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1. CASE NO. 961213HCC5144		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID [8][1][5][8]		3. OFFICE CODE [8][3][0]		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY [9][6][1][1][2][3]		5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED		YR MO DAY [9][7][0][1][0][6]			
6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A 3 YEAR OLD BOY SET A BOX OF PAPER ON FIRE IN THE BASEMENT OF A HOME WITH A FOUR OR FIVE YEAR OLD BUTANE UTILITY LIGHTER. THE HOME WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BUT NO INJURIES OCCURRED.							
7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) HOME [1][0]		8. CITY EAGLE			9. STATE NE		
10A. FIRST PRODUCT BUTANE UTILITY LIGHTER [4][6][8][7]			11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS BIC CORP., 500 BIC DRIVE, MILFORD, CT. 06460				
10B. SECOND PRODUCT COUCH [0][6][7][9]			11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS SIMMONS U.S.A., 6 EXECUTIVE PARK DR. N.E., ATLANTA, GA. 30329				
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 NONE [7][1]	
16. BODY PART N/A [8][7]		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) MOTHER [2]		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [2] OTHER - 3		19. TIME SPENT [0][5]. [0]	
20. ATTACHMENTS QUESTIONNAIRE [5]		21. CASE SOURCE NEWSPAPER [0][5]		22. REVIEWED BY [0][9][7]		YR MO DAY [1][7][9][7]	
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (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			

CPSA 6 (b)(7) Closed

No Mfrs/PrvtLbrs

Products Identified

Excepted by ANPR

Firms Notified

Comments Processed AM 6/30/97

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(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

SYNOPSIS:

A three year old boy set a box of newspapers on fire in the basement of the home with a disposable butane utility lighter. The boy was left unattended for less than five minutes. The mother was upstairs putting the one year old son down for a nap. No injury occurred but the home and contents were completely destroyed by the fire.

PRE-ACCIDENT:

The investigation was initiated from a newspaper clipping which is attached with the request. All information was obtained from the owner/mother. The local fire department chief could not add to the details given by the mother. He has not written up any report but said the house was fully engulfed when they got there, and they ran out of water to fight the fire. Attempts to contact the State Fire Investigator were uneventful.

The mother said they had moved into the home in March of 1996. They had help finish the home and things were still in somewhat of a disorder. She did home interior parties before her three year old son was born. The box that caught fire had newspapers wrapped around home interior items along with a butane disposable utility lighter sitting on top. The lighter was to light candles for demonstrations during her shows. She had pulled the box out from the basement wall and placed it in front of a couch as she was going to go through the box and sort things out. She had not she had not completed the task before the boy found the lighter.

The owner said the lighter may have been four or five years old. She said it was a "Bic" brand, with a chrome barrel maybe 6" long and a red plastic handle with a trigger. There was an "on" and "off" switch for the butane, and it had to be "on" before the unit would light. Pulling the trigger allowed the gas to escape and somehow ignite the butane. She did not remember any labeling on the lighter. It was destroyed in the fire.

The mother said she or her husband never used the utility lighter around the three year old son, but he apparently did know how to use it, and the butane switch must have been turned "on". The mother said the boy's grandmother uses this types of utility lighters to light the fireplace and he could have seen her use it there.

The owner had a cake decorating business in the home which was conducted in the basement.

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UTILITY LIGHTER

ACCIDENT:

While the mother was upstairs putting the one year old boy down for a nap, the three year boy went to the basement. The utility light was on top the box of paper and home interior items. He took the lighter and set the papers on fire.

POST-ACCIDENT:

The boy came running upstairs and told his mother he had made a fire in the box. She went down to the basement and saw the box in flames. She did not have a fire extinguisher so she pick up a bucket she used to make cake frosting and filled it with water. When she threw the water on the fire. The fire flared up and the couch adjacent the box also caught on fire.

The owner feels the bucket had cooking oil and shortening residue in it, and this added fuel to the fire.

With the box and couch on fire, the owner felt it was time to leave the home. She went upstairs and she called for the fire department. She took both sons outside the home to wait for help.

It took the fire department 15-20 minutes to get to the rural home. The home was completely destroyed with the contents at an estimated loss of \$175,000. The utility lighter was destroyed in the fire.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

The owner said the utility lighter was a "Bic" brand. She had no idea of what model the item might have been. The lighter would have been made by the Bic Corp., 500 Bic Drive, Milford, CT. 06460

The owner said she thought the couch caught on fire because of the oil and shortening in the bucket. She did not know anything about the couch but where she had purchased it. She said the material on the couch had a course texture, but she knew nothing else.

The retail firm that sold the couch was contacted. The manager there checked his records and determined the couch was bought as a three piece set for about \$299. The couch model number was #82819 made by Simmons U.S.A., 6 Executive Park Drive N.E., Atlanta, GA. 30329. The material code on the couch was indicated to be #1994.

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STANDARDS:

The utility lighter was four or five years old according to the owner. It is not know if it did meet the current requirements, but being that old it would not have too.

It is not known if the couch involved in the fire complied with the industry's voluntary standards for flammability.

EXHIBITS:

1. Request and newspaper clipping
2. Lighter data sheet
3. Upholstered furniture data sheet

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER:

G96C 0002A

DATE OF INCIDENT:

11/21/94

CATID: CARM07 1997

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED

HAZARD ANALYSIS () CRM (X)

TYPE FOLLOW-UP

TELEPHONE () ON-SITE (X)

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT:

Michael Bogumill 504-0400 x1368

Backup:

Bob Poth

504-0400 x1375

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: For any child playing with fire involving a cigarette lighter. Determine the model and manufacturer's name, type of lighter (refillable/disposable and fluid/butane), operating mechanism, age of child who operated the lighter, and accident scenario. Describe operating mechanism in detail and collect lighter, if possible. Be especially alert to incidents involving child-resistant lighters which have had the child-resistant mechanism removed or otherwise, defeated. In such a situation, identify to retailer where purchased if the lighter was already defeated when purchased by the consumer.

The new regulation requiring disposable butane lighters and all novelty lighters to be child-resistant went into effect in July 1994.

*** ATTENTION ***

IF INCIDENT INVOLVED IGNITION OF A MATTRESS COMPLETE AND ATTACH MATTRESS QUESTIONNAIRE CONTAINED IN THE MATTRESS/BEDDING FIRES GUIDELINE SEPT 1994.

Person(s) to Contact:

Rula & Daren Fleischman
Investigator Ken Scuto

Guidelines: Appendix 45

Task Number:

941213 HCC 5144

Date:

12/13/94

Assigned to:

CHD

Requested by:

11/21/44
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Family watches home burn

Orders for cake-baking business destroyed

BY CINDY LANGE-KUBICK
Lincoln Journal Star

Paula and Deron Fleischman spent two years building their home at [redacted] and [redacted] streets.

Thursday evening, Paula [redacted] stood outside with her two young sons and watched it go up in flames.

By Friday, what was left of their labors stood like a forlorn shell of its former self, surrounded by farm fields, inch-thick mud and a county road full of pickup trucks as neighbors and friends came by to help clean up the aftermath.

Little in the 1,500-square-foot home could be salvaged, although people stomped through the muck and hauled what was still recognizable out of the garage. An electric fan, a blackened watermelon and singed beams

surrounded by pink insulation helped put a face on the fiery destruction.

Charred bedsprings showed where a bedroom stood, burnt appliances indicated the kitchen and a brick fireplace stood alone as a landmark to the former family room.

The fire started around 5 p.m. Thursday. Paula Fleischman was putting her 1-year-old down for a nap when her 3-year-old ran up from the basement.

"Mommy, we start fire in box," her son said.

By the time she got downstairs, which served as headquarters for her home-based cake baking business, a small packing box filled with newspaper-wrapped trinkets was in flames. Her son had found a long-handled fireplace lighter in the box, and perhaps thinking it resembled a gun,

played with it, Paula Fleischman said.

She ran for a bucket of water to douse the fire, but frosting residue in the bucket seemed to aggravate the situation.

A nearby couch caught fire and by the time she called 911 the house was filling with smoke.

She took her oldest son outside, grabbed the baby from his crib and crawled out through the thick, acrid smoke.

Then she stood in the dusk in her stocking feet, waiting for help and crying as she watched the home go up in flames, room by room.

"It felt like a year. It was probably 20 minutes," she said Friday.

Fire departments from Eagle, Alvo, Waverly, Southeast Rural,

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Fire/Cake business put in jeopardy

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Palmyra, Avoca and Elmwood worked to put out the flames that lit the sky almost 10 miles to the west.

The fire trucks ran out of water twice. By the last time, it was too late to save anything.

Investigator Ken Scurto of the State Fire Marshal's office said initial damage estimates to the house and its contents stood at \$175,000.

The house, a ranch with a finished walkout basement, will be bulldozed, insurance will cover the loss and the Fleischmans will start over again, they said.

By Friday, most of the tears had dried and the couple appeared dazed and shell-shocked but optimistic. Relatives milled around the kitchen at Deron Fleischman's parents' farm just up the road and offered the family everything from baby sitting to warm clothes to comfort and companionship. The Red Cross also was on hand to offer assistance.

The family will stay with Deron Fleischman's parents through the

holidays, then rent an apartment in Lincoln.

One of Paula Fleischman's most immediate worries is her cake customers. She had taken orders for several weddings, but her business papers were destroyed in the fire so she doesn't know who the customers are.

She hoped brides and grooms who scheduled cakes for weddings with Cakes Creations By Paula would contact her so she can try to get their orders out. In particular, she would like to hear from the couples who ordered cakes for weddings set for Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

The couple plan to build a new home on the site, but this time they will hire the job out.

"It will cost more to rebuild, but when we finished last time we promised we'd never do it again," Paula Fleischman said.

If you ordered a cake from Cakes Creations by Paula contact Paula Fleischman at 7402781-3498.

Exhibit #2

CHILDREN PLAYING WITH
CIGARETTE LIGHTERS
-DATA RECORD SHEET-

(For All Incidents Assigned Under BURR02)

- 1. Task Number 961213HCCS144
- 2. Date of Incident 11/23/96
- 3. Sex of Child MM
- 4. Age of Child 3 yr

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 _____
 - Refillable _____
 - Unknown _____

→ utility lighter ✓
- 7. Lighting Mechanism (Check one)
 - Roll and Press _____
 - Press Only _____
 - Other (specify) ON/OFF Butane Switch, Trigger
 - Manufacturer/Model Bic Model UNK to Light
- 8. Obtain copy of fire incident report from fire department.
NONE



INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

Exhibit #3

Attachment A DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES (To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 96 1213 HCC5144 Incident Date 11/23/96

A. **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:** Sofa/Couch Chair Sofa bed Other _____

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered? Yes No Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered? Yes No Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand Simmons USA

4. Purchased: New Used Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) NA

5. Date Furniture Purchased: 1995 Furniture Age 2 yrs

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)
NONE KNOWN

B. **POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE:** Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt Seat cushion Inside back Inside arm

Back Side Underside Crevice

Welt Cord Tuft Other FRONT

C. **AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION** (if appropriate): _____

LT 5 yrs. old 5 - 14 15 - 64 65 +

D. **PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE** (Check):

Lighter Match Candle Heater Fireplace

Other (specify) Box of papers on fire, water with cooling
oil and shortening

Unknown



INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

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→ utility lighter used to light Box of Paper

If lighter, specify type: Child-resistant Not child-resistant Unknown

If match, specify type: Book Box Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

_____ Fuel source _____ Distance from furniture

E. DETECTION OF FIRE

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

Yes No Unknown

If yes, specify type: _____

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?

Yes No Unknown

9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? Less than 5 minutes

F. VICTIM(S)

NONE Number of Deaths

NONE Number of Injuries

G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household:

Less than high school High school Some College

12. Total household income:

LT \$15,000 \$15,000 - \$34,999 \$35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: \$175,000 with contents

Rent Own

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

Investigation Report - Analyst's Comments

Task No. 961213HCC5144 Regional Office CH10
Product Code 1687 Investigator ID 8158
Category BUNNO21997 Hours Reported 5

Comments

DATA RECORD SHEETS FOR CIGARETTE LIGHTERS AND UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES ATTACHED AS REQUESTED. BUTANE UTILITY LIGHTER WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING DISPOSABLE AND ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE YEARS OLD. BECAUSE OF ITS AGE, THE LIGHTER DID NOT MEET THE CURRENT CPSC STANDARDS.

Reviewer LAS (0061) Date 2/28/97

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

Signature _____

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: G9730036A

DATE OF INCIDENT: 11/96

CATID: BUNN02 1997

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED

HAZARD ANALYSIS (X) SECT 15 ()

TYPE FOLLOW-UP

TELEPHONE (X) ON-SITE (X)

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT: Linda Smith 504-0470 x1275

Backup: Kim Long 504-0470 x1269

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: Describe the lighter involved, brand name, description of physical dimensions and lighting mechanisms. What did the occupants use the lighter for, where was it kept, the age of the child who started the fire, details of deaths or injuries including treatment, and amount of property damage. **Conduct on-site when the product is available for inspection.**

Person(s) to Contact:

Guidelines: see above

Task Number: 970311HCC2007 - *P. [signature]* Date: 3/11/97

Assigned to: CH10

Requested by:

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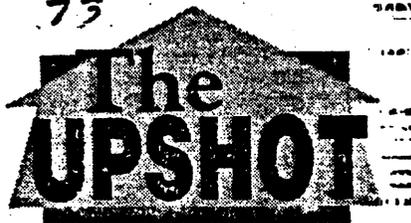
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A sequel to an earlier story. ...

Dream home No. 2 in works for couple

Linda S.
K47

Dream house No. 2 is in the works. [redacted] and [redacted] bulldozed and buried the remains of the house they spent two years building at [redacted] and [redacted] after fire destroyed it last November.

This week, weather willing, the footings for an almost identical replacement will be put in the ground.

The 1,500-square-foot dwelling went up in flames after the couple's 3-year-old son discovered a fireplace lighter in an unpacked box. Perhaps thinking the lighter was a toy gun, he played with it and ignited the newspaper-wrapped contents of the box.

[redacted] an escaped from the house with the couple's two young children. By the time fire-fighters arrived, the house was destroyed. Damage was estimated at \$175,000. Everything inside the house, including the inventory of [redacted] home-based cake baking business, was lost.

The family has been living in an apartment while they wait for their new home to be built. They are still waiting for an insurance check which should cover their losses [redacted] said.

In the meantime, [redacted] hasn't stopped whipping up the frosting in her cake decorating business. She even managed to bake a cake for a wedding a week after the fire.

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1. CASE NO. 961220CWE5004		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID [8][2][3][2]		3. OFFICE CODE [8][7][0]		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY [9][6][1][1][3][0]			5. DATE INVESTIGATION YR MO DAY INITIATED [9][7][0][1][1][0]				
6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A four year old female playing with a barbecue type lighter ignited notebook paper which in turn ignited bedding material. The fire was discovered at an early stage and confined to the bed. The fire caused an estimated \$500 property damage according to the fire report. The lighter was received as a premium in a cigarette promotional package. <i>MFR/PRVLR NOTIFIED</i> No Comments made Comments attached Excisions/Revisions Firm has not requested further notice							
7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) home interior [1][0]			8. CITY Longview			9. STATE Washington [WA]	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT lighter [1][6][0][4]			11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS MFG: Scripto-Tokai, Fontana, CA Model: Aim n Flame				
10B. SECOND PRODUCT paper products [1][1][3][7]			11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS unknown				
12. AGE OF VICTIM [0][0][4]		13. SEX (USE NUMERICAL CODE) MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [1] UNKNOWN - 3		14. DISPOSITION no injury [0]		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS no injury [7][0]	
16. BODY PART no injury [9][9]		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) mother, fire report [3]		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [3] OTHER - 3		19. TIME SPENT [][5].[0]	
20. ATTACHMENTS [9] fire report, photos		21. CASE SOURCE [0][5] newspaper F96C5004		22. REVIEWED BY YR MO DAY [8][1][0][1] [9][7][0][2][0][6]			
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) The information was obtained from the fire report, the mother of the child and the Fire Department Battalion Chief who responded to the event. <i>CPSA 6 (b)(7) Cleared 25C</i> <i>No Mfrs/PrvtLbrs on</i> <i>Products Identified</i> <i>Excepted by ANPR</i> <i>Firms Notified, AM</i> <i>Comments Processed 6/30/97</i>						25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE	

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Pre-Event

The event occurred in a single family home located in a suburban neighborhood. The home was a single story wood framed home. The home appeared to be 1940's or early 1950's vintage with less than 1000 square feet of space. The home was occupied by a mother and her 6 children ages ranging from 4 years to 15 years old.

The mother said that she received a barbecue lighter as a promotional gift in a cigarette package two days before the fire. She said that she purchased a wrapped package of three packs of cigarettes with the lighter included as a free gift. She said that the cigarette brand name was printed on the lighter.

The mother said that her twin four year old daughters had no prior interest in playing with fire. She said that all of her children were attracted to the gift lighter. She said that the children played with the lighter on numerous occasions before the fire.

Event

The mother said that her twin four year old daughters picked up the lighter and were playing with the lighter on the day of the fire. She said that she did not know the location of the lighter immediately before the fire. She said that the daughters apparently wanted to light a candle but could not find one. She said that they used the lighter to ignite a piece of notebook paper. She said that they dropped the burning paper on the bed igniting the bedding. She said that she did not know the specific material ignited on the bed.

The other occupants of the home were alerted by the smoke detector and evacuated the children according to the fire department report. The occupants called the fire department and controlled the fire with a garden hose according to the report. The fire department was dispatched at 1:51 p.m. and arrived on the scene at 1:55 p.m. according to the report.

Post Event

The fire caused an estimated \$500 property damage according to the fire report. The fire officials interviewed the children and a four year old girl admitted starting the fire with a lighter according to the report. The Battalion Chief collected the lighter as evidence. The fire department provided the lighter to CPSC as a sample. A copy of the fire report and photographs of the lighter are attached to this report as exhibits.

First Product Identification

97613-20 CUP/E 5004

Country of Origin: Mexico

Distributor: Scripto-Tokai
Fontana, CA 92337

Cigarette Brand: Basic

Model: Aim n Flame

The product identification information was obtained from the product labeling. The lighter is a barbecue type lighter constructed of black plastic approximately 9 inches long. The lighter is equipped with a non-child resistant trigger type ignition mechanism. Photographs of the lighter are attached to this report as exhibits.

Second Product Identification

The children ignited a piece of paper which ignited bedding material on the bed according to the mother. The identification of the specific notebook paper and bedding material was not available.

Standards Information

The lighter bears a Federal Hazardous Substances Act style warning label. Other standards information was not available.

Samples

The lighter was collected from the fire department and submitted to CRM under sample collection report 97-860-5014.

Attachments

Exhibit # 1: Fire Report

Exhibit # 2: Photographs

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Longview, WA
(Cowlitz Co.)
Daily News
(Cir. D. 24,182)

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Allen's P. C. B. Est. 1888

4-year-old started fire

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A 4-year-old girl playing with a butane barbecue lighter caused a fire Saturday that caused \$500 damage to a home at [REDACTED] in Longview, fire officials said.

Occupants of the house were alerted by a smoke detector after the fire started in a mattress, according to a Longview Fire Department report.

Adults evacuated everyone in the house and controlled the flames with a garden hose until firefighters arrived.

The fire was confined to mattresses.

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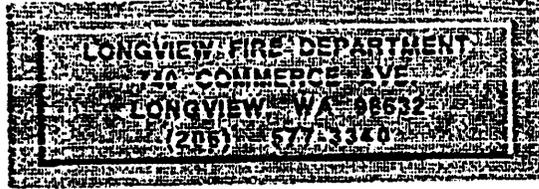
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EXHIBIT # 1



Insurance Report



*TO: JDB
FROM: Kack*

SECTION A

Response Data

I.R. NO.	Exp. No.	DATE	DISPATCHED	ARRIVED	END TIME
2778	00	11-30-96	13:51	13:55	14:24
Incident Location			Room/Apt.	Zip Code	
252 26TH				98632	
First in Co.	District	Automatic or M/A		Method of Alarm	
811	1	0 NON APPLICABLE		1 TELEPHONE DIRECT TO FIRE DEPT	
Situation Found		11-STRUCTURE FIRE			
Action Taken		12 VENTILATION, EXTINGUISHMENT, SALVAGE.			

Occupant Data

Code	Occupant Name	
OC OCCUPANT	[REDACTED]	
(Area Code) Phone	Occupant Address	DOB
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Owner Data

Code	Owner Name	
	[REDACTED]	
(Area Code) Phone	Owner Address	DOB
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Personnel & Apparatus

Responding Personnel		No. of Responding Apparatus			
<input type="checkbox"/> 9 Paid	<input type="checkbox"/> Engine	<input type="checkbox"/> Comnd	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescue		
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/> Truck	<input type="checkbox"/> EMS	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazmat		
<input type="checkbox"/> 9 Total	<input type="checkbox"/> Aerial	<input type="checkbox"/> Tanker	<input type="checkbox"/> Others		

Construction Info

General Property Use	41 ONE OR TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE
Specific Property Use	411 ONE FAMILY DWELLING ALL YEAR
Building Code Occupancy Type	0R3-DWELLINGS & LODGING HOUSES
Structure Status	12 IN USE WITH FURNISHINGS IN PLACE AND BEING USED
Occupancy Status at Time of Incident	1 OCCUPIED AT TIME OF INCIDENT

961220CWES004 EXHIBIT #1

Mobile Property (If involved)

Type Mobile Property	Vehicle License	State	Year	MAKE
Model	Vehicle Identification No.	I.C.C./D.O.T. Permit No.	Drivers License Number	State

Injuries / Fatalities

SECTION B

Civilian Casualties		Fire Casualties	
Injuries	Fatalities	Injuries	Fatalities
0	0	0	0

SECTION C

CONTRIBUTING	Contributing Factors	Contributing Person(s)	DOB
	302-CARELESS ACT		
	Area of Origin	Level	
	21-SLEEPING ROOM LESS THAN 5 PEOPLE	A01 ABOVE GROUND 1ST STORY	
	Horizontal Distance from Ignition Factor	Ignition Factor	
		17 NON CRIMINAL ACT 0-7 YEARS OLD	
Form of Heat of Ignition	Acres Burned		
65-MATCH, LIGHTER			
Material First Ignited	Form		
Type Mobile Property	31 MATTRESS, PILLOW		
72 COTTON, RAYON, POLYESTER BLFNDS			

EQUIPMENT

If Equipment Involved:		
Fuel Model	Type Mobile Property	Model
Y		
Equipment Make	Serial Number	

Method of Extinguishment	ESTIMATED Property Loss	ESTIMATED Contents Loss
5 WATER CARRIED ON APPARATUS INITIALLY ASSIGNED TO THE INCIDENT	250.00	250.00

SECTION D

No. of Stories	Construction Type	Roof Covering
1	5 TYPE V STRUCTURAL MEMBERS WHOLLY OF	2 COMPOSITION SHINGLES

961220 CWJES004 EXHIBIT #1

Page 3 (Insurance Report)

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Flame 2 PART OF ROOM OF ORIGIN	Smoke 8 NO DAMAGE OF THIS TYPE
Material Generating Most Smoke Type Mobile Property	Form
Avenue of Smoke Travel	

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Type Mobile Property 1 SMOKE DETECTOR, IONIZATION PRINCIPLE	Power Supply 1 BATTERY ONLY
Detector Performance 2 DETECTOR NOT IN THE ROOM OF FIRE ORIGIN, AND IT ALERTED THE OCCUPANTS	Reason for Failure 8 NO DETECTOR FAILURE
Extinguish Type 98 NO EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM	Extinguisher Performance
Reason for Ext. Failure	
Sprinkler Heads Type Mobile Property	Number Activated

Member Making Report

L. ATHEY BC

Emp. I.D.

Officer in charge

B. CHIEF ATHEY

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EXHIBIT #1

NARRATIVE

INCIDENT NUMBER **00 LF 2778** EXP NO. **00**

INVESTIGATION STATUS

NONE

FIRE IN A BEDROOM STARTED BY A 4 YEAR OLD CHILD DID RELATIVELY MINOR DAMAGE TO STRUCTURE AND THE CHILD WAS UNHARMED BECAUSE OTHER OCCUPANTS OF THE HOUSE WERE ALERTED BY A SMOKE DETECTOR GOING OFF. THEY GOT THE CHILD OUT AND EVACUATED THE HOUSE AND KEPT THE FIRE UNDER CONTROL WITH A GARDEN HOSE UNTIL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED. USED PRECONNECTED LINE FROM ENGINE AND EXTINGUISHED THE INVOLVED MATTRESSES. DAMAGE LIMITED TO \$500.00 TO CONTENTS AND STRUCTURE.

TALKED TO CHILDREN AGES 4 TO 15 ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AND THEY SAID THAT A 4 YEAR OLD GIRL WAS PLAYING WITH A LIGHTER AND STARTED THE FIRE. TALKED TO THE GIRL AND SHE ADMITTED TO STARTING THE FIRE WITH A LIGHTER.

CHILDS NAME:


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Photo # 1: View of the home where the event occurred.

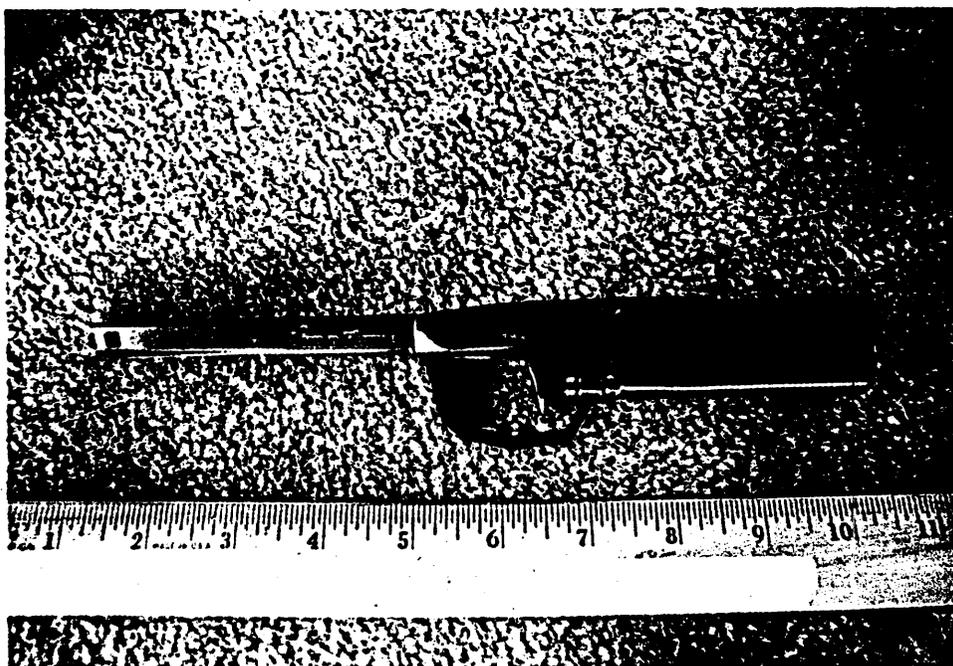


Photo # 2: Side view of the lighter.

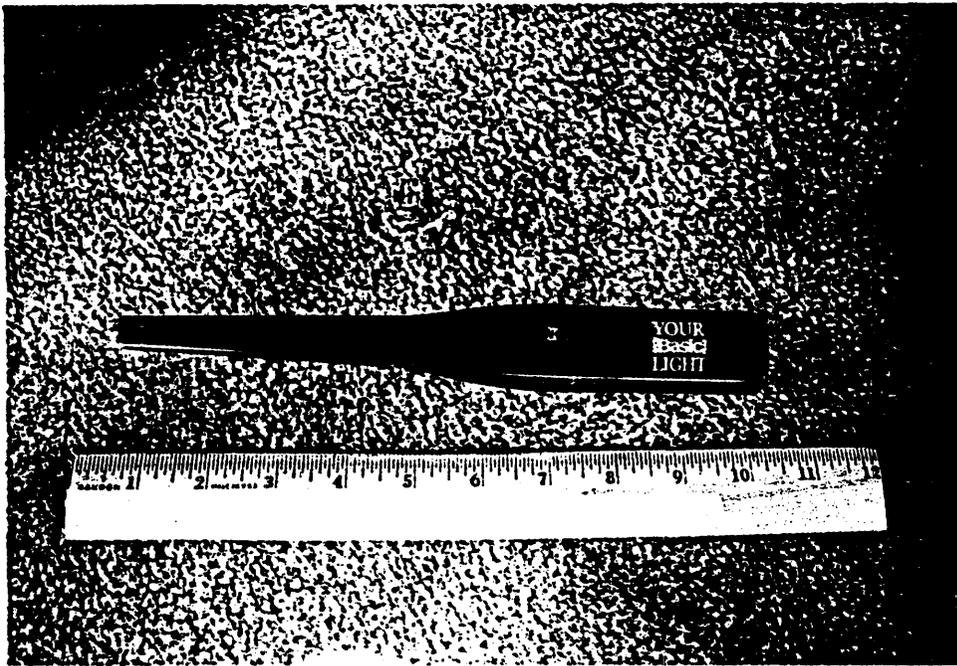


Photo # 3: View of the cigarette brand label.

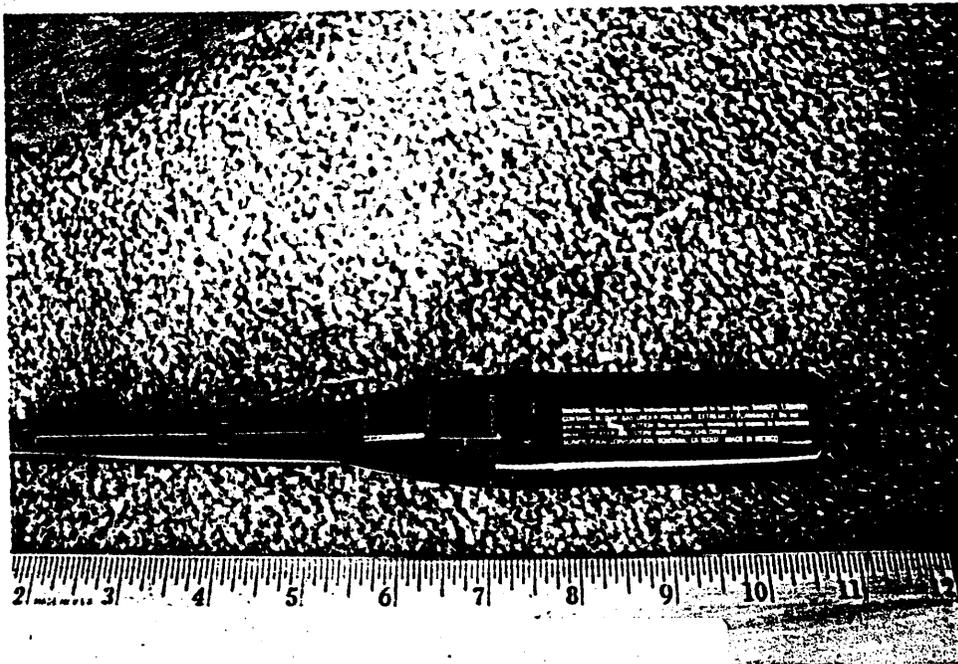
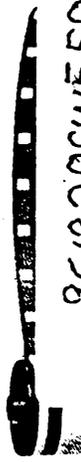


Photo # 4: View of the warning label.

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PHOTO NEGATIVES



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PHOTO NEGATIVES
EXHIBIT # 2

✓ **PC Picture Show**

Now, when you turn in your 35 favorite photos on a floppy disk, your pictures at the touch of a few buttons. It's the new, digital way to enjoy your photos. Available in both Windows®/DOS and Macintosh® formats. And it's yours for only an additional \$3.99! (24 exposures)

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EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. CASE NO. 961223HCC5164	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8554	3. OFFICE CODE 860
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY 96 10 28	5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 97 01 24	

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT A 4 year old child was playing with a multi-purpose butane lighter and ignited the curtains at a bedroom window. No injuries occurred.

CPSA 6 M/M Cleared
No Mfrs/Prvlblrs or Product Identified
Excepted by ANPR
Firms Notified, Comments Processed. *6/30/97*

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) house 10	8. CITY Cornville	9. STATE Arizona (AZ)
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT multi-purpose lighter 1247	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, IMPORTER (Aim n Flame) Scripto-Tokai, Fontana, CA 92337
10B. SECOND PRODUCT curtains 0617	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS unknown

12. AGE OF VICTIM N/A no injury 000	13. SEX (USE NUMERICAL CODE) MALE - 1 N/A no injury FEMALE - 2 (0) UNKNOWN- 3	14. DISPOSITION N/A no injury (0)	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS N/A no injury (77)
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16. BODY PART N/A no injury (99)	17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Child's Mother, Fire Captain & Fire Marshal [3]	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [1] OTHER - 3	19. TIME SPENT [][7].[5]++
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20. ATTACHMENTS multiple [9]	21. CASE SOURCE newspaper story [0][5]	22. REVIEWED BY [9][0][3][5]	YR MO DAY [9][8][0][3][1][2]
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES
(NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME [] CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME [XX]

24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)	25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE
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NARRATIVE NOTE:

Information in this investigation report was obtained from the boy's mother and local officials. While meeting with Fire Department personnel, I also examined the exterior of the house where this fire took place and collected the multi-purpose lighter as a sample, CR # 97-860-5482.

The narrative report and exhibits are attached.

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PRE-EVENT

This fire involved a young boy who was playing with a multi-purpose lighter at the family home in Cornville, Arizona. Information in this report was obtained from the family and local Fire Department Officials.

This family includes the parents (Mr. & Mrs. W), their 4 year old son and an infant. Mrs. W said that her son was born on Dec. 24, 1991.

They live in a single wide mobile home in Cornville, Arizona, see photos # 1 - 3. The front entrance to this single wide mobile home faces in a northwest direction. The boy used the bedroom located at the northeast end of the house, see photos # 2 & 3.

A diagram of the house which was drawn by the Captain is attached as exhibit # 4.

Mrs. W said that she and her husband are both smokers. Around May or June 1996 they received some promotional material in the mail which included a multi-purpose butane lighter bundled with a carton of Basic cigarettes.

She mentioned that the lighter was attached to a cardboard box which identified the lighter as a barbecue lighter.

This lighter has an overall length of slightly less than nine (9) inches. It has a black barrel and a red handle with a trigger guard at the bottom front of the handle, see photo # 4.

A small black rectangular ON/OFF switch is located on the side of the red handle, see photos # 4 & 5. A small black lever on the top of the red handle controls the length of the flame, see photo # 7.

The steps required to operate this lighter involve (1) move the black ON/OFF switch to the ON or up position, and (2) press and hold the black ignition button against the back of the trigger guard. A flame comes out of the barrel as long as the user keeps pressure on the black ignition button.

Please see the Product Identification section for more information about this lighter.

According to the mother, they used this lighter at their barbecue grill. Mrs. W told me that it was also used to light cigarettes on a few occasions.

She indicated that their son became very interested in this multi-purpose lighter. Shortly before the 10/28/96 fire her son used the lighter to burn the leaves on a potted plant that was located in his bedroom. She smelled something burning, followed the smell to the boy's bedroom and found him with the lighter and the burnt plant.

The lighter was taken away from the boy and he was told not to play with it. They tried to keep the lighter out of the boy's reach by placing it on top of the refrigerator.

This fire took place between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m. on October 27, 1996. At this time Mrs. W said that her son weighed around 40 pound and was between 40 and 43 inches tall. She said that he favors his left hand.

The mother was feeding her infant child while her son was in his room playing. Mrs. W described her son as a very active boy who loves to climb.

She believes he climbed upon the kitchen counter and grabbed the lighter from the top of the refrigerator. The boy then took the lighter to his bedroom.

He began playing with the lighter. It is unknown if the lighter's ON/OFF switch was already in the ON position when he took the lighter or if he moved the switch to the ON position.

Mrs. W told me that her son can move the ON/OFF switch to the ON position as well as press in the ignition button.

The boy's bedroom is located at the northeast end of the mobile home. There are two windows in this room. One window is on the side of the house and faces southeast, see photo # 2. The second window in this room is at the end of the mobile home and faces northeast, see photo # 3.

The boy manipulated the controls on this lighter and was able to get a flame. Mrs. W found several objects in the bedroom which the victim had burned with the lighter. These included the plastic covers on a few wall posters, a wooden train and the plastic eye of a stuffed lion.

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He then used the lighter's flame on the curtains covering the bedroom window that faces to the northeast.

EVENT

The boy operated the lighter and placed the flame to the curtains over the bedroom window. The curtains caught on fire.

POST-EVENT

After the curtains ignited the boy put the lighter down and tried to put the flames out. He left the room and ran to his mother in a panic telling her that he needed some water.

Mrs. W said that the smoke alarm in her son's bedroom suddenly began sounding. She ran to the room and saw that the curtains on the northeast window were in flames.

She ran to the kitchen, grabbed a fire extinguisher and put the flames out. Mrs. W then took her kids to her neighbors and came back in the house.

Mrs. W said that she found the lighter on her son's bed. She noticed that the control switch was in the ON position and that it was set to operate with a small flame.

She became aware that the curtains continued generating smoke and decided to call the local Fire District station house (she did not call 9-1-1) and spoke with the Captain.

The Fire Department Captain received this call at about 2:28 p.m. She told him about the burnt curtains.

The Captain told me that he decided to drive over to their house and check into the problem. It took less than a minute for him to reach their house. This mobile home is within one mile of the Fire Station.

The Captain drove out to the family's house and went into the boy's bedroom. He saw that the curtains were still generating smoke.

The Captain contacted his fire run team who responded to the scene. They arrived with a fire truck and the Captain dragged a hose into the boy's bedroom. He was able to extinguish the smoldering fire with a small amount of water.

The fire department took the multi-purpose lighter and kept it at their Fire Station. The Fire Marshal told me that the boy received counseling in their Fire Setter Program.

A copy of their fire run report is attached as exhibit # 3.

Mrs. W told me that the damages caused by this fire may have amounted to \$100. They had to replace the curtains and the window as well as repaint the wall and ceiling.

During February 1997 I met with the Captain and the Fire Marshal at their Fire Station in Cornville, Arizona. I examined and photographed the lighter. It was collected as sample # 97-860-5482, see exhibits # 5 & 6.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

This fire involved a butane fuel, multi-purpose lighter, brand name "Aim n Flame", from Scripto-Tokai Corporation, Fontana, CA 92337.

The lighter has an overall length of slightly less than nine (9) inches. It has a hollow black barrel and a red handle with a trigger guard, see photo # 4.

The hollow black barrel is about 4 7/8 inches long. A flame comes out of the tip of this barrel. The tip is roughly 7/16" wide x 7/16" tall. This black barrel gets larger as it reaches the red handle where it measures 5/8" across the top x 7/16" up the side.

This barrel is connected to a red handle which is about 5 inches long. A trigger guard is at the bottom front of this handle, see photo # 4.

A black ignition button is located inside the trigger guard of the lighter's handle. The front of this button measures roughly 1/2" wide x 5/8" tall. I noticed that this button extends forward more than 1/4" out into the area enclosed by the trigger guard, see photos # 4, 5, 8 & 9.

A small black rectangular ON/OFF switch is located on the side of the red handle, see photos # 4 & 5. Markings on the side of this switch reveal that the ON position is upward and the OFF position is down.

A small black lever located on the top of the red handle controls the length of the flame, see photo # 7. Markings to the side of this lever includes a Plus "+" sign in one direction and Minus "-" sign in the other direction.

I operated the lighter and determined that the length of the flame becomes longer as you move the lever from the Minus towards the Plus direction. I noticed that the flame can be as small as 1/4" or as long as 2".

The steps required to operate this lighter include:

- (1) Move the black ON/OFF control switch to the ON/up position.
- (2) Press and hold the black ignition button against the back of the trigger guard.

A flame comes out of the barrel as long as the user keeps pressure on the black ignition button.

Labeling on the barrel of this lighter includes (see photo # 9):

Aim n Flame

Caution statements and the name of the manufacturer/importer are listed on the bottom of the lighter's red handle. This labeling includes (see photo # 10):

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

This lighter was collected as sample # 97-860-5482 and shipped to the CPSC Sample Custodian for delivery to headquarters personnel. No other product information was available.

STANDARDS INFORMATION

No standards information was available.

CONTACTS:

Mrs. W/Mother

Fire Dept. Personnel

PURPOSE & RESULTS:

Obtained incident scenario
& product information.

Obtained incident scenario
& product information.

EXHIBITS:

1. CONTACT LETTER TO FIRE DEPARTMENT
2. CONTACT LETTER TO FAMILY
3. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT
4. DIAGRAM OF HOUSE
5. AFFIDAVIT
4. CR # 97-860-5482
5. CPSC PHOTOGRAPHS & NEGATIVES
6. ASSIGNMENT

UN-PURGED

IDI # 961223HCC5164

PRODUCT: multi-purpose lighter (Aim n Flame)

MANUFACTURER/IMPORTER:

Scripto-Tokai Corporation
Fontana, CA 92337

IDENTIFIERS/ CONTACTS:

Boy:
Mrs. W/Mother:



Captain
Fire Marshal

Chris Morris
Wade Phyfer
Cornville-Page Springs Fire District
P.O. Box 985
1120 S. Page Springs Road
Cornville, Arizona 86325
520/ 634-4865

IDI# 961723 HCC 5164

Exhibit # 1



United States Government
Consumer Product Safety Commission
522 N. Central Avenue, Room 207, Phoenix, Arizona 85004
Phone # 602/ 379-3510 Fax # 602/ 379-3518

January 24, 1997

Chief Wade Phyfer
Cornville Fire Department
P.O. Box 985
Cornville, Arizona 85625

Dear Sir:

This is a written request for copies of your investigation/run reports and any photographs covering a fire which took place on or about October 28, 1996 at [REDACTED]. We understand this incident involved a 4 year old child playing with a barbecue lighter.

I believe your run number for this incident is 96-367. We are interested in receiving as much information as possible about the sequence of events, the child, and the lighter (style/brand/model).

As an agency of the Federal Government, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is responsible for investigating consumer product related injuries and deaths under Section 5, 16 and 29 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (Public Law 92-573; 15 U.S.C. 2054 and 3065). CPSC is also charged with enforcing federal safety regulations covering cribs, swimming pools, power tools, furniture, children's products, household appliances and other consumer products.

We are currently investigating fires and injuries involving barbecue and cigarette lighters. Information about CPSC is attached. Please call me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 602/ 379-3510.

Sincerely,

Zannie E. Weaver
Mr. Zannie E. Weaver
Federal Investigator

Attachments



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Exhibit # 2
United States Government
Consumer Product Safety Commission
522 N. Central Avenue, Room 207, Phoenix, Arizona 85004
Phone # 602/ 379-3510 Fax # 602/ 379-3518

February 26, 1997

Mr. [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]

As an agency of the Federal Government, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is responsible for investigating consumer product related injuries, deaths and potential injury situations. These investigations help make us aware of hazards to children and adults and aids us in preventing similar incidents from occurring to other people.

I understand that your family had a small fire during October 1996 when your son was able to operate a multi-purpose butane lighter. We are currently investigating fires started by young children using multi-purpose lighters.

CPSC would like to obtain as much information as possible about this fire, the sequence of events, how your son was able to operate the lighter and the amount of property damages caused by this fire.

CPSC enforces the federal safety regulations covering consumer products such as lighters, children's articles, household appliances, and power tools. Information obtained during our investigations help us understand potential hazards and notify the public about these dangers.

I will attempt to call you during the next few days. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached in Phoenix at 602/ 379-3510. Information about CPSC is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Zannie E. Weaver
Mr. Zannie E. Weaver
Federal Investigator

Enclosures

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Efficient # 3

Dispatch #:

Activity Roster

Conville Page Springs
Fire Dept. District #0620

Event #: 310

Run #: 916-309

Location: [Redacted]

Time of Call: 1428

Date: 10/28/96

1st Unit Out: E 61

Time Out: 1428

1st Unit/On Scene: E 61

Time On/Scene: 1428

All Clear:

Fire Under Control: 1439

District #: 20

Incident Command: 006

Terminated: 1518

Back in Quarters: 1519

Units Responded	Used	Time Out:	On Scene:	H2O Used:
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Eng-Paramed 61.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1428	1445	25
Engine 62.....	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Engine 63.....	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Squad 61.....	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Water Tender 61.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1437	1442	
Water Tender 62.....	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Brush 61.....	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Rescue 61.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1445	1446	
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Car 61.....	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Mutual Aid				

Ambulance 84: BLS ALS ACLS

Responding: _____ Out at MJL: _____

On Scene: _____ Available: _____

Enroute to MJL: _____ In Quarters: _____

Type of Activity:

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Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	EMS - Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brush	<input type="checkbox"/>	EMS - ACLS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Auto	<input type="checkbox"/>	Training/Drill	<input type="checkbox"/>
Haz Mat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meeting/Members	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rescue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meeting/Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Duty	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Mutual Aid	<input type="checkbox"/>

Synopsis of Activity: Reported curtains on fire by 4 yr old child. Fire out. Found fire going in bedroom Ext. c 10 gal H2O Investigate

Personnel Attendance Roster: Check and Sign ONLY if you participated

- 601 P. McMenamin
- 611
- 621
- 602
- 612
- 622
- 603 W. Phylor
- 613 B. Prutbord
- 623
- 604 C. Morris
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Fire Chief: _____

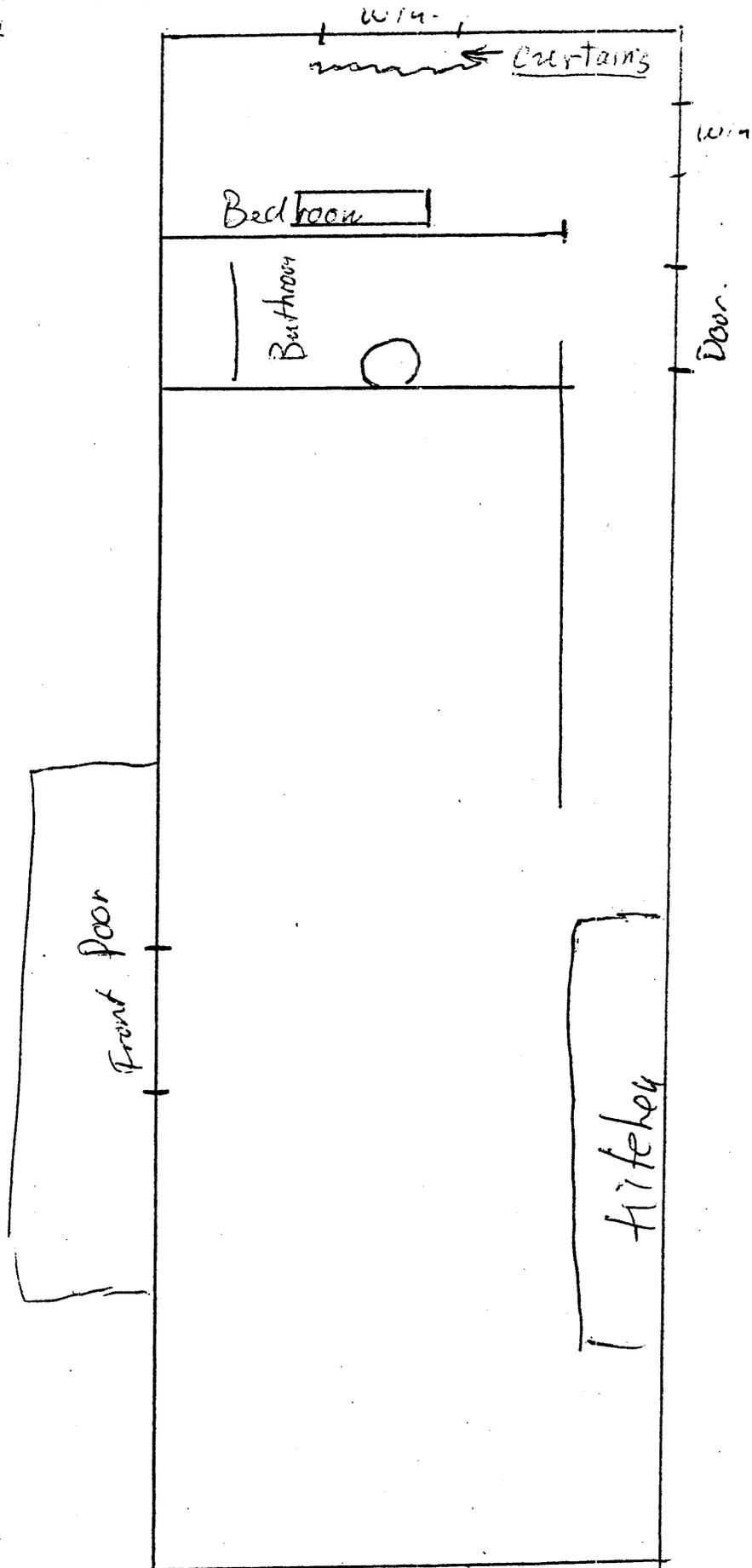
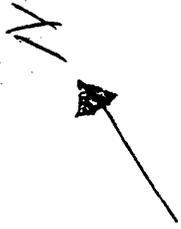
Date: _____

Cadets

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Unit # 4



Rough Diagram of Home - Not to Scale

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Exhibit # 5

AFFIDAVIT

SAMPLE NO. 978605482

STATE OF

Arizona

COUNTY OF

Yavapai

Before me, Jannie E Weaver, a duly authorized employee of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, appropriately designated by the Chairman of said Commission pursuant to provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act (sec. 27 (b)(2), 86 Stat. 1228; 15 U.S.C. 2076 (b)(2)), to administer or take oaths, affirmations, and affidavits, personally appeared Chris Morris in the county and State aforesaid, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Chris Morris & I am a Capt. with the Cornville - Page Springs Fire District, 1120 S. Page Springs Rd., Cornville, AZ 86325.

During 10/28/96 a young boy of about 4 yrs of age used a multi purpose lighter to start a fire. This was Event # 310, Run # 96-307.

On 2/26/97 I gave this lighter to CPSC Investigator Jannie E. Weaver. Labeling on this lighter includes "Aim n Flame *** SCRIPTO-TOKAI CORPORATION, FONTANA, CA 92337 MADE IN MEXICO".

AFFIANT'S SIGNATURE & TITLE

Chris Morris Captain / Paramedic

FIRM (Name and address, include ZIP Code)

CORNVILLE PAGE SPRINGS
FIRE DEPARTMENT
P.O. BOX 883
Cornville, AZ 86325

Subscribed and sworn to before me at

Cornville, AZ

this 26 day of Feb., 1997 (City and State)

Jannie E Weaver
(Employee's Signature)

EMPLOYEE OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THE ABOVE STATED DECLARATION.

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 Exhibit # 6

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission SAMPLE COLLECTION REPORT			
1. Sample Flag F/U IDI 961223HCC5164		2. Date Collected 2/26/97	3. Sample Type and Number: 97-860-5482 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Physical <input type="radio"/> Documentary
4a. Product Name MULTI-PURPOSE LIGHTER		4b Model AIM N FLAME	4c NEISS 1247
5. Assignment Number		6. Complete for Import Samples Port of Entry: _____ Country of Origin: _____ Entry No. and Date: _____ Customs Contact: _____	7. MIS 32626
8. Hours Activity _____ Travel _____		9a Home RO FOWR	9b Collecting RO FOWR
10. Sample Cost \$0.00	11. Invoice Value of Lot		12. Size of Lot 1
13. Manufacturer/Importer # SCR013 SCRIPTO-TOKAI CORP. 11591 ETIWAND AVE. FONTANA, CA 92337	14. Shipper/Foreign Manufacturer MR. & MR. [REDACTED]		15. Dealer/Import Broker # CORNVILLE FIRE DEPT. 1120 S. PAGE-SPRINGS RD CORNVILLE, AZ 86235
16. Supporting documents attached: Invoice No. and Date: <u>N/A</u> Date Shipped: _____ Shipping Record and Date: <u>N/A</u> Affidavit Signer's name, title and date: <u>CHRIS MORRIS, FIRE DEPT. CAPTAIN, 2/26/97</u>			
17. Product Identification: Sample is a multi-purpose lighter containing butane gas under pressure. It measures just under 9" long, has a black barrel & a red handle. Labeling includes: "Aim n Flame *** SCRIPTO-TOKAI CORPORATION."			
18. Reason for collection/analysis needed: <input type="radio"/> FHSA <input checked="" type="radio"/> CPSC <input type="radio"/> FFA <input type="radio"/> PPPA <input type="radio"/> RSA Lighter was operated by 4 yr. old child. possible Sec. 15.			
19. Summary of Field Screening: A 4 year old boy was able to operate this lighter & used it to ignite window curtains. see IDI # 961223HCC5164.			
20. Sample size/Method of Collection: Sample collected from Cornville Fire Department while investigating IDI 961223HCC5164. Sample IDed as in # 21 & sealed in plastic bag as in # 22. Sample kept under lock & key.			
21. Identification on sample: * 97-860-5482		22. Identification on seal and date: * 97-860-5482 Zannie E. Weaver	
23a. Sample delivered to: FED EX		23b Date 3/3/97	24. Report/Record Sent to: FOWR
25. Laboratory/Office: LSHL ___ LSEL ___ CRM ___ CCA ___ Other EPHS			
26. Remarks: Sample requested by Linda Smith. EPHS. Sample shipped via FED EX in HAZMAT boxes to CPSC Sample Custodian for delivery to EPHS. Linda Smith. ATTACHMENTS: CPSC Receipt for Sample. Affidavit. Assignment.			
27. Related Samples: none			
28a Collector's name/title: Zannie E. Weaver Sr. Resident Investigator		28b Collector's signature/date: <i>Zannie E. Weaver, 3-3-97</i>	
29a Reviewer's name/title:		29b Reviewer's signature/date:	

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CONTINUATION OF NARRATIVES FOR SAMPLE #

97-860-5482

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

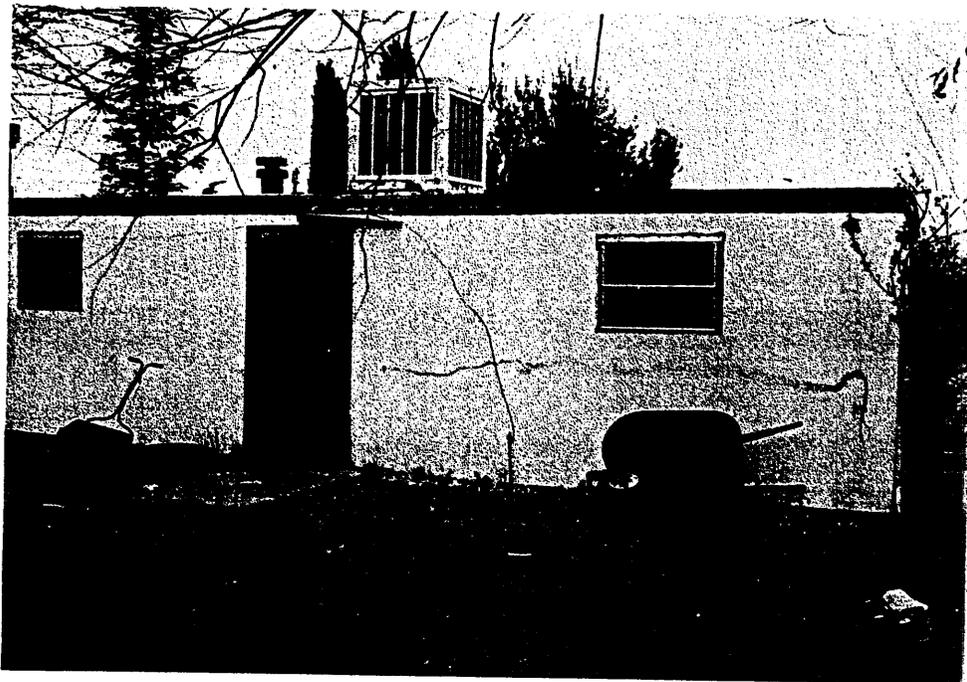
FONTANA, CA 92337 MADE IN MEXICO."

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Exhibit # 7 - Photos



Photo# 1 - Front side of home. Notice
all front door.



Photo# 2 - Back side of house. The fire
took place in the bedroom on
the right end (north east).

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Exhibit # 7

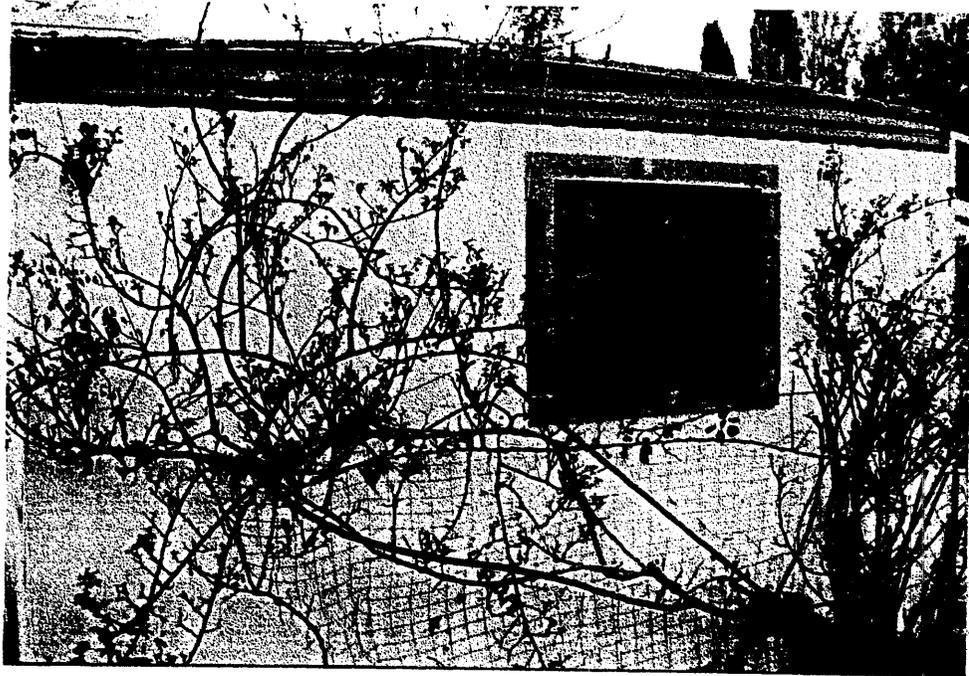


Photo # 3 - Curtains covering this window were ignited by the boy.

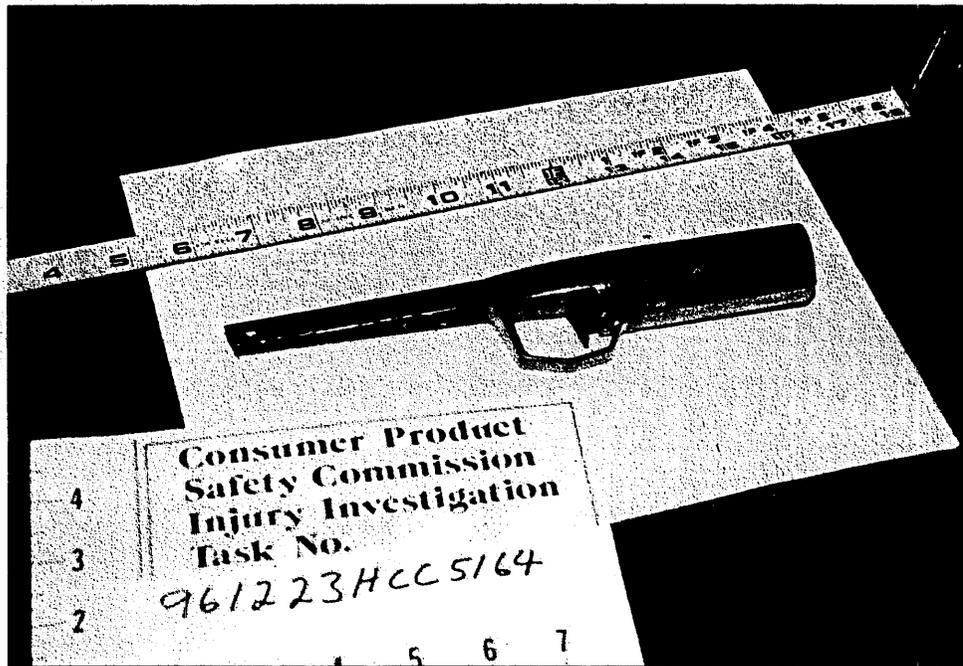


Photo # 4 - View of multi purpose lighter. Notice black ignition switch inside red trigger guard.

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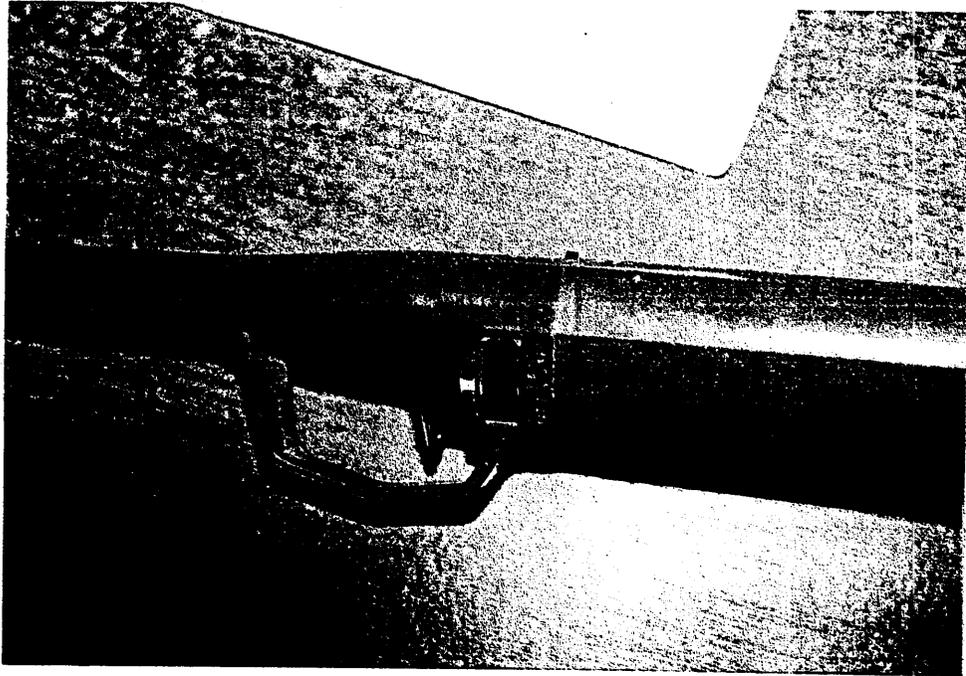


Photo # 5 - The black rectangular ON/OFF switch is to the right of the ignition button. The ON/OFF switch is in the ON position.

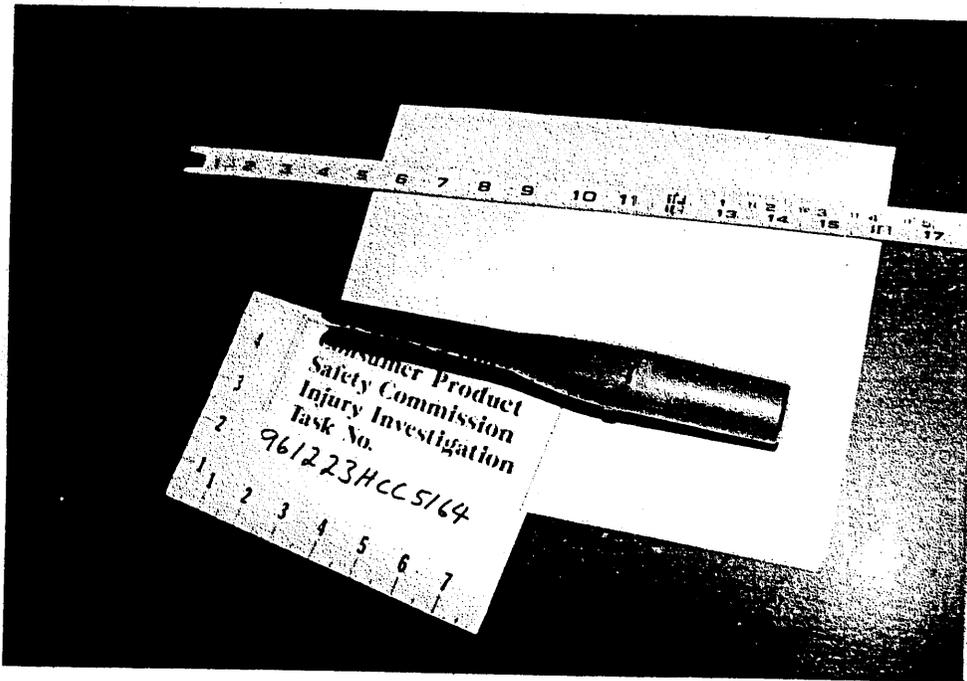


Photo # 6 - Top view of multi purpose lighter.

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Exhibit # 7

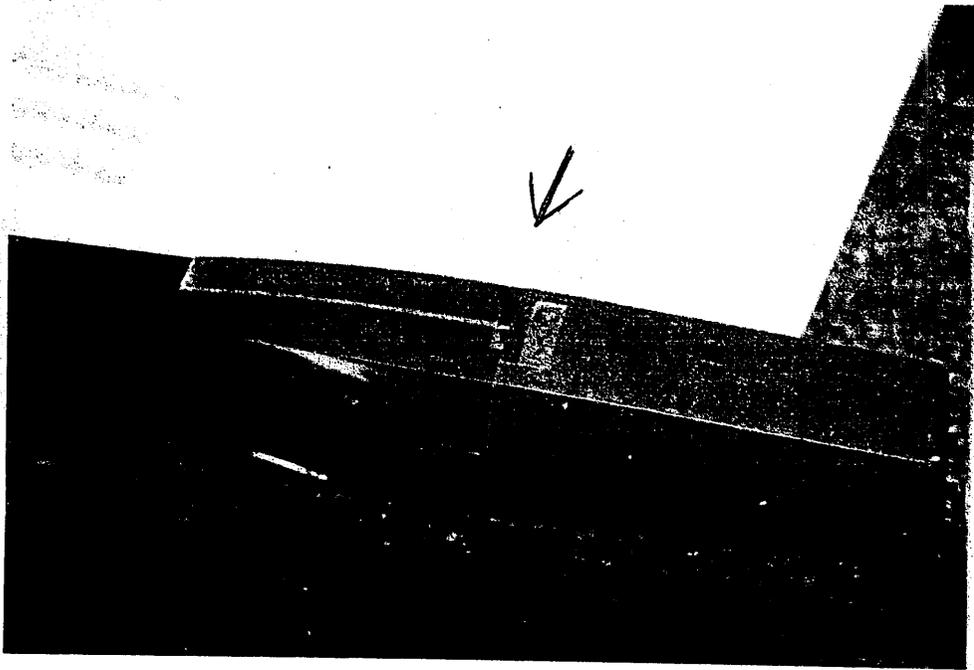


Photo # 7 - Close up of black lever which controls length of flame. It is in the + (extended flame) position. See arrow.

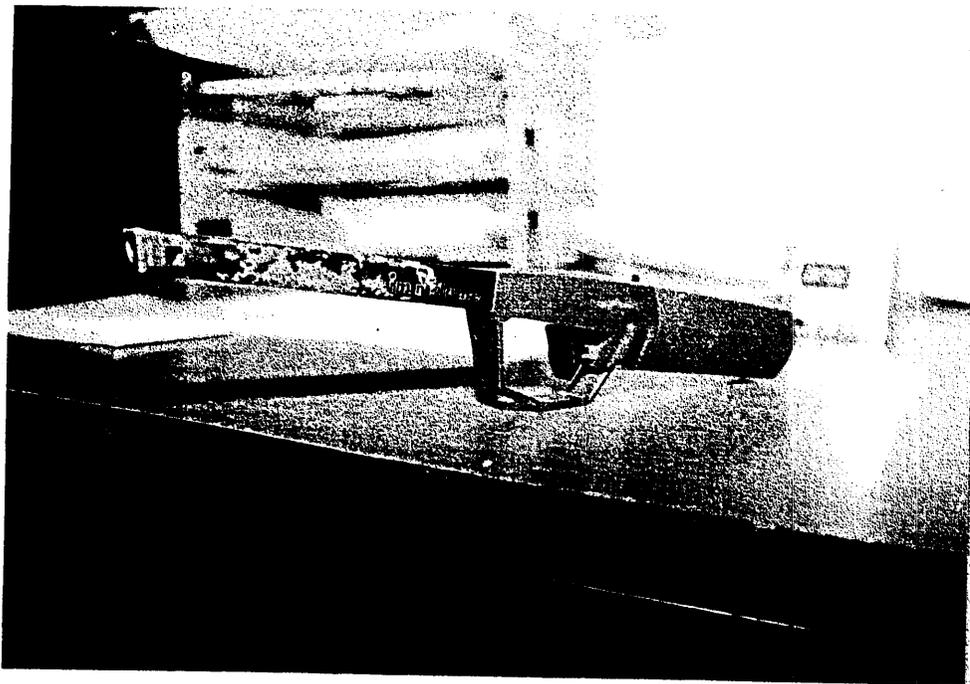


Photo # 8 - Front, angled view of lighter.

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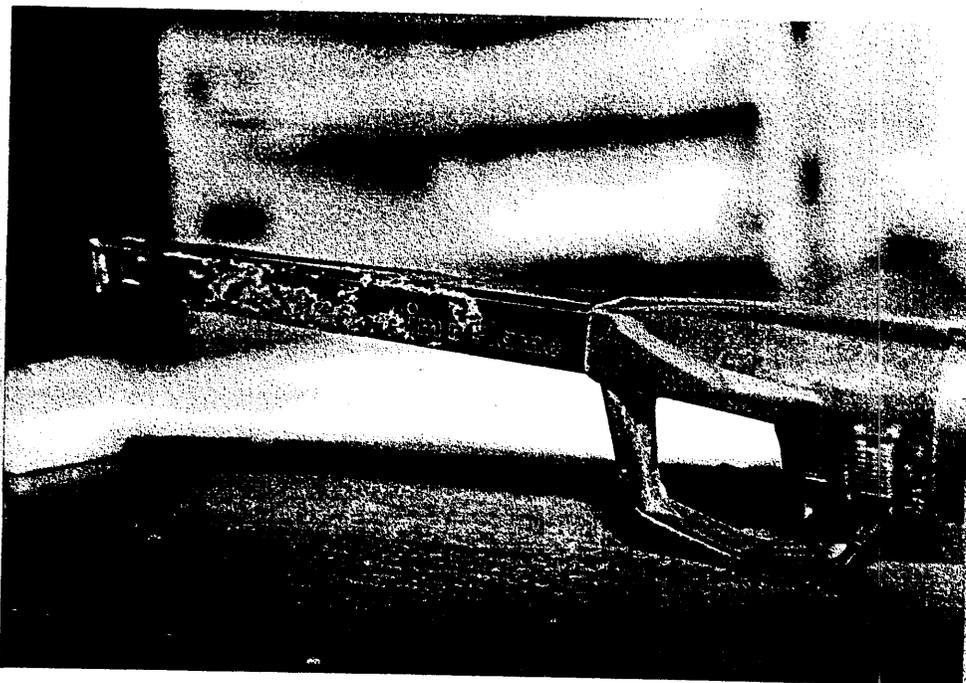


Photo # 9 - Close up of labeling on black baton.

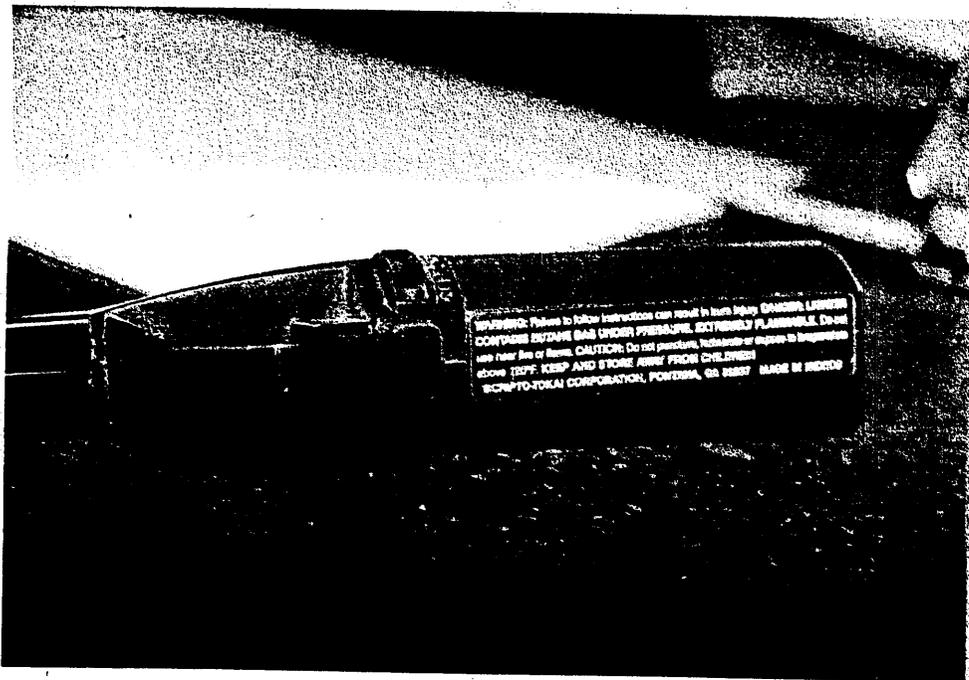


Photo # 10 - Warning / caution statements & name of manufacturer / importer on bottom of red handle.

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Motor

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Negative

Negative.

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Effort # 8

FIELD ACTIVITY REQUEST

1. REGION/STATE]	2. OPERATION [Check Appropriate Block(s)]	3a. DATE ISSUED
FOWR/]	<input type="checkbox"/> Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Recall Effect Check	1-24-97
4. NUMBER]	<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investigation	3b. TRGT DATE
961223 HCC5164]	<input type="checkbox"/> Sample Collection <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
5. ESTABLISHMENT		
Name: Cornville F.D.		
Address:		
City: Cornville, AZ	Phone: () -	
	State: ZIP: ->	
6. PRODUCT	7. HOURS	
BBQ lighters		Travel: > . -
8. MANAGEMENT CODES	9. DATE COMPLETED	
MIS: 32676 FPC Nr.	>	
NEISS:	>	
10. SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR	11. INVESTIGATOR	
Keven Barton	> Zannie Weaver	
12. COMPLIANCE OFFICER	13. PRIORITY	
	>	
	>	

14A. HISTORY:

Pre schooler used multipurpose lighters to start fire.

14B. ACTION REQUESTED:

Conduct IDI

15. REQUESTOR'S NAME	TITLE	SIGNATURE
> Linda Smith		
16. DISTRIBUTION		
Orig: Investigator		
cc: Supervisory Investigator		
FOWR Prog. Mgr. (LCornell)		
FOWR Compliance		

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

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Document Number F96C0006A

Date of Incident 10/27/94 Category I.D. BUNNEN 1997

Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call or On-Site

Headquarters Contact Linda Smith 304-0478 X1275

Assignment Message Describe the product involved, brand name, description of physical dimensions & lighting mechanism, what did the occupants use lighter for? How old was child who started fire? Obtain details of deaths or injuries including treatment & amount of property damage. Conduct an on-site when the product is available for inspection.

Person(s) to Contact Officials

Parent / Guardian

Guideline _____

Requested By _____

Task Number 961223 HCC 5164

Assigned to SFOO Date 12/23/96

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DEC 9 - 1996

Cornville fire's business flares up

The Cornville-Page Springs Fire Department came off a quiet streak Monday with a blaze of business — two fires in just over an hour.

First, at 2:28 p.m. Monday, the department received a call to ignore any smoke reports they might get from the area of [redacted]

A preschooler had set the curtains on fire, but the blaze already was put out with a home fire extinguisher. Cornville-Page Springs Fire Department responded to check on the situation. They ended up clearing out the smoke, taking down the burned material and wetting down the area.

The 4-year-old got a stern talk about the dangers of playing with fire, in this case a device used to easily light barbecue grills.

Then, as soon as they returned to the station, about 3:30 p.m., the firefighters were called out to handle a vehicle fire at [redacted] [redacted] [redacted], across from [redacted]

Actually, it wasn't the vehicle on fire, but a load of wood in the truck's bed. The firewood ended up burning a bit sooner than the cutter had hoped.

The driver just had returned from cutting wood. The fire burned some of the wood and a gas can, but didn't damage the truck, and the driver was able to drive off.

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OK ✓

18 MAR 1997

1. CASE NO. 970103HCC 5169			2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 1 8 7			3. OFFICE CODE 8 6 0			EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 9 6 1 2 2 4			5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 9 7 0 3 0 1						

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A 6 year old girl died from smoke inhalation after another 4 year old ignited Christmas wrapping/paper with a disposable cigarette lighter. Although there were older people in the house, they were sleeping in a bedroom, when the fire was started. A teenage Uncle tried to rescue his 3 nieces; one did not make it.

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home		8. CITY 1 0 Abilene		9. STATE TEXAS T X	
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT disposable lighter 1 6 0 4		11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS "AIM-N-FLAME", Scripto-Tokai, Fontana, CA.			
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT none		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS			
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12. AGE OF VICTIM 0 0 6		13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE .1 FEMALE .2 UNKNOWN .3 2		14. DISPOSITION Died 8		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Smoke inhalation 6 5	
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16. BODY PART ALL 8 5		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Fire Official 3		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE 1 TELEPHONE 2 OTHER 3 2		19. TIME SPENT 0 9 0	
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20. ATTACHMENTS Multiple 9		21. CASE SOURCE Newspaper 0 5		22. REVIEWED BY 8 2 5 7		YR MO DAY 9 7 0 3 1 4	
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES
 (NON-HESS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME

24. NARRATIVE (See instructions on Other Side)

25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE

CPSA 6 (b)(7) Cleared 25C
 No Mfrs/Prvtlbrs or Products Identified
 Excepted by *ADPR*
 Firms Notified
 Comments Processed *AM 6/30/97*

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(USE OTHER SIDE AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

INJURY SCENARIO:

Pre-Injury Phase:

According to the Fire Safety Education Officer, from whom this Investigator received information for this report, the product involved in the fatal fire incident, was a "multi-purpose" disposable butane lighter of an undetermined age. The respondent stated that the location where the incident occurred was a three bedroom (5 room total) wooden framed house. Reportedly, there were no smoke detectors. Inside the house at the time of the fire were 3 teenagers, and three children under the age of 7. The Official stated he has gathered information that the three teenagers, all 18 years of age, were in a bedroom asleep when the fire started. It is believed that the children ages 3, 4, and 6 were playing in the living room of the house immediately before the inception of the fire.

The Respondent learned that the 4 year old child was playing with a disposable butane fueled lighter when she ignited the Christmas wrapping around the Christmas tree.

The fire is believed to have started around 9:50 a.m., in the living room of the house, near the Christmas tree.

Injury Phase:

Nothing else is known about this phase since the Fire Education Officer stated no adult witnessed the ignition of the fire. It is believed that the children went to another bedroom when after the fire started.

Post Injury Phase:

After the fire was flaming and the teenagers learned of the fire, they "hurried" to get out of the house. The exit used by two of the teenagers was through a window. A Uncle of the children, another 18 year old, tried frantically to rescue his nieces through a hallway leading to a back door. It is believed because of the heat produced by the fire of the Christmas tree, which was the second product believed to have been ignited, the only door exit available was the back door. The teenagers and two of the smaller children escaped. The 6 year old girl was found by the Fire Officials in the hallway near the back door. The cause of death was reported as being smoke inhalation. Others that were treated for smoke inhalation were the Uncle of the children and the two other children. One of the other teenage boys was treated and admitted for lacerations and burns. The third teenager did not require any medical attention.

The house received damages of an estimated \$30,000.

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Fire Safety Officer involved me via telephone communications that the lighter was not retrieved after the fire. However, from conversations/interviews he learned the lighter was a disposable butane lighter, described as being a "multi-purpose" lighter. The brand is an "AIM-N-FLAME". with a red plastic frame. The manufacturer is believed to be SCRIPTO TOKAI, FONTANA, CA. 92337. MADE IN MEXICO.

EXHIBITS:

Attached are the following exhibits:

- 1. A copy of the Fire Report mailed by the Fire Department;*
- 2. A copy of the press release that the Department issued after the fire.*

Abilene Fire Department

TEX FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM
INCIDENT REPORT

Fill in This Report in Your Own Words

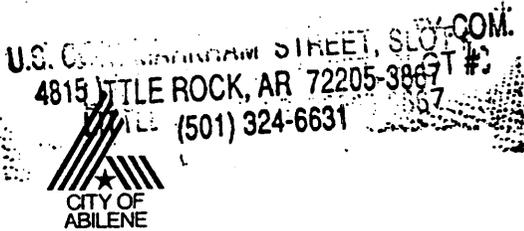
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B	CORRECT LOCATION	No.	Dic.	Street Name	Type	Zip Code	City	County	Tract	
C	Occupant Name	Telephone		Room or Apt.						
D	Owner Name	Address		Telephone						
E	Method of Alarm from Public 911	Type of Situation Fought HOUSE FIRE								
F	Type of Action Taken Put out FIRE	Co. Inspection District 7	Shift B	No. Alarms 3	Mutual Aid <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd. <input type="checkbox"/> Given		11			
G	No. Fire Service Personnel Used at Scene 41	No. Engines Used at Scene 5	No. Aerial Apparatus Used at Scene 3	No. Other Vehicles Used at Scene 7						
H	No. Incident-related Injuries Fire Service Others	No. Incident-related Possibilities Fire Service Others	Complex 1010		Residence 411					
I	Fixed Property Use SINGLE FAM	Mobile Property Type A & B 14111 NA	108							
J	Area of Fire Origin LIVING ROOM	Level of Fire Origin 114	3-5'	Termination Stage 11	FLAME 3					
K	Equipment Involved in Ignition (If any) A & B none	Form of Heat of Ignition 198	FIRE PLACE LIGHTER		46					
L	Type of Material Ignited PAPER	Form of Material Ignited 169	CHRISTMAS PACKAGE WRAPPING	Ignition Factor 142	CHILD PLAYING WITH 48					
M	Structure Type 1 FIBER USED	Construction Type 11	Protected WOOD	Construction Method 17	SITE 11					
N	Extent of Flame Damage CONTAINED TO STRUCTURE	Extent of Smoke Damage 6	STRUCTURE	Extent of Water Damage 6	STRUCTURE 16					
O	Extent of Fire Control Damage STRUCTURE	Detector Performance 6	UP REPORTED	Sprinkler Performance 10	None Present 18					
P	IF FLAME SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN WOOD	Type Material Generating Most Flame	162	Avenue of Flame Travel 162	CIGARETTE WALL FLOOR FINISH 16					
Q	IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN WOOD	Type Material Generating Most Smoke	162	Avenue of Smoke Travel 162	HALLS DRWDORS 12					
R	Method of Extinguishment WATER FROM HYDRANT/HAND LINES									
S	Estimated Total Dollar Loss 111310100	Property Damage Classification 25000-49999	5	Time from Alarm to Agent Application 5 min	3					
List Name, age, sex, and description of injury for each casualty on Form 9020		Officer in Charge (Name, Position, Assignment) B.C. Kincaid		Date						
Collected by the National Fire Data System		Member Making Report (If Different from Above) Lt Parker E-7-B		Date						
A.A. Complete Below		<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if remarks are made on reverse side.								
U	If Mobile Property	Year	Make	Model	Serial No.	License No. (If any)				
V	If Equipment Involved in Ignition	Year	Make	Model	Serial No.	Weight (If any)				
W	APD Arrival Time 1012	AMT Notified 1018	AMT Arrival	Number Transported by AMT 5	Where did AMT Transport? Home					
X	All Clear Time 1128	Favored Entry (If Where and Who?)								
Y	Insured Building or Vehicle	Insurance on Contents Unknown		Dispatcher HAILEY						
Z	Law Responding Personnel by Name / Remarks PERSON ON BACK 4 year old child playing w lighter Set packages under Christmas tree on fire -									

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ELR EXHIBIT #1
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City of Abilene

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Abilene, TX 79604-0060
(915) 676-6682
FAX (915) 676-6673

For more information contact: Scott Riggins, Fire Safety Education Officer

On December 24, 1996, a six year-old Abilene girl died in a house fire. Investigation of this fire showed that the child was playing with a fireplace lighter, or what is called a "multi-purpose" lighter. The "multi-purpose", a Scripto Aim-N-Flame Disposable butane lighter, has been linked to several fire related deaths since it was first marketed in 1988.

Based on information obtained from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), from January 1988 to November 1996, there were 53 reported incidents involving fires started by children under age five using "multi-purpose" lighters. As a result, ten deaths and 24 injuries occurred. From 1988 through 1994, five or fewer fires were reported annually. In 1995, eleven fires, three injuries and two deaths were reported. For 1996, 22 fires, 15 injuries and four deaths were reported. These numbers are conservative because they include only the incidents that are known to the CPSC.

Several features make the "multi-purpose" lighter appealing to children. The toy-like shape and size of the flame enhances the attractiveness of the lighter compared to ordinary cigarette lighters or matches. Additionally, the lighter's mechanism is easily operated by children. The "multi-purpose" lighter does have an On-Off switch, which acts as a safety, but it is easier to move to the "On" position than to the "Off" position.

Children under age five typically are incapable of dealing with fire once it is started, which puts them and their families at special risk of injury. In the cases of the ten fatalities, most of the fires were started by children.

16 CFR 1210 Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters calls for child-proof mechanisms on lighters. However, the "multi-purpose" lighters do not have to have child-proof mechanisms, making educational efforts, warning labels and adult supervision even more important.

For more information on these deadly lighters and more dangers associated with them, please contact Scott Riggins at the Abilene Fire Department or call 676-6682.

Issued: 02-25-97

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

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Document Number X9710001A Category I.D. BUNNOR 1997

Date of Incident _____ Section 15

Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis

Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call or On-Site

Headquarters Contact Linda Smith 504-0470 41275

Assignment Message Describe the product involved, brand name, description of physical dimensions & lighting mechanisms, what did the occupants use lighter for? How old was child who started fire? Obtain details of deaths or injuries including treatment & amount of property damage. Conduct an on-site when the product is available for inspection.

Person(s) to Contact Scott Riggins

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Guideline _____

Requested By _____

Task Number 970103 HOC 5169 Date 01/02/97

Assigned to SFOO

Author: Robert E. Frye at CPSC-HQ2
Date: 12/30/96 2:14 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: Arthur K. McDonald
CC: Barbara J. Jacobson
CC: Mary Ann Danello
CC: Linda E. Smith
Subject: MULTI-PURPOSE LIGHTER CASE

X9710001

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----- Message Contents -----

ART: Please have this case assigned for investigation.
(BJ can you send a copy of the BP to Mr. Scott?)

Today I received a call from Scott Riggins (915/676-6682),
Fire Safety Education Officer, Abilene Fire Department,
Abilene, TX 79601. (FAX 915/676-6673)

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He reported an incident where a six year old girl died after
starting a residential fire with a Scripto Aim'n Flame multi-
purpose fireplace lighter. He said that Christmas wrapping
paper and a Christmas tree were the first items ignited. There
were six people who were exposed to this fire on December 24.

He wanted to know whether we had any similar incidents. I described
our current efforts related to the petition and FAXed him a
copy of Linda's memo. Because he said he needed the information
for the press, I called Rick Frost and left him a phone mail
summary of the incident and Mr. Scott's phone number.

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Fire destroys

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By TANYA EISERER
Staff Writer

A midmorning, two-alarm blaze on Christmas Eve claimed the life of a 6-year-old girl at her northside Abilene home.

The girl's two sisters, ages two and four, were rescued by the valiant efforts of their 18-year-old uncle, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED], who had been asleep, gathered the three girls together and tried to lead them out of the house, located at [REDACTED].

In all the smoke and fire, somehow [REDACTED] became separated from them and was left inside.

[REDACTED] said he had all three of the kids, and he turned around and couldn't find the other one," said [REDACTED], a family friend.

[REDACTED]'s two friends, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who had been in a bedroom asleep, escaped the inferno by jumping through a living-room window.

By the time firefighters arrived on the scene at 10:12 a.m., the house was fully involved in a inferno. A second-alarm was called at 10:14 a.m.

"The firemen had a hard time getting in," said Word Assistant Fire Marshal Henry Davila, who investigated the cause of the fire.

When firefighters finally located 6-year-old [REDACTED] who had just celebrated her birthday Saturday, she was lying in the hallway.

"You just never know what happened," Davila said. "She just didn't make it out. In a smoky situation like that, you do get disoriented."

Accidental start

Davila said the children were playing with a fireplace lighter when they accidentally started some scraps of paper on fire.

"One of the things that really contributed to the fire spreading so fast was the Christmas tree being a real tree. They go up real fast."

After the girl's body was brought out of the still-smoldering house, police had to restrain various members of the family.

Firefighters laid her crumpled

body on the ground in the backyard covered by a blue blanket.

"That's my little baby, man," shouted the grieving father, [REDACTED] as he attempted to push two police officers out of the way.

Other shocked family members sank to the ground in grief as they heard the horrible news about [REDACTED]'s fate.

"Daddy, I didn't know; I was back there sleeping," [REDACTED], a former Abilene High School running back, who had run out of the house in only his boxer shirts and had covered himself with a blanket.

The three girls were staying with their grandmother, [REDACTED] who had gone Christmas shopping earlier that morning.

When [REDACTED] arrived on the scene, it was a gut-wrenching sight as she cried in anguish, "Oh, my God. Oh, my baby."

Later, the girl's body was placed on top of a picnic table as Justice of the Peace Sam Matta pronounced her dead at 11:04 a.m.

Since it appears she died from smoke inhalation, Matta said an autopsy will not be performed.

"It's awful and it's so sad," said [REDACTED] as she held on to her own small child. "I just keep thinking what if this was my house and my baby."

Mother informed

Fire officials said [REDACTED] had called the girl's mother, [REDACTED] in San Antonio to inform her of the news.

[REDACTED], 18, was taken to Hendrick Medical Center, where he was listed in stable condition.

[REDACTED], 18, had did not need hospital treatment.

[REDACTED], the two girls and a next-door neighbor, who tried to help, were all treated and released from Hendrick.

The fire was finally tapped out at 11:28 a.m.

The family did not have any insurance, and a bank account has been set up in [REDACTED]'s name at Bank of America.

"We're going to need all the help we get," said [REDACTED], an aunt.



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Bob Baxter, Little Rock, investigated the death of a 6-year-old child. The victim died from smoke inhalation after she or her 4-year-old sister ignited Christmas paper with a "multi-purpose" lighter believed to be a Scripto Aim-N-Flame disposable butane lighter. (IDI #970103HCC5169)

*Barbara
Hackett*

Cassie Thorsen, Chicago, supplied injury prevention materials to the Missouri Child Fatality Review Team for use in their training sessions to be held throughout the state. The Missouri program has been in operation since 1991. Officials want to expand the program to increase the amount of prevention education they are doing. CPSC materials and information will be an important part of this effort.

Ask card sent 4/9/97

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March 17, 1997

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Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, D.C. 20207-0001

RE: ANPR for Multi-Purpose Lighters

Dear Madam/Sir:

We wish to provide additional comments on Petition CP 96-1 as we have recently received information which we believe the Commission should consider in its investigation and ruling on the proposed rule. This concerns a fatality fire in Abilene, Texas involving several small children and an "Aim 'n' Flame" lighter.

On December 24, 1996, six year old [REDACTED] and her four year old maternal sister, [REDACTED] were visiting the home of their grandmother [REDACTED] for the Christmas holidays. Also playing with the two [REDACTED] children that morning was 1.5 year old [REDACTED], who is the daughter of [REDACTED] (26 y.o.) who is also the daughter of [REDACTED]

The children got the lighter from the top of an entertainment center and were playing with it when the fire started in the living room. Their eighteen year old uncle was able to save two of the girls from the burning home, but [REDACTED] was found dead in a scorched and burned hallway.

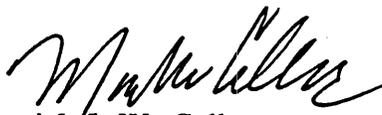
We have attached a copy of the Abilene Fire Marshall's Incident Report.

Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
March 17, 1997
Page Two

Enclosed is a self-addressed stamped envelope and copy of this letter. Please use this to return a file stamped copy of this comment to the Petition:

Very truly yours,

MCDOWELL COLLMER, L.L.P.



Mark W. Collmer

MWC/plu

Enclosure: Texas Fire Incident Reporting System Incident Report

TELEPHONE FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING - EM
INCIDENT REPORT

Abilene Fire Department

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1. FD No. **WC NR 701** 2. Incident No. **1161195** 3. Map No. **T** 4. Date **11/24/96** 5. Day of the Week **Tuesday** 6. Time **3:10** 7. Date & Time **11/24/96**

8. CORRECT LOCATION No. **[REDACTED]** 9. Street Name **[REDACTED]** 10. Telephone **714 603** 11. Other Phone **676 8787**

12. Occurrence Name **[REDACTED]** 13. Owner Name **Same** 14. Address **[REDACTED]**

15. Method of Alarm from Public **911** 16. Type of Structure **HOUSE FIRE** 17. Type of Alarm Taken **Put out FIRE** 18. No. Fire Trucks Present **11** 19. No. Engines Present **11** 20. No. Aerial Apparatus Present **11** 21. No. Other Vehicles Present **11**

Complete On All Incidents

22. No. Inhabitant-related Injuries **0** 23. No. Inhabitant-related Fatalities **0** 24. Complete **Residence** 25. Fire Service **1010** 26. Other **1010** 27. Property Use **SINGLE FAM** 28. Vehicle Property Type **NA** 29. Fire Station **14111** 30. Other **108**

Complete If Fire Occurred in Residential Area

31. Area of Fire Origin **LIVING ROOM - 1114** 32. Level of Fire Origin **3-5'** 33. Extent of Fire **FLAME** 34. Equipment Involved in Ignition (if any) **None** 35. Form of Heat of Ignition **FIRE PLACE LIGHTER** 36. Type of Material Ignited **PAPER** 37. Form of Material Ignited **CHRISTMAS PACKAGE WRAPPING** 38. Ignition Factor **CHILD PLAYING WITH**

All Incidents

39. Structure Type **1 FISH USED** 40. Construction Type **Protected Wood** 41. Construction Material **SITE** 42. Extent of Flame Damage **Confining to Structure** 43. Extent of Smoke Damage **STRUCTURE** 44. Extent of Water Damage **STRUCTURE** 45. Extent of Fire Control Damage **Structure** 46. Detector Performance **UV Reported** 47. Sprinkler Performance **None Present**

48. If FLAME SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OR ON ROOF **WOOD** 49. Type Material Containing Mass Smoke **WOOD** 50. Amount of Flame Spread **100** 51. Amount of Smoke Spread **162** 52. Amount of Smoke Spread **162** 53. Amount of Smoke Spread **162**

For Structures Fire Only

54. Method of Extinguishment **Water from Hydrant/Hand Lines** 55. Estimated Total Dollar Loss **111** 56. Property Damage Classification **2500-4999** 57. Time from Alarm to Arrival of Fire Apparatus **5** 58. Other to Charge (Date, Name, Amount) **5 min**

All Fires - All Incidents

59. A. List Name, age, sex, and description of injury for each casualty on Form 9020 **BC Kinsaid** 60. T. Cause of Injury **LT Parker, 6-7-8**

61. U. If Mobile Property **Year Make Model Serial No. License No. (if any)** 62. V. If Equipment Involved in Ignition **Year Make Model Serial No. Volume (if any)**

63. W. AFD Arrival Time **1012** 64. AMT Number **1018** 65. AMT Arrival **5** 66. Name of AMT Transport **HMC**

67. X. AFD Clear Time **1128** 68. Forward Entry **Unknown** 69. Y. Forward Building or Vehicle **Unknown** 70. Driver **HAILEY**

71. Z. List Damaging Personnel by Name / Remarks **Personnel on BACK**

4 year old child playing w lights set packages under christmas tree on fire -

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Date Accident: 12/24/96 D

Date Entered: 04/08/97

City : ABILENE

State : TX Type: 2=PHONE

Source: 23

Sex: FEMALE

Status: C

Disposition: 8=FATALITIES, IN CL

Age: 6

Location: HOME

Diagnosis: ANOXIA

Body Part: ALL PARTS OF BODY

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Product 1 : 1604 CIGARETTE OR PIPE LIGHTERS

Product 2 : 1137 PAPER PRODUCTS

Manufacturer: SCRIPTO-TOKAI

Model : AIM N' FLAME

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Synopsis :

A 6-YEAR OLD GIRL DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION AFTER ANOTHER 4-YEAR OLD
IGNITED CHRISTMAS WRAPPING/PAPER WITH A DISPOSABLE CIGARETTE
LIGHTER. ALTHOUGH THERE OLDER PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE, THEY WERE
SLEEPING IN A BEDROOM WHEN THE FIRE WAS STARTED. A TEENAGE UNCLE