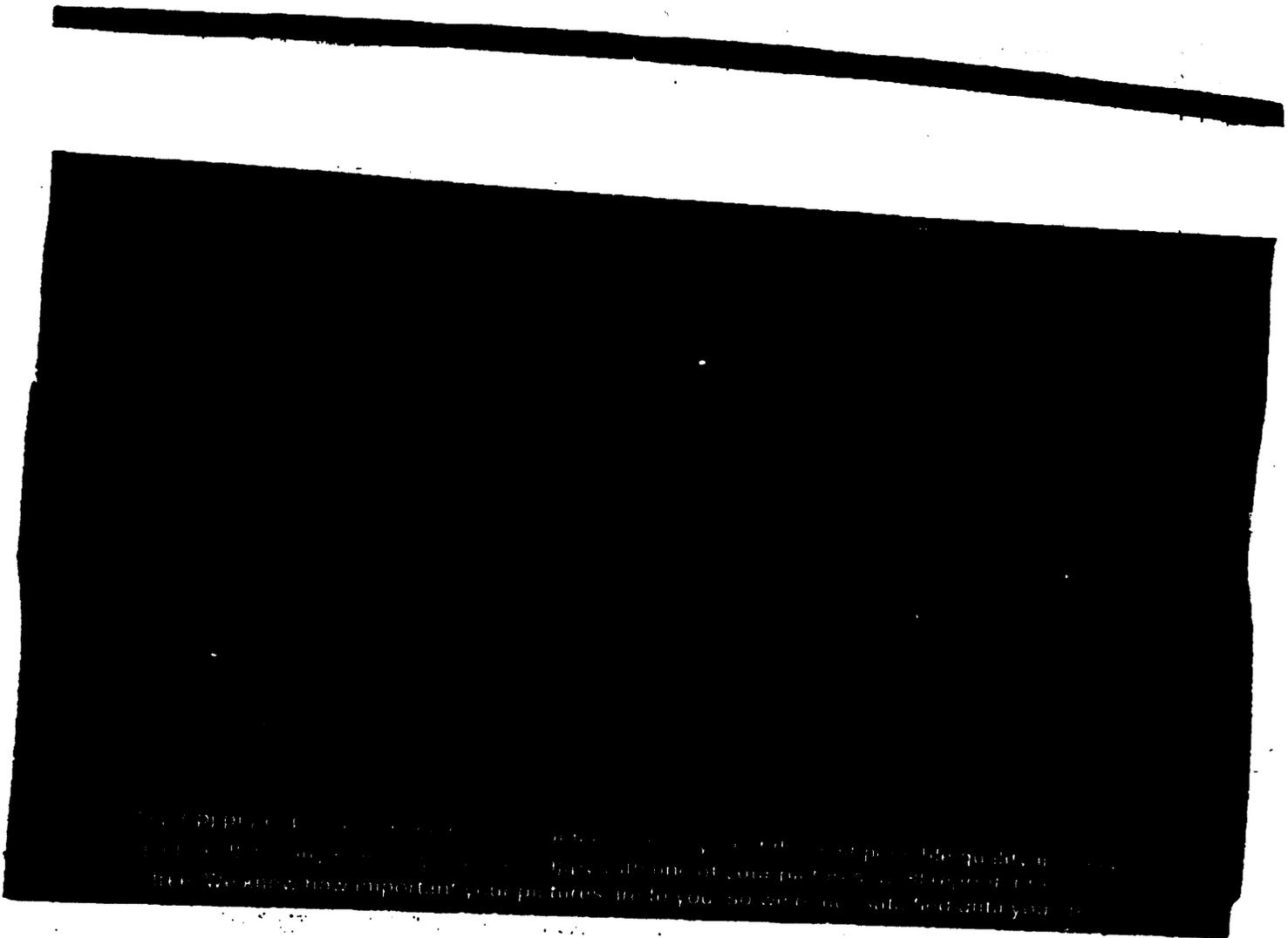


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View of trigger & locking Assembly on
disposable lighter

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NEGATIVES

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Edwardsville
Intelligence
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Child playing with lighter starts fire in Leclair home

By SARAH GREIDER
Of the Intelligence

Edwardsville firefighters believe damage to a home in the 700 block of Holyoake was caused by a fire ignited by a child playing with a lighter. The fire was the first of three fire calls the department responded to Sunday night and early this morning in Edwardsville. Acting Fire Chief Donald Ladd said the Holyoake fire started on a bed in the second floor bedroom of the house. Firefighters were called to the home at 4:59

p.m. Neighbors lined the streets, watching firefighters and police in action. "The fire was started by a juvenile playing with a lighter," Ladd said.

The fire was contained to the bedroom, and there was heavy smoke damage throughout the second floor. Ladd said the water damage to the house is minimal.

The fire is still under investigation, he said. Firefighters were called at 5:51 a.m. today to a home in the 200 block of South Myrtle Street after the residents reported smoke. Ladd said the department did not find smoke when it arrived at the house, although

a smoke detector was still sounding. Two fires at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville also remain under investigation.

Firefighters were called out to the SIUE Science Building at 7:55 a.m. after a fire in a trash can was reported in a women's restroom on the first floor.

Ladd said a second fire was found on the second floor women's restroom located directly above the fire on the first floor. "The fires were contained to the trash cans and there was no damage to the building," Ladd said. "Both fires are suspicious fires and they are under investigation."

JEL
MATTRESS

CAT: BURN/2
MIS: 12165

IDI #960912CCC5619

SUMMARY:

This investigation was initiated through newspaper accounts of a three year old male who started a fire with a grill starter type of lighter. The four year old was being watched by his twelve year old brother while his mother worked. He had seen his mother use the grill starter the previous evening to light some candles in her bedroom. The following day, while watching a video in his mother's bedroom, he found the grill starter underneath his mother's bed. He lit the grill starter and dropped it onto the bed pillow. This ignited the pillow and surrounding bedding. The twelve year old attempted to put out the fire, but being unable to do so he alerted other apartment residents to the fire and he and his brother exited the building.

PRE-INCIDENT:

This investigator contacted the mother of the three year old who had started the fire. She stated that the night prior to this incident, her son had seen her light some candles in her bedroom using the grill starter. She stated that she does not smoke, and she uses the grill starter lighter only for lighting candles and the like. She added that it is normally maintained in the "off" position, and is stored in an upper cupboard in the kitchen or at the back of her dresser drawer.

On the night prior to this incident, however, she failed to place the grill starter away, and instead left it on her night stand. She mentioned that it must have fallen to the floor during the night, as she does not recall seeing it the following morning. She stated that she would have noticed it when she reached for her glasses in the morning which she also keeps on her night stand overnight.

The boy who started the fire on 7/24/96 turned four years old on 8/16/96. The mother stated that he is not allowed to play with toy guns or other toys with a trigger mechanism, but she is not surprised that he would have had the knowledge and dexterity to operate the grill starter.

The mother stated that she works at an area gas station and on the date of this incident had left her home at approximately 8:30 a.m.. She stated that her sons had been asleep when she left. The two boys got up at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Her three year old boy was engaged in watching a video in her bedroom. The twelve year old was in the living room of what was described as a small, two bedroom apartment.

INCIDENT:

At approximately 11:30, the mother recalls calling her sons at

home to check up on them. At that time, everything was fine. Shortly after her phone call, at approximately 11:50 a.m., the twelve year old who was in the living room of the home, heard his brother cry. He went into the bedroom and saw flames coming from the bedroom. The three year old had apparently found the grill starter underneath the bed and had lit the lighter. He then dropped the lighter onto a pillow and the fire spread to the bedding. The twelve year old attempted to put out the fire with a pail of water, but was unable to put out the flames.

POST INCIDENT:

He contacted the fire department and then went to find his brother. He found his brother in his bedroom under a chair. The twelve year old then ran to the apartment next door where he knew a 14 year old girl was home. He alerted her to the fire and then he and his brother exited the building.

The three year old told his mother that he was attempting to light the candles in his mother's bedroom and lit the grill starter. He became scared and therefore dropped the lighter onto the bed pillow. The fire spread to the bedding and throughout the bedroom itself, which sustained the heaviest amount of damage. There was smoke and heat damage throughout the apartment and the building itself.

The mother stated that she obtained the lighter at the gas station where she works. It came with a carton of Basic cigarettes and though she does not smoke, she took the lighter home for her personal use. The grill starter lighter was not recovered in the fire and no photos were taken by the fire department.

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

Grill Starter:

Manufacturer: Scripto

Model: Aim n' Flame
This lighter was packaged with cartons of Basic brand cigarettes as a premium.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A-Brown County Sheriff's Department Report

Exhibit B-Fire Department Report

**BROWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INCIDENT REPORT**

INCIDENT #
96 2680

1 of 2 pages

1. Report date <u>07-26-96</u>		2. Report Time <u>11:51</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/> AM <input type="radio"/> PM		3. Day of week <u>Wed</u>		4. Officer <u>C. L. Ammer</u>		5. Code # <u>152</u>		
6. Date occurred <u>07-26-96</u>		7. Time occurred <u>11:50</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/> AM <input type="radio"/> PM		8. Attempt? <u>Y</u> <u>N</u>		9. Weapon/tool used				
10. Nature of Incident <u>Fire Calls</u>				11. Incident Address (city/township/village)				12. Section # <u>216</u>		
13. Victim Name (Last/First/MI) or Business			14. Dob <u>03-03-52</u>		15. Complainant for (Last/First/MI)		16. Dob <u>84</u>		17. Statement <u>P</u> <u>N</u>	
18. Address			19. Phone		20. Address		21. Phone			
22. City/State/Zip				23. City/State/Zip						
24. Business Name				25. Business Address				26. Phone		
27. Victim: Race		Sex	Hgt	Wgt	Eyes	28. Victim Injured <u>Smoke</u>		29. Taken to <u>ST-V's</u>		30. By <u>County Rescue</u>
31. Was there a witness to the crime? If yes, place an "X" in the box at left. Statement Taken? <u>Y</u> <u>N</u>										
32. Additional names in narrative										
CODES: V-Victim W-Witness R-Parent O-Other										
Code	Name (Last/First/MI)	Sex	Race	Dob	Address				Phone	
<u>P</u>		<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>						<u>W</u>	
<u>P</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>03-03-56</u>					<u>W</u>	
<u>V</u>									<u>W</u>	
33. Can a suspect be named? If yes, place an "X" in the box at the left.										
34. Suspect Name (Last/First/MI)				35. Dob <u>92</u>		36. Suspect Address			Phone	
37. Race		Sex	Hgt	Wgt	Eyes	38. DL#/SSN		39. City/State		
40. Relationship to victim			41. Identifying Features				42. Arrested At Large Injured			
43. Can suspect be located? If yes, place an "X" in the box at left.										
44. Can suspect be described? If yes, place an "X" in the box at left.										
45. Are suspect's prints, photos, prior record available? Circle one or more and place "X" in the box.										
46. Suspect Name (Last/First/MI)				47. Dob		48. Suspect Address			Phone	
49. Race		Sex	Hgt	Wgt	Eyes	50. DL#/SSN		51. City/State/Zip		
52. Relationship to victim			53. Identifying Features				54. Arrested At Large Injured			
55. Can suspect vehicle be identified? If yes, place an "X" in the box at left.										
56. Identifying Vehicle Characteristics				57. Year		Make	Model	Style	Color	58. License #
59. Amount of property Damage <u>3</u> <u>Not Available</u>				60. Domestic <input checked="" type="radio"/> <u>N</u>		61. Forced Entry <u>Y</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <u>N</u>		62. Abandoned Structure <u>Y</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <u>N</u>		
63. Is there a significant M.O.? If yes, place an "X" in the box at left and describe in narrative.										
64. Is there significant physical evidence present? If so, place an "X" in box and describe in narrative.										
65. Is property traceable? If yes, place an "X" in box at left.										
66. Method of entry/attack					67. Point of entry/where attacked					
68. Photos <u>Y</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/>		35MM		Video	Polaroid	69. By <u>Exhibit A</u>			70. Evidence in Locker #	
71. Action taken by Officer: <u>JR</u>		Issued Citation #		Verbal Warning? <u>Y</u> <u>N</u>		Advised of Possible Summons? <u>Y</u> <u>N</u>		Jailed? <u>Y</u> <u>N</u>		
				Transported to:						

DECEIVE
JUL 29 1996

BROWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Supplementary Form

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Client #: 96-26130 Supplementary Information To: Fire Call, [REDACTED]

Hospital For Evaluation:

I spoke to [REDACTED] at the fire scene. She told me that [REDACTED] had made her light some candles in the bedroom the prior evening using a grill lighter. [REDACTED] said she had left this lighter on the night stand next to the bed.

I then went to the hospital and obtained a statement from [REDACTED]

Damage estimates were not available at this time.

Building info can be obtained from on site Managers [REDACTED]

or [REDACTED] ph [REDACTED]

The Auto track force was called out to the scene at the request of LT. P. [REDACTED] Howley.

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]

Date: 7-24-98 19

Signature:

VICTIM: [REDACTED]

BROWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

CASE DISPOSITION INFORMATION

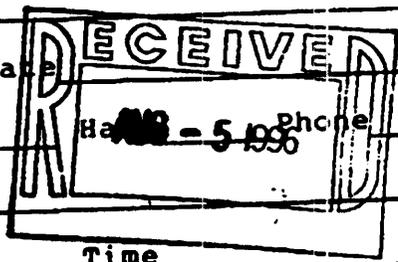
C.C. Offense Fire Call Updated Offense Negligent handling of Burning Material
 Investigated by Lt. Russell E. Hawley Code# 043
 Date Assigned 07-25-96 Date Completed 07-31-96 Polygraph No
 Man hours involved 10 Victim notified of dispo? X Yes No

Additional Victims:

Name [REDACTED] Address [REDACTED]
 City Green Bay State WI 54302 Phone [REDACTED]
 Race Sex Dob Adult Juvenile
 Additional Info

Suspect #1: Address
 Dob Adult Juvenile City/State
 Race Sex Hgt Wgt Eyes Hair Phone
 Identifying features
 Date suspect arrested Time

Suspect #2: Address
 Dob Adult Juvenile City/State
 Race Sex Hgt Wgt Eyes Phone
 Identifying features
 Date suspect arrested Time



ADDITIONAL SUSPECTS ADD TO NARRATIVE

List property not on original C.C.	Value	Check if recovered
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

List all recovered property:

Total Stolen \$ Total Recovered \$

Evidence taken None

Disposition _____

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION

On Wednesday, July 26, 1996 Capt. Paape, Sgt. Kohlbeck and I responded to a fire call at [REDACTED] Apt. 4. When we arrived the Bellevue Fire Dept. was set up and had started to fight the fire. Apartment #4 is on the west side of the Apartment building on the southwest corner. When we arrived we could see flames coming out the southwest window of the apartment. We were informed that a small child who lives in Apartment #4 may have started the fire. A short time later we were also informed that a small baby was still in the building. The child was located by Bellevue Firemen and brought out. The Rescue Squad checked the baby out in the squad. Officer Amraen who was also at the scene was talking to the child and his brother who lives in the Apartment. I went over by Office Amraen and found out the two brothers are [REDACTED] age 3 and [REDACTED] age 12. [REDACTED] was O.K. but [REDACTED] had singed hair. We believed that [REDACTED] is the party who started the fire but he wouldn't say anything. We then had the Rescue Squad check [REDACTED] out also. The Rescue Squad then took the baby and [REDACTED] to St. Vincents Hospital to be checked. I then asked Chief Gaestel if he wanted the Fire/Arson Investigation Team called out and he said yes. The Team was called. Officer Amraen and I were going to St. Vincents to talk to the boys as [REDACTED] went with [REDACTED] when we met up with [REDACTED] the boys mother. We explained what happened to and where her boys are. I then drove up with Mrs

CASE STATUS (Check one)

Unfounded _____ Case to D.A. _____ No Leads _____

Identity & location of suspect known - - but no prosecution sought XX

After investigation it was determined to be a civil case _____

Turned over to other department or court _____ Suspect locked up _____

Reviewing supervisor H. K. Bongie Date 7-31-96

Is the case solved X Resolved _____ Closed _____

Investigating Captain _____ Date _____

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Incident #: 96-26630 Supplementary Information To: Windsor Apt. 4 fire

Snyder as she was pretty excited and wanted me to ride with her. At the hospital Officer Amraen interviewed [REDACTED] and took a statement from him. I had Mrs. [REDACTED] talk to her son [REDACTED] before I talked to him. I then checked on the baby who [REDACTED] dob [REDACTED]-95 and found out that she was O.K. I then went back to Officer Amraen and got the statement taken from [REDACTED] by Officer Amraen. [REDACTED] stated that he was in the apartment with [REDACTED] and was working on the computer. He heard [REDACTED] crying and checked his mothers bedroom and saw fire on the bed on a pillow. He yelled for [REDACTED] but got no answer. He then called 911 and again yelled for [REDACTED] who answered from his room and was hiding under a chair. They both left the ^{building} after [REDACTED] knocked on some doors to get other people out.

I then went back by Mrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and I took [REDACTED] for a walk while Mr. [REDACTED] talked to her son [REDACTED]. I tried to get [REDACTED] to talk about the fire but he wouldn't say anything about it. He knew there was a fire but he didn't want to talk about it. We were in the hallway when Mrs. [REDACTED] came up to us. I told her that [REDACTED] isn't talking. She said that he told her and she asked him if he was playing with the lighter and he said yes and that he dropped it on the bed. I then took a statement from Mrs. [REDACTED] in reference to what [REDACTED] told her. Mrs. [REDACTED] states that she and her husband [REDACTED] left the house between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. leaving [REDACTED] to babysit [REDACTED]. She arrived home about 12:30 p.m. and found that her apartment had been burned and that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had been taken to St. Vincents Hospital. At the hospital she talked to [REDACTED] about the fire. She asked [REDACTED] if he was trying to light the candle and [REDACTED] said yes and he dropped the lighter. Mrs. [REDACTED] said that she had

Signature: LT. Russell E. HawleyDate: 7-31-96 19

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Incident #: 96-26630 Supplementary Information To: [REDACTED] 4 fire

used the lighter which is a grill lighter the night before to light some candles in her bedroom and left the lighter on the nightstand by the bed. [REDACTED] was watching her do this. See Mrs. [REDACTED]'s Statement.

We feel what may have happened was that [REDACTED] got the lighter and was on the bed and lit it. The lighter flared up singeing his hair scaring him. He dropped the lighter onto the pillow starting the fire. He then ran into his bedroom and hid under the chair.

Officer Amraen and I than drove back to the scene where I talked to Capt. Jensen who came with the Fire/Arson rig and I explained what I found out. They, (there was Bellevue Firemen helping him checking thru the ashes for the lighter). Sgt Kohlbeck had come up to the hospital earlier and I told him that they are to look for a grill lighter which may have used to start the fire. They were not able to find the lighter.

The bedroom was totalled sustaining the most fire damage. The rest of the apartment was badly smoke and heat damaged. The rest of the apartment building sustained smoke damage. We released the apartment to the [REDACTED] so that they could salvage anything useable.

No charges will be issued in this fire because of the age of the fire starter.

Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were referred to Juvenile Fire Starters.

This is not considered an arson fire but more like an accidental fire.

Signature: Lt. Russell E. Hunter Date: 7-31 19 96

FIRE REPORT NO 605794-00

PRINTED ON 07/24/96 AT 16:27

1. Date of Incident : 07/24/96 DOW: 4
2. Alarm Time (military time) : 12:29:09
3. Arrival Time (military time) : 13:07:43
4. In Service Time (military time) ... : 14:37:08

5. Type of Situation Found :
6. Type of Action Taken :
7. Mutual Aid :

9. Fixed Property Use :
10. Ignition Factor :

11. Address of Incident : 1672 WINDSOR DR. APT GRID: 999E
12. Zip Code :
13. Census Tract :

14. Occupant's Name :
15. Occupant's Telephone Number :
16. Occupant's Room or Apartment Number : Permit#:

17. Owner's Name :
18. Owner's Address :
19. Owner's Telephone Number :

20. Method of Alarm from Public : 1 TELEPHONE DIRECT TO DISPATCH
21. District (Station Number) :
22. Shift : C
23. Number of Alarms : 1

24. Fire Service Personnel Responded . :
25. Number of Engines Responded :
26. Aerial Apparatus Responded :
27. Number of Other Vehicles Responded ;

28. Fire Service Injuries :
29. Other Injuries :
30. Fire Service Fatalities :
31. Other Fatalities :

32. Complex :
33. Mobile Property Type Code :

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- 34. Area of Fire Origin :
- 35. Equipment Involved in Ignition :
- 36. Form of Heat Ignition :
- 37. Type of Material Ignited :
- 38. Form of Material Ignited :

- 39. Method of Extinguishment :
- 40. Level of Fire Origin :
- 41. Estimated Total Dollar Loss :

- 42. Number of Stories :
- 43. Construction Type :

- 44. Extent of Flame Damage :
- 45. Extent of Smoke Damage :
- 46. Detector Performance :
- 47. Sprinkler Performance :

- 48. Type of Material Generating Most Smoke :
- 49. Avenue of Smoke Travel :
- 50. Form of Material Generating Most Smoke :

- 51. Year of Mobile Property:
- 52. Make:
- 53. Model:
- 54. Serial Number:
- 55. License Number:

- 56. Year of Equipment Involved in Ignition:
- 57. Make:
- 58. Model:
- 59. Serial Number:

- 60. Officer in Charge (Name/Position/Assignmnt):
- 61. Date:

- 62. Member Making Report (if different):
- 63. Date:

- 64. Location (1=in city limits, 2=out of city) :

DAMAGE CLASS:

FIRE REPORT NO 605794-00

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UNIT	TYPE	DISPATCH	RESPOND	ON-SCENE	TRANSPORT	AT HOSP.	AVAILBLE
AR25	AR	12:29:09	12:56:50	13:07:43			14:36:57
INSP1	IN	12:48:07	12:56:50	13:07:44			14:37:08

Complainant: BCPD, Phone: 4200 12:27:30
 Response area: 999E 12:27:30
 APT FIRE CALLED BY BELVUE FIRE (04DWP) 12:28:48
 *CHECK SOP FOR PROPER PROCEDURE 12:29:08
 PAGED BARLAMENT (04DWP) 12:35:49
 INSP1 RESPONDING TO RIG (04DWP) 12:36:06
 HAWLEY PAGED (04DWP) 12:36:50
 SMITH PAGED (04DWP) 12:37:08
 KAMINSKI PAGED (04DWP) 12:38:23
 HAWLEY ONSCENE GOING TO HOSP. TO TAKE STATEMENTS FROM CHILDREN (04DWP) 12:41:20
 GRUEN PAGED (04DWP) 12:42:57
 BOUGIE PAGED (04DWP) 12:43:29
 KAMINSKI SAID NO (04DWP) 12:47:35
 GRUEN SAID NO (04DWP) 12:47:57

PROBER Chief
Bellevue Fire Department
Complete Incident Report

Date: 07-29-1996 (CI*103)

Page #: 1-A

Department Name : Bellevue Fire Department ID # : 05053 Incident Year : 96 Incident # : 40 Exp # : 0
Incident Date : 07-24-1996 Day of Week : 4 Wednesday Alarm Time : 1151 Arrival Time : 1155 Back In Service : 1447

Situation Found : 11 Structure fire
Action Taken : 1 Extinguishment
Mutual Aid :
Fixed Property Use : 423 7 through 20 units
Ignition Factor : 36 Children with, child playing
Correct Address : [REDACTED]
Occupant Name : [REDACTED] B. Phone : [REDACTED]
Owner Name : [REDACTED] Address : [REDACTED]
Owner City : MILWAUKEE, State : WI Zip Code :
Method of Alarm : 4 Radio Inspection District : 2 Shift : No Alarms : 2
No. Fire Serv Persnl: 24 No. Engines Responded : 2 No. Aerial Apparatus Responded : 1 No. Other Vehicles Responded: 1
No. Injuries - FS : 0 No. Injuries-Civilian : 0 No. Fatalities - FS : 0 No. Fatalities - Civilian : 0

Complex : 42 Apartment complex Mobile Property Type : 8 Mobile Property Type not applicable
Area of Fire Origin : 21 Sleeping room for under 5 persons Equipment Involved in Ignition: 98 No equipment involved
Form/Heat Ignition : 46 Lighter (flame type) Type of Material Ignited : 72 Cotn, rayon, cotn fab, fin goods
Form/Material Ignitd: 32 Bedding, blanket, sheet comforter Method of Extinguishment : 6 Prec hose-H2O hydrant/draft/standpi
Level of Fire Origin: 1 Grade level to 9 feet above grade Estimated Total Dollar Loss :

Number of Stories : 2 2 stories Construction Type : 7 Protected wood frame
Extent/Damage Flame : 6 Confined to structure of origin Extent/Damage Smoke : 6 Confined to structure of origin
Detector Performance : 1 Detector in origin, operated Sprinkler Performance : 8 No equip present in space of origin
Type/Mat Gen Smoke : 72 Cotn, rayon, cotn fab, fin goods Avenue of Smoke Travel : 2 Corridor
rm/Mat Gen Smoke : 32 Bedding, blanket, sheet comforter

Mobile Property: Year: Make: Model: Serial#: Lic #:
Equip Involved : Year: Make: Model: Serial#:

Member Making Report: 009 Chief DENNIS A. GARSTEL Date : 07-24-1996
Officer In Charge : 009 Chief DENNIS A. GARSTEL Date : 07-24-1996

Party Calling : Phone: Assigned Incident: Y Stations Responding: 2
2nd Alarm Time: 3rd Alarm Time: 4th Alarm Time: 5th Alarm Time: Members Attending : 26
Emergency Contact 1 : Time/Contact: Emergency Contact 2 : Time/Contact:
Contact Times-Police: EMS: Elec: Gas: Water: Fuel :

Portion/Struc Inv : MASTER BEDROOM
Flame Spread : 1 Slow Flame Color : 3 Orange
Smoke Condition : 2 Heavy Smoke Color : 3 Black, Large flame

Value Structure: 140000 Loss Structure: Ins Structure: Company/Agent :
Value Contents : 200000 Loss Contents : Ins Contents : Company/Agent : NONE
Value Mobile : Loss Mobile : Ins Mobile : Company/Agent : Susp: N

Temperature : 72 Wind Direction : Wind Velocity : Sky Conditions : 2 Partly Cloudy
Precipitation : 1 None Humidity : Dew Point : HAZMAT Reports: N

PROBER Chief
Bellevue Fire Department
Complete Incident Report

Date: 07-29-1996 (CI*103)

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Department Name : Bellevue Fire Department

ID # : 05053 Incident Year : 96

Incident # : 40 Exp # : 0

Comments/Remarks : CARD #: 7559 ENROUTE: 1155
WET HOSE LAYED: 5" - 300' 1.5" - 550'
DRY HOSE LAYED: 2.5" - 100'
LADDERS RASIED: 14'
WATER USED: 750 GALS.
AIR TANKS USED: 15
PHOTOS & VIDEO TAKEN: YES

Impede Response :

Impede Firegrd Oper :

Impede Extinguismnt:

Other Arrival Cond's: CHILD PLAYING WITH LIGHTER STARTED BEDDING ON FIRE.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

7/4

[REDACTED] LAND CORP
(- MILWAUKEE -)

Josh - 12 ADAM

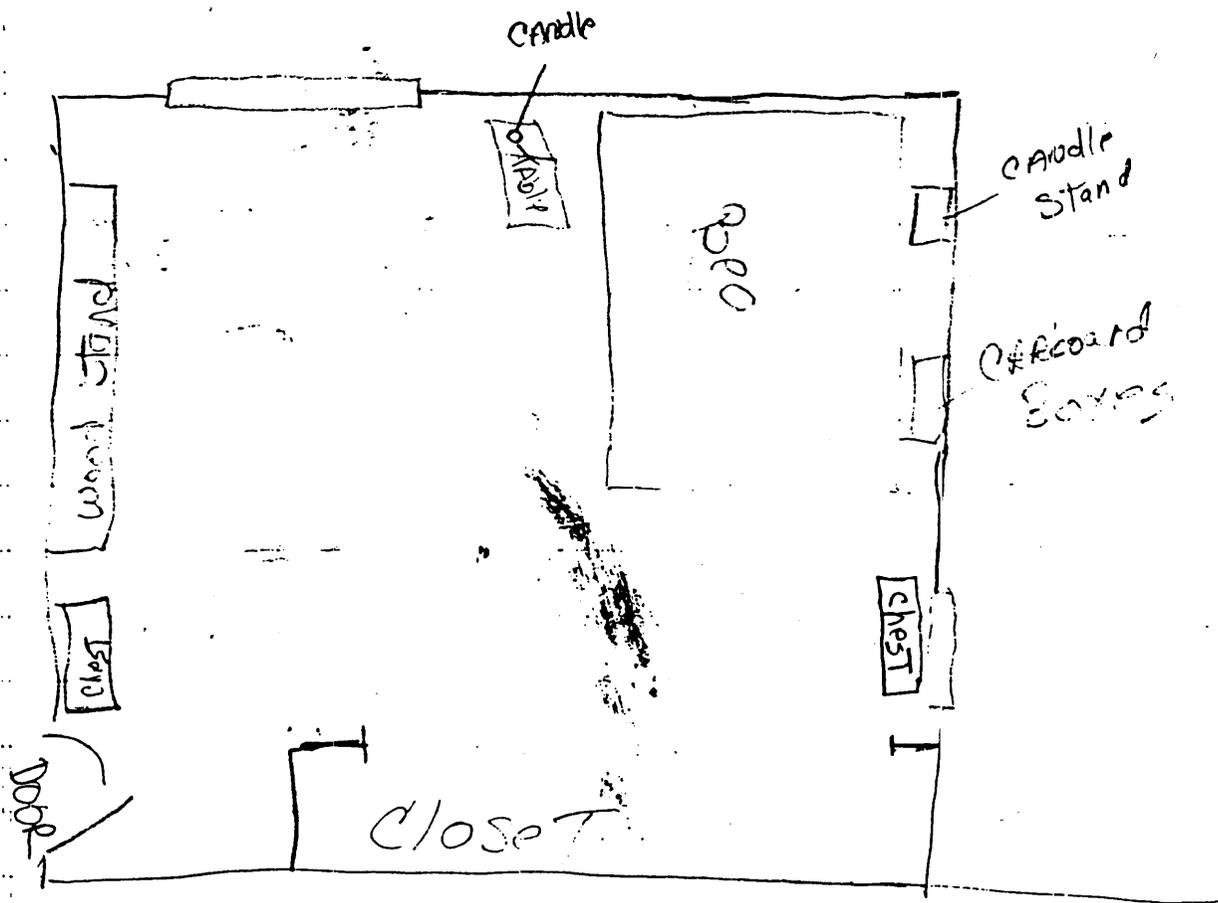
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Meeting Paper -

NO INSURANCE

START 2:PM

Pierre Cardin



BELLEVUE FIRE DEPARTMENT

2828 ALLOUEZ AVENUE

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN 54301

FIRE INVESTIGATION RELEASE



Date July 24, 1996

I [REDACTED], grant permission to Dennis Gaestel Of the Bellevue Fire Dept. Investigators to make an investigation into the cause of a fire that occurred date July 24 96 at [REDACTED] involving Property I own.

I understand that in order to complete this investigation it may be necessary for other technicians to aid in the investigation; further, that items may be removed from the property taken to a laboratory for study. I further grant permission for the investigators to return to the property, during reasonable hours, to conduct further investigation to obtain any additional items for laboratory examination.

I realize that I do not have to grant permission allowing this officer or any other investigator enter my property, nor do I have to permit them to remove items from my property for examination. I grant this permission without any threat, fear, or promise of immunity.

WITNESSED:

DA Gaestel
Brod Muller

SIGNED

Thomas E. Snyder

SUPPLEMENTARY FORM

Supplementary Information To: FIRE SCENE [REDACTED] APARTMENTS

(1) While AT the FIRE SCENE I spoke with
 (2) [REDACTED] LA ROCK. [REDACTED] LIVES DIRECTLY
 (3) ACROSS FROM the APARTMENT that WAS
 (4) ON FIRE. [REDACTED] STATES that upon
 (5) HEARING A KNOCK AT her DOOR,
 (6) SHE ANSWERED IT AND FOUND the two
 (7) Boys FROM the APARTMENT that WAS
 (8) ON FIRE. The OLDEST Boy told her
 (9) to GET OUT because there WAS
 (10) A FIRE, [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW the
 (11) Boys NAME but [REDACTED] YOUNGER BROTHER IS
 (12) [REDACTED] SAID that NEITHER
 (13) of the Boys SAID how the FIRE
 (14) STARTED.

Signature: Sgt Craig Kahlhoe

STATEMENT FORM

Time: 11:28 PM Date: 7-24-96 Place: St. Vincent Hospital

STATEMENT FROM: _____ Age: 39 D.O.B.: 2/2/57

Address: _____ Apt. 4, Conner Bay, UT Telephone: _____
54362

By: Lt. Russell E. Hawley In the presence of: _____

- (1) My name is _____, I am 39 yrs.
- (2) old and I live at _____ in Apt. 4
- (3) in the Township of Bellevue with my husband
- (4) and two sons.
- (5) On Wednesday, July 24, 1996 I left the house
- (6) between 8 & 8:30 A.M. to go to Sears. I
- (7) told my son Josh who is 12 years old that
- (8) I was leaving and to make sure that he got
- (9) up with my son Trevor who is 3, get me
- (10) to get up and watch him. I then left
- (11) for Sears. After Sears I went to Burger
- (12) King for breakfast. My husband was with
- (13) me and we had separate cars. We left
- (14) Burger King at about 9:30 A.M. and we
- (15) to my work where he dropped me off at
- (16) Fort Howard Shell at Lombardi and Astland
- (17) He came back at 11:30 A.M. and pick
- (18) me up and we went to Aldis and then

I have given this statement of my own free will and no force, threats or promises were made to me to obtain this statement of 2 pages. It is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. _____ has read the statement to me and I have read it.

Witnesses: Lt. Russell E. Hawley

Signed: Charles L. Snyder

Statement was concluded 2:04 PM 7-24-96
(Time) (Date)

BROWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Supplementary Form

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Incident #: _____ Supplementary Information To: Statement From Cheryl L. Snyder

1 We both left for home about 12:30 P.M. I
 2 arrived at the Apartment complex and found
 3 that my Apt. had been burned and that both
 4 Josh and Trevor had been taken up to St. Vincent
 5 Hospital. I drove to St. Vincent Hospital with
 6 LT. Hawley from the Brown County Sheriff's Dept.
 7 where I talked to both Josh and Trevor.
 8 Josh told me what happened and then I
 9 talked to Trevor. At first Trevor said nothing
 10 happened and I asked if he was trying to light
 11 the candles and he said yes and he dropped
 12 the lighter. The lighter is a quilt lighter. I
 13 had used this lighter last night to light some
 14 candles in my bedroom and Trevor was watching
 15 me. I had put the lighter on my bed night
 16 stand next to the bed. I had told Trevor
 17 that he was not to play with it. ChS

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Signature: Cheryl L Snyder Date: 7-24-19 96

Date 07-24-96

**BROWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
JUVENILE CONTACT FORM**

Incident # 98-26630

1. Juvenile (Last/First/MI) <u>Suess Josh S</u>		2. DOB <u>03-24-84</u>	3. Age <u>12</u>	4. Offense <u>Witness</u>
5. Address [REDACTED]		6. City/State/Zip [REDACTED]		7. Phone H _____ W _____
8. School Attended/Place of Employment [REDACTED]		8A. School Grade <u>6th</u>	9. Parents Notified? <u>(Y)</u> N	10. Admitted? <u>(Y)</u> N
11. Father's Name (Natural/Step/Foster) [REDACTED]		Address [REDACTED]		Phone H _____ W _____
12. Mother's Name (Natural/Step/Foster) [REDACTED]		Address [REDACTED]		Phone H _____ W _____
13. Guardian/Legal Custodian [REDACTED]		Address [REDACTED]		Phone H _____ W _____
14. Taken Into Physical Custody? <u>Y</u> <u>(N)</u>	Date	Time	15. Released? <u>(Y)</u> <u>(N)</u>	Date <u>7-24-96</u>
16. Released To: <u>Mother, Abuse</u>		17. Relationship		18. Statement Taken? <u>(Y)</u> N
19. Victim (Last/First/MI)		20. DOB	21. Address [REDACTED]	Phone H _____ W _____
22. Business Name <u>Real Estate</u>		23. City/State/Zip <u>Green Bay WI 54302</u>		
24. Officer Action: YOUTH HOME <input type="checkbox"/> SECURE <input type="checkbox"/> CITATION <input type="checkbox"/> VERBAL WARNING <input type="checkbox"/>				
OTHER: _____ PHOTO OF JUVENILE? Y N				

25. REMARKS/DETAILS REGARDING JUVENILE:

READ AND APPROVED BY JUVENILE OFFICER: Det. Hawley Code # 043 Date 7-31-96
Referred Not Referred

NARRATIVE (PRINT): See IR

STATEMENT FORM

Time: 1:00 pm Date: 7-24-96 Place: ST V's Hospital

STATEMENT FROM: Josh S. Suss Age: 12 D.O.B.: 03/24/84

Address: [REDACTED] WI Telephone: _____

By: _____ In the presence of: _____

- (1) On Wednesday, 07-24-96 around noon, I was in my
- (2) apt. 9+ [REDACTED] with my brother [REDACTED]. I
- (3) was working on the computer playing Sim City. I heard
- (4) [REDACTED] crying and walked away from the computer to my
- (5) mother's bedroom. As I looked into the room I saw
- (6) fire on my mother's bed ^{on} the pillow. I yelled for
- (7) [REDACTED] and he didn't answer. I ran to the phone
- (8) and called 911. While as I was on the phone I
- (9) yelled again for [REDACTED]. He answered me from his room
- (10) where he was hiding under a chair. [REDACTED] started to
- (11) leave and I left the apt and knocked on another apt
- (12) door to warn others. I then went outside
- (13) and met up with [REDACTED] and saw police arrive.
- (14) _____
- (15) _____
- (16) _____
- (17) _____
- (18) _____

I have given this statement of my own free will and no force, threats or promises were made to me to obtain this statement of 1 pages. It is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. _____ has read the statement to me and I have read it.

Witnesses: _____

Signed: X Joshua S. Suss

Statement was concluded 1:20 pm / _____
(Time) (Date)

07-24-96

BROWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
JUVENILE CONTACT FORM

Incident #
96 - 26630

1. Juvenile (Last/First/MI) [REDACTED]		2. DOB 08-16-92	3. Age 3	4. Offense Negligent Handling of Burn Material	
5. Address [REDACTED]		6. City/State/Zip [REDACTED] 54302		Phone H 469-6722 W _____	
8. School Attended/Place of Employment None		8A. School Grade	9. Parents Notified? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N		10. Admitted? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N
11. Father's Name (Natural/Step/Foster) [REDACTED]		Address [REDACTED]		Phone H [REDACTED] W _____	
12. Mother's Name (Natural/Step/Foster) [REDACTED]		Address [REDACTED]		Phone H [REDACTED] W _____	
13. Guardian/Legal Custodian		Address		Phone H _____ W _____	
14. Taken Into Physical Custody? Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N	Date	Time	15. Released? Y <input type="radio"/> N <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Date	Time
16. Released To:			17. Relationship	18. Statement Taken? Y <input type="radio"/> N <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
19. Victim (Last/First/MI) [REDACTED]		20. DOB 03-03-56	21. Address [REDACTED]		Phone H [REDACTED]
22. Business Name		23. City/State/Zip [REDACTED], WI 54302			

24. Officer Action: YOUTH HOME SECURE CITATION VERBAL WARNING
 OTHER: _____ PHOTO OF JUVENILE? Y N

25. REMARKS/DETAILS REGARDING JUVENILE:

READ AND APPROVED BY JUVENILE OFFICER Det. Hawley Code # 093 Date 7-31-96
 Referred Not Referred

NARRATIVE (PRINT) See Attached I.R. and reports.

D. Russell E. Hawley 093

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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF NAME

Thank you for assisting us in collecting information on a potential product safety problem. The Consumer Product Safety Commission depends on concerned people to share product safety information with us. We maintain a record of this information, and use it to assist us in identifying and resolving product safety problems.

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Would you please indicate on the bottom of this page whether you will allow us to disclose your name. If you request that your name remain confidential, we will of course, honor that request. After you have indicated your preference, please sign your name and date the document on the lines provided.

You are hereby authorized to disclose my name and address with the information collected on this case.

My identity is to remain confidential.

Cheryl L Snyder
(Signature)

9-25-96
(Date)

Document Number G9680146A

Date of Incident 7-24-96

Category I.D. SECTKW1984

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. Confirm accident scenario. Identify make of utility lighter and what it was regularly used for. When the shield found the lighter, was the switch in the "on" or "off" position? Where was lighter stored?

Person(s) to Contact Sheriff Sgt Bob Shaha
Green Bay, WI

Guideline

Requested By Kate Wallace, CCA

Task Number 96A 912 CCC 5419

Assigned to CHD Date 9/12/96

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Twelve-year-old saves little brother from fire

By Paul Sruhan
Press-Gazette

A quick-thinking 12-year-old boy rushed his little brother to safety, called 911 and helped evacuate an apartment building after the little brother set fire to a bed in their Bellevue apartment Wednesday.

"For being 12 years old, he did a very good job," Brown County sheriff's Capt. Jim Paape said of Josh Sues.

Sues was baby-sitting his brother, Trevor Snyder, 3, at their apartment at 1672 Windsor Drive about noon when he smelled smoke coming from the bedroom.

"He looked in the bedroom, saw the bed on fire ... tried to put it out with a pail of water, and when that didn't work, got his younger brother out," Paape said.

Sues notified a teen-age girl in the apartment across the hall and then called 911, Paape said.

Sheriff's Sgt. Bob Shaha, among the first to arrive, entered a smoke-filled hallway and kicked in a door to alert two people who were asleep and unaware of the fire, Paape said. But heavy smoke prevented Shaha from checking further.

By the time firefighters arrived, flames were shooting out a bedroom window, Bellevue fire chief Dennis Gaestel said.

Firefighters at first were unaware that Sues had gotten Snyder out of the apartment, and they spent several minutes searching for him, Gaestel said.

Shortly after making sure the burning apartment was empty, one of the bystanders notified them that an infant still was in one of the apartments. They searched and found a baby, Akeja Howard, less than 1 year old, in a crib.

The child was alone because one of the people evacuating the building thought another family member had taken him, Paape said.

Howard suffered smoke inhalation, and Snyder had singed hair, but both were released from St. Vincent Hospital after treatment.

Snyder had set the fire using a butane barber's lighter, Paape said.

Fire damage was confined to the apartment's bedroom, but the rest of the apartment sustained heavy smoke damage, Gaestel said. The rest of the eight-unit building sustained minor smoke damage.

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Boy, 4, blamed for blaze

Organizations were working to find shelter for residents of the eight-unit building, all of whom were displaced by the fire

By Nick Wood
News-Chronicle Reporter
A 4-year-old boy is being blamed

for starting a fire that destroyed part of a Bellevue apartment in Wood Wednesday night, resulting in damage throughout the rest of the eight-unit building. Three children, including a 4-year-old boy, were taken to a hospital for minor smoke inhalation. Also treated and released were the 4-year-old and his 12-year-old brother, who was baby sitting the younger sibling at the time.

Their parents, who are a Bellevue Police Officer and a nurse, reported to 1672 Windsor Drive at 1:32 a.m. that a neighbor called to report a fire in the building. The child apparently set a cigarette on fire while sitting on his parents' bed.

is severe smoke damage to the part of the apartment and throughout the building, Gassel said. The Red Cross and Salvation Army were working to find shelter for residents of the building, all of whom were displaced by the fire. The apartment owner is also working to find recent units, Gassel said. The child may be referred to the department's Juvenile Firestarter Program, Gassel said.

1 Case Number 960923CWE5011		2 Investigator ID 8 3 2 0		3 Office Code 8 6 0		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
4 Accident date 9 6 0 9 0 2		5 IDI initiated 9 6 0 9 2 3					
6 Synopsis of Accident or complaint A three-year old girl playing with a barbecue lighter ignited an unholstered recliner chair. She received severe burns in the resulting fire and expired three days later.							
7 Location Home 1 0			8 City Goshen			9 State C A	
10a First Product Barbecue lighter 1 2 4 7			11a Trade/Brand name/Model/Mfgr Aim N Flame, Scripto-Takai, Fontana, CA.				
10b Second Product Upholstered recliner chair, 4019			11b Trade/Brand name/Model Unknown				
12 Age of Victim 0 0 3		13 Sex Female, 2		14 Disposition Fatal 8		15 Injury diagnosis Thermal burns 5 -1	
16 Body part Not stated 8 7		17 Respondents Complainant 1			18 Investigation type Telephone 2		19 Time spent X X . X
20 Attachments Fire investigation report 2		21 Case Source Newspaper 0 5			22 Reviewed by		
23 Permission to disclose names (Non-NEISS cases only) <input type="checkbox"/> CPSC may disclose my name <input type="checkbox"/> CPSC may not disclose my name							
24 Narrative See attached pages for narrative. There is no signed document regarding the release of name.					25 Regional Director review date		

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Second victim:

12: 035; 13: Male, 1; 14. Unknown, 9; 15. Thermal burns, 51;
16: Not stated, 87.

The contents of this report are based on the fire investigation report, on a conversation with the fire official who investigated the case, and on a brief conversation with the victim's mother. The autopsy report and coroner's investigation report are not available at this time (the documents were to be available in three to four months). The subject product, a barbecue lighter, is being held by fire investigators and thus was not available for CPSC sampling. Photographs of the lighter are not available -- the camera malfunctioned and the exposed roll was destroyed.

PRE-INCIDENT:

Scene of the event is the living room of a single family residence. The family consisted of two girls, aged 3 and 4 years, and two adults. Several months prior, the family purchased three "identical" butane barbecue lighters. That model lighter has an on-off (safety) lever that must be snapped to the "on" position for the trigger to operate. The two children had learned the "trick" and knew that to operate the trigger they first had to flip the safety switch. A few months prior to the event, the mother had caught the older child in the act of igniting her shoe with one of the lighters. Recognizing that the two children had a fascination with fire and might play with the lighters again, the adults lectured the children on the hazards and ordered them not to play with the lighters. Subsequently, the adults gathered the lighters and placed them on a high shelf in a cabinet. Apparently, however, the adults forgot to collect one lighter, and it remained in and about an area accessible by the children.

INCIDENT:

On that day, a Monday, shortly before 8:00 am, the children found the forgotten barbecue lighter. The victim took the lighter and lit an upholstered chair in the living room. Then she lit a recliner chair that was next to the front door. As the chair began to go up in flames, the victim hid behind it in the space between the chair and wall. The adults were in another section of the home. Upon becoming aware of a fire, the adults rushed to the living room. The chair and surroundings were blazing. The victim's father rushed into the living room in an attempt to save the child. He received minor burns in the process.

Emergency personnel took the victim to a nearby hospital. From there, the victim was transferred to a children's hospital in an adjoining county. Three days later the child expired.

POST INCIDENT:

The home suffered considerable damage. Neither of the two articles of furniture (recliner chair and couch) remains -- both were discarded. Age of the couch is unknown -- however, the mother is certain that it was much older than the recliner chair which was about four to five years old. The family purchased the couch from a friend. The family received the recliner chair from a relative. Further specifics are unavailable.

Although there was a smoke detector in the home, the mother's husband had disconnected it a week before the event. The mother indicated that she will write a letter to Chairman (CPSC) regarding the lack of an applicable child safety standard pertaining to barbecue lighters.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Primary product:

Product: Barbecue lighter

Mfg.: Scripto-Tokai Corp, Fontana, California.

Brand name: Aim N Flame

Product description of the furniture is limited; the make and brand name of the couch and recliner chair remain unknown.

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

None

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Fire investigation report, one page

Fire incident report, one page (two sides)

RESPONDENTS:

Fire official:

Captain Weger, arson investigator

Tulare county fire dept.

1968 S. Lovers Lane

Visalia, CA. 93292

(209) 732-5954

Fresno county coroner:

(209) 488-3126

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION
**INTERAGENCY
REPORT OF INCIDENT
AND DISPATCH ACTION**
FC 34 (REV 7/85)

960923CWE5011

500-10-10 WHITE/13

DATE 9-2-90
TIME 0740

FIRST REPORT

LOCATION/CROSS STREET
ACROSS FROM [REDACTED]
605 NEW

R.P./L.D. 911 PHONE NO. 51-7617

AZIMUTH	MILES	TAPE	L	C	R	L.D.	FT

VEGETATION FIRE MEDICAL AID

STRUCTURE FIRE EMERGENCY STANDBY

VEHICLE FIRE PUBLIC ASSIST

SMOKE CHECK LAW ENFORCEMENT

OTHER/REMARKS

INCIDENT NO. 08314 INCIDENT NAME

FIRE/OTHER NO. 1708 ECCC/DISPATCHER MG/KA

CONT DATE TIME 7:40 PM FC 1076100-23 BY [REDACTED] 7

LOCATION/CROSS STREET

2ND R.P.

R.P./L.D. PHONE NO.

AZIMUTH MILES TIME

NOTIFICATION TIMES

USFS / CDF / BLM / BIA / NPS FOREST SUPERVISOR/CHEF

COUNTY/CITY OPS OFF/FMO

CHP/SD DIST RANGER/RC

AMB/HOSP DFMO

POWER/GAS FPD 4121 0745

REMARKS/OTHER

INITIAL REPORT ON CONDITIONS

UNIT TIME REPORT

Heavy smoke - single family
dwelling

MESSAGE RECORD

Time	To	From	Message
0745		E7	Start 2 amb. Code 3 for 2 burn victims
0744			gashed school for 20
0751	4102		Make 4102
0800	E209		@ 20
0800	4115		started 10, you maintained 1 show - no... visit... at 7:45

DISPATCH INFORMATION

LEVEL AREA

SEC TWR RGN B&M RANGR DIST COUNTY

GEOLOCK OTHER MAP REFERENCES

DISPATCH ACTION

Unit	Committed	Standby	At Scene	Avail	Return	In Qts.
E7	0741	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0744			
E209		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			0916	0935
VIS 33		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0749		0835	
4115		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0755			
4121	0756	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0807		0910	

MOVE-UP/STAGING ACTION

Unit	To Station	Committed	Quarters	Returning	Quarters

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NOTES FROM INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT # 8314

[REDACTED] INCIDENT - 9-2-96 [REDACTED] GOSHEN

I arrived at the fire scene at 0807. I investigated the fire scene and determined that the area of origin was in the living room and appeared to be in two separate locations. I observed one area of origin near the couch in the north east corner of the living room. I could find no reason for a fire to have occurred at that location other than an incendiary act. I observed another area of origin behind the front door in the south east corner of the living room. In that area of origin I found a Bic style lighter laying on the ground. I was later informed that this area of origin was where one of the victims was found. I could find no reason for a fire to have occurred at that location other than an incendiary act.

I then interviewed the mother, [REDACTED]. She asked me what had started the fire and I told her that I had found the lighter and that there was no other reason for a fire to have occurred at those two locations. She told me that her other daughter had told her that the two girls had been playing with a lighter and had started the fires in the living room. I asked the mother where the girls might have gotten a lighter and she indicated that the only lighter was in a high cabinet and that it had been covered with other materials so the girls could not find the lighter. I asked the mother if the reason the lighters were hidden was because the girls had played with a lighter before. She said that yes she had caught her daughter [REDACTED] playing with a lighter approximately three months ago. I then observed that there was no indication that anyone had climbed into the cabinet and gotten a lighter on the morning of the fire. I interviewed the other daughter, [REDACTED] who said that she and her sister had been playing with the lighter and that her sister had lit two fires in the living room. [REDACTED] said that one fire was lit in the couch and the other was lit behind the front door. I asked her where they had gotten the lighter and she said that it was laying on the desk where her sister could reach it.

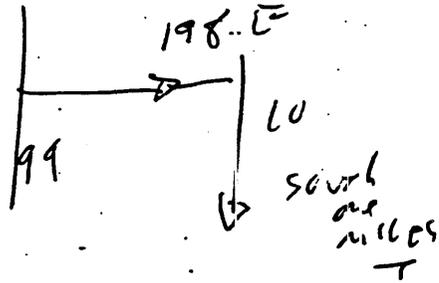
I then asked [REDACTED] if there was a smoke detector and she said that her husband had disconnected the smoke detector a week ago because roaches were crawling through the smoke detector and setting it off. He removed the battery until they could have the house sprayed.

I took one twelve exposure roll of film and retained the lighter as evidence.

Michael Weger
Fire Captain Specialist

memorandum

DATE: 9-19-96
 REPLY TO: JPD
 ATTN OF:
 SUBJECT: Work Assignment
 TO: LS
 ceiling
 Flame



"AIM and flame" (1.00)

red barrel (fluid)
 black (tube)
 trigger
 wind
 phone adjustment

IDI 960923 CWE 5011, barbecue lighter,
 Goshen, CA
 captain
 WEGER

MIS: 32626

pls collect lighter 1 back you

Goshen
 OWNER
 EARL WARNER
 (209) 685-2593
 3 years old
 [REDACTED]
 SEPT 05, 1996

09/23/96
 Tulare Has
 nothing on
 the case
 transferred to

FRESNO, COUNTY
 (209) 488-3126
 NO autopsy report
 BUT DO have investigation
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Visalia
 Fire Dept
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 # 8314 in
 Fire # 11708

(209) 732-59
 Ex 121
 CAPT. W. A. KOC
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 (REV. 1-80)
 GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6
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 CAPT. W. A. KOC
 HE investigated case

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Allen's P. C. B. Jr.

House Fire Kills Girl

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Goshen, Tulare County

Three-year-old [redacted]
has died from burns suffered in a
house fire apparently set while she
was playing with a barbeque light-
ter. Her father, [redacted] SS,
remained hospitalized with severe
burns he suffered while trying to
save her.

Associated Press

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 03 January 1997

REPLY TO Laurel Spinazze, investigator FOWR
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: IDI 960923CWE5011 -- BBQ lighter in Goshen, CA.

TO: Katherine Wallace

I spoke with the arson investigator, a certain Captain Weger (209 - 732-5954), this morning to confirm that the lighter was indeed an Aim N Flame by Scripto. I told him of our problem: that, his fire report refers to the lighter as a "BIC style" while the unit he retrieved from the fire is marked as being an Aim N Flame.

He reminded me that I am the one that called to his attention the markings on the lighter. When I inspected the lighter, I brushed away some of the soot and exposed the brand name. When he wrote his report, he did not know the make and model of the lighter and identified it as being a "BIC style" for lack of a better description.

He assured me that the subject lighter, which he still has, is an Aim N Flame.

Laurel Spinazze
Investigator

EHDS

6 DEC 1996

1. CASE NO. 960924CCC5647		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID [8][1][6][9]		3. OFFICE CODE [8][3][0]		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY [9][6][0][8][0][8]		5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED [9][6][1][0][0][2]		YR MO DAY			
6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A 2 1/2 year old male and a 12 month old male died in a residential fire that may have been started by the older victim when he used a butane fuel grill lighter to ignite paper and/or fabric near a couch in the living room of his family home.							
7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) home [1][0]			8. CITY Peru			9. STATE Indiana	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT grill lighter [1][2][4][7]			11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Aim n Flame, Scripto-Tokai Corp., Fontana, CA				
10B. SECOND PRODUCT paper [1][1][3][7]			11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS unknown				
12. AGE OF VICTIM [0][0][2]		13. SEX (USE NUMERICAL CODE) MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [1] UNKNOWN - 3		14. DISPOSITION fatality [8]		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS anoxia [6][5]	
16. BODY PART all [8][5]		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Fire investigators [3]		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [3] OTHER - 3		19. TIME SPENT Hours [][4].[] Travel [0][0].[0]	
20. ATTACHMENTS photos [2]		21. CASE SOURCE [0][5]		22. REVIEWED BY YR MO DAY [8][3][1][1] [9][6][1][2][0][5]			
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)				25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR OF REVIEW DATE			

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SUMMARY

The Fire dept. investigator said that the fire "was probably" started by a 2 1/2 year old male who used a butane fuel grill lighter to ignite paper in the living room of his home at about 7:30AM. The fire investigator said that there were four people in the house at the time of the fire including a 35 year old male (father) in the master bedroom, a 12 year old male in a downstairs bedroom, a 2 1/2 year old male, and a 12 month old male, both of whom were found in the childrens' bedroom. Exhibits 1 and 2 are photos of computer generated diagram of the ground floor. The investigator said that three lighters were found during the post fire investigation, including: [1] 2 child resistant, butane fuel cigarette lighters, (photo # 3) one of which was found in the living room under the sectional sofa and the other in the laundry room (not shown on the diagram) between the washer and dryer, and [2] a butane fuel grill lighter (photos 4, 5, 6) found under a box on the bed of the 2 1/2 year old male.

The fire investigator said that he had a brief discussion with the 35 year old male shortly after the fire, during which he learned that the father smoked cigarettes and that he routinely used the grill lighter to light them. The investigator said that the father told him that on the evening prior to the accident, he had been working with his computer in the living room until about 3:00AM and that the grill lighter had been left at the computer when he went to bed. The father said that when he awakened his room was filled with smoke. The father was able to escape through a bedroom window, he said, while the 12 year old in the downstairs bedroom escaped through the garage.

The fire investigator said that his investigation is not yet complete, but that his "guess", based on his preliminary discussion with the father and evidence found during the investigation, is that the 2 1/2 year old male, who shared a bedroom with his 12 month old brother, awakened on the morning of the fire and went to the adjacent living room where he found the grill lighter at the computer station, which he used to ignite newspaper at the point of origin shown in ex. #1. After igniting the paper, the child probably carried the lighter to his bedroom where he may have attempted to hide from the fire, he said. Both of the children in that bedroom died during the fire.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

The grill lighter which the fire investigator thought was used to start the fire is shown in photo exhibits 4 thru 6. The unit is approx 9 in long with an approx 4 in long metal barrel and approx 5 in. long plastic fuel supply and igniter assembly. Metal barrel is labeled in part "XXX Aim n Flame XXX" The unit has a

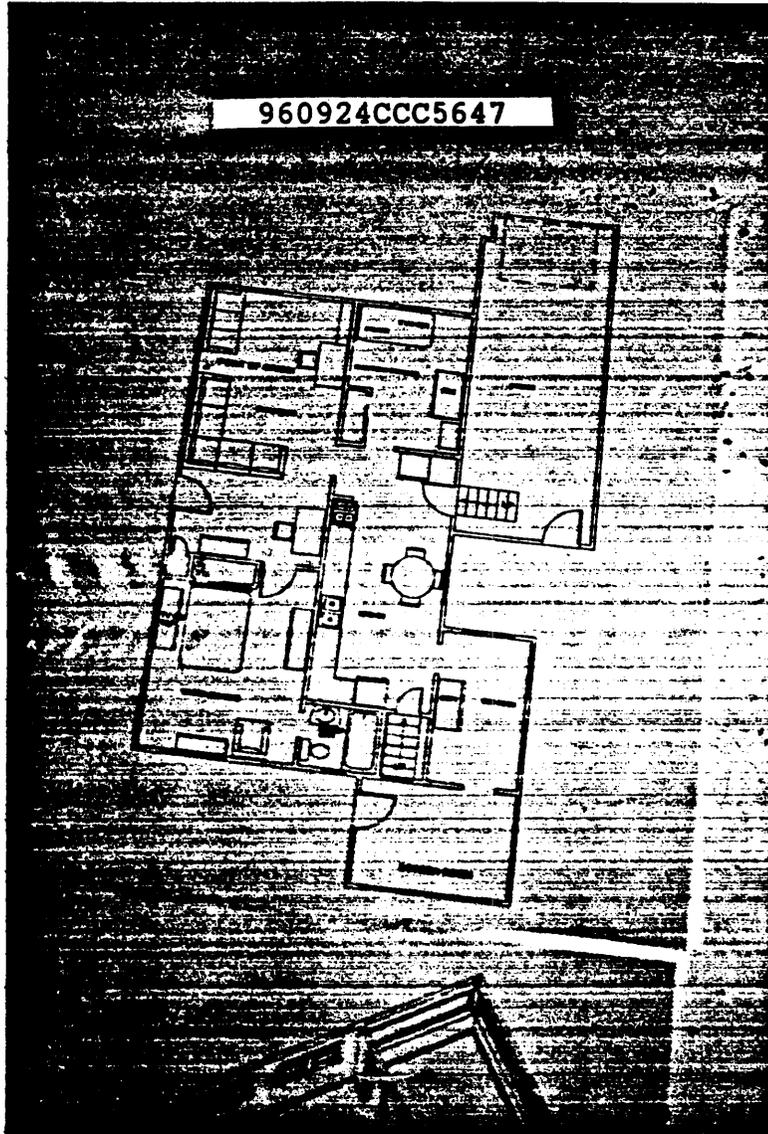
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trigger type igniter, a lever type flame length controller, and an off-on switch. The fuel reservoir was labeled in part "XXX Your Basic LightXXX". A paper adhesive label on the bottom of the fuel reservoir stated, in part, "XXX Scripto-Tokai Corporation, Fontana, CA XXX" The fire investigator said that the unit was found after the fire with the flame length control lever at its highest setting and the switch in the "on" position. The fire investigator said that the father told him that the lighter had been included with a carton of Basic brand cigarettes.

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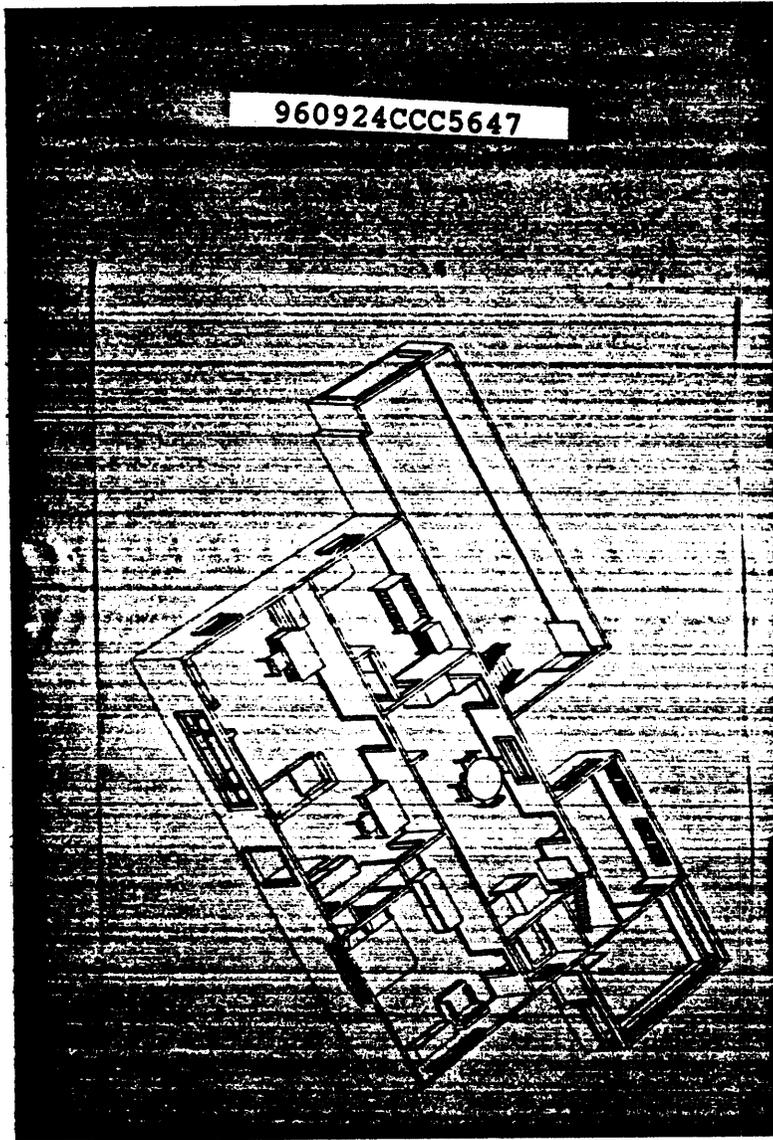
- 1 & 2-Photos of computer generated diagrams of the residence.
 - 3- Photos of child resistant lighters found in the home
 - 4 thru 6- Photos of "Aim n Flame"grill lighter.
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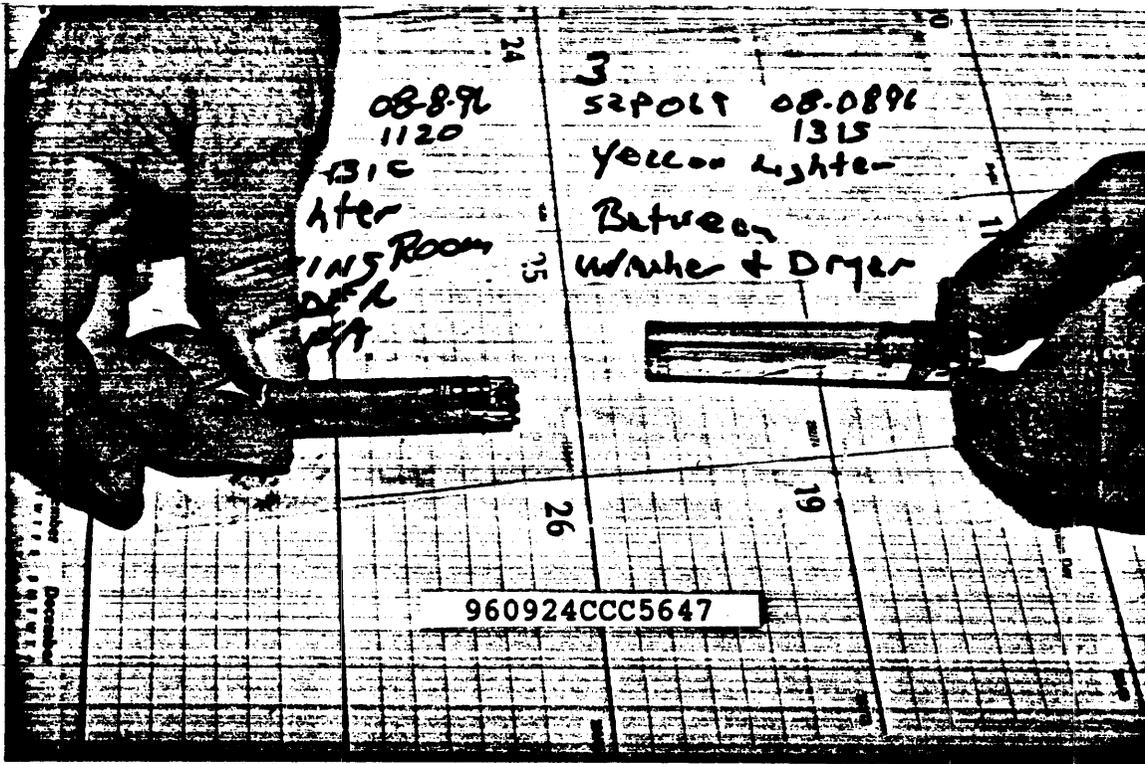


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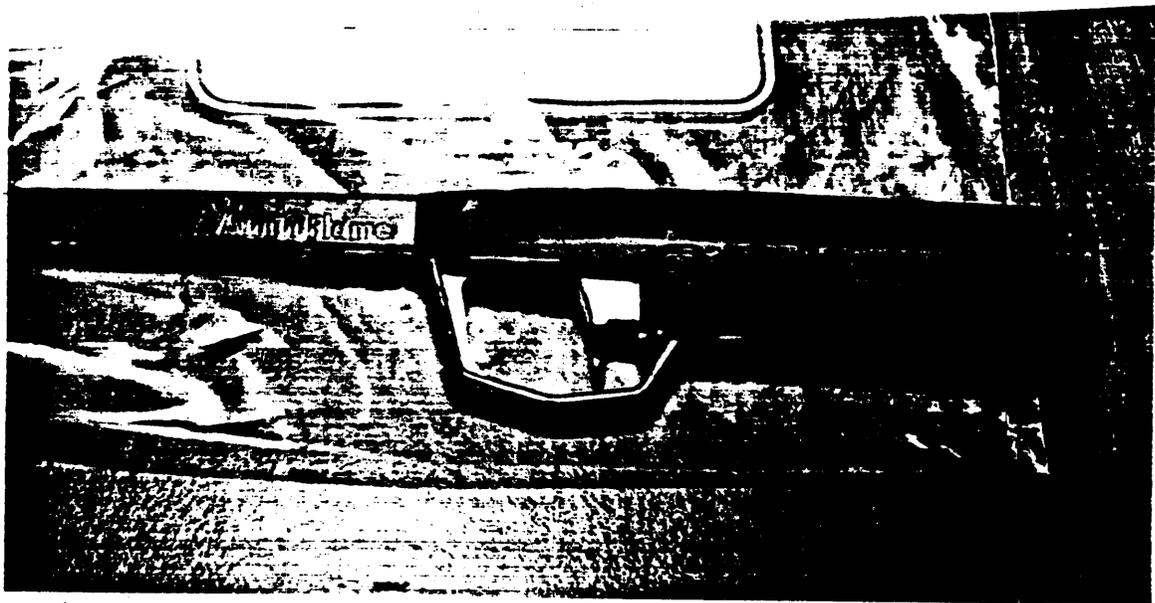
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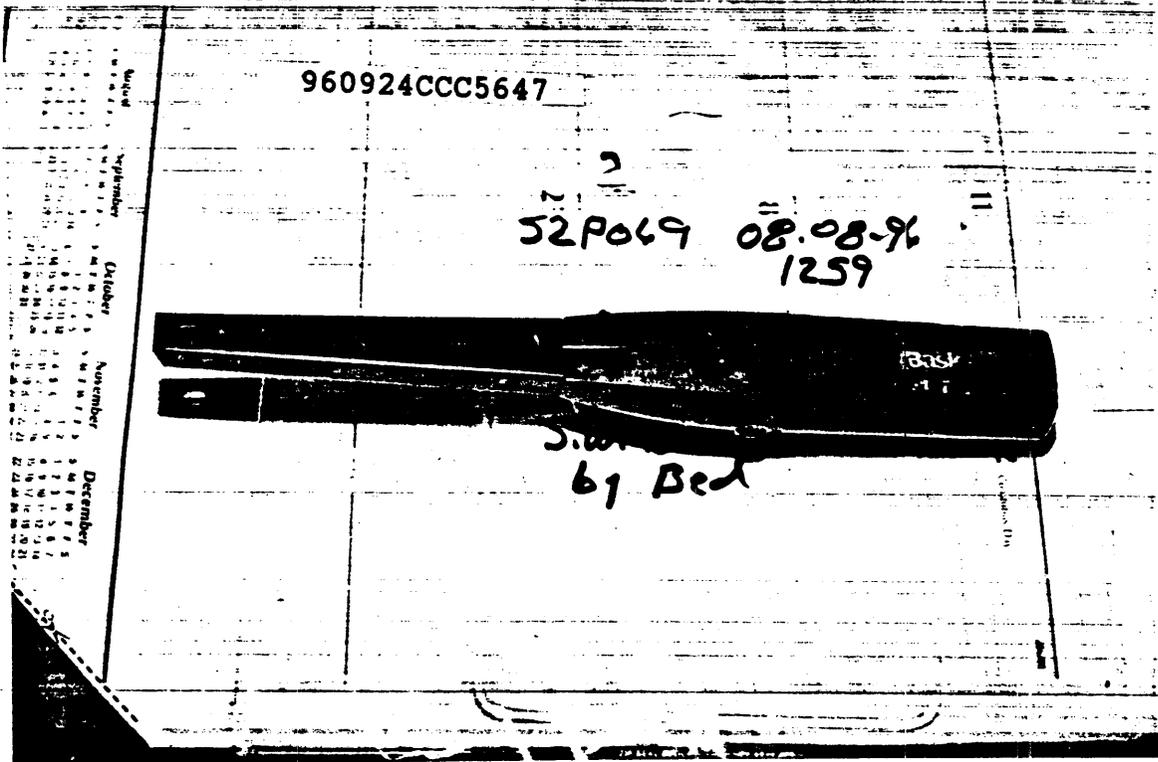
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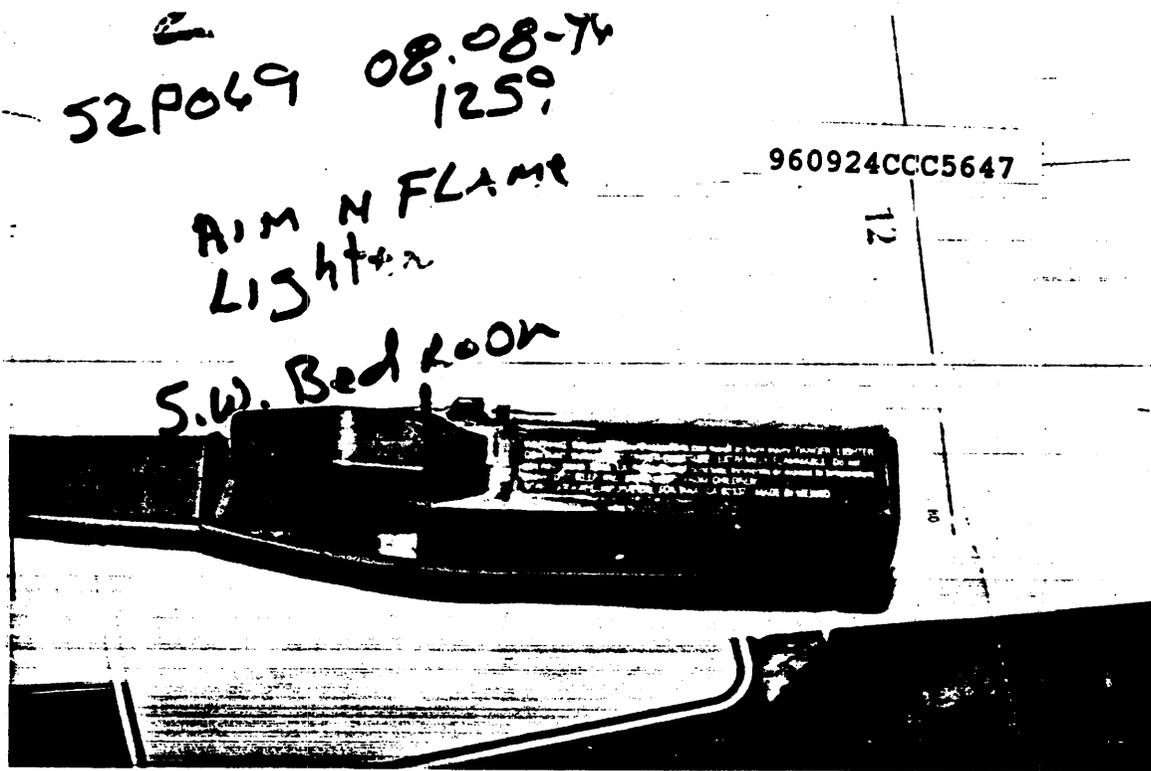
Photo#3-two cigarette lighters
found in residence



Photo#4-Grill lighter with lbl'g
on barrel



Photo#5-Grill lighter with lbl'g



Photo#6-Grill lighter with lbl'g

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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. Find out make of lighter and for what purpose it was regularly used. Where was it stored? Was the switch in the "on" or "off" position? How did the child access the lighter?

Person(s) to Contact Fike investigators
Ferry, Indiana

Guideline

Requested By Kate Wallace, CCA

Task Number 960924C665647

Assigned to CHAO Date 9/24/96

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Fatal fire blamed on lighter
PERU - Investigators believe a lighter is the cause of a blaze that claimed the lives of two Peru children Thursday. The fire department report indicated that a 12-year-old boy, 1 1/2, was playing with a propane lighter used to light charcoal in grills. The lighter caught the couch in the living room on fire. The boy and his brother, 12, died in the fire. A stepbrother, 12, and the children's father, 40, escaped. Both were treated for smoke inhalation at Dukes Hospital in Peru.

8/8/96

*2 1/2 yo m died
12 mom died
1247 grill lighter
4679 couch*

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*Send as Addendum
to 960924 CCC 5647*
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

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Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis X Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call On-Site

Headquarters Contact Kimberly Long (301) 504 -0470 Ext 1269
Backup - Linda Smith (301) 504-0470 Ext. 1275

Assignment Message

Conduct an investigation of this case where a couch was ignited by a lighter. Determine the portion of the furniture ignited that was first ignited, the source of the small open flame, i.e. cigarette lighter, matches, candles. Determine if the age of the couch and the couch was new or used, if possible.

If a child play incident, determine the age of the child involved in the incident and what type of ignition source the child was playing with.

In all incidents, describe incident scenario; photograph and identify manufacturer, model number and brand name of all products involved.

Obtain fire incident report, medical insurance, and any other report of incident.

Complete Data Record Sheet for Upholstered Furniture.

Person(s) to Contact Fire Department and victims

Guideline Number 19 Upholstered Furniture Fires

Requested By Kimberly Long

Task Number 960924CCC5647

Assigned to

Date

CPSC Form 324 (2/90)

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date: 9/26/96

re: 960924 CCC 5647

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Note:
XTRA Copy
for Kim Long

NOTES:

Bob;

On 9/24 we sent you this assignment with a request form from Kate Wallace. Kate wants specific information about the grill lighter. Now we find out that Kim Long wants some additional questions answered regarding the couch. Please use both of these request forms when completing the IDI

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