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1. TASK NUMBER: 970204HCC5289		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID: [8][9][3][3]		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
3. OFFICE CODE: [8][0][0]	4. DATE OF ACC: YR MO DAY [97] [01] [13]	5. DATE INITIATED: YR MO DAY [97] [02] [11]		
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT: A four year old baby boy, was playing with an unknown brand fireplace lighter, and set papers on fire in two different places in his home. According to the Police Detective and the newspaper clipping, the house sustained minimal structural damage, and there were no personal injuries during the accident. CPSA 8-10-97				
7. LOCATION: - (Home, School) Home [1][0]		8. CITY: South Plainfield		
10A. FIRST PRODUCT: Fireplace Lighter [1][2][8][5]		10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME: Unknown		10C. MODEL NUMBER: Unknown
10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS: Unknown				
11A. SECOND PRODUCT: <i>Base Product</i>		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME: <i>Base Product</i>		11C. MODEL NUMBER:
11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS:				
12. AGE OF VICTIM: [9][9][9]	13. SEX: [9]	14. DISPOSITION: No injury [0]	15. INJURY DIAGNO.: No injury [7][0]	
16. BODY PART (S): No injury [9][9]	17. RESPONDENT: Second-hand [0][3]	18. TYPE OF INVEST.: Other [3]	19. TIME SPENT: (OPERATIONAL HOURS) [0][8]. [0]	
20. ATTACHMENT: Other [5]	21. CASE SOURCE: Newspaper [0][5]	22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER: None		
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES: - (NON NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSA MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME [x]				
24. REVIEW DATE: 970318	25. REVIEWED BY: 8932	26. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR: <i>[Signature]</i> 3-20-97		
27. DISTRIBUTION: O:EPAS				

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NOTE:

The information contained in this report, was provided during a telephone interview with the South Plainfield Police Detective, who was in charge of this investigation. He reported that copies of the records of this accident are protected under some "County Laws", and the report is not subject to disclosure to any agency or persons.

A copy of the South Plainfield Fire Department report was also requested, however the Fire Department Officer in charge of the record's department, signed our Certified Mail Return Receipt, but the document has not yet been received. When the Chief Fire Department Officer was contacted, I was also informed that the records of this accident are confidential and protected under county laws, and that the copies of the reports are not subject to be disclosed. [See Exhibit No. 2].

When the Borough of South Plainfield District Attorney was contacted, I was informed that this accident is under investigation, and will likely result in a criminal prosecution. Therefore, it is inappropriate to release copies of the accident reports, unless USCPSC provides the appropriate court order. (Subpoena). [See Exhibit No. 1].

Additional information was summarized from the copy of the newspaper clipping attached to the assignment's documents.

PRE-ACCIDENT:

The investigation revealed, that a four year old male resides with his grandmother and three other children, on a two-family house in South Plainfield Township, New Jersey, where the accident occurred.

The South Plainfield Detective in charge of the investigation, reported that during his investigation, the child appeared to be in good health, and was observed to have no major physical or mental disabilities.

He also reported that the child is a very healthy grown boy, and at the time of the accident, he was not taking any medications, nor was alcohol, drugs or any environmental condition, factors that contributed to this accident.

The Borough of South Plainfield District Attorney, and the Chief Fire Department were interviewed by phone. However, neither the District Attorney, nor the Chief Fire Department provided additional information about what happened before, during, and after the accident.

ACCIDENT:

his The accident was not observed, but reportedly, on January 13, 1997, at approximately 1500 hours, the child returned home with ~~her~~ grandmother and other children. Then, the four year^{old} boy began to play with a fireplace lighter and set papers on fire in two different places in the house.

POST-ACCIDENT:

The Investigator reported, and the newspaper clipping indicated that at that time, the children's grandmother smelled smoke in the house, and started screaming and surching all the house. Then, she immediately went to one of her son's bedroom and awoke him. Reportedly, the children's grandmother called 911 and at 1530 hours she reported the fire. She also alerted the other residents in the building about the fire. At this time, all the residents of the two-family house immediately ran downstairs and exited the building.

Reportedly, the local firefighters were notified of the resultant fire and responded. The firefighters entered the building and extinguished the fire.

According to the South Plainfield Police Detective, an estimate of damages to the property had not yet been received. No personal injuries were sustained during the accident.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

According to the South Plainfield Police Detective, the unknown brand fireplace lighter was collected as a piece of evidence by the Borough of South Plainfield District Attorney's Office. Reportedly, the lighter involved in this accident is locked in the DA's office evidence room, and could not be identified by the official.

Copies of the South Plainfield Police and Fire Department reports were requested, but were denied to the Commission. I was informed that, these records are protected under county laws, and are not subject to disclose to any agency unless, a court order is provided to the District Attorney's office.

EXHIBIT:

1. Borough of South Plainfield District Attorney's statement declining our petition to obtain copies of the official reports.
2. Copy of the signed Domestic Return Receipts requesting copies of the South Plainfield Police and Fire Department accident reports.

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Task No. : _____

STATUS OF MISSING DOCUMENT

The purpose of this record is to notify the reader that the following document(s), which is/are missing from this report, will not be collected.

1. South Plainfield Fire Department Report
2. South Plainfield Police Accident Investigation Report
3. _____

The investigator indicates in the report that he/she requested a copy of the above listed document(s), but the document(s) was/were not yet available when the investigation report was completed. The investigator intended to forward the document(s) for attachment to this report when the requested material was obtained.

The investigator has made numerous attempts, since the original request, to collect a copy of the requested document(s) but has not been successful. Because of the problems associated with the collection of this material and our limited investigation resources, no additional efforts will be made to collect the missing document(s).

We apologize for any inconvenience that the missing data may cause you.

Date: 2/18/97

Investigator No.: 3933

Regional Office: FOER

Supervisor No.: 8342

Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 736
2443 PLAINFIELD AVENUE
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07080
PHONE: (908)753-7200 FAX: (908)753-4599

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Exhibit No: 1
2/12/97 - [Signature]

February 14, 1997

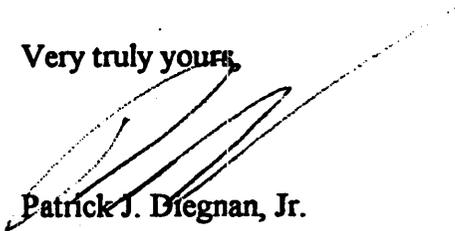
Joseph M. Graziani, Field Investigator
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
6 World Trade Center
Third Floor, Room 360
New York, New York 10048

RE: Borough of South Plainfield

Dear Mr. Graziani:

I am the Borough Attorney for South Plainfield. Reference is made to your letter dated February 11, 1997. As said incident will likely result in criminal prosecution it is inappropriate to release the requested documentation without issuance of a subpoena. Therefore it is requested that you provide me with the appropriate subpoena and the information will then be forwarded to your attention.

Very truly yours,


Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr.

PJD/dg
cc: South Plainfield Bureau of Fire Prevention

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Exhibit No. 2

SENDER: Complete items 1 and 2 when additional services are desired, and complete items 3 and 4.
 Put your address in the "RETURN TO" space on the reverse side. Failure to do this will prevent this card from being returned to you. The return receipt fee will provide you the name of the person delivered to and the date of delivery. For additional fees the following services are available. Consult postmaster for fees and check box(es) for additional service(s) requested.

1. Show to whom delivered, date, and addressee's address. 2. Restricted Delivery

3. Article Addressed to:
 South Plainfield Fire Dept
 South Plainfield,
 NJ 07080
 ATTN: J. COTONE, F.C.

4. Article Number: P458-467-269-211

Type of Service:
 Registered Insured
 Certified COD
 Express Mail

5. Signature - Addressee: [Signature]
 6. Signature - Agent: [Signature]
 7. Date of Delivery: [Blank]

8. Addressee's Address (On the reverse side of this card)

PS Form 3811, Feb. 1986. DOMESTIC RETURN RECEIPT

SENDER: Complete items 1 and 2 when additional services are desired, and complete items 3
 Put your address in the "RETURN TO" space on the reverse side. Failure to do this will prevent it from being returned to you. The return receipt fee will provide you the name of the person delivered to and the date of delivery. For additional fees the following services are available. Consult postmaster for fees and check box(es) for additional service(s) requested.

1. Show to whom delivered, date, and addressee's address. 2. Restricted Delivery

3. Article Addressed to:
 South Plainfield
 Township Police Dept
 South Plainfield, NJ
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4. Article Number: P458-467-270-2

Type of Service:
 Registered Insured
 Certified COD
 Express Mail

5. Signature - Addressee: [Signature]
 6. Signature - Agent: [Signature]
 7. Date of Delivery: Nov 2/97

8. Addressee's Address (On the reverse side of this card)

PS Form 3811, Feb. 1986. DOMESTIC RETURN RECEIPT

Joe Spozzoni
pl 11-302/6/97

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Baloo
11/13/97
2-5-97
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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number N9710249A

Date of Incident 1/13/97 Category I.D. BUNN021997

Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call or On-Site

Headquarters Contact Linda Smith 704-0470 X127

Assignment Message Describe the product involved

brand name, description of physical
dimensions & lighting mechanism, when
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 J LANSING

Task Number 970204 HCC 5289

Assigned to NYCO Date 970204

HOME NEWS & TRIBUNE

EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ
DAILY 88,000

WEDNESDAY
JAN 15 1997

NEW JERSEY CLIPPING SERVICE

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Boy uses lighter
starts house fire

By MICHELLE SAHN
STAFF WRITER

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A 4-year-old South Plainfield boy playing with a fireplace lighter started a blaze in his house, fire officials said.

The Monday afternoon fire at 277 South Plainfield Ave. was started by the boy, who set papers afire, Fire Official John Cotone said.

On Monday, firefighters said they believed the boy's grandmother came home, smelled smoke and awoke her son, saving him from the flames.

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Yesterday, however, officials said that the fire began after the grandmother and the 4-year-old returned from picking up another child at school.

Once they returned, the boy began to play with the lighter and set papers on fire in two different places, Cotone said.

That's when the grandmother smelled smoke, awoke her son, and the family fled the house.

No one was injured, officials said.

The fire began in an office area of the home around 3:30 p.m. and was put out within 10 to 15 minutes, officials said.

The house sustained minimal structural damage, Cotone said. There was smoke and water damage, he said.

The house is habitable, however, the family of five planned to stay with relatives last night, he said.

The Bureau of Fire Prevention plans to discuss fire safety with the 4-year-old boy, Cotone said.

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Investigation Report - Analyst's Comments

Task No. 970204ACC5289 Regional Office NYCO
Product Code 1085/1137 Investigator ID 8233
Category BUNNO21997 Hours Reported 8.0 hrs.

Comments

- first paragraph of the "Post Incident" should become ^{part of} ~~part of~~ the "Accident" because this paragraph states what happened at the time of the incident.
- why is there a missing document form, the report states no documents would be released to CPSC, unless CPSC had a court order.
- Paper Product should get coded as second product - 1137.
- Box 13 should have "No Injury."

Reviewer ph Date 3/31/97

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

Signature

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1. CASE NO. 70211CCC7367	2. INVEST. ID {8}[1][3][3]	3. OFFICE [8][3][0]	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
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4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR. MON. DAY [9][7] [0][1] [0][6]	5. DATE INVEST. INITIATED YR. MO DAY [9][7] [0][2] [2][7]
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6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT
A three year old child started a fire using a fireplace lighter. He ignited bed clothes. A six year old child, sleeping in the bed, received second degree burns to the right side of her body.

7. LOCATION (HOME, SCHOOL, ETC.) :Home [1][0]	8. CITY :Cincinnati	9. STATE :Ohio
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10 A. FIRST PRODUCT :Cigarette Lighter [1][6][0][4]	11.A. BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER AND ADDRESS Unknown
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10 B. SECOND PRODUCT :Bed Clothes [4][0][0][2]	11.B. BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER AND ADDRESS Unknown
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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 :Hospitalized [4]	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS :Burns [5][1]
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16. BODY PART :Trunk [8][4]	17. RESPONDENTS (MOTHER, FRIEND) :Fire Chief [3]	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE -1 TELEPHONE -2 OTHER -3 [2]	19. TIME SPENT [][5].[0] Tr. [][0].[0]
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20 ATTACHMENTS :Written report [2]	21. CASE SOURCE :Internet-Fire Dept. [0][1]	22. REVIEWED BY [8][3][1][1] YR. [9][7] MO [0][3] DAY [0][6]
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES
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24. NARRATIVE	25/ REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE
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CPSA 6 (b)(7)(C) cleared
 No Mfrs/Prvtlbrs or Products Identified
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 Firms Notified
 Comments Processed
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SYNOPSIS

A three year old child started a fire using a fireplace lighter. He ignited bed clothes. A six year old child, sleeping in the bed, received second degree burns to the right side of her body.

PRE-ACCIDENT

Two children were put to sleep in a bedroom of the home. A three year old boy apparently did not go to sleep and left the bedroom. He went into the family room where there was a fireplace. He obtained a fireplace/grille type lighter from the hearth area of the fireplace. He returned to the bedroom.

The child is a normally active child and has no prior history of starting fires. His parents did not notice him take the lighter.

The lighter was kept at nearly floor level on the hearth. It did have a locking switch. It is not known if it was placed in a locked position after its last use.

ACCIDENT

The three year old managed to light the unit. He ignited sheets and blankets of the bed where his six year old sister was sleeping. The six year old child was awakened when she was burned by the fire. Her screams alerted the adults in the home. The children were removed from the home and the fire department was called.

POST ACCIDENT

The fire investigator confirmed that the child had been playing with the lighter. The lighter was melted in the fire. The fire destroyed the bedroom of origin and caused \$8000 damage. All damage was in the bedroom.

The six year old girl was burned on the right side of her body. The burns were second degree. They extended from her knee to her armpit.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

The lighter was the type that is approximately 8 inches long. It had a thumb actuated switch. This switch when pushed actuates the gas flow and provides a spark. The unit can be locked by sliding a locking switch. This locking switch does not allow the ignition switch to move. The lighter was melted in the fire and the manufacturer name, model number or serial number could not be determined by the fire department. The lighter was discarded.

1 hearth in fireplace
sheets/blankets

6 yr old burned
Bedroom
2nd degree
8X

970211CCC7367

The bed clothes were typical cotton or cotton/polyester blend. No information was available on the source or manufacturer. They were destroyed in the fire.

PERSONS INTERVIEWED

The run report was not obtained since it would provide no additional information. The internet report which generated this assignment is the only other information on this incident and should be kept with this report. I spoke with the fire chief who was on the scene and investigated the fire. He provided additional information that was not in the available reports.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

CAHID

Document Number X 9720359

Date of Incident 1-7-97 Category I.D. _____

Follow-Up Requested _____

Hazard Analysis _____

Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested _____

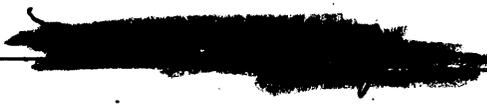
Telephone Call _____

On-Site _____

Headquarters Contact Kate Wallace, CCA

Assignment Message Please conduct a Section 15(1).

Confirm accident scenario and age of fire starter.
Identify brand of lighter, where it was kept,
how it was regularly used and whether it was
stored with the switch in the "on" or "off"
position.

Person(s) to Contact 

Guideline _____

Requested By Kate Wallace, CCA

Task Number 970211 CCC 7367

Assigned to CAHID Date 2/11/97

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Article 17 of 643

Subject: CFD media release
 From: Mike G. Kroeger@pol.com (Mike G. Kroeger)
 Date: 1997/01/07
 Message-Id: <20441099.ensmtp@pol.com>
 Sender: owner-FIRE-L@cornell.edu
 Comments: *****
 Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
 Precedence: bulk
 X-Listprocessor-Version: 7.2(a) -- ListProcessor by CREM
 Mime-Version: 1.0
 Reply-To: FIRE-L@cornell.edu
 Newsgroups: bit.listserv.fire-L
 X-Fn: V4.1@cornell.edu (Cornell Modified)
 X-Mailer: ExpressNet/SMTP v1.1.5

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Good evening, this is District 2 Fire Chief Glenn Coleman, Cincinnati Fire Division, it is 1/7/97 at 0:30am, reporting on a one alarm fire that occurred on 1/6/97 at 11:07pm at [redacted] in the [redacted] neighborhood. Initial reports said that there were children injured while units responded to the scene. Upon arrival, companies found heavy fire and smoke on the first floor of this 2 story frame single family dwelling. A Cincinnati Police Sergeant, Russ Neville of Police District 1 on his way home from work heard the dispatch and stopped at the fire. Sergeant Neville assisted the occupants from the front of the home and placed them in his vehicle until Fire Rescue equipment arrived. Fire Fighters quickly brought the blaze under control and confined the fire to the front first floor bedroom.

[redacted] a 6 year old girl, was asleep in the fire room and suffered second degree burns to her right side from her knee to her armpit. The fire was started by a 3 year old playing with a fireplace lighter. He ignited the bed clothes where [redacted] was sleeping. [redacted] was taken to Children's Hospital by Fire Division Paramedic Rescue Unit. 2 engine cos., 2 ladder cos., 1 paramedic unit, and District 2 Fire Chief were used to extinguish this fire. Cause was the all too often cause of a child with a lighter. Damage was set at \$8000.

For any additional information, contact District 2 Fire Chief Glenn Coleman at 352-2322.

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Mike Kroeger

Michael G. Kroeger, District Chief
 Cincinnati Fire Division, Risk Manager
 430 Central Avenue
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-2642

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Author: DuWayne A. Kapelis at cpsc-hq1

Date: 4/28/97 3:15 PM

Priority: Normal

TO: Linda E. Smith at CPSC-HQ2

Subject: IDI lighter follow-up

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

I received a response to a letter of contact concerning the IDI 970211CCC7367 and the additional information that you wanted. The family responded by indicating that they did not wish to provide any further information.

I was surprised that I even received a response. Contact was only reluctantly given on my first contact.

Author: Kate H. Wallace at CPSC-HQ2
Date: 4/11/97 10:38 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: Linda E. Smith
Subject: Information requested.

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

Linda - you may want to call DuWayne. Thanks. Kate

----- Forward Header -----

Subject: Information requested.
Author: DuWayne A. Kapelis at cpsc-hq1
Date: 4/11/97 8:41 AM

My supervisor, James Miersch, informed me of your request for additional information concerning an Investigation in which I attempted to determine if an Aim N Flame lighter was involved. The lighter could not be identified. Two adults in the home, who had used the lighter, could not say the lighters I showed them were the ones involved in the fire. They indicated a different shape.

You asked for more information on the injury. The IDI(970211CCC7367) indicates that the injured 6 year old child suffered second degree burns to her right side from her knee to her armpit. I can't think of any more specific information. If you want something more specific on the injury, give me a call--513-741-4919.

I had to go out and purchase two examples of Aim N Flame lighters. We can't all buy these as examples. Do you have some photos of examples of lighters we are targeting?

telcon: 4/11

*He will send a letter requesting info. on
length of hospitalization*

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1. TASK NUMBER 970227CCN0341		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8938		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
3. OFFICE CODE 830	4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 97 01 20	5. DATE INITIATED YR MO DAY 97 03 05		
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A ten month old male was critically injured in a fire in which he suffered second and third degree burns over ninety percent of his body. Two children, a three and two year old were in the basement playing with a utility lighter, when the three year old boy set a pile of clothing on fire at the bottom of the bed the victim was sleeping in. Everyone else evacuated the house in time. No one else was injured.				
7. LOCATION (Home, School, etc.) Home 10		8. CITY Springfield		9. STATE IL
10A. FIRST PRODUCT Utility Lighter 1247		10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME Aim N' Flame		10C. MODEL NUMBER 65-B
10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS Scripto-Tokai Fontana, CA				
11A. SECOND PRODUCT Clothing 1658		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME Unk. <i>256</i>		11C. MODEL NUMBER Unk.
11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS Unk. <i>No Mfr/Prvtblrs or Product Identified</i>				
12. AGE OF VICTIM 210		13. Sex Male-1 <i>Comments</i>		14. DISPOSITION Hospitalized-4
15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Thermal Burns-51		16. BODY PART (S) INVOLVED All Parts of Body 85		17. RESPONDENT Fire/Police Dept.- 1
18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION Other- 3		19. TIME SPENT (OPERATIONAL HOURS) 8.0		20. ATTACHMENT(S) Multi-9
21. CASE SOURCE Newspaper - 05		22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER NONE		
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME- CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSURE MY NAME-XX				
24. REVIEW DATE 4-17-97		25. REVIEWED BY 8130		26. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR
27. DISTRIBUTION				

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SYNOPSIS

A ten month old male was critically injured in a fire in which he suffered second and third degree burns over ninety percent of his body. Two children, a three and two year old were in the basement playing with a utility lighter, when the three year old boy set a pile of clothing on fire at the bottom of the bed the victim was sleeping in. Everyone in the house was able to evacuate in time, with no other injuries.

PRE-INCIDENT

The information presented in this in-depth investigation came from the police department only.

Two families lived in this one-story house. There were conflicting reports from the police officers. One report stated that the family who lived upstairs was not at home at the time of this incident, (see attachment #4-p.2/3). Another report stated that they were, see attachment #2-1/3. The family which lived in the basement was at home.

The father and mother of the ten month old boy were upstairs watching television. The parents left their three sons, a ten month old, a two and three year old downstairs in the basement sleeping. The two and three year old boys were supposed to have been lying in their beds taking a nap, but the three year old boy apparently got up and started playing with a utility lighter the father had used to light his furnace.

The three year old boy came upstairs to use the bathroom. As he proceeded back downstairs, he heard his brother, the ten month old male crying, so, he informed his father.

INCIDENT

The father saw smoke coming from behind the television and up the stairwell. He ran downstairs and noticed that the bed his ten month boy was sleeping on, the blanket on top of him, and his clothing were engulfed in flames.

POST-INCIDENT

The father grabbed his son from the burning bed, tore his clothes off of him, got his other two year old son and ran upstairs, while yelling at his wife to call 911. The father then transported the victim to the hospital. While there, the child, who had suffered burns over ninety percent of his body, was conveyed to another hospital burn unit. However, that hospital decided to airlift the victim to a special children's hospital in another state which specialized in severe burns.



SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT
825 EAST CAPITOL
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62703

INCIDENT REPORT

Forward by the 15th of the following month.
The OSFM is requesting disclosure of fire information that is necessary to accomplish the statutory purpose as outlined in Ill. Rev. Stat., Chap. 127 1/2, Par. 6. Disclosure of this information is required. Any officer who neglects to comply with this act shall be guilty of a petty offense. This form has been approved by the Fire Management Center.

FILL IN THIS REPORT IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

FBI ID		INCIDENT NO.		EXP NO.	MO.	DAY	YEAR	DAY OF WEEK	ALARM TIME	<input type="checkbox"/> Delete	<input type="checkbox"/> Change
SB 111970509		0001		2	0	9	7	MONDAY	1313	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND								TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN		MUTUAL AID	
FIRE IN BASEMENT								EXTINGUISHED + VENTILATED		1. <input type="checkbox"/> REC'D & <input type="checkbox"/> GIVEN	
FIRE PROPERTY USE								IGNITION FACTOR			
RESIDENTIAL DWELLING								CHILD WITH LIGHTER			
CORRECT ADDRESS								ZIP CODE		CENSUS TRACT	
OCCUPANT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)								TELEPHONE		ROOM OR APT.	
OWNER NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)								ADDRESS		TELEPHONE	
METHOD OF ALARM FROM PUBLIC								CO. INSPECTION DISTRICT		SHIFT	
TELEPHONE								E 4 S 1		2	
NO. FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED				NO. ENGINES RESPONDED		NO. AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED		NO. OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED			
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COMPLETE FOR ALL INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF INJURIES				NUMBER OF FATALITIES			
FIRE SERVICE		OTHER		FIRE SERVICE		OTHER	
1		1		1		1	

COMPLETE IF CASUALTY OR FIRE

COMPLEX				MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE			
RESIDENTIAL DWELLING				NA			
AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN				EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION			
BASEMENT BEDROOM				NA			
FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION		TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED		FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED			
LIGHTER		COTTON/ WOOL		BEDDING BLANKETS			
METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT				LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN		ESTIMATED LOSS (DOLLARS ONLY)	
1.5 1 3/4 HAND LINE				10' BELOW		2000	

COMPLETE FOR ALL FIRES

NUMBER OF STORIES				CONSTRUCTION TYPE			
ONE				WOOD FRAME			
EXTENT OF FLAME DAMAGE				EXTENT OF SMOKE DAMAGE			
CONFINE TO AREA OF ORIGIN				CONFINED TO BASEMENT AREA OF ORIGIN			
DETECTOR PERFORMANCE				SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE			
NONE				NA			
IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN		TYPE OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE		AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL			
NONE		BEDDING		STAIRWELL			
		FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE					
		BEDDING GENERAL BEDDING					

COMPLETE IF STRUCTURE FIRE

IF MOBILE PROPERTY		YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	LICENSE NO.
IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION		YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	

CHECK IF COMMENTS ON REVERSE SIDE

OFFICER IN CHARGE (NAME, POSITION, ASSIGNMENT)			DATE
BAT CHIEF JAMES WALSH			01-20-97
MEMBER MAKING REPORT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)			DATE

1. VICTIM'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) OR FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS		2. LOCATION OF OFFENSE (HOUSE NO.-STREET NAME-BEAT)		3. FILE #
4. TIME OF OCCURRENCE M 08 20 97 131		5. OFFENSE/CHARGE INCIDENT (FROM ORIGINAL) Fire Investigation		6. CLASSIFICATION OF INCIDENT (AFTER INVESTIGATION) Accident Charcoal Lighter

7. SOLVABILITY FACTORS FOR INVESTIGATION	FROM CRIME INVESTIGATION REPORT
8. NARRATIVE: DO NOT REPEAT THE RESULTS OF THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION. REPORT ALL ACTIONS TAKEN AND ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE SINCE THE LAST REPORT. DESCRIBE AND RECORD THE VALUE OF RECOVERED PROPERTY. LIST THE NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, RECORD NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS ARRESTED. CLEARLY SHOW THE DISPOSITION OF RECOVERED PROPERTY.	

Reporting Detective, on the above date and time received a page to contact the Springfield Fire Department, in reference to a Fire. I was requested to go to [redacted] and meet with Captain Bill Hurrelbrink of the Metro Fire Investigation Unit. Upon my arrival, I was informed that there had been a fire on top of the bed in the basement of this one story wood-frame house. The bedroom was located in the North^{west} corner of the basement. There is one stairwell going to the basement and only one exit. Two families live in the residence. I was informed that the owner's are [redacted] and [redacted]. They live in Mount Vernon, Illinois and they work for [redacted] Company. At this time they did not have a phone number available for me, however I was furnished a phone number later on. I then called Amco Fence here in Springfield. They were cooperative and they provided me with a portable telephone number that [redacted] and [redacted] the phone number is area code [redacted]. I was informed at this time that there was a 10 month old baby severely burned and the father [redacted], white male, d.o.b. 11/05/72, of the victim [redacted], 10 months old. The infants d.o.b. is 04/04/96. I was informed that the father of the infant was watching television upstairs on the first level and the 3

10. ARE ALL SUSPECTS UNDER 17 YRS. OLD? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		11. PROPERTY RECOVERED <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES \$		12. PROPERTY INVENTORY <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES #		13. MULTIPLE CLEARUP? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		9. PERSON(S) ARRESTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES NO.	
14. WORKING CR # <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		15. TELETYPE <input type="checkbox"/> SENT <input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> CANCELED <input type="checkbox"/> SUSPECT		16. ADDITIONAL TECHWORK <input type="checkbox"/> COMPOSITE <input type="checkbox"/> SKETCH/DIAGRAM <input type="checkbox"/> FINGERPRINT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		PERFORMED BY			
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DEVELOPED BY INVESTIGATION					CLOSED BY <input type="checkbox"/> ARREST <input type="checkbox"/> NO ARREST <input type="checkbox"/> NO PROSECUTION				
REMAINING FOR INVESTIGATION					<input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT ADVISED <input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE DIVERSION				
19. FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED BY					ESTIMATED HOURS FOR COMPLETION <u>2</u>				
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<input type="checkbox"/> YOUTH OFFICER					<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL AGENCY				
<input type="checkbox"/> TOP					<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER				
20. DATE SUBMITTED 01 29 97					21. REPORTING OFFICER'S NAME Det. A. Mitchell Bureau				
					22. SUPERVISOR APPROVING [Signature]				

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3 VICTIM'S NAME (LAST FIRST MIDDLE) OR FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS

4 LOCATION OF INCIDENT (HOUSE NO. STREET NAME)

BEAT

5 DATE OF INCIDENT

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year old, a [REDACTED], white male, d.o.b. 06/22/93, and a [REDACTED], d.o.b. 11/12/94, 2 y.o.a., were downstairs in the basement. The ten month old baby was lying on the bed. The 3 year old came upstairs and told Mr. [REDACTED] (the father) that the baby was crying. The father stated o.k. he knew it and a few seconds, or minutes later, he saw smoke coming up around the back of the TV. At this time he ran downstairs and according to Captain Hurrelbrink, he stated he saw that the bed was on fire and the baby was burning. He grabbed the 10 month old baby along with the 2 year old and 3 year old and went upstairs. The father and a neighbor then took the 10 month old, to the St. John's Hospital. The two and three year old were given to a neighbor to watch, who are their good friends. The neighbor is a [REDACTED], she resides at [REDACTED], phone number [REDACTED]. The mother of the infant is [REDACTED], d.o.b. 07/26/76, she works at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] Avenue, phone number [REDACTED]. Also in the house was the other family, the father is [REDACTED], black male, d.o.b. 11/05/69 and his wife [REDACTED], 10/26/75, and they also have one child a [REDACTED]. He is a black male, d.o.b. 09/14/95. At this time the Joiner family were not home only the Roberts family. The baby was transported to Memorial Hospital, from St. John's Hospital. I was then informed that the infant was then transported by a lear-jet to Cincinnati Burn Unit, the Shriner's Hospital, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The burn unit has a phone number of area code (513)872-6000.

On 01/21/97, the following day I contacted [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] via-the-phone. They advised, that they did not have insurance on the house. At this time the house was financed through the Illini Bank and the mortgage is for 52,000.00 dollars. The insurance had been cancelled and they were renting the house to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] around the end of November 1996. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] also lived there and had so for approximately 1 month. According to what [REDACTED] advised me the rent was 400.00 dollars and apparently the two families were

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8	BEAT	
9	DATE OF INCIDENT	01/20/97

3	VICTIM'S NAME (LAST FIRST MIDDLE) OR FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	4	LOCATION OF INCIDENT (HOUSE NO. STREET NAME)
	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]

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sharing the rent. [REDACTED] stated, that she would give [REDACTED] 185.00 dollars along with the 400.00 dollars rent that she collects and [REDACTED] would then make payment to the Illini Bank. [REDACTED] advised, that she received a letter from the Bank's Attorney, around 01/01/97. This letter was to advise her that they were foreclosing on the house and she had approximately 90 days to make up the full payments. If not they would foreclose.

I then spoke to [REDACTED], of the Illini Bank, phone [REDACTED], Ext 28. She advised, that on 11/04/96, she received a letter from the owners, advising them to cancel the insurance and they wanted a rebate and were going to allow the house to go back to the Bank. They were given a rebate on their insurance. They advised, that the Bank then took out an insurance policy for the Mortgage only, this is through Edison Insurance. The balance of approximately 52, 000.00 dollars is owed.

On 01/23/97, I received a call from [REDACTED] and she advised that she has been in contact with [REDACTED], as well as [REDACTED]. She advised, them that I needed to speak with them. At this time this Reporting Detective, has not received a call back, nor have I spoke to the parents in person. I want to talk to Mr. [REDACTED], in regards to what his actions were. I was informed that the baby's extent of injuries is 85% to 90% percent burns over his body and also that the child was going into surgery at the Shriner's Hospital, in Cincinnati this same date. Further reports will follow after my interviewing the parents of the injured infant.

I received a call from Sergeant Tom Conway, on 01/22/97, advising me that the Department of Child and Family Services, did want to talk with me about this case. He asked me, if there was anything in the report that I did not want to release to them. I advised him, that there was nothing there and I would be glad to speak with them. At this time this case is continuing.

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1. VICTIM'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) OR FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS [REDACTED]		2. LOCATION OF OFFENSE (HOUSE NO.-STREET NAME-BEAT) Fire T. J. [REDACTED] BEAT 1325		3. FILE NO. 597-0179
4. TIME OF OCCURRENCE 1 20 97 1311		5. OFFENSE/CHARGE INCIDENT (FROM ORIGINAL)		6. CLASSIFICATION OF INCIDENT (AFTER INVESTIGATION)
7. SOLVABILITY FACTORS FOR INVESTIGATION NE FROM CRIME INVESTIGATION REPORT				
8. NARRATIVE: DO NOT REPEAT THE RESULTS OF THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION. REPORT ALL ACTIONS TAKEN AND ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE SINCE THE LAST REPORT. DESCRIBE AND RECORD THE VALUE OF RECOVERED PROPERTY. LIST THE NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, RECORD NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS ARRESTED. CLEARLY SHOW THE DISPOSITION OF RECOVERED PROPERTY.				
<p>On 1-20-97 at 1311 hours I responded to [REDACTED] for a house fire. When I arrived I [REDACTED] to the fire control unit. I was instructed by Sgt. W. Rorer #240 to respond to St. Johns Hospital to check on the welfare of a 9 month old baby who had been trapped inside the house.</p> <p>Upon arrival at St. Johns I spoke to Dr. Salma A. Pharo M.D. who stated that the infant (WIF DOB: 4-4-96) was in critical condition with over 90% of his body burned. Dr. Pharo M.D. (WIF DOB: unkn.) stated Steven was going to be transferred to Memorial Medical Center's Burn Unit. St. Johns Emergency Room records indicate that Steven was brought to the Hospital by his mother, [REDACTED] (WIF DOB: 7-26-76, [REDACTED] # 1325) hours. At 1436 hours [REDACTED] was transported to Memorial Medical Center by Superior Ambulance 3F24. I followed the ambulance to Memorial. [REDACTED]</p>				
10. ARE ALL SUSPECTS UNDER 17 YRS. OLD <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				9. PERSON(S) ARRESTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES NO. [REDACTED]
11. PROPERTY RECOVERED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES 5		12. PROPERTY INVENTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES #		13. MULTIPLE CLEARUP? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
14. WORKING CR # <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		15. TELETYPE # [REDACTED] <input type="checkbox"/> SENT <input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> CANCELED <input type="checkbox"/> SUSPECT		16. ADDITIONAL TECHWORK <input type="checkbox"/> COMPOSITE <input type="checkbox"/> SKETCH/DIAGRAM <input type="checkbox"/> FINGERPRINT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER [REDACTED]
17. SOLVABILITY FACTORS		18. INVESTIGATIVE STATUS		
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20. DATE SUBMITTED 1 20 97		21. REPORTING OFFICER(S) K. [REDACTED]		21. BEAT 21
22. SUPERVISOR APPROVING S. T. [REDACTED]				



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FILE # 597-01790

3- VICTIM'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) OR FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS [REDACTED]	4 LOCATION OF INCIDENT (HOUSE NO. STREET NAME) [REDACTED]	B: AT 2	5 DATE OF INCIDENT 1-70-92
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Memorial I spoke to [REDACTED] Mother, who stated that her husband, [REDACTED] and herself were in the living room on the porch watching T.V. when they noticed the fire. [REDACTED] stated that while they were watching T.V. she heard her son, [REDACTED] (w/m DOB: 6-22-93) walking up the stairs from the basement bedrooms. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] got all the porch to see what [REDACTED] wanted and saw smoke coming from the basement. [REDACTED] ran downstairs to the Master bedroom where [REDACTED] was asleep in the play pen, while [REDACTED] waited at the top of the stairs with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] heard [REDACTED] yell, "Oh Fuck the babies are here!" [REDACTED] ran from the house with [REDACTED] to Captain C. Miller (w/m DOB: 9-27-78 - [REDACTED]) and [REDACTED] (w/m DOB: 9-9-76, 784 057) house for help. [REDACTED] called 911. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ran back to the house where they saw [REDACTED] standing outside building [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had also gotten [REDACTED] other son, William M. Estes (M/W, DOB: 11-12-91) out of his basement bedroom where he has been sleeping with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] drove [REDACTED] to St. John's Hospital in this area. While at Memorial I also spoke to [REDACTED] (w/m DOB: 11-5-72) who made a similar

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FILE # 597-01795
BEAT 02 DATE OF INCIDENT 1-20-97

3 VICTIM'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) OR FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS
[REDACTED]

4. LOCATION OF INCIDENT (HOUSE NO. STREET NAME)
[REDACTED]

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6. Statement about watching T.V. with [REDACTED] when the fire broke out. [REDACTED] advised that when he entered the master bedroom where [REDACTED] was asleep in the playpen, he saw [REDACTED] and the playpen on fire along with the wall behind the playpen. [REDACTED] got [REDACTED] out of the playpen and ripped his ([REDACTED]) clothes off because they were on fire. [REDACTED] wrapped [REDACTED] in a blanket and exited the room with him. [REDACTED] then got [REDACTED], [REDACTED] other son, out of the other bedroom and exited the house.

Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that all the kids were supposed to be asleep in the basement bedrooms when the fire broke out.

Municipal Medical Staff was prepared to transport [REDACTED] to a hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio for further treatment at the time of this report. No further information or [REDACTED] cooperation was available at this time.

REPORTING OFFICER(S)

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SUPERVISOR

S. T. [REDACTED]

SIGN FIRE # 77 0509

FILE # 597-01785

1. OFFENSE OR CHARGE (INCLUDE CHAPTER & SECTION NUMBER) **FIRE INVESTIGATION**

2. CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSE **9054**

3. TIME OF OCCURRENCE **07 03 07 1211**

5. WHEN REPORTED **07 03 07 1311**

6. LOCATION OF OFFENSE (HOUSE NO. STREET NAME & BEAT) **[REDACTED]**

8. VICTIMS NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE OR FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS) **[REDACTED]**

9. VICTIMS ADDRESS (HOUSE NUMBER STREET NAME) **[REDACTED]**

10. RESIDENCE PHONE **535-2617**

11. VICTIMS PLACE OF EMPLOY, OR SCHOOL NAME **[REDACTED]**

12. BUSINESS PHONE **[REDACTED]**

13. VICTIM'S SEX / RACE / AGE **[REDACTED]**

14. REPORTING PERSONS SIGNATURE **[REDACTED]**

15. WAS THERE A WITNESS TO THE CRIME? **IF NO PLACE AN X IN BOX A**

16. INDICATE WITH PROPER CODE IN BOXES PROVIDED PERSONS RELATIONSHIP TO INVESTIGATION W-1 WITNESS #1 NI NOT INTERVIEWED #2 R REPORTING PERSON PK PERSON WITH KNOWLEDGE PI PERSON INTERVIEWED - NO KNOWLEDGE (INCLUDING REPORTING PERSON'S NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM VICTIMS)

ADDRESS CHECKED	APT. #	PERSON INTERVIEWED	AGE	HOME ADDRESS	APT. #	T	RES
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	RES
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	BUS
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	11	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	RES
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	24	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	BUS

17. CAN A SUSPECT BE NAMED? **IF NO PLACE AN X IN BOX B**

SUSPECT #1 NAME (INCLUDE ANY A K A INFO) **[REDACTED]**

SUSPECT #2 NAME (INCLUDE ANY A K A INFO) **[REDACTED]**

18. CAN SUSPECT BE LOCATED? **IF NO PLACE AN X IN BOX C**

SUSPECT #1 CAN BE LOCATED AT **[REDACTED]**

SUSPECT #2 CAN BE LOCATED AT **[REDACTED]**

19. CAN SUSPECT BE DESCRIBED? **IF NO PLACE AN X IN BOX D**

SUSPECT #1 DESCRIPTION **25 / 115**

SUSPECT #2 DESCRIPTION **[REDACTED]**

DESCRIBE EACH SUSPECT USING AGE DOB SEX RACE HEIGHT WEIGHT ANY IDENTIFYING SCARS MARKS & CLOTHING DESCRIPTION

20. CAN SUSPECT BE IDENTIFIED? **IF NO PLACE AN X IN BOX E**

21. CAN SUSPECT VEHICLE BE IDENTIFIED? **IF NO PLACE AN X IN BOX F**

22. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

STATE	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL & TYPE	COLOR TOP BOTTOM	IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

23. TIME SUSPECT VEHICLE INFORMATION BROADCAST **23**

24. IS STOLEN PROPERTY TRACEABLE? **IF NO PLACE AN X IN BOX G**

25. DESCRIBE PROPERTY STOLEN/DAMAGED **IDI 970227CCN0341**

26. REMOVED FROM **Attachment #4 - 1/3**

27. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

28. PROP. VALUE

29. NATURE OF INJURY **BURNS**

30. TYPE OF INSTRUMENT WEAPON OR FORCE USED **FIRE**

31. WHERE HOSPITALIZED **[REDACTED]**

32. ATTENDING PHYSICIAN **[REDACTED]**

33. PRONOUNCING PHYSICIAN WHERE **[REDACTED]**

34. DATE TIME PRONOUNCED **1-21-97**

35. CORONER NOTIFIED?

36. IS THERE A SIGNIFICANT M.O. PRESENT? IF YES, DESCRIBE IN NARRATIVE **IF NO PLACE AN X IN BOX H**

37. IS THERE SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE PRESENT? IF YES, DESCRIBE IN NARRATIVE. **IF NO PLACE AN X IN BOX I**

38. HAS EVIDENCE TECH WORK BEEN PERFORMED? (By: **WDEAR**) **IF NO PLACE AN X IN BOX J**

TECH WORK PERFORMED/REQUESTED: PHOTO FINGERPRINT COMPOSITE OTHER **PRECISION**

39. POINT OF ENTRY/CRIME **BASEMENT AREA**

40. PREMISE DESCRIPTION **RESIDENCE**

41. PROP NV # **[REDACTED]**

42. NARRATIVE SUMMARIZE DETAILS OF CRIME INCLUDING PROGRESSION OF EVENTS, NAMES OF OTHER OFFICERS OR UNITS ASSISTING FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH IS AN EXTENSION OF ANY OF THE ABOVE BLOCKS INDICATE BLOCK NUMBER AT LEFT

BLOCK NO.	DESCRIPTION	ASSIST
15	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
16	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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43. REPORTING OFFICER'S SUGGESTION FOLLOW-UP NO FOLLOW-UP **ARSON INV**

44. CRIME SURVEY REQUESTED YES NO

45. REPORTING OFFICER(S) **R Gillmore #319**

ASSIGNED BEAT NO **48**

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A CONTINUATION OF A C.I.R. REPORT

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 BEAT C2 DATE OF INCIDENT 1-20-97

3 VICTIM'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) OR FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS
 4 LOCATION OF INCIDENT (HOUSE NO STREET NAME)
 5 DATE OF INCIDENT

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE RENTS THE BASEMENT OF THE HOME AND [REDACTED] RENTS THE MAIN LEVEL. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HIS WIFE, [REDACTED], AND HIMSELF WAS ON THE MAIN LEVEL OF THE HOME WHEN HIS 3 YEAR OLD SON, [REDACTED], CAME UPSTAIRS FROM THE BASEMENT. [REDACTED] 3 CHILDREN HAD BEEN IN THE BASEMENT AREA WHERE THEY LIVE. [REDACTED] USED THE RESTROOM AND [REDACTED] TOLD HIM TO GO BACK DOWN STAIRS AND LAY DOWN. [REDACTED] STARTED DOWN THE BASEMENT STAIRS WHEN HE HEARD THE BAWW WAS CRYING. [REDACTED] STARTED TOWARD THE BASEMENT WHEN HE SAW SMOKE COMING OUT OF THE HEATING VENTS. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE LIVING UPSTAIRS, THEY FLED OUT OF THE HOUSE. [REDACTED] THEN WENT TO THE BASEMENT AREA AND FOUND HIS SON, [REDACTED], HAD HIS CLOTHING AND BLANKET ON FIRE. [REDACTED] TOOK HIS PUBLISHING CUTLIER OFF AND PICKED HIM UP AS [REDACTED] IN A BLANKET. [REDACTED] THEN GRABBED HIS OTHER SON, [REDACTED] REPORTS, WHO WAS IN THE BASEMENT LIVING ROOM AREA AND EXITED THE HOUSE. [REDACTED] HAD A NEIGHBOR CALL FOR HELP. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE THEN TAKEN TO ST. JOHNS HOSPITAL FOR BURNS THAT [REDACTED] HAD RECEIVED. AN UNKNOWN NEIGHBOR TOOK THEM TO THE HOSPITAL. ALL OTHER CHILDREN WERE CHECKED AT THE SCENE BY AMBULANCE PERSONNEL AND REPORTED IN GOOD SHAPE. [REDACTED] WAS LATER TRANSPORTED TO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BURN UNIT FOR FURTHER TREATMENT. [REDACTED] HAD BURNS ON 90% OF HIS BODY AND WAS REPORTED IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

REPORTING OFFICER(S): [REDACTED]
 SUPERVISOR: [REDACTED]

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A CONTINUATION OF A C.I.R. REPORT

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3 VICTIM'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) OR FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS
[REDACTED]

4 LOCATION OF INCIDENT (HOUSE NO. STREET NAME)
[REDACTED]

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THE METRO ARSON INVESTIGATORS, HURRIC PRINZ AND MITCHELL, WERE CALLED TO THE SCENE FOR FOLLOW UP.

THERE WAS APPARENTLY TWO FAMILIES LIVING IN THIS RESIDENCE. MICHELLE ROSA AND HER FAMILY LIVING ON THE MAIN LEVEL AND [REDACTED] AND HIS FAMILY LIVING IN THE BASEMENT. THERE WAS AN EXTERIOR ENTRANCE / EXIT TO THE BASEMENT WHICH CAME UP INTO THE HALLWAY AREA OF THE FIRST FLOOR. NO SMOKE DETECTORS WERE LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT AREA.

THE FURNACE WAS LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT AREA LIVING ROOM AND WAS NOT ENCLOSED OR SEPARATED FROM THE REST OF THE LIVING AREA.

THE FIRE DEPT ADVISED THAT IT APPEARED THE FIRE HAD STARTED IN THE BASEMENT BEDROOM. THIS WAS DEREK BEDROON AND HIS SON, STEVEN, HAD BEEN LEFT TO SLEEP ON THE BED PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT.

A BASKET OF CLOTHING WAS FOUND BURNING AT THE FOOT OF THE BED AND A LONG LIGHTER, FIRE PLACE LIGHTER WAS FOUND ON THE FLOOR NEXT TO THE BASKET OF CLOTHING. THE ENTIRE BEDROOM APPEARED TO BE INVOLVED IN FIRE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE FURNACE HAD EXISTED FOR 2 YEARS AGO. BECAUSE THE PILE LIGHT WAS BLOWING OUT, THERE WAS NO FIRE DAMAGE IN THIS IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE FURNACE. DEREK ADVISED HE HAD THE FIRE PLACE LIGHTER IN HIS BEDROOM TO USE ON THE FURNACE WHEN IT NEEDED LIT.

SEE THE SPFD FIRE DEPT METRO ARSON REPORT 970569 FOR FURTHER.

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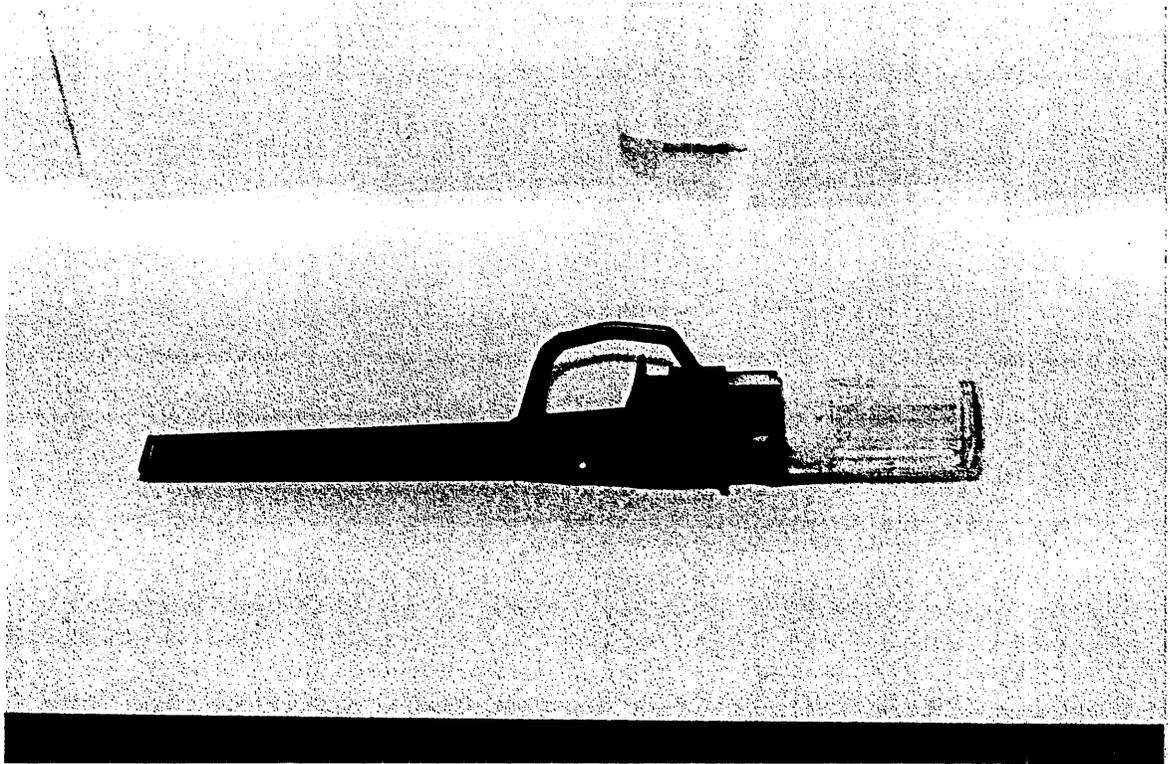
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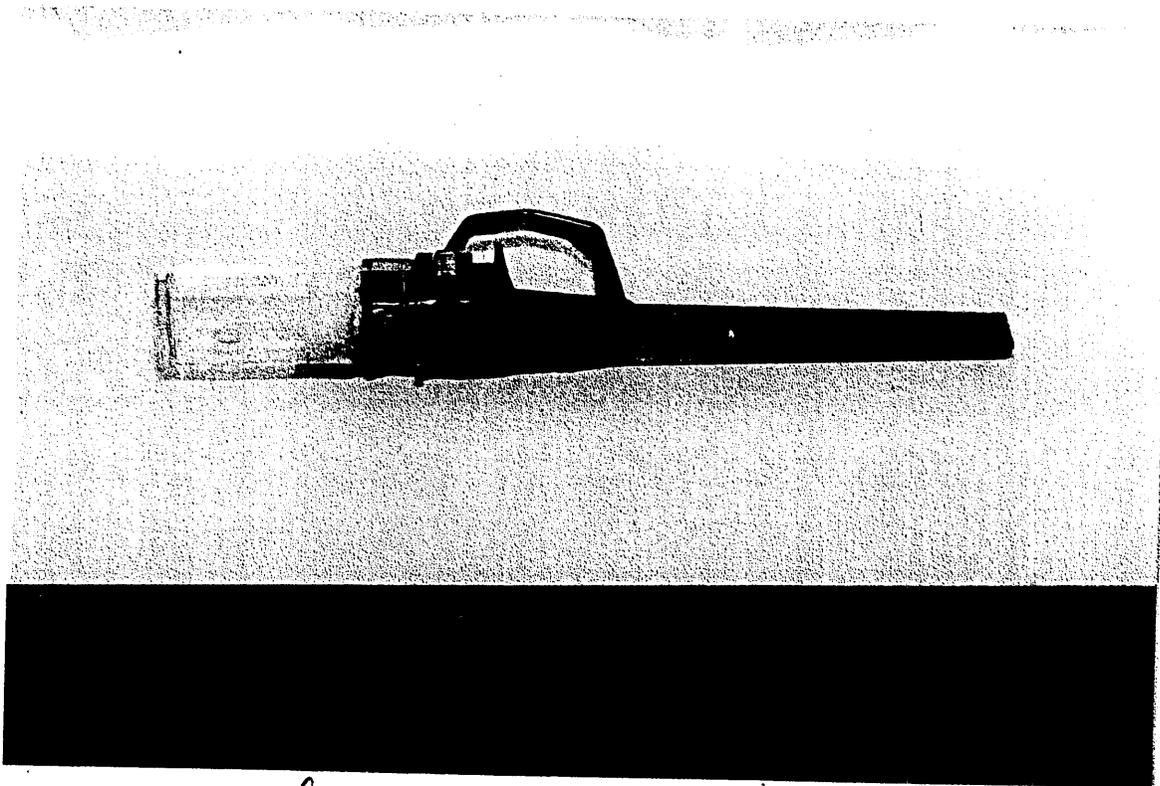
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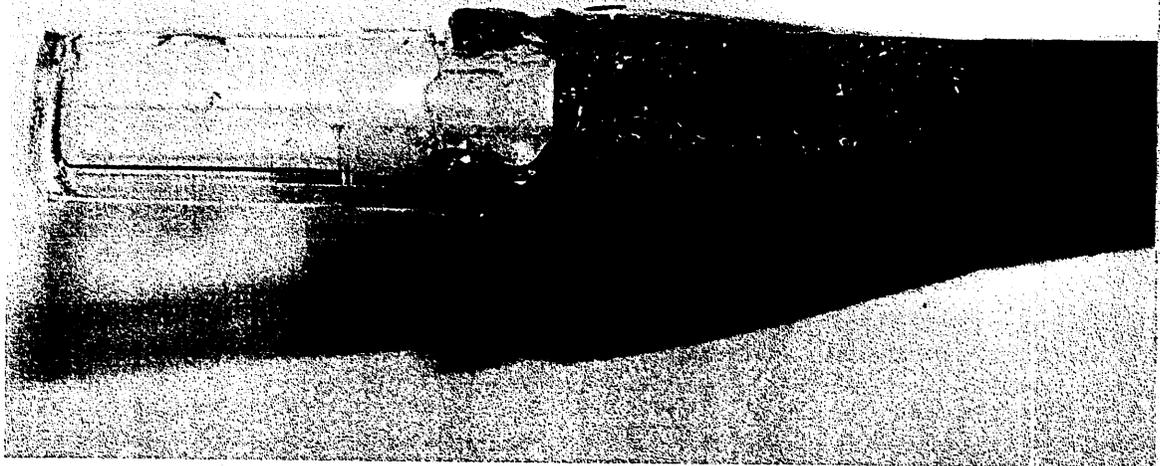
Left side view of utility lighter
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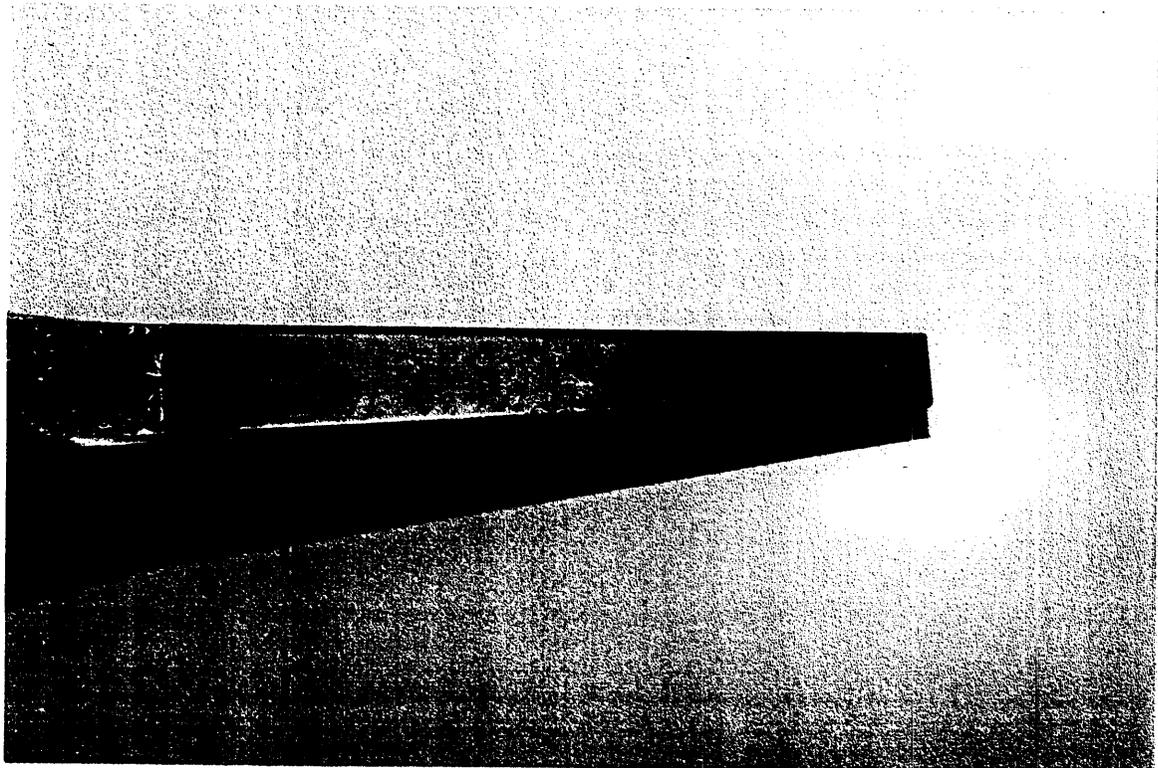
Right side view of Aim 'N' Flame
utility lighter

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Bottom view of utility lighter
showing charred plastic.

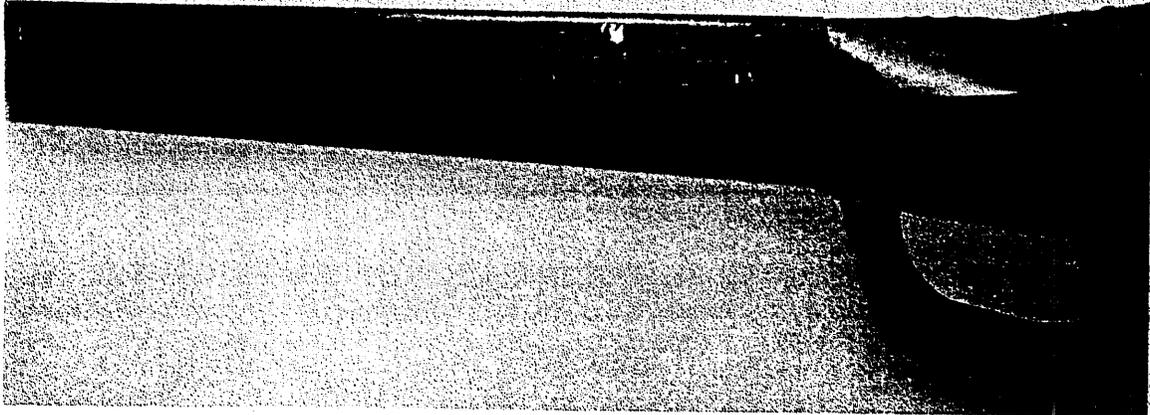


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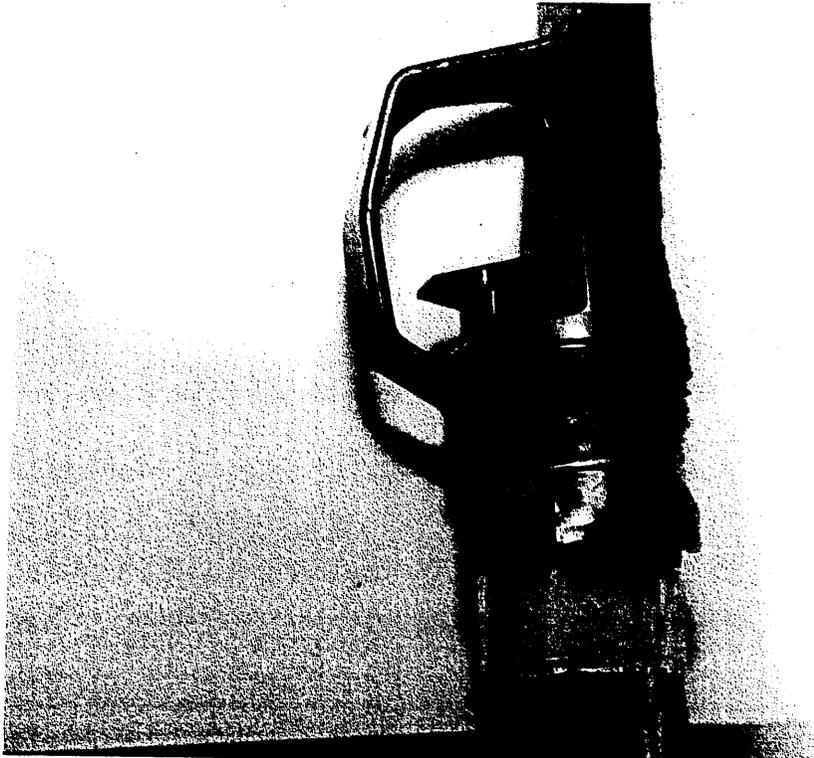
Closer view of bottom right utility
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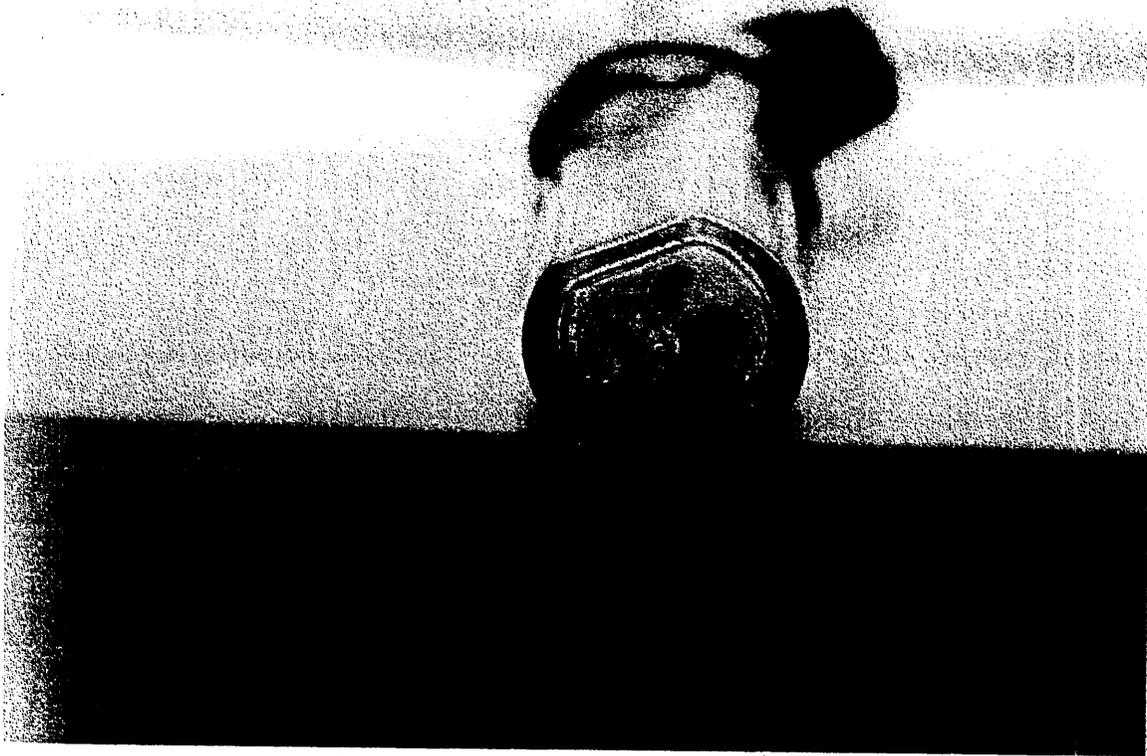
Close-up side view of utility lighter's
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View of on/off switch & trigger mechanism

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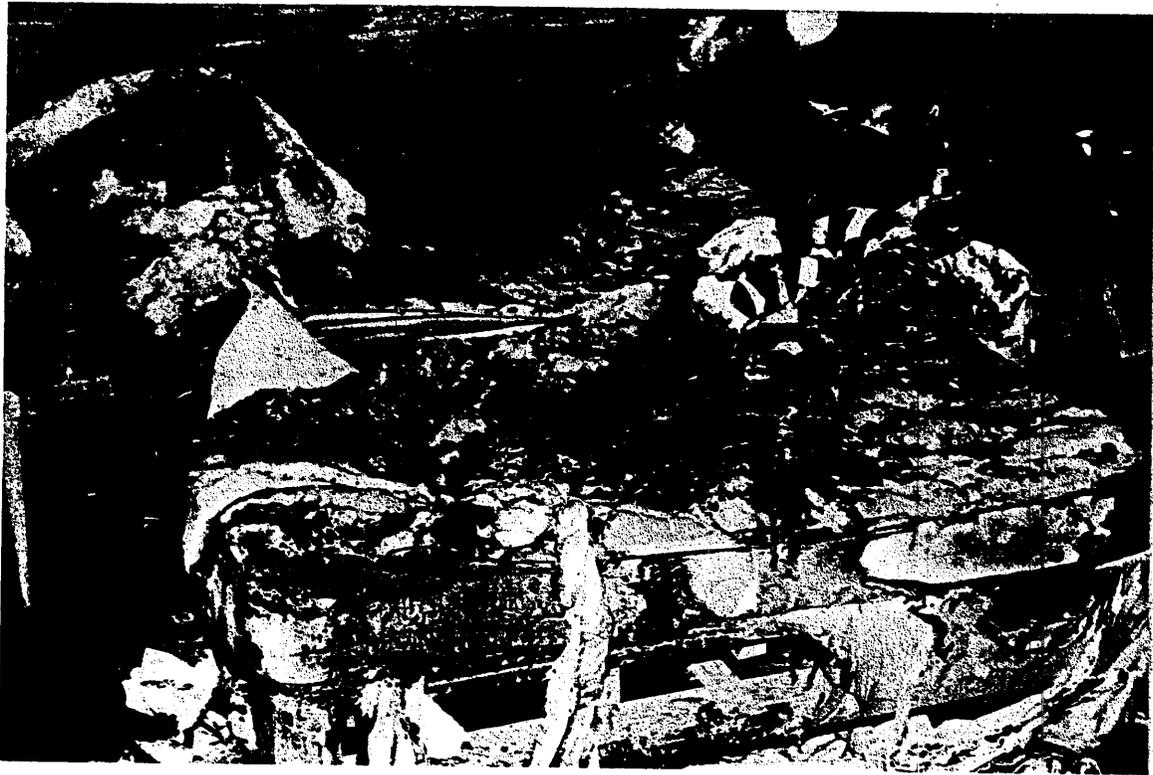
Close-up view of bottom of fuel container
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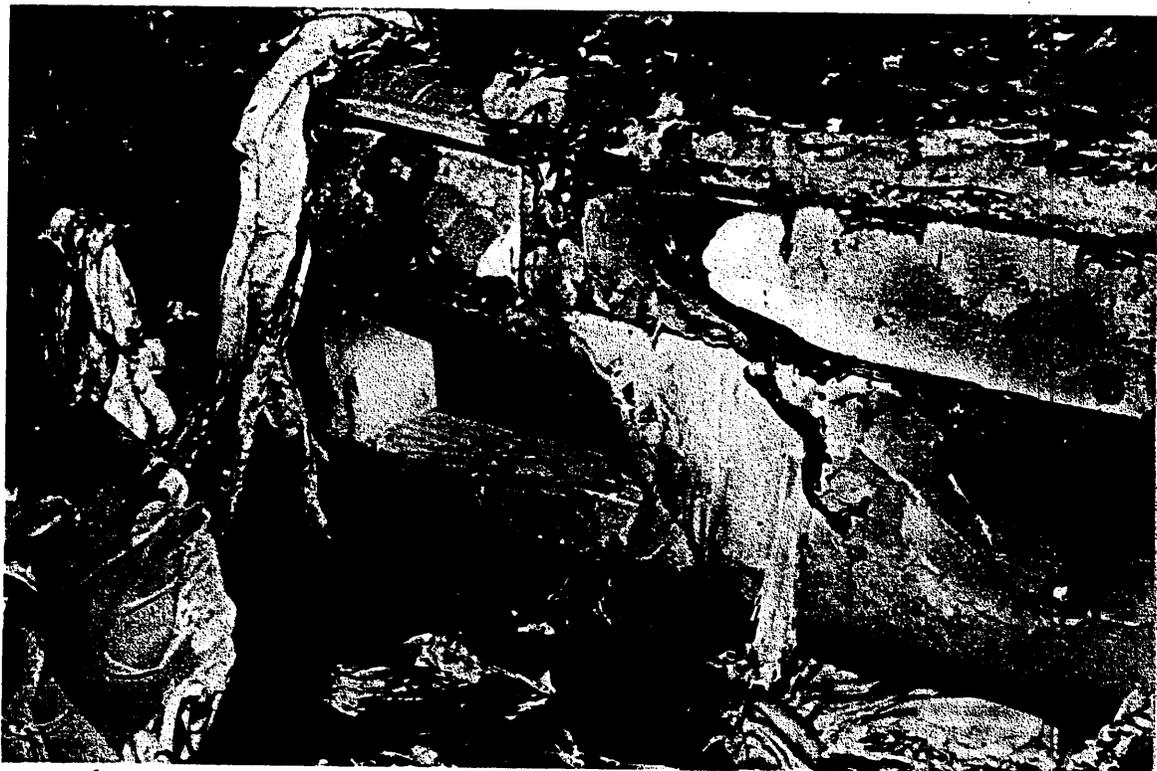
View of utility lighter at fire scene

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View of charred remains, mattress
and bedding involved in fire



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Side view of mattress and boxspring
remains of fire

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Another view of molten materials
including blankets involved in fire



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View of several clothing items which
were destroyed in fire

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Barbara Jacobson
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(Sample 97-830-3820)

Ed Blythin, Cleveland, visited a Dillard's Department Store and collected a sample of the suspect housecoat. (Sample 97-830-3397)

George Gayman, Atlanta, sent an investigatory letter to American Industries, Nashville, Tennessee, regarding the firm's EZ Krunch Abdominal Exerciser. The staff had made a Preliminary Determination that this product presents a substantial product hazard. The company disagrees with our determination. We are requesting additional information on the product. At the same time, Human Factors and Health Sciences are conducting an additional evaluation of the product.

Joseph McDowell, St. Louis, investigated a consumer complaint in Havana, Illinois, involving an electric deep fryer. The consumer was lowering the metal basket (containing french fries) into the hot oil when the basket's handle detached causing it to fall into the hot oil which splashed into the consumer's face burning her. The fryer, manufactured by Hudson Standard Corp., Newark, New Jersey, was collected as a sample. (Sample 97-830-3147, IDI #970212CCN0331)

Joseph McDowell, St. Louis, investigated a newspaper report of a fire in Springfield, Illinois, started by two children, 2 and 3-years-old, playing with a lighter. They ignited the blanket on the bed of a 10-month-old who suffered burns to 90 percent of his body. The victim has been transferred to a burn unit in a hospital in Cincinnati and is not expected to survive. The lighter involved was an Aim N' Flame Utility Lighter by Scripto-Tokai. (IDI #970227CCN0341)

Dennis Donath, Twin Cities, inspected Musco Corp., Oskaloosa, Iowa, as follow-up to a report from the State of California regarding stadium lights manufactured by the firm. The lights were installed at a high school football stadium; one of which was mounted on a 100-foot-high pole. This light fixture broke away from the pole and fell into the bleachers. This occurred at night when no one was present. Examination of the pole found that the metal around where the light attaches to the pole had cracked leading to the failure. The inspection found that Musco was aware of the incident and has instituted an inspection program for all similar light installations in California schools. They have also developed a fix for existing installations and for newly manufactured lights.

Henry Simpson, Atlanta, investigated a house fire in Savannah, Georgia caused when a bulb in a halogen lamp exploded, throwing hot fragments onto a sofa. Damage was confined to the sofa. (IDI #970304CCN0343)

Harold Snyder, Kansas City, investigated a consumer complaint about a Ccnair Model 097A Hand-Held Hair Dryer. A 33-year-old woman was using the dryer when it began emitting sparks followed by flames out its back. The complainant received burns to her hand and wrist. The dryer was collected as a sample. (IDI

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