

JUL 20 1994

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1. CASE NUMBER 940526HWE5010		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8096		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
3. OFFICE CODE 860	4. DATE OF ACCIDENT 94 05 05	5. DATE INITIATED 94 06 15			
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A 4- year old male playing with a barbecue lighter accidentally set the kitchen curtains on fire. The fire was confined to the kitchen. No one was injured in this incident. Damages were estimated at \$10,000 to the structure and \$5,000 to the contents.					
7. LOCATION(Home, School, etc.) home 10		8. CITY San Luis Obispo		9. STATE California	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT barbecue lighter (butane) <i>1247</i>		10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME unknown <i>CPSA 6 (b)(1) Cleared</i> <i>2SC</i>		10C. MODEL NUMBER unknown	
10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS unknown <i>No Mfrs./Prvtlblrs or Products Identified Excepted by ANPR Firms Notified, Jun 6/30/94</i>					
11A. SECOND PRODUCT kitchen curtains <i>0617</i>		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME unknown		11C. MODEL NUMBER unknown	
11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS unknown					
12. AGE OF VICTIM 004	13. SEX male 1	14. DISPOSITION no injury 0		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS no injury <i>99 70</i>	
16. BODY PART(S) INVOLVED no injury 99	17. RESPONDENT mother, fire report 1	18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION telephone 2		19. TIME SPENT (Operational hours) 4	
20. CATEGORY ID	21. CASE SOURCE newspaper 05	22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER none			
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (Non Neiss Cases Only) YES: NO: xxx					
24. REVIEW DATE <i>07/14/94</i>	25. REVIEW BY <i>[Signature]</i> 8320		26. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR		
27. DISTRIBUTION					

Information in this report was obtained from a telephone interview with the mother and from the fire report. The barbecue lighter was discarded after the fire.

Synopsis:

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Pre-Incident:

The victim, a 4 year old male, lives with his parents in a single family dwelling. According to his mother, he is a very smart or above and active boy for his age. At the time of the incident, he was not under the influence of drugs, alcohol, under any medications.

According to the mother, the victim does not have any history of playing with fire. He is not fascinated by fire. He had not played with a lighter prior to the incident. He was never shown how to use or light a cigarette or barbecue lighter.

The mother smokes cigarettes and uses a small butane cigarette lighter. She told me that the victim had watched her light up a cigarettes in the past, but he did not seem to be interested in playing with the cigarette lighter.

On May 4, 1994 the victim's father had visited his mother. While he was in his mother's attic, he found an old barbecue lighter. This lighter is at least 10 to 15 years old. The barbecue lighter still had some butane. The father then took the barbecue lighter home.

During the evening hours, the father used the barbecue lighter to light the pilot light on the kitchen gas stove. After lighting the pilot light, he put the barbecue lighter on top of the microwave oven. The victim had apparently watched his father used the barbecue lighter to light the pilot light.

Incident:

On May 5, 1994 at about 11:30 pm, the victim and his family were

home. According to the mother, they were in the living room. The victim then left the living room and walked into the kitchen. He wanted to get some yogurt from the refrigerator. As he was in the kitchen, he climb up a chair to the top of the microwave oven. He then reached and got hold of the barbecue lighter. He then pulled the trigger and a flame came out from the tip of the barbecue lighter. He then threw the barbecue lighter against the wall near the kitchen curtains. He then got his yogurt and walked out the kitchen. A few minutes later, the mother told me that smoke was coming from the kitchen. According to the fire report, the victim then told her mother that the curtains were on fire. The mother then walked into the kitchen and saw the fire.

Post-Incident:

The fire was burning the kitchen curtains. According to the fire report, the mother than grabbed the victim and went outside. She then called 911 from a portable phone which she had grabbed prior to leaving the house. The family dog followed them outside.

A neighbor then help extinguish the fire by spraying water through the kitchen window.

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Product Identification:

The product involved in this incident is a barbecue lighter. The product is about 10 to 15 years old. The lighter is about 8" to 10" long. The lighter was discarded after the fire.

According to the mother, the lighter is silver with a colored (red) handle. She told me that when you pull the trigger, the flame will appear at the tip of the lighter. When you release the trigger, the flames still appear at the tip of the lighter. Only after several seconds later, do the flames disappear. She told me that the flames do not shut off the instant you release the trigger. She also told me that it did not have an adjustable knob to control the size of the flames.

Voluntary Standards:

none

Exhibits:

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#1 fire report

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COMPANY RUN REPORT
SAN LUIS OBISPO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE: 05/05/94

ALARM INFORMATION

REPORT NO: 8S -0881-94

LOCATION/Common Name:	[REDACTED]	GRID NO: J15
OCC: [REDACTED]	ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	PHONE: ([REDACTED])
RP: 911	ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	PHONE: ([REDACTED])
TIME OF DISPATCH: 2257		ACTIVITY CODE: 8S
TYPE/INCIDENT: Fire, structure.		

UNITS and PERSONNEL RESPONDING

RESPONSE CODE	3	3	3	3	3
UNIT NUMBER	E3	E1	S1	BC3	E2
IN SERVICE	2257	2257	2257	2257	2258
ON SCENE	2301	2301	2311	2301	2311
RETURN/AVAIL.	2349	2354	2353	2340	2332
IN QUARTERS	2354	0001	2358	2345	2339
RESPONDING PERSONNEL	Redel Bullock	Rutledge Brady James	Logan Ruiz	Arnett	Ward Clinite

Run #8S -0881-94

NARRATIVE

Dispatch:

SLOFD units responded code-3 to a reported structure fire involving a disturbance at the above location. SLOPD officer on scene reported fully involved structure.

Conditions Found:

Upon arrival found a single family residence emitting moderate smoke from the corner A/B windows. A man was seen holding a garden hose into the side B kitchen window; glass no longer in place. No flames were visible from outside the structure; no indication of reported disturbance identified.

Action Taken:

E-1 assigned S-1 to interior attack line; Eng. James was assigned to utilities disconnect. Upon entering the structure through the unlocked front door (side B) dark smoke was encountered approximately five feet from the floor level. S-1 progressed to the kitchen area while E-1 breached the ceiling for attic extension assessment. A primary search was conducted yielding an all clear status. S-1 extinguished a small remaining fire at A/B interior as positive pressure ventilation was initiated to clear the smoke. Overhaul activities began after receipt of clearance from Eng. James (based on investigation findings).

DUTY BATTALION CHIEF	REPORTING OFFICER	RANK	STATION	PLATOON
Arnett, Gerald	Rutledge, Bob	B/C	1	C

CFIRS is complete.

Fire prevention bureau and Chief-1 notified of incident.

All units returned quarters...

Follow Up:

Residents present:

[redacted] (mother)
[redacted] (child)

Anthony Leal M26 (property owner)

Witness account of incident included a signed statement of [redacted] in her own handwriting:

[redacted] went into the kitchen & got the thing we lite our gas stove with and came out into the living room with his yogurt & told me the curtains were on fire. I went into the kitchen to find everything burning fast. Grabed [redacted] & the dog came out side with the phone and called 911."

Man with garden hose: [redacted] M25, [redacted], SLO [redacted] witnessed by SLOPD Officer Gillham #37317.

Estimated damage: property \$10,000
contents 5,000

END OF REPORT

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CFIRS is complete.

San Luis Obispo, CA
(San Luis Obispo Co.)
Telegram-Tribune
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Neighbors help stop two SLO house fires

By Danna Dykstra Coy
Telegram-Tribune

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SAN LUIS OBISPO — Two homes sustained extensive fire damage Thursday in separate fires.

One of the fires was reportedly started by a 4-year-old boy playing with a lighter.

Earlier in the day, firefighters were called to a blaze at [redacted] home to four Cal Poly students.

The 1:30 p.m. fire was accidental, said San Luis Obispo fire investigator John Madden. It was caused by an electrical light fixture that had malfunctioned earlier in the week but was still plugged in to a wall outlet, according to Madden.

The home, which is reportedly owned by one of the student's parents, received about \$90,000 in damages to the roof, kitchen and family room.

Firefighters were at the scene until about 7:30 p.m.

That fire, too, was held at bay by neighbors who put a garden hose through the front living room window, according to a gathering of neighbors watching firefight-

ers work from across the street. Some volunteer firefighters who live in the neighborhood jumped in to help battle the blaze.

The home reportedly belongs to the parents of [redacted], a tennis player who happened to come home as orange flames leapt from the garage roof.

[redacted] girlfriend, [redacted] said her boyfriend has a national tennis competition next week.

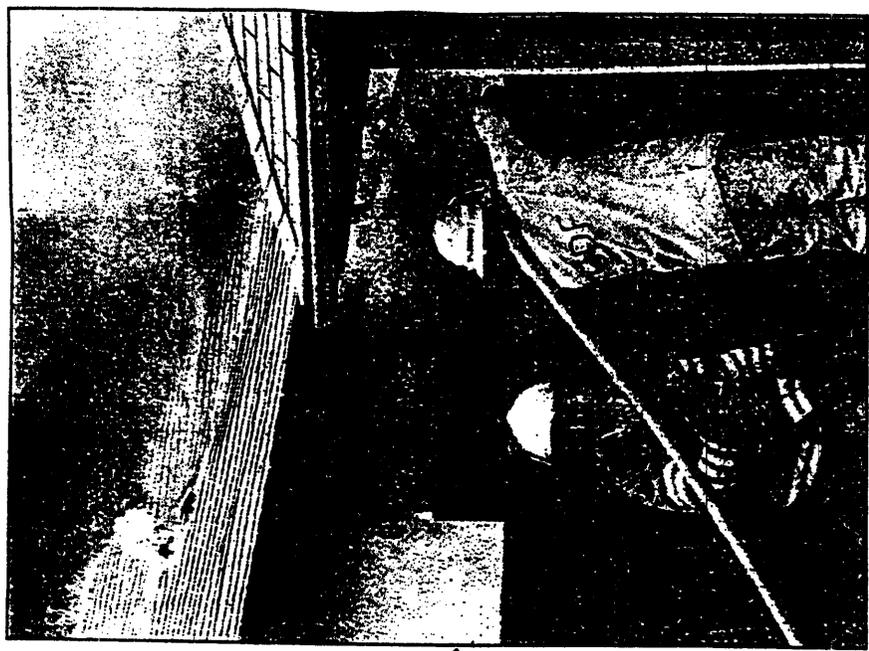
"I hope his rackets aren't in there," she said, shivering outside the burning house. "Oh my God. I can't believe this."

Firefighters said the second fire started about 11 p.m. at [redacted] and was confined to the kitchen because neighbor [redacted] rushed over and put a garden hose through the kitchen window.

There was also heat and smoke damage throughout the residence.

No injuries were reported in the blaze, apparently started by a boy who'd gone to the kitchen to get something from the refrigerator, said Madden.

Estimated damages weren't known this morning.



David Middlecamp/Telegram-Tribune
SLO firefighters battle a Margarita Lane blaze.

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7. CASE NUMBER 940520CBB1490		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8930	3. OFFICE CODE 800	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4. INCIDENT DATE YR MO DAY 910531	5. DATE IDI INITIATED YR MO DAY 940608			

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT
 No injuries occurred when a fire resulted from a three year old male who was playing with a barbeque grill lighter. He ignited a piece of foam that was sitting on a couch.

CPSA 6 (with) Cleared 25C
 No Mfrs/Prvtlblrs of
 Products Identified
 ✓ Excepted by ANPR
 Firms Notified, Jun 6/30/94
 Comments Processed.

7. LOCATION Home 10	8. CITY Alfred	9. STATE ME
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT Barbeque grill lighter 1232	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Scripto-Tokai Fontana, CA Model: Aim n Flame #HF12
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT 0000	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS
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12. AGE OF VICTIM 999	13. SEX 9	14. DISPOSITION No injury 99	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS No Injury 71
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16. BODY PART No injury 99	17. RESPONDENT(S) complainant & insur. agent 1	18. INVESTIGATION TYPE other 3	19. TIME SPENT 10.0
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20. ATTACHMENTS multiple 9	21. CASE SOURCE Insurance agent 13	22. REVIEWED BY <u>8342</u> YR MO DAY <u>940614</u>
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY)
 CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME ___ CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME X

24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)	25. REGIONAL DIRECTOR REVIEW <u>RDS/MS</u> DATE <u>6/17/94</u>
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PRE-INCIDENT

The complainant and her husband purchased a grill lighter in the summer of 1990. This lighter could be used for lighting grills and campfires and was used on family camping trips and sometimes to light the barbeque grill. When not in use, the lighter was stored out of site of their children who were three years and one year at the time of the incident. The complainant believes that the lighter was normally put away inside the workbench that was in their basement. The complainant stated that to her knowledge, her three year old son had never seen them using the lighter, most of the time, he was sleeping when they used it.

Their house was a ranch with an unfinished basement. The basement had a couch and all types of other items such as toys, old mattresses, and furniture which was being stored. The older child would sometimes play in the basement.

On May 31, 1991, at approximately 10:30 AM, the three year old boy was playing in the basement. His mother was upstairs in the kitchen with the one year old and left the basement door open so she could hear her son.

INCIDENT

The three year old boy came to the top of the stairs and stated that there was a fire in the basement and at the same time, the smoke detectors started to sound.

POST-INCIDENT

The mother took both of her children outside, and got a passerby to call the fire department. There were no injuries, however, the fire caused extensive damage. The insurance company paid approximately \$80,000 to cover costs of repairing and cleaning the home. While the fire was confined to the basement, the remainder of the house sustained smoke and water damage. The family was unable to live in the house for several months after the fire.

The investigation revealed that the three year old saw the lighter sitting on the workbench and thought it was a toy gun. He brought it over to the couch and was able to light the lighter. He accidentally ignited a piece of foam that was sitting on top of the couch. He then placed the lighter back where he found it. The complainant has no idea why the lighter was sitting on the workbench in reach of the child.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Manufacturer: Scripto Tokai
Fontana, CA

Model: Aim n Flame #HF12

Product is a grill lighter that has a red handle. It operates by a switch that must be placed to the "on" position, and then the user presses a trigger. There is also a switch that allows the user to adjust the height of the flame. It is packaged in a blister pack. On the metal top portion of the lighter, there is an imprint reading "KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN FOLLOW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS ON PACKAGE".

PRODUCT STANDARDS

None

SAMPLE

S-800-1044 was collected from a retailer. The insurance agent would not allow me to collect the actual unit involved in the fire.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 - Photographs
- 2 - Fire report
- 3 - Insurance file with interview with homeowner, picture of basement where fire was, and assorted correspondence
- 4 - Photocopy of packaging and lighter that is similar to the one involved in the fire
- 5 - C/R S-800-1044

Att.#2 940820CBB1490

Alfred Fire Department FIRE REPORTS

915 10-8 for air re
at 3:00 p.m.
915 10-7 in service
at 5:05 p.m.

Toned Out At 10:55 a.m. 10-7 In Service At 5:05 p.m.

Date May 31, 1991 Location Mountain Road

Equipment	901	903	913	915
Drivers	Gary Cushing	James Simeoni	James Gerrish	Ron Worden
10-8	11:00 a.m.	10:59 a.m.	11:02 a.m.	11:20 a.m.
10-32	11:04 a.m.	11:03 a.m.	11:06 a.m.	11:24 a.m.
10-8 10-19	12:46 p.m.	2:22 p.m.	12:44 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
10-7	12:51 p.m.	2:33 p.m.	12:54 p.m.	1:19 p.m.

Type of Incident Structure Fire

Cause Human Element (child)

Estimated Property Value \$113,700 Estimated Total Loss \$20,000

Property Owned by [REDACTED] Phon [REDACTED]

Gallons of Water 2,000 Feet of 1½ Hose 400 Feet of 2½ Hose 50

Feet of Booster Hose 0 Feet of Ladders Raised 0 Hydrant 1

Indian Guns Used 0 Total Miles Apparatus Traveled 18

Officer in Charge Chief James Gerrish NG

Mutual Aid Departments Sanford Fire Department

USED 5 SCBA'S 915 FILLED 15 SCBA BOTTLES. USED FOLD-A- TANK

MEMBERS OF DEPARTMENT PRESENT

<u>Paul Morrison</u>	<u>Richard Tetreau</u>	<u>Michael Snyder</u>
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Incident No. 68

A 10, FID# R11016A, INCIDENT NO. 9010168010, EXP. MO. 05, DAY 31, YEAR 1991, DAY OF WEEK 1 (Sunday), ALARM TIME: 6:10, ARRIVAL DATE: 11/03/1705, TIME IN SERVICE: 11

B SITUATION FOUND: 11 Structure fire, 29 Overpressure Rupture, 44 Power line down, 54 Animal Rescue, 61 Steam, gas mistaken for smoke, 71 Malicious false, 72 Bomb Scare, 73 Alarm Malfunction, 74 Unintentional false, 75 Unclassified, 76 Other

C ACTION TAKEN: 1 Extinguishment, 2 Rescue or Assistance, 3 Investigation only, 4 Remove Hazard, 5 Stand by, 6 Salvage, 7 Ambulance, 8 Fill in, Move up, 9 Not classified, 0 Undetermined

D FIXED PROPERTY USE (Occupancy): Single Family Dwelling, IGNITION FACTOR: Child playing with Lighter

E CORRECT ADDRESS (Up to maximum of 21 characters): [REDACTED], ZIP CODE: 04101062, CENSUS TRACT: 1316

F OCCUPANT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI): [REDACTED], TELEPHONE: [REDACTED], ROOM or APT. N/A

G METHOD OF ALARM: 1 Telephone direct, 2 Municipal alarm system, 3 Private alarm system, 4 Radio, 5 Verbal, 6 No alarm recd., 7 Tie-line (911), 8 Voice signal municipal alarm signal, 9 Not classified above, 0 Undetermined or not reported, CO. INSPECTION DISTRICT: 1, SHIFT: 1, NO. ALARMS: 2

H NO. FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED: 19, NO. ENGINES RESPONDED: 003, NO. AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED: 000, NO. OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED: 001

I NUMBER OF INJURIES: FIRE SERVICE 001, OTHER 000, NUMBER OF FATALITIES: FIRE SERVICE 000, OTHER 000

J COMPLEX: Single Family Dwelling, MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE: N/A (Complete Line S) 198

K AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN: BASEMENT, EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION: 1711 Lighter For Gas Grill (Complete Line T) 187

L FORM OF HEAT IGNITION: Lighter, TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED: 416 FOAM Rubber, FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED: 511 upholstered Sofa: 121

M METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT: Self extinguished, 2 Make shift aids, 3 Portable extinguisher, 4 Automatic ext. system, 5 Pre-connect hose/tank only, 6 Pre-connect hose/hydrant draft standpipe, 7 Hand-laid hose/hydrant draft standpipe, 8 Master stream device, 9 Not classified above, 0 Undetermined or not reported 5

N LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN: 8, ESTIMATED TOTAL DOLLAR LOSS: \$20,000, NFIRS 1 LAYOUT 4

O Number of Stories: 1 story, CONSTRUCTION TYPE: 1 Fire resistive, 2 Heavy timber, 3 Protected noncombustible, 4 Unprotected noncombustible, 5 Protected ordinary, 6 Unprotected ordinary, 7 Protected wood frame, 8 Unprotected wood frame, 9 Not classified above, 0 Undetermined or not reported 8

P EXTENT OF DAMAGE: 1 Confined to the object of origin, 2 Confined to part of room or area of origin, 3 Confined to room of origin, 4 Confined to the fire-rated comp. of origin, 5 Confined to floor of origin, 6 Confined to structure of origin, 7 Extended beyond structure of origin, 9 No damage of this type (N/A), DETECTOR PERFORMANCE: 1 Det. in room or space of fire origin - oper., 2 Det. not in rm. or space of fire origin - oper., 3 Det. in rm. or space of origin - no oper., 4 Det. not in rm. or space of origin - no oper., 5 Det. not in rm. or space of fire origin, but fire too small to oper., 9 Not classified above, 0 Undetermined or not reported, 8 No detectors present (N/A), SPINKLER PERFORMANCE: 1 Equipment operated, 2 Equipment should have operated - did not, 3 Equipment pres. bt. fire too small to oper., 9 Not classified above, 0 Undetermined or not reported, 8 No equipment present (N/A) 8

Q TYPE OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE: Multiple Forms of Materials 1917, AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL: 1 Air handling duct, 2 Corridor, 3 Elevator shaft, 4 Stairwell, 5 Opening in construction, 6 Utility opening in wall, 7 Utility opening in floor, 9 Not classified above, 0 Undetermined or not reported, 8 No avenue of smoke travel (N/A) 4

R FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE: Multiple Forms of Materials 1917

S IF MOBILE PROPERTY: YEAR, MAKE, MODEL, SERIAL NO., LICENSE NO.

T IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION: YEAR, MAKE, MODEL, SERIAL NO.

U MEMBER MAKING REPORT: CAPT. James S. Simon, DATE: 3/31/91

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

A	FDID	INCIDENT NO.	EXP. MO.	DAY	YEAR	DAY OF WEEK	ALARM TIME	ARRIVAL DATE	TIME IN SERVICE
	10	R11016A	901068	01005	31	91	2	11055	11103117015
B	SITUATION FOUND			ACTION TAKEN			MUTUAL AID		
	11 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure fire	29 <input type="checkbox"/> Overpressure Rupture	44 <input type="checkbox"/> Power line down	54 <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Rescue	65 <input type="checkbox"/> Steam, gas	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extinguishment	5 <input type="checkbox"/> Stand by	8 <input type="checkbox"/> Fill in, Move up	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rec'd
C	FIXED PROPERTY USE (Occupancy)				IGNITION FACTOR				
	SINGLE FAMILY Dwelling				child playing with lighter				
D	CORRECT ADDRESS (Up to maximum of 21 characters)						ZIP CODE	CENSUS TRACT	
	[REDACTED]						0410102	[REDACTED]	
E	OCCUPANT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)				TELEPHONE		ROOM or APT.		
	[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]		N/A		
F	OWNER NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)				ADDRESS		TELEPHONE		
	[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
G	METHOD OF ALARM			CO. INSPECTION DISTRICT			SHIFT	NO. ALARMS	
	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone direct			1				2	
H	NO. FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED		NO. ENGINES RESPONDED		NO. AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED		NO. OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED		
	1010		1003		1000		1001		
I	NUMBER OF INJURIES		NUMBER OF FATALITIES		FIRE SERVICE		OTHER		
	1001		1000		1000		1000		
J	COMPLEX			MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE			(Complete Line S)		
	SINGLE FAMILY Dwelling			N/A			198		
K	AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN			EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION			(Complete Line T)		
	BASEMENT			Lighter For Gas Grill			187		
L	FORM OF HEAT IGNITION		TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED		FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED				
	Lighter		FOAM Rubber		upholstered SOFA				
M	METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT		ESTIMATED TOTAL DOLLAR LOSS		NFIRS 1 LAYOUT 4				
	Self extinguished		\$20,000		5				
N	LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN			CONSTRUCTION TYPE					
	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade level to 9 ft.			1 <input type="checkbox"/> Fire resistant			8		
O	EXTENT OF DAMAGE			DETECTOR PERFORMANCE			SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE		
	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Confined to the object of origin			1 <input type="checkbox"/> Det. in room or space of fire origin - oper.			1 <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment operated		
P	TYPE OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE			AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL					
	Multiple Forms of Materials			1 <input type="checkbox"/> Air handling duct			7 <input type="checkbox"/> Utility opening in floor		
Q	FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE								
	Multiple Forms of Materials								
S	IF MOBILE PROPERTY		YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	LICENSE NO.		
	30								
T	IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION		YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.			
	40								

U MEMBER MAKING REPORT CAPT. James Simon DATE 5/31/91



ALFRED FIRE DEPARTMENT



Oak Street
Alfred, ME 04002
EMERGENCY 324-1111 Business 324-8969

To: Angela Marsico
From: Asst. Chief Gary Cushing
Re: 1991 Fire at the [REDACTED] Residence

Dear Ms. Marsico,

Here is the lighter that you have requested. It has been in my possession since May 5, 1991. It was not kept in an evidence locker as it was not part of a criminal investigation.

I sincerely hope it will help you in your case, as this is the only way to get manufacturers to look at the child safety aspect of their products.

A source of additional information on the safety aspect of these lighters and a group that would like your info. as well is: The Consumer Products

Safety Council

Washington, D.C.

They have been involved in the lighter problem for many years.

If there is any other information I can provide you please ask and I'll do my best to get it to you.

Again if there is any way I can get this lighter back even if it is in pieces!! I would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely

Gary H. Cushing
Asst. Chief Alfred F.D.

Gary H. Cushing

(304) 504-0500 *

Oct. #3

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January 28, 1992

Scripto Tokai
P. O. Box 5555
Fontana, California 92334-5555

Claim Number: 51 18 HO 053 753
Loss Date: May 31, 1991
Our Insured: S. Bergeron



Re: ^{cla} 06-49151
404-262-1841
Alyson
Beasley
Crawford & Co.
PO Box 52067
Atlanta, GA

30355
cc. to: Fred
Ashley
Scripto
Tokai

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that I have been assigned to handle a claim involving one of your products, the Scripto grill lighter.

Our insured purchased the lighter for use when igniting camp fires on family camping trips. This lighter's physical appearance closely resembles a toy gun, which apparently was what our insured's three-year-old son mistook it for when he activated it.

Our records indicate that Maine legislation, the location in which this loss occurred, is attempting to combat the sale of these types of lighters through the passing of the legislative bill prohibiting their sale. A physical examination of the lighter also indicates there were no safety shut-offs to prevent the accidental discharge of this lighter by the child.

cc to:
Mark
Suzumocae
Pillsbury,
Madison +
Sutro

The fire that resulted at our insured's home caused approximately \$80,000 worth of damage to the dwelling and its contents.

Please forward this information onto your liability carrier so we might discuss this in further detail. I may be reached at (203) 294-7873.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,

725 So. Figueroa
LA, CA
90017-2513

(Ms.) Anne F. Ennis
Senior Claims Representative
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company

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INTERVIEW June 3, 1991

INTERVIEWER

INTERVIEWED [REDACTED]

This is [REDACTED] interviewing [REDACTED] at her home in Maine on June 3, 1991, concerning a fire which occurred on May 31, 1991.

Q. [REDACTED] you understand this interview is being recorded?
A. Yup.

Q. And it's being done with your permission?
A. Yes.

Q. For the record could I have your full name please?
A. [REDACTED]

Q. And your age?
A. 27.

Q. And date of birth?
A. January 16, 1964.

Q. Social security number?
A. [REDACTED]

Q. Okay, and are you married?
A. Yes.

Q. And your husband's name?
A. [REDACTED]

Q. And his age?
A. 34.

Q. Okay, are you employed?
A. Yes.

Q. And who are you employed by?
A. [REDACTED] in Kennebunk.

Q. And how long have you been employed with them?
A. Two years, almost two years.

Q. Okay, and is your husband employed?
A. Ah, ye, no.

Q. No, okay, how long has he been unemployed?
a. Want me to answer?

Q. Doesn't matter.
a. I'm totally disabled.

Q. For a number of years or?
a. Yeah, since '87.

Q. Since '87, okay, do you have any children?
A. Yes, two.

Q. And their names and ages?
A. Christopher [redacted], age 3 and J [redacted] [redacted], age 1.

Q. Okay, and are you the owner of this property here on [redacted], Alfred, Maine?
A. Yes.

Q. Okay, are you the sole owner?
A. Both of us.

Q. You and you husband?
A. Yeah me and my husband.

Q. Okay, is there a mortgage on the property?
A. Yes.

Q. Okay, do you know who that's through?
A. Ah.

a. I know.
A. Cha, he knows more than I do.
a. [redacted] Home Mortgage Corporation.

Q. Okay, and what is your monthly payment?
a. Ah, \$588.99.

Q. And is that payment current?
A. Yes.

Q. Okay, do you have any other loans or payments other than the house?
a. Yes.

Q. And what are they?
a. Ah, the addition

Q. Okay, is that current?
a. Yes.

Q. Okay, [redacted] where were you when the fire started on May 31st?
A. In the living room, sitting on the couch watching TV

- Q. Okay, approximately what time of day was it?
- A. About 10:30.

- Q. In the morning?
- A. Yup.

- Q. Okay, and who was home at the time?
- A. Just me and my two kids.

- Q. Okay, and where was your husband?
- A. He went to the store, hardware store.

- Q. Okay, and the living room is on the first floor?
- A. Yes.

- Q. Could you give me a brief description of the building?
- A. Well when you walk in the front door you got the living room there.

- Q. I mean is this a, it's a ranch I take it?
- A. Ranch.

- Q. Ah, wood frame constructed?
- A. Yeah.

- Q. Ah vinyl sided, asphalt shingle?
- A. Yeah.

- Q. Okay, so you were in the living room alone?
- A. With [redacted], [redacted] was on the floor.

- Q. Okay, and where was your son?
- A. He was downstairs playing in the cellar.

- Q. Okay, was he playing in the cellar alone?
- A. Yes.

- Q. All right so take it from there and tell me what happened?
- A. Ah, okay, I was watching TV, I heard the fire alarm go off, I thought he was playing with the button on the fire alarm, so when I got up he was already at the top of the stairs telling me there's a fire in the cellar, so I grabbed him out of the cellar, took him and [redacted] and brought them outside, went back in and got the remote phone, and I couldn't get anybody on the remote phone, so some car went down the hill, I hollered to stop, he came over and he ran next door to get our neighbor and he called the fire department from there.

Q. Okay, who called the fire department?
A. I don't remember the guys name.

Q. The passerby called?
A. Passerby car.

Q. Okay, and what fire department responded?
A. Alfred.

Q. Okay, is that a volunteer fire department?
A. Yes.

Q. Do you know the chief's name off hand?
A. No I don't remember it.
a. I don't know if the chief was here, there was an assistant chief and I think his name was, I don't know if it was Chad or Chris.

Q. Ah, approximately how far away is the volunteer fire department?
A. About.

a. Two, three miles.

A. Yeah, something like that, two or three miles.

Q. And how long did it take them to respond?
A. Maybe about five minutes.

Q. Okay.
A. After they were called.

Q. So how did the fire start, do you know?
A. Ah, well we asked my son about it, he said he found a, he called it a trigger gun, I guess he thought it was a gun, it's one of those camp fire guns there that you use.

Q. Um hum.
A. To start camp fires and stuff.

Q. Um hum.
A. He had found that and he was playing with it and he had started a piece of foam that we have for our waterbed that was laying up on top of the couch, I guess he started that, that's what he had told the fire chief and when he seen the fire start on that foam he put the trigger gun back up on the workbench and then came running up the stairs telling me there was a fire in the cellar.

Q. Um hum.
A. So that's when I got everybody out.

- Q. Okay, and how old is your son again?
A. Three.
- Q. Okay, have you ever had a fire at this location or any other?
A. No.
- Q. Okay, and other insurance claims, for car, home, no other insurance claim prior to this?
A. No.
- Q. Okay, all right, and your son hasn't played with?
A. Never.
- Q. Matches prior to this?
A. I think maybe it was just, he thought it was a gun, he likes to play with guns.
- Q. Um hum.
A. Play guns and stuff, I think that's all he thought it was.
- Q. Okay.
A. Cause he told the fire chief he just wanted to see what it would do.
- Q. Okay, so how extensive is the damage, the fire damage?
A. Extensive.
- Q. Okay, what was down in the cellar?
A. Ah, well we had a, a lot of stuff in the cellar as far as toys, some mattresses, just stuff, we stored stuff down there.
- Q. Um hum.
A. Couch and chair.
- Q. Was the basement finished or unfinished?
A. Unfinished.
- Q. Unfinished, okay, no carpeting or anything down in the basement?
A. No, there was just a piece of rug laying on the floor, but nothing carpeted.
- Q. All right and the upstairs sustained?
A. Heavy smoke damage.
- Q. Heavy smoke damage.
A. And some water damage in the dining room.

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- Q. Okay, and how long have you lived at this address?
A. Ah.
a. December of '88.
- Q. Did you have the building built, the house built?
a. Yeah it was completed in December of '88.
- Q. Okay, and who did you purchase that from, do you remember?
a. Southern Maine Owners.
- Q. Okay, all right [REDACTED] is there anything else you'd like to add concerning the details?
A. No.
- Q. Okay you acknowledge that the information given to me in this interview is true and correct to the best of your knowledge?
A. Yes.
- Q. And you understand that this interview has been recorded on one tape?
A. Yup.
- Q. Okay, for the record could you state your full name again please?
A. [REDACTED]

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DT: 04/28/93

June 26, 1991

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TO: J. K. Zephir, CDM
 NERO Claims

FROM: John J. Walsh, DCM
 NERO Large Loss Unit

RE: Our Insured: [REDACTED]
 Claim Number: 51-18-HO-053-753-01
 Date of Loss: May 31, 1991

**MERGE
 TO FILE**

INITIAL STATUS REPORT

Jack:

Presently, we have established a total reserve of \$55,000 on this claim which should prove adequate for our exposure. Tom Burns' investigation reveals that this fire is due to our insured's son, Christopher, a three year old boy, who was playing with a commercial charcoal lighter which has propane fuel triggered in much the same way as a cigarette lighter. The boy played with this lighter and evidently ignited the couch which was located in the basement. Subsequent damage occurred when the fire spread from the couch to the basement ceiling joists, and caused very heavy damage to the mechanical systems located in the basement, including plumbing and electrical. Water and smoke damage also occurred throughout the remainder of the house. Tom advises that he is currently attempting to achieve a settlement with the Public Adjuster who our insureds hired, but he states that he has approximately \$23,000 written on the building, and has been presented by the Public Adjuster's estimate of \$109,000. He will be meeting with them this week to make a further effort to get an agreed figure on the house.

Concerning ALE, Mr. Burns has authorized a condominium rental for two months in the amount of \$5,000 (these are summer rental rates in the Maine shore area where our residence is located), but this amount will still offset the costs of a hotel, plus food. At the present time, we are still attempting to get an inventory list of the personalty, but to no avail.

With reference to subrogation, Tom has discussed the cause of this fire with the Alfred, Maine Fire Department, and they advised that the Maine Fire Department Association is attempting to pass legislation which would prohibit these type of charcoal lighters. We both feel that we could have a shot at subrogation here, if we could prove that the manufacturers failed to provide any type of safe guard in the event that a child came in possession with one of these lighters. Please note, that these lighters are much easier to use via a trigger device than a cigarette lighter. I will keep you advised concerning our subrogation activities. Attached for your information, you will find Mr. Burns' Narrative Report, PILR Report,

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diagrams and photographs, recorded interview of Cheryl Bergeron, copy of the Public Adjuster's estimate, copy of the local fire report, copies of our two advances in the amount of \$8,000, and Tom's log sheets. Tom feels that he should be able to settle this claim sometime in July, and at that time, I will be writing to you once again for the express purpose of obtaining authorization to hopefully conclude this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Spencer".

JJW/fc

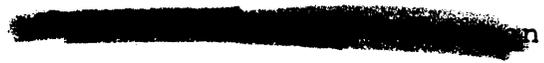
July 24, 1991

TO: John J. Walsh, District Claims Manager
 NERO Large Loss Unit

FROM: Tom Burns, Special Claims Representative
 Vermont FSO

RE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

- 1. CLAIM NUMBER:
 51-18-HO-053-753-05-31-91-01
- 2. POLICY NUMBER:
 51-18-HO-053-753
- 3. NAMED INSURED:



4. STATUS:

Attached, please find my initial Narrative which was typed on June 26th, along with John's initial status report also done on June 26th to Jack Zephir.

I did a second inspection of the property on June 28th, 1991, with Public Adjuster George von York, and since my first inspection a number of things came to light. One major item since my first inspection was the kitchen cabinets which we tried to clean, but were not cleaning up, and were not acceptable to the insured. Also, upon my first inspection, I missed a rather large hole in the whirlpool tub located off the master bedroom/master bathroom. Lastly, pointed out to me was the fact that the vinyl clad windows were not cleaning up, and that some of them had in fact melted, and I added them onto my second estimate.

As I mentioned in my initial Narrative, the Public Adjuster came up with a building estimate in the amount of \$109,000, and I have secured an agreed figure on the building with the Public Adjuster in the amount of \$44,314.03.

On my June 28th meeting with Mr. von York, he supplied me with a contents list for the insureds in the amount of \$73,106.21. These prices do not in my opinion reflect the damages in the basement, etc. He had over \$19,000 in the basement alone. I have come up with an agreed figure with the Public Adjuster in

the amount of \$29,919.23 instead of his initial \$71,000 in contents. As I mentioned in my initial Narrative, we had the insured in the condo for two months up in Old Orchard-Beach. George and I have taken approximately three weeks past our last visit in order to come to terms on this. I advised George that if possible, I would like to see the insured go back and stay with his relatives if the need arises for a week, so as not to overrun the \$5,000 ALE. If it is necessary to extend this ALE, then I will be requesting more information from the Public Adjuster regarding the insured's cost, etc.

Enclosed, please find final Fire Authorization, loss recap sheet, copies of my initial Narrative, copy of initial status report which John sent to Jack Zephir, the first copy of the contents from the Public Adjuster, copy of the \$109,000 estimate on the building, Vedder building estimate, and two pages of photos taken by me on my second inspection.

At this time, I am looking for authorization of \$79,233.26. I have advanced the insured \$8,000 for additional living and to replace the clothing, etc., which leaves a balance of \$71,233.26, plus the insured's \$250 deductible, for a bottom line of \$70,983.26. I have sent a Proof of Loss to the Public Adjuster, and I am awaiting return of that before making final payment after receiving authorization from you.

June 26, 1991

TO: John J. Walsh, District Claims Manager
 NERO Large Loss Unit

FROM: Tom Burns, Special Claims Representative
 Vermont FSO

RE: NARRATIVE REPORT

1. CLAIM NUMBER:

51-18-HO-053-753-05-31-91-01

2. POLICY NUMBER:

51-18-HO-053-753

3. NAMED INSURED:

[REDACTED]

4. RESERVES ESTABLISHED:

Initially, Connecticut placed a \$5,000 reserve on this Golden Blanket Policy which carries dwelling limits of \$113,700, personal property limits of \$85,275, and additional living expense of \$113,700. On June 4th, I raised the reserve by \$5,000 on the dwelling, and on June 25th, I placed a final \$15,000, for a total reserve at this time of \$55,000.

5. TIME SERVICE:

I received the claim on May 31st, late Friday afternoon, and got in touch with the insured on Friday evening. I spoke with the insured on June 2nd, which was Sunday, and inspected the premises with the insured on June 3rd, which was Monday. I advanced \$3,000 to the insured at that time.

6. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Enclosed, please find photos of this one-story ranch modular home located on Mountain Road in Alfred, Maine. The building appeared to be in good condition both inside and out, and the area is serviced by the Volunteer Fire Department of Alfred, Maine.

There is a mortgagee on the property through the Chase Home Mortgage Corporation in Tampa, Florida.

7. COVERAGE PROBLEMS:

I spoke with Fireman Gary Cushing at the site on June 3rd. The fire was started by the insured's young son. This is the second fire this year started by a charcoal lighter, and they are trying to pass legislation through the Maine Legislature in order to ban these type of charcoal lighters. There are no problems with coverage or any suspicion of arson in this case.

8. DATE, TIME AND ORIGIN OF LOSS:

The fire occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m. on May 31st, 1991. Our insured, [REDACTED] was upstairs with her one year old daughter while her three year old son [REDACTED] played in the basement. [REDACTED] advised that she had the basement door open, so that she could hear her son. Her son came to the top of the stairs, and said that there was a fire in the basement, and at that time, the fire alarms in the basement proceeded to go off. [REDACTED] took her two children out of the house and called the Fire Department from a neighbor's house. Apparently, her son [REDACTED] had found the charcoal lighter (this is the propane kind which has a flame and not the spark kind) and proceeded to trigger it like a gun causing it to ignite the couch located in the basement. The fire spread from the couch to the ceiling joists causing extensive fire damage to the basement area melting PVC pipes, electrical wires, etc., and causing smoke and water damage throughout the rest of the house.

9. DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGED PROPERTY:

As mentioned above. the building sustained smoke and water damage throughout the first story area, as well as heavy smoke, fire, and heat damage in the unfinished basement area. At this time, I am writing the estimate in the ballpark of \$23,000, whereas, the Public Adjuster, George von York of Public Adjusters Corporation in Portland, Maine, sent me a building repair in the amount of \$109,000. Again, I am at \$23,000. I am meeting with Mr. von York on the building and the contents this Friday, June 28th. There is additional living expense involved in this claim. Initially, I had the insured staying at his brother-in-law's house, but apparently, this is not working out. Our insured was staying there, due to the fact that he is disabled with a spinal injury which requires the use of a hot tub daily. His brother also owns a hot tub. The insured has a letter to this effect. However, due to the fact that they were either not getting along or the introduction of a Public Adjuster into this claim, he could no longer stay there. We have a two month condominium lease in Old Orchard Beach in the amount of \$5,000 which has been paid directly to the agency. With peak rates in effect at this time in Maine, sixty days in a hotel would run approximately \$4,300, and that would not include the insured's food to eat out and extra expenses. Therefore, the \$5,000 for the two months rent of the

condominium which has full kitchen facilities is not totally out of line.

10. ADJUSTMENT:

At this time, I do not have an agreed figure on the building or the contents. Hopefully, our meeting on June 28th will result in agreed figures.

11. OTHER INSURANCE:

There is no other insurance applicable.

12. SALVAGE:

At this time there is no salvage applicable. However, this may change.

13. SUBROGATION:

Whereas our insured's son [REDACTED] did start the fire, given the fact that the Maine Fire Department is trying to put into legislation a law prohibiting these type of charcoal lighters, if I am able to get a manufacturer's name off this lighter, perhaps we could pursue a subrogation claim against the manufacturer. I will call the Alfred Fire Department to obtain the make of this lighter.

14. UNDERWRITING ALERT:

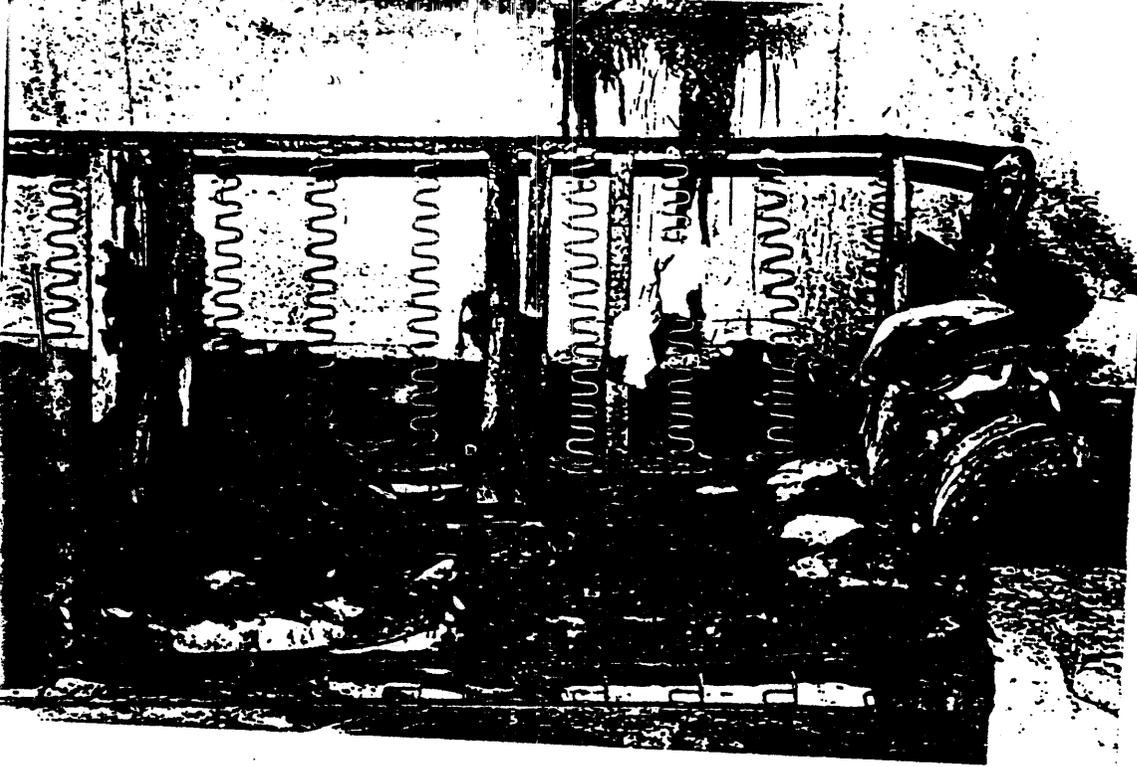
I saw no other adverse hazards on the premises. The building appeared to be well kept and clean both inside and out.

15. SUMMARY:

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Loss
2. Authorization changes
3. PILR Report
4. Photos and photo diagram
5. Statement from Cheryl Bergeron
6. Building diagram
7. Estimate from the Public Adjuster in the amount of \$109,000
8. The Alfred Fire Report
9. Two yellow copies of drafts, one for \$3,000 advance on the day that I met with the insured, and another \$5,000 direct for additional living to the Lloyd Webber Agency
10. Copy of log sheets
11. Narrative

I anticipate settlement within the next three weeks.
TB/fc



PH: S+C Bergeron

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NO. 1

LOC. Church in basement
point of origin



NO. 2

LOC. sewer pipe
in basement

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PH: S+C Bergeron

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NO. 5

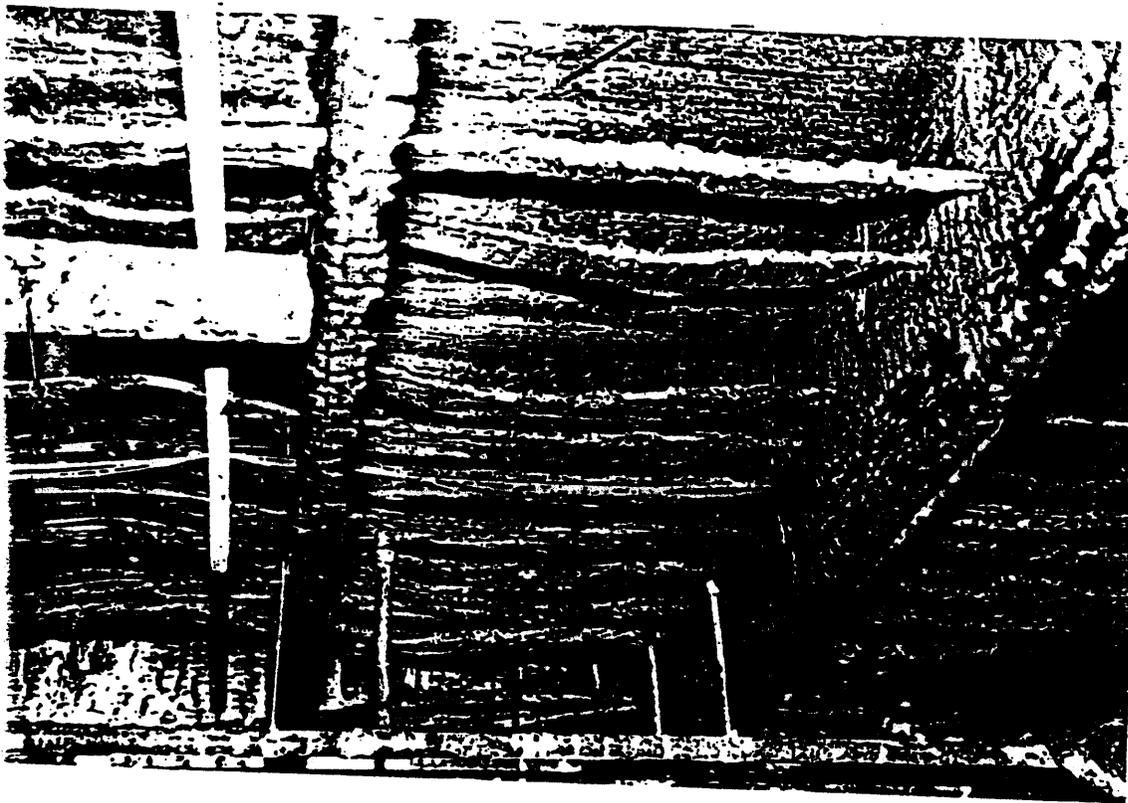
LOC. light + pipes

NO. 6

LOC. contents in
basement



PHOTO BY: T.J. BURNS



PH: S+C BERGERON

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NO. 3

LOC. Electrical wires
the length of house



NO. 4

LOC. Floor joist

CDM

July 25, 1991

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TO: J. K. Zephir, CDM
NERO Claims

FROM: John J. Walsh, DCM
NERO Large Loss Unit

RE: Our Insured: [REDACTED]
Claim Number: 51-18-HO-053-753-01
Date of Loss: May 31, 1991

JJW
7/30/91
FINAL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FOR \$79,233.26

Jack:

I previously wrote to you concerning status on this claim on June 26th, 1991, and advised you that we were having some difficulties in dealing with the Public Adjuster representing the insured on this loss. At that time, you will recall that Tom felt that he could settle this for the high twenties. Since then however, he has made several visits to the insured site, and has found additional damages, including but not limited to a hole in the whirlpool tub, melting and permanent discoloration of many of the vinyl clad windows located in the dwelling, and permanent uncleanable damage to the kitchen cabinetry. As a result, Tom has scaled his original ball park estimate to a final agreed figure with the Public Adjuster on the building in the amount of \$44,314.03, which is fully reflective of all damages observed by Tom. I feel he did an excellent job in reducing the Public Adjuster's original estimate of \$109,000 considerably.

In reference to contents, Mr. Burns made an extensive review of the contents on site with the Public Adjuster, and got involved in rather protracted negotiations with the insured's representative. Essentially, Mr. Burns felt that the Public Adjuster's claimed ACV amount of \$73,106.21 was way out of line, and Mr. Burns himself notes that the Public Adjuster had over \$19,000 in the basement alone. After reviewing each item of contents, Tom has come up with an excellent agreed figure on contents of \$29,919.23. This reflects a reduction of \$25,570.90 for items which Tom felt were totally undamaged, as well as \$13,553.98 from items he felt were unaffected in the basement area to arrive at a \$26,399.27 figure, and he then added \$2,200 for cleaning, and an additional 5% for taxes of \$1,319.96, to arrive at his final contents figure of \$29,919.23. Since this is a Golden Blanket Policy, depreciation is not warranted on the settlement. However, by copy of this memorandum, I am advising Mr. Burns that we will be applying a holdback amount until such time as the insured is capable of presenting evidence to us that he is well on his way to replacing all the affected items.

With reference to ALE, we had already established a rental

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figure at a condominium located in Old Orchard Beach for \$5,000, which is a summer rental amount in this area, and which represents a two month rental period. Mr. Burns feels that it will be rather close on relocating the insured to the insured risk, but he is encouraging the Public Adjuster to push the insured to stay with relatives if we run over the two month period by a week or so.

The entire claim including Coverages A, C, and D amounts to \$79,233.26. We previously established a reserve of \$83,000 which is obviously sufficient to cover our exposure. From this amount, we will be deducting the deductible of \$250, as well as the previous advances of \$8,000, for a final payment to the insured of \$70,983.26. Once you have had an opportunity to review previously forwarded material, as well as the attached material which includes Mr. Burn's supplemental Narrative, his Fire Authorization Sheet, copies of previous memorandums to you, loss recap sheet, building estimate completed on the Vedder Computer system, copy of the Public Adjuster's contents inventory accompanied by Tom's contents notes and final work up, additional photographs taken on Tom's reinspections, log notes, copy of the reserve increase, and copy of the original notice of loss, we would appreciate your earliest extension of authority in the amount requested, so that we may proceed to an immediate conclusion of this claim. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,



JJW/fc

Att. #4

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To Light: Slide safety switch to "ON". Point nozzle away from face and press ignition trigger. Light object. Then release trigger and slide safety switch back to "OFF". Store out of reach of children.

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**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
SAMPLE COLLECTION REPORT**

Att. #5

940520CBB1490

1. Flag		2. Date Collected 6/8/94		3. Sample type & number <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical S-800-1044 <input type="checkbox"/> Documentary	
4a. Product Name Grill lighter		4b. Model HF12	4c. NEISS 1232	5. Assignment Ref. 940520CBB1490	
6. Complete for Import Samples a. Port of Entry : - b. Entry # & Date : - c. Country of Origin : - d. HSUSA Code : - e. Customs Contact : -			7. MIS 32626	8. Hours: a. Activity 2.0 b. Travel 1.0	
			9a. Home RO FOWR	9b. Collecting RO FOER	
10. Sample Cost \$2.80 c		11. Invoice Value of Lot approx. \$600		12. Size of Lot approx. 200 units	
13. Manufacturer/Importer Scripto Tokai Fontana, CA 92337		14. Shipper/Foreign Mfr. n/a		15. Dealer/Import Broker Home Depot 111 Universal Dr. North Haven, CT ID #	
16. Supporting documents attached: a. Invoice # & Date : see remarks c. Shipping Record # & Date : - d. Affidavit Signer's Name, Title & Date : read by Gary Turci, Store Manager 6/8/94		b. Date Shipped: _____			
17. Product Identification: Product consists of a multi-purpose lighter that is primarily used for grills. It has a red handle. It operates by a switch that must be placed to the "on" position, and then the user presses a trigger. It is packaged in a blister pack labeled in part, "****Aim n Flame Multi-Purpose Lighter****Scripto****DANGER EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE****KEEP AND STORE OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN****No. HF12****Made in Mexico****1993 Scripto-Tokai Corporation Fontana, CA 92337 U.S.A.****".					
18. Reason for Collection & Analysis Needed: FHSA[] CPSA[X] FFA[] PPPA[] RSA[] Child started fire with lighter - IDI 940520CBB1490					
19. Summary of Field Screening: None					
20. Sample Size, Method of Collection: 1 unit was chosen from the store's shelves and brought back to FOER where it was identified as per 21. It was stored in a locked drawer until it was officially sealed as per 22 in a paper bag. The bag was placed in a jiffy bag for mailing.					
21. Identification on Sample: "S-800-1044 6/8/94 BJK "			22. Identification on Seal: "S-800-1044 Beverly J. Kohen 6/13/94 "		
23a. Sample Delivered To: Sample Cust. via UPS		23b. Date 6/13/94	24. Orig. Report/Records Sent To: FOER		
25. Laboratory/Office: ESEL[] HSHL[] HSPS[] CERM[] CECA[X] OTHER[]					
26. Remarks: Attached: Notice of Inspection, affidavit, receipt for samples Invoice from supplier would be on file with store's headquarters					
27. Related Samples: None					
28a. Collector's Name, Title & Employee # 8930 Beverly J. Kohen, Investigator			28b. Collector's Signature & Date <i>Beverly J. Kohen</i> June 13, 1994		
29a. Reviewer's Name, Title & Employee # 8342 Gilbert Bodin, Supervisory Investigator			29b. Reviewer's Signature & Date		
Distribution: Original [] Lab [] Fiscal [] Data [] Hdqtr [] Other []					

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*Rev/Kohle
pls. for Mr. [unclear]*

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

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Document Number See attached X453583A1
Date of Incident 5/31/91 Category I.D. SECTO4

Follow-Up Requested _____ Hazard Analysis _____
Type Follow-Up Requested _____ Telephone Call _____
Headquarters Contact Renee Rauchschalbe Section 15
On-site

Assignment Message Obtain lighter involved in incident and 2nd lighter bought by Ms Olesen at retailer "Aim & Flame" involved in incident. "Quick Start Bonheur" bought by Ms. Olesen. If engineering evaluation of product completed obtain evaluation. Obtain fire dept report and listen to home owners statements to verify incident scenario.

Person(s) to Contact Frances M. Olesen Insurance Agent
10 Research Parkway
Wallingford CT
203-294-7839

Guideline _____
VICTIM LIVES IN MAINE

Requested By RR
Task Number 940520CBB1490
Assigned to NYCO Date 940520

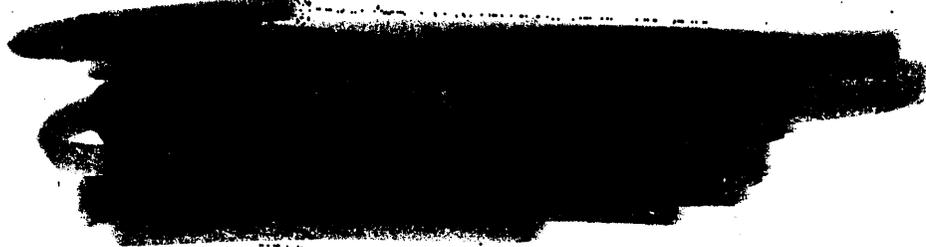
CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

MAY 20 1994

1. NAME OF RESPONDENT Frances M. Olesen		3. TELEPHONE NO. (Home) (Work) 203-294-7839	
2. STREET ADDRESS Nationwide Ins. 10 Research Parkway		4. CITY STATE ZIP CODE Wallingford CT 06492 150 Box 1823 New Haven, CT 06508	
5. DESCRIBE ACCIDENT SITUATION OR HAZARD, INCLUDING DATA ON INJURIES. (Use second page if necessary.) 3yr old boy playing in cellar w/toys. Lighter was on work bench. Put chair up to work bench to get lighter "gun." Sat on couch. Foam rubber on couch. Started on fire. Put "gun" back on work bench. Ran upstairs. Mother heard smoke alarm. Got both children out of house. Tried to phone 911 on remote phone. Did not work →			
6. DATE OF INCIDENT(S) 5/31/91	7. IF INJURY OR NEAR MISS, OBTAIN AGE 3 SEX M AND DESCRIBE INJURY No	8. IF VICTIM DIFFERENT FROM RESPONDENT, PROVIDE NAME Stephen W & Cheryl A. Bergero RELATIONSHIP Insurance agent	
9. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT Barbecue Lighter		10. BRAND NAME "Aim & Flame" \$2.74 a.k.a.	
11. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR NAME/ ADDRESS & PHONE Scripto Tokai PO Box 5555 Fontana, CA 92334-5555		12. MODEL, SERIAL NO.'S Ukn "Quick Start Barbeque" \$4.99	
14. WAS THE PRODUCT DAMAGED, REPAIRED OR MODIFIED? YES NO X IF YES, BEFORE OR AFTER THE INCIDENT? Describe		15. PRODUCT PURCHASED NEW X USED DATE PURCHASED Ukn AGE	
17. HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE MANUFACTURER? YES X NO IF NOT, DO YOU PLAN TO CONTACT THEM? YES NO OTHER referred to Crawford & Co. Atlanta, GA		18. DOES PRODUCT HAVE WARNING LABELS? IF SO, NOTE: keep away from children	
19. IS THE PRODUCT STILL AVAILABLE? YES X NO IF NOT, ITS DISPOSITION		20. MAY WE USE YOUR NAME WITH THIS REPORT? YES X NO	
FOR ADMINISTRATION USE			
26. DATE RECEIVED 5/19/94	21. RECEIVED BY (Name & Office) R. Rauchschalbe	22. DOCUMENT NO. X4 53583	
23. FOLLOW-UP ACTION IDI 940520CBB1490		24. PRODUCT CODE(S)	
25. DISTRIBUTION		28. ENDORSER'S NAME & TITLE	

Ran down hill to neighbor's house to
call 911. \$80,000 Property Damage. Value of
house \$13,000 & \$85,000 pers. prop. Total loss.

Victim's address:



Child thought lighter was a play gun.

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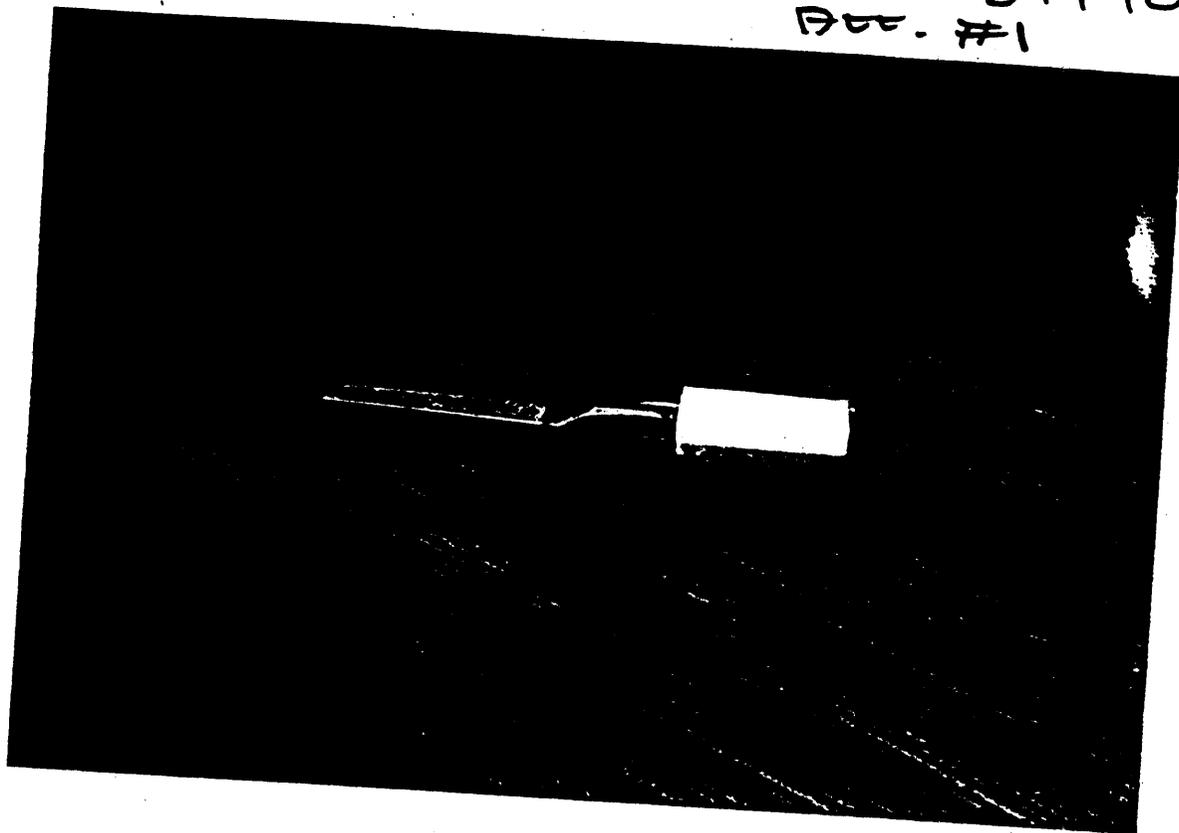


Fig. 1x2 - The grill lighter that
was involved in fire

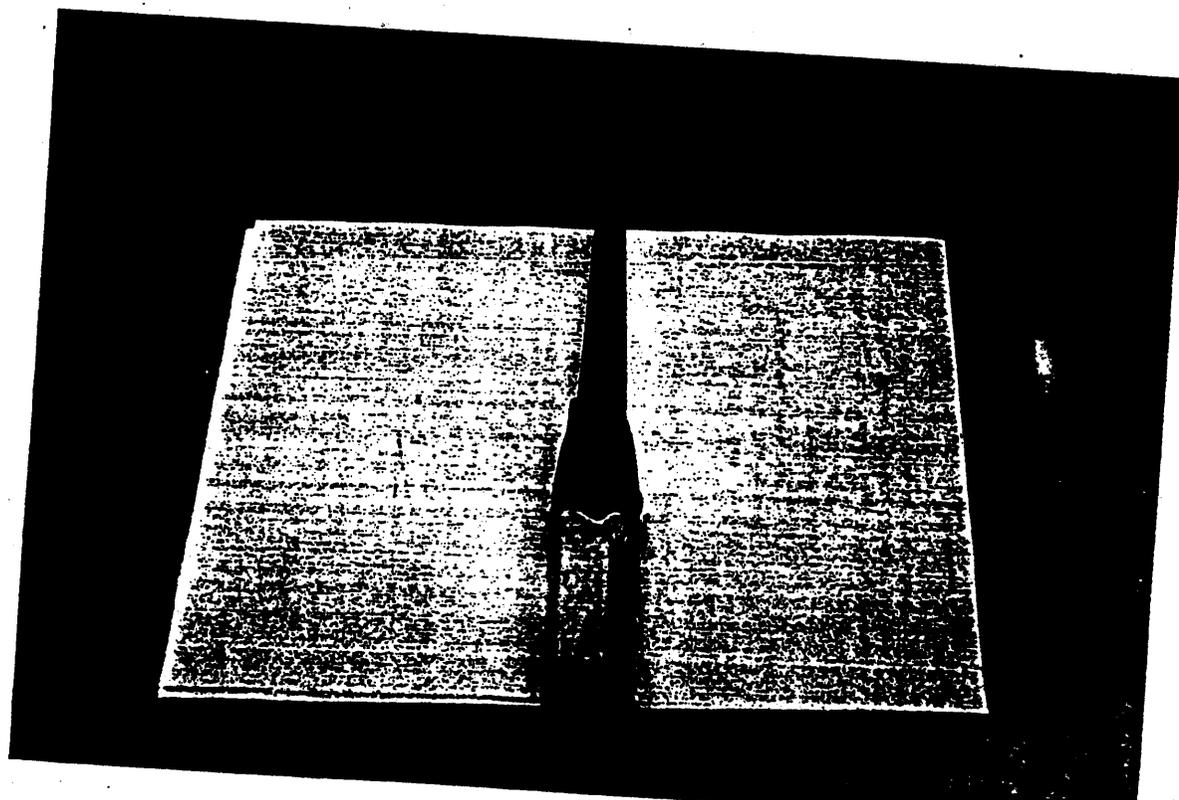




Fig. 3 - Lighter melted in fire



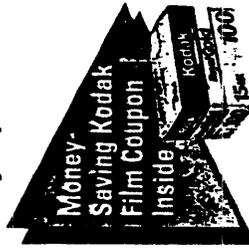
Fig. 4 - On/OFF switch on left,
trigger to the right

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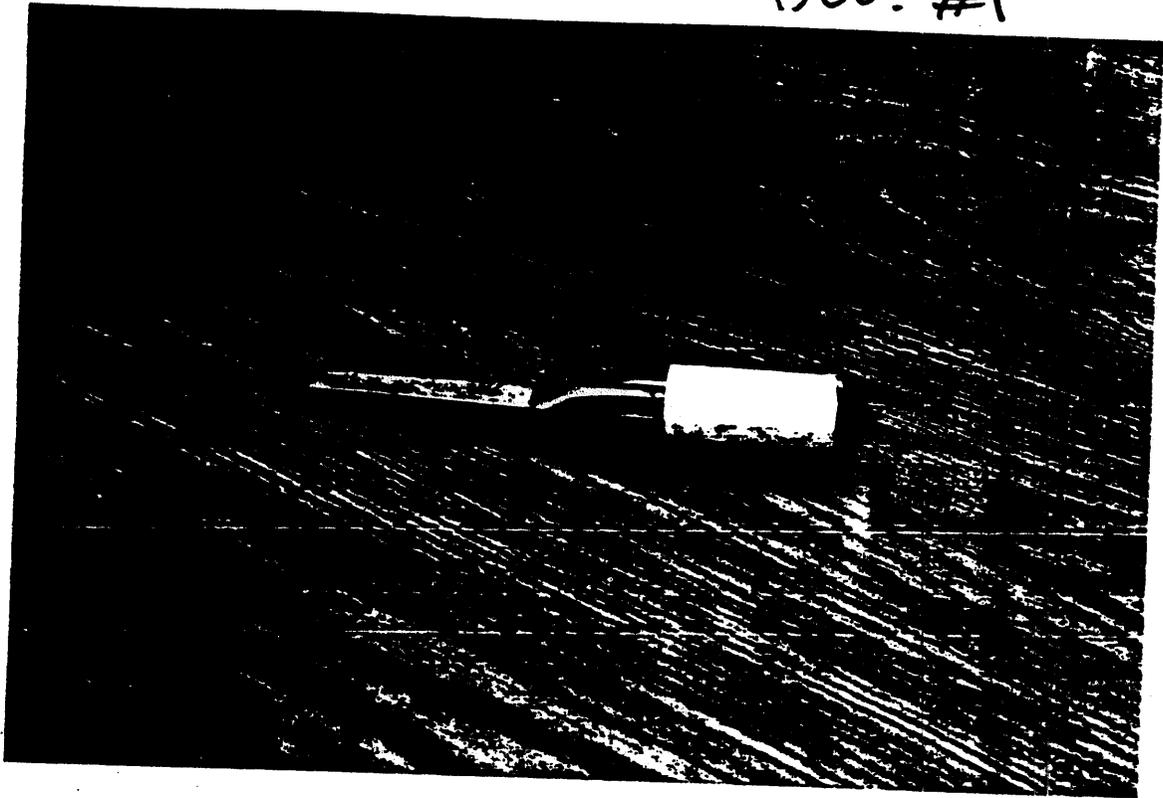


Fig. 1 & 2 - The grill lighter that
was involved in fire

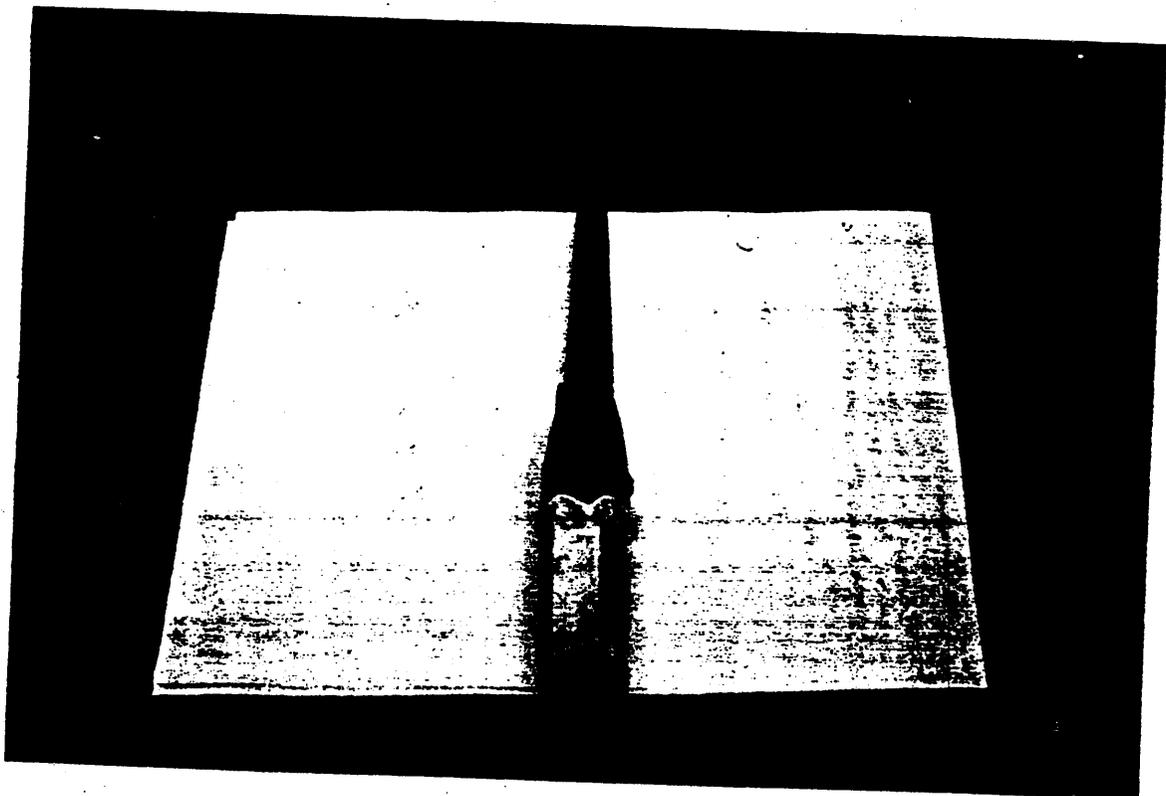


Fig. 4 - On/Off switch on left, trigger to the right

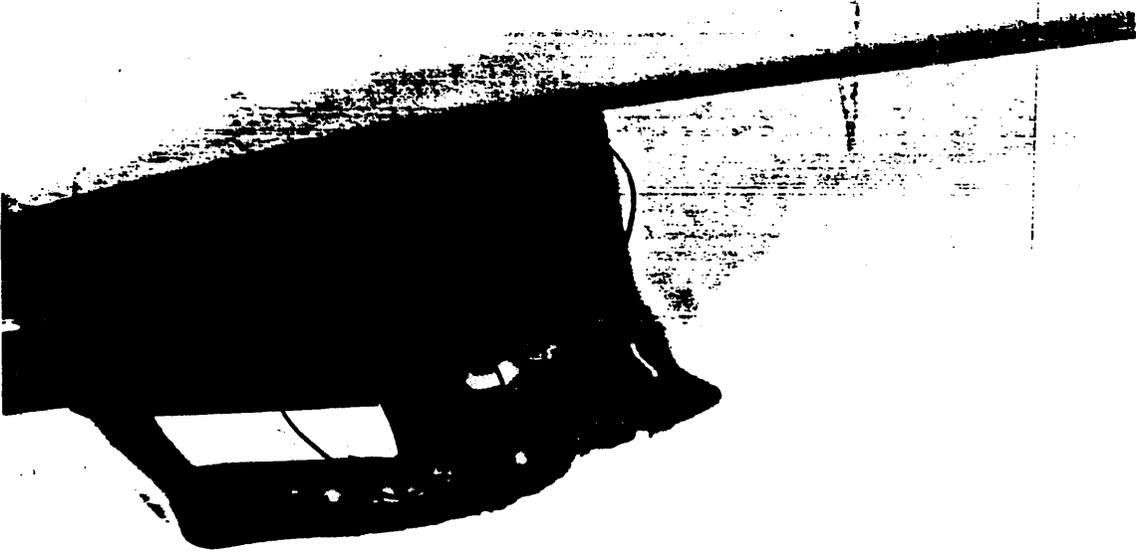


Fig. 3 - Lighter melted in fire



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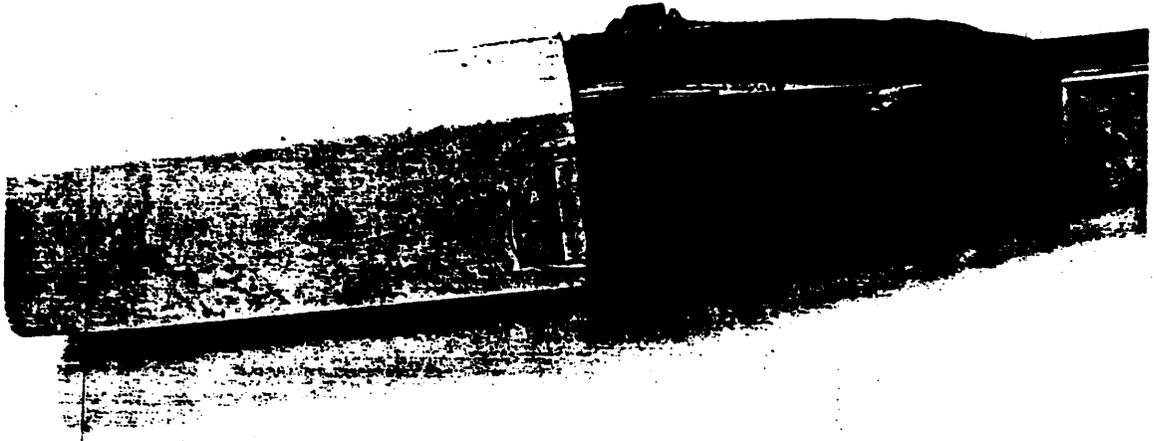


Fig. 5- Flame height adjuster

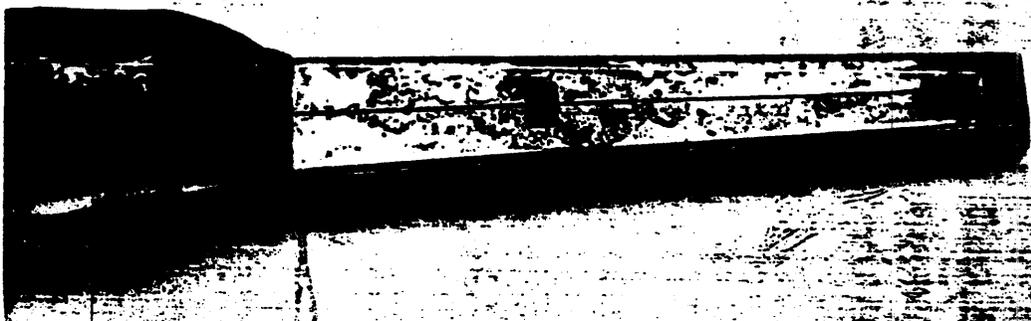


Fig. 6- Top part of the grill lighter



Fig. 7- Handle of lighter

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EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. CASE NO 941103CCC3094		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID [8][2][3][2]		3. OFFICE CODE [8][7][0]	
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY [9][4][0][9][0][8]		5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY [9][4][1][2][2][7]			

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT
 A four year old male used a lighter to ignite boxes in the garage of his mothers rental home. There were no injuries associated with the fire but the garage sustained heavy fire damage. The mother identified the lighter as a barbeque type lighter. The fire department investigator was unable to find the barbeque lighter during the investigation.

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) home, garage [1][2]	8. CITY Klamath Falls	9. STATE Oregon [OR]
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT barbecue lighter [1][6][0][4]	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Aim N Flame Scripto Tokai, Fontana, CA
10B. SECOND PRODUCT [REDACTED] [0][6][0][6]	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS [REDACTED]

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]
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16. BODY PART no injury [9][9]	17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Fire Marshal, mother [3]	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [1] OTHER - 3	19. TIME SPENT [][5].[0]
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20. ATTACHMENTS documents [2]	21. CASE SOURCE [0][5] newspaper F490128A	22. REVIEWED BY [][][][] 8320	YR MO DAY [][][][][][] 950124
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES
 (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME [] CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME [X]

24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)

25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE

The respondents were the Fire Marshal for the fire department which investigated the fire and the mother of the child who started the fire.

CPSA 6 (b)(1) Cleared
 25C
 No Mfrs/Prvtblrs or
 Products Identified
 Exempted by ANPR
 Firms Notified
 Comments Processed
 Jan 6/30/97

MFR/PRVLR NOTIFIED Jan 5/3/96
 No Comments made
 Comments attached
 25C
 Excisions/Revisions
 Firm has not requested
 further notice

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

Pre-Event

The fire occurred in a rental home in a residential neighborhood of a small city. The home was a single story wood framed duplex structure which was approximately 20 years old. The unit where the fire occurred was occupied by a mother and her three children.

The mother said that she purchased two barbecue lighters to light her barbecue. She said that her son had watched her use the lighters. She said that she stored the lighters on a shelf in the garage where she thought they would be out of reach of her son.

The mother was home with her four year old son at the time of the event. The mother fell asleep on the couch and was unaware that her son left the apartment, according to the fire report. She said that her son went into the garage and reached the barbecue lighter by climbing.

Event

The son played with a lighter in the garage and ignited boxes, according to the Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal said that the mother identified the lighter as a barbecue type lighter with a long tip. The child ran into the apartment and woke his mother immediately after starting the fire, according to the report. The mother and her son escaped without injury.

Post Event

The Fire Marshal said that the fire department received the alarm at 10:20 a.m. and arrived on the scene at 10:21 a.m. He said that the first responders found the fire burning in the garage. He said that the garage sustained heavy fire damage and the living quarters of the home sustained smoke damage. He said that there was no cost estimate for the fire damage.

The Fire Marshal said that a fire department investigator examined the scene and interview the mother and son. He said that the mother informed the investigator that her son had been playing with barbecue type lighters in the garage. He said that the department investigator was unable to find the barbecue lighters during his investigation however. He said that the department investigator did seize a conventional disposable cigarette lighter from the child during his interview. The child was referred to a Juvenile Fire Setter Program according to the fire report.

A copy of the fire report is attached to this report as an exhibit.

First Product Identification

The mother identified the lighter used by her son to start the fire as a barbecue type lighter. She said that the lighter involved in the fire was destroyed by the fire. She provided the following product identification from a duplicate lighter which she owned:

Model: Aim N Flame

Brand: Scripto

Manufacturer: Scripto Tokai
Fontanta, CA

Country of Origin: Mexico

The mother said that the lighter was equipped with a gun like trigger mechanism which activated the lighter. She said that there is a manual safety lock button. She said that the safety button does not reset automatically. She said that the safety button remains in the on or off position until reset by the operator.

Second Product Identification

The Fire Marshal said that the fire department investigator confiscated a conventional disposable cigarette lighter from the four year old during the fire investigation. The origin of the lighter was not documented by the investigator. The Fire Marshal provided the following product identification:

Brand: Scripto

Manufacturer: Scripto-Tokai
Fontana, CA 92335

Country of Origin: Mexico

The Fire Marshal said the lighter was a conventional non-child resistant type. He said that the lighter was retained by the fire department. A photo copy image of the lighter showing the labeling is attached to this report as an exhibit.

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Standards Information

The barbecue lighter is subject to voluntary standards. Standards compliance information concerning the barbecue lighter was not available.

The disposable lighter appears to bear the required FHSA labeling. The respondent identified the disposable lighter as conventional non-child resistant type. The date of introduction into interstate commerce and applicability of the mandatory standard is not known however.

Attachments

Exhibit # 1: Fire Report

Exhibit # 2: Photo Copy Image

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EXHIBIT #1

FIRE MARSHAL
Supplemental Investigation Report

1. Submitted to KCFD #1 Files 2. By: Steven Riedy
3. Investigation request received from: 9-1-1 Dispatch
4. Request received by: phone: letter: person: 5. Date: Sept. 8, 1994
6. Date and time investigation started: 9/8/94 at: 10:29 a.m. / p.m.
7. Date of incident: 9/8/94 8. County: Klamath
9. Nature of incident: Structure fire
(Structure fire — gas explosion, etc.)
10. Property involved: Residential dwelling
(Name of occupancy if a business)
11. Address: [REDACTED]
(Where incident occurred)
12. Owner: [REDACTED] 13. Address: [REDACTED]
14. Type of occupancy: Residential dwelling, duplex
(Public assembly—storage—institution—dwelling—apartment, etc.)
15. Occupant of property: [REDACTED]
16. Responding fire department(s): Klamath County Fire District No. 1
17. First area extinguished: Garage
18. Last area extinguished: Attic
19. Premises securely locked prior to alarm: Yes: No: N/A:
20. Forcible entry prior to alarm: Yes: No: N/A:
21. Number of persons having keys or access to premises: Two
22. Factors influencing fire spread: Common attic with no fire stops between garage and living quarters
(Non fire stopped walls — open stairs—excessive combustible storage—improperly stored or excessive quantities of flammable liquids—compressed gases, etc.)
23. Activities of last person on premises: Juvenile playing with fire
24. Abnormal or unusual conditions: Juvenile playing with a bar-b-que propane lighter
(Business operations—last activities of occupants—weather conditions—heating or operational equipment)
25. Timing devices: Electric clock in duplex
(Electric clock, wrist watch, etc.) (Type—location—time stopped)
26. Fusing or arcing of electric conductors: N/A
(Location—degree of fusing)
27. Direction of heat travel: From garage into attic area spreading into apartment
(Ragged pointed ends—round beaded ends, etc.)
(From area to area—under furniture, shelves)
28. Fuel consumption: Cardboard boxes located in garage
(Location of greatest fuel consumption—type of fuel)
29. Char pattern: V-pattern from cardboard boxes on east wall of garage
(Type of pattern—lowest point of deep char)
30. First material at floor level: Cardboard boxes
(Small round blisters on kitchen floor—flat baked with crazed lines around boiler room steam lines, etc.)
(Ceiling tile—flammable liquid, etc.)
31. Condition of flooring and covering: Flat baked
(Flat baked—large rolling blisters—distinct flammable liquid pattern, etc.)

32. General burn patterns: V-pattern in garage spreading into attic area

(Heat stains—window glass at point of origin—light bulbs—fused metal plastics, etc.)

33. Estimated time fire burned before discovery 1 minute after discovery 3 minutes

(Use burn patterns, etc. to determine)

34. Condition of electric appliances: N/A

(Points stuck on toaster, etc.)

35. Condition of electric equipment: N/A

(Fuses—switches—motor—bearings—compressors)

36. Fire cause evidence removed: None

Tagged by: N/A

37. Disposition of evidence: N/A

38. Photos by: _____ Date: _____

39. Probable point of origin: East wall of garage

40 Probable initial material ignited: Cardboard boxes

41. Probable source of ignition: Bar-b-que lighter

42. Probable burning time and temperature prior to discovery: 1 minute, witness

(Established by depth and type of char pattern—time clocks stopped—witness information, etc.)

43. Probable act or omission causing fire: Juvenile playing with lighter

44. Agencies/Individuals assisting in investigation: N/A

45. Persons interviewed:

(Occupants; nearest neighbors; business associates; passersby; person discovering fire)

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NO.	DATE
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No phone	09/08/94
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	---	09/08/94

46. Pertinent information and facts that corroborate your conclusions: _____

[REDACTED] Jr., is a 4 year old boy who left his apartment and went into a garage to play. His mother [REDACTED] was asleep on the living room sofa, and was unaware that [REDACTED] had left the apartment. [REDACTED] discovered a propane bar-b-que lighter while playing in the garage. While playing with the lighter [REDACTED] accidentally ignited the cardboard boxes. [REDACTED] then ran back to his apartment and awakened his mother and told her there was a fire. [REDACTED] was awakened to her son's cry and discovered smoke coming from the garage. [REDACTED] then ran with [REDACTED] from the apartment, and [REDACTED] moved her car away from the burning garage as the fire trucks were arriving on scene. Upon my arrival at the fire scene I spoke briefly with the owner. I was told by the owner that the little boy [REDACTED] was playing in the garage just prior to the fire. I then interviewed [REDACTED] and he told me he started the fire. I asked [REDACTED] how he started the fire, and he told me about the "lighter thing." [REDACTED] explained to me that there had been two bar-b-que types of lighters in the garage, and they were the ones [REDACTED] had been playing with. [REDACTED] was referred to the Juvenile Fire Setter program to be held on 9/9/94 at 4:00 p.m.

Signed by: Steven W. Reedy Date: 9/9/94

(To be attached to SFM-10 report with any additional comments, photographs, narrative reports, or information corroborating fire cause factors, etc.)

Lighter from

2109 Wind ST
Fine. 9/8/94

This is NOT the
B.B.Q. Lighter, IT WAS
AN additional Lighter
confiscated from the boy.
The B.B.Q. lighter was
NOT found.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
memorandum

DATE: 12-20-94

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: FID

SUBJECT: Work Assignment

TO: JSB

101 941103ccc 3044, barbecue lighter,
Klamath Falls, Ore.

#15: 32626

Thank you

OR

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

JPO
cc: file

Document Number F490128A

Date of Incident 9/2/94

Category I.D. 50715 1995

Follow-Up Requested

Hazard Analysis

Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested

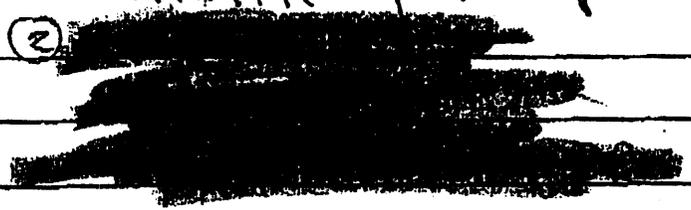
Telephone Call

On-site

Headquarters Contact Paucher, Lisa

Assignment Message Obtain lighter if available.
If not available determine if it has
any child resistant features. Had child
ever been seen playing w/ lighters in
the past? Where did he find the lighter?
Obtain fire dept report.

Person(s) to Contact ① Yamaguchi City Fire Dept

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Guideline

Requested By RR

Task Number 941103 OLC 3044

Assigned to JFOO

Date 11/02/94

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Repair Parts of
 (Kamath Co.)
 For Sale News
 (Ct. 8-1865)
 (Ct. 8-21135)

SEP 9 1994

Allen News

A fire in a mobile home in the Colony Fire District was accidentally started by a 4-year-old boy who was playing with a barbecue lighter and set a box of fireworks on fire. The fire caused extensive damage to the garage and moderate damage to the apartment. The renters of the apartment are Wilma Calcord and her three children. No one was injured in the incident. The fire was started in the...

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**EPIDEMIOLOGIC
INVESTIGATION
REPORT**

1. CASE NUMBER 960220CNE5072		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8930		3. OFFICE CODE 800	
4. INCIDENT DATE YR MO DAY 960216			5. DATE IDI INITIATED YR MO DAY 960306		
6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT Three people were treated for smoke inhalation when they escaped from a fire that was started by a 3 year old child. He ignited an upholstered couch with an open flame gas grill lighter.					
7. LOCATION Home 10		8. CITY Bristol		9. STATE CT	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT gas grill lighter 1247			11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS unknown		
10B. SECOND PRODUCT couch 0680			11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS unknown		
12. AGE OF VICTIM 003		13. SEX male		14. DISPOSITION treated & released 01	
15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS anoxia 65		16. BODY PART all parts 85		17. RESPONDENT(S) fire marshal 3	
18. INVESTIGATION TYPE telephone 2		19. TIME SPENT 04.0		20. ATTACHMENTS multiple 9	
21. CASE SOURCE fire dept. 01		22. REVIEWED BY 8969		YR MO DAY 96 03 23	
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME <input type="checkbox"/> CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)				25. REGIONAL DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE	
<p>CPSA 6 (b)(1) Cleared 25C No Mfrs/PrvtLblrs or Products Identified Excepted by ANPR Firms Notified, Comments Processed. AM 6/30/97</p>				<p>RS 3.13-96</p>	

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

PRE-ACCIDENT

A 3 1/2 year old male had a history of playing with a gas grill lighter which was normally kept on top of a microwave oven on the kitchen counter. The lighter had an open flame and an on/off switch. He lived with his family on the first floor of a three-family house. The age of the lighter is unknown.

On February 16, 1995 at 8:00 AM, the child was in the living room near a six foot sleeper sofa that was upholstered. His mother was in the shower, and his grandmother was sleeping.

ACCIDENT

The child's mother came out of the shower and discovered that the livingroom was on fire. She woke her mother, found her child, and they escaped from the house. The livingroom flashed over from the fire.

POST-ACCIDENT

It was determined that the child started the fire by igniting the end of the couch with the gas grill lighter. The lighter was found after the fire on a table in the hallway and had last been seen in the kitchen. Chairs were found in close proximity to the microwave oven where the lighter was normally stored. Attached to the fire report, is a sketch of the room where the fire occurred.

The family members were taken to the hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation. They were treated and released. The apartment is not habitable due to the fire.

The gas grill lighter has been thrown away, however, a small piece of fabric from the remains of the couch was sent to FOER by the fire marshal. There were no other remains of the couch.

No product identification is available.

SAMPLE

96-800-1620 consists of the piece of fabric from the couch.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 - Fire report
- 2 - C/R 96-800-1620

CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

B.K.A.
 03/06/96

1. NAME OF RESPONDENT Denis Pieri, Fire Marshal		2. TELEPHONE NO. (Home) (Work) 203-584-7964	
3. STREET ADDRESS Bristol FD, 181 N. Main St.		4. CITY STATE ZIP CODE Bristol, CT 06010	
5. DESCRIBE ACCIDENT SITUATION OR HAZARD, INCLUDING DATA ON INJURIES. (Use second page if necessary.) A 3 1/2 year old male started a fire with an open flame gas grill lighter. A sofa bed ignited. The livingroom where the sofa was flashed over. There were no deaths but the child, his mother, and his grandmother who were home at the time, were taken to the hospital for smoke inhalation. The child had a history of playing with the lighter. No product identification on the lighter or sofa is available.			
6. DATE OF INCIDENT(S) 2/16/96	7. IF INJURY OR NEAR MISS, OBTAIN AGE [3 1/2] SEX [m] AND DESCRIBE INJURY	8. IF VICTIM DIFFERENT FROM RESPONDENT, PROVIDE NAME RELATIONSHIP	
9. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT sofa and gas grill lighter		10. BRAND NAME unknown	
11. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE unknown		12. MODEL, SERIAL NO.'S unknown	
		13. DEALER'S NAME, ADDRESS, & PHONE unknown	
14. WAS THE PRODUCT DAMAGED, REPAIRED OR MODIFIED? YES [] NO [] IF YES, BEFORE OR AFTER THE INCIDENT? DESCRIBE: destroyed in fire		15. PRODUCT PURCHASED NEW [] USED [] DATE PURCHASED [] AGE []	
		16. DOES PRODUCT HAVE WARNING LABELS? IF SO, NOTE:	
17. HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE MANUFACTURER? YES [] NO [] IF NOT, DO YOU PLAN TO CONTACT THEM? YES [] NO [] OTHER		18. IS THE PRODUCT STILL AVAILABLE? YES [] NO [x] IF NOT, ITS DISPOSITION	19. MAY WE USE YOUR NAME WITH THIS REPORT? YES [x] NO []
FOR ADMINISTRATION USE			
20. DATE RECEIVED 2/20/96	21. RECEIVED BY (Name & Office) Beverly Kohen (FOER)	22. DOCUMENT NO. <i>N02-0076A</i>	
23. FOLLOW-UP ACTION <i>960220 LNE 5072</i>		24. PRODUCT CODE(S) <i>gal</i>	
25. DISTRIBUTION <i>F.HOS. KOFACK</i>		26 ENDORSER'S NAME & TITLE <i>RS</i>	

960220CNE5072
Acc. #1

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF FIRE & BUILDING SAFETY
DPS-227-C (Rev. 7/90)

LOCAL FIRE REPORT TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
BASIC INCIDENT REPORT
FIRE DEPARTMENT BRISTOL

1 DELETE
2 CHANGE

A	FDID 021040	INCIDENT NO 9601408	EXP. NO. 010	MO 02	DAY 16	YEAR 96	DAY OF WEEK Friday	ALARM TIME 1608103	ARRIVAL TIME 0815	TIME IN SERVICE 10149
B	TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND STRUCTURE FIRE						TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN Extinguishment			MUTUAL AID 1 <input type="checkbox"/> RECD 2 <input type="checkbox"/> GIVEN
C	FIXED PROPERTY USE Three Family				IGNITION FACTOR CHILD with Gas Grill Lighter - Most Probable Cause					
D	CORRECT ADDRESS [REDACTED]						ZIP CODE 06101		CENSUS TRACT 405790	
E	OCCUPANT NAME (LAST, FIRST) [REDACTED]						TELEPHONE [REDACTED]		ROOM OR APT. 1ST Floor	
F	OWNER NAME (LAST, FIRST) [REDACTED]						ADDRESS [REDACTED]		TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	
G	METHOD OF ALARM FROM PUBLIC 911				DISTRICT 7		SHIFT 1001		NO. ALARMS 1/1	
H	NUMBER FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED 19/16		NUMBER ENGINES RESPONDED 2, 4/1903		NUMBER AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED TWR 1		NUMBER OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED 1091		NUMBER OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED Car 2, 3/1012	

COMPLETE FOR ALL INCIDENTS

I	NUMBER OF INJURIES FIRE SERVICE 0/0/1 OTHER 0/0/0		NUMBER OF FATALITIES FIRE SERVICE 0/0/0 OTHER 0/0/0	
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COMPLETE IF CASUALTY

J	COMPLEX Residential (3 Family) 4/2		MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE None		108
K	AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN Living Room		EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION None		198
L	FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION Gas Grill Lighter 4/6		TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED Fabric Textile 170		FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED 6' Sofa/BED 121
M	METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT 1.75 Hose Lines/Hydrant 16		LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN 5ft above Grade 11		ESTIMATED LOSS (DOLLARS ONLY) 1111/157030100

COMPLETE FOR ALL FIRES

N	NUMBER OF STORIES 3 stories + Basement 13		CONSTRUCTION TYPE Unprotected Wood Frame 18	
O	EXTENT OF FLAME DAMAGE 1st Floor 15		EXTENT OF SMOKE DAMAGE STRUCTURE 16	
P	DETECTOR PERFORMANCE S.D. in Hallway 12		SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE None 18	
Q	IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN		TYPE OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE Fabric Textile 170	
R	FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE 6ft Sofa/sleeper Bed 121		AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL STAIR WELL 14	

COMPLETE IF STRUCTURE FIRE

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

CHECK IF COMMENTS ON REVERSE SIDE

U	OFFICER IN CHARGE (NAME, POSITION, ASSIGNMENT) ARMAND Lemieux DC.	DATE 2/16/96
	MEMBER MAKING REPORT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) Dem/Train FM	DATE 2/16/96

TENANTS

1ST FLOOR Lou + GINETTE Boucher
Daughter - Jennifee
Daughter - Vicky
Vicky's son - [REDACTED] 3 1/2

2ND FLOOR GARY LAWTON 589-5127
Wayne Bartley
Wayne's Daughter - Nicole

3rd Floor BARBARA ROJA
SARA

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SUMMARY OF FIRE
[REDACTED]
BRISTOL, CT 06010

16 FEB 1996

On Friday February 16, 1996 at 0803 hours the Bristol Fire Department was notified of a structure fire at [REDACTED] Bristol, via the 911 Emergency Telephone System. Engines 1,2,4, Tower 1 and Car 2 were dispatched. Arriving fire fighters reported a structure fire in progress on the first floor. Fire suppression was accomplished using 1.75 inch hand lines, water was supplied from a city fire hydrant. Fire suppression crews were under the direction of DEPUTY CHIEF ARMAND LEMIEUX.

The structure at 48-50-52 Jacobs Street is a three family residential dwelling. The first floor is 48 Jacobs Street. The owner of 48 - 52 Jacobs Street is [REDACTED] & [REDACTED], who reside at 145 El Toro Drive, Bristol telephone number [REDACTED]. The occupants of the first floor are [REDACTED] and their daughters [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 3.5 yrs old. The second floor tenants are [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] daughter NICOLE. The third floor tenant is [REDACTED] & [REDACTED].

Upon arrival [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were asked how the fire started: [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was sleeping, she was taking a shower and her son [REDACTED] must have started the fire with a gas grill lighter, the gas grill lighter is kept on top of the microwave in the kitchen, and that he has played with it before. The three occupants were taken to the Hospital by Emergency Medical Services. [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] were scantily clothed and covered with soot.

Investigation into the origin and cause of the fire revealed that the fire started in the living room on the first floor at and on the north end of the six foot sleeper couch. This was determined by working from the least amount of damage to the most severe, and burn patterns within the room. The electrical system and heating system was examined and was found in good shape and not the cause of the fire. An electrical lamp on a table at the south end of the couch had its bulb element extending toward the couch. The interior finish of the living room was: ceiling - sheetrock, floor - hardwood, walls - paneling over wood lath and plaster. A gas grille lighter was found on top of a three foot high cabinet next to a laundry basket containing clothes, the cabinet was located in the interior apartment hallway, which connected the dining room, bedrooms, bathroom, and kitchen. Photograph taken (some clothing was removed from the laundry basket prior to photograph taken). The ON / OFF switch on the lighter was in the ON position, the lighter ignited on the first trigger pull. No signs of careless smoking was found. Matches were found on top of the kitchen micro wave along with other things, but no gas grille lighter was found. Photograph taken. A kitchen table and chairs were in close proximity to the micro wave. Photographs Taken, sketch drawn, gas grille lighter taken from scene. Fire Investigators on the scene were Fire Marshal Denis Pieri, DFM Robert Gilson, and Detective Rodney Gattawola.

The cause of this fire will be listed as child playing with a gas grille lighter.

Heavy fire damage and smoke damage to the first floor, some flame damage and heavy smoke damage to the second floor, heavy smoke damage to the third floor.

Weather approx. 35 F, no appreciable wind, fair weather day.

Q&A:48JACOB

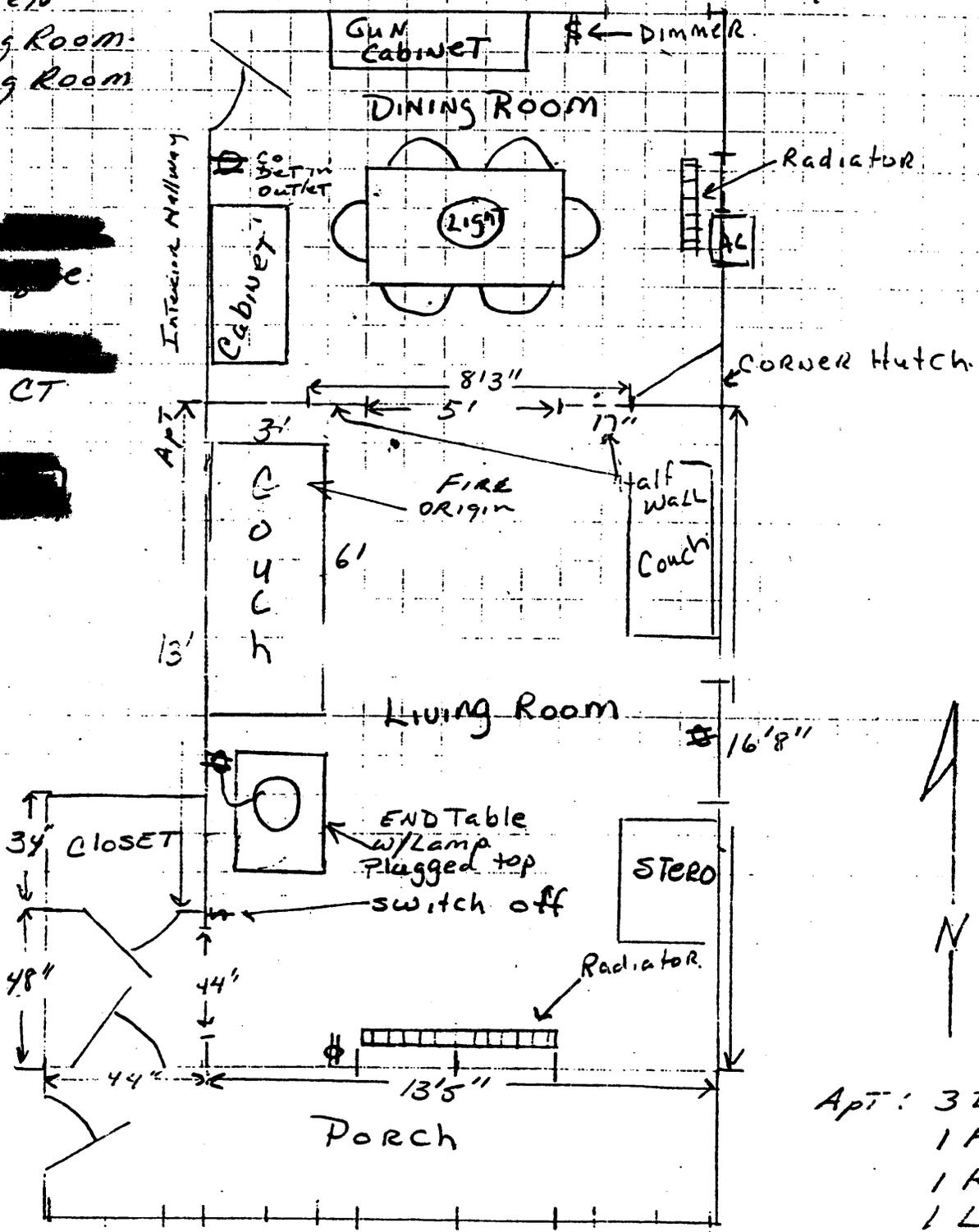
DENIS J. PIERI
FIRE MARSHAL

- 1) Living Room + Dining Room / Paneling glued + nailed.
- 2) Living Room Ceiling / sheet rock.
- 3) Dining Room Ceiling / Tiles stapled to furring strips
- 1) Floors / Hardwood
- 5) 3 Bed Rooms

[REDACTED]

BRISTOL, CT 960720NE 5072

OWNERS:
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 BRISTOL, CT
 W - [REDACTED]
 H - [REDACTED]



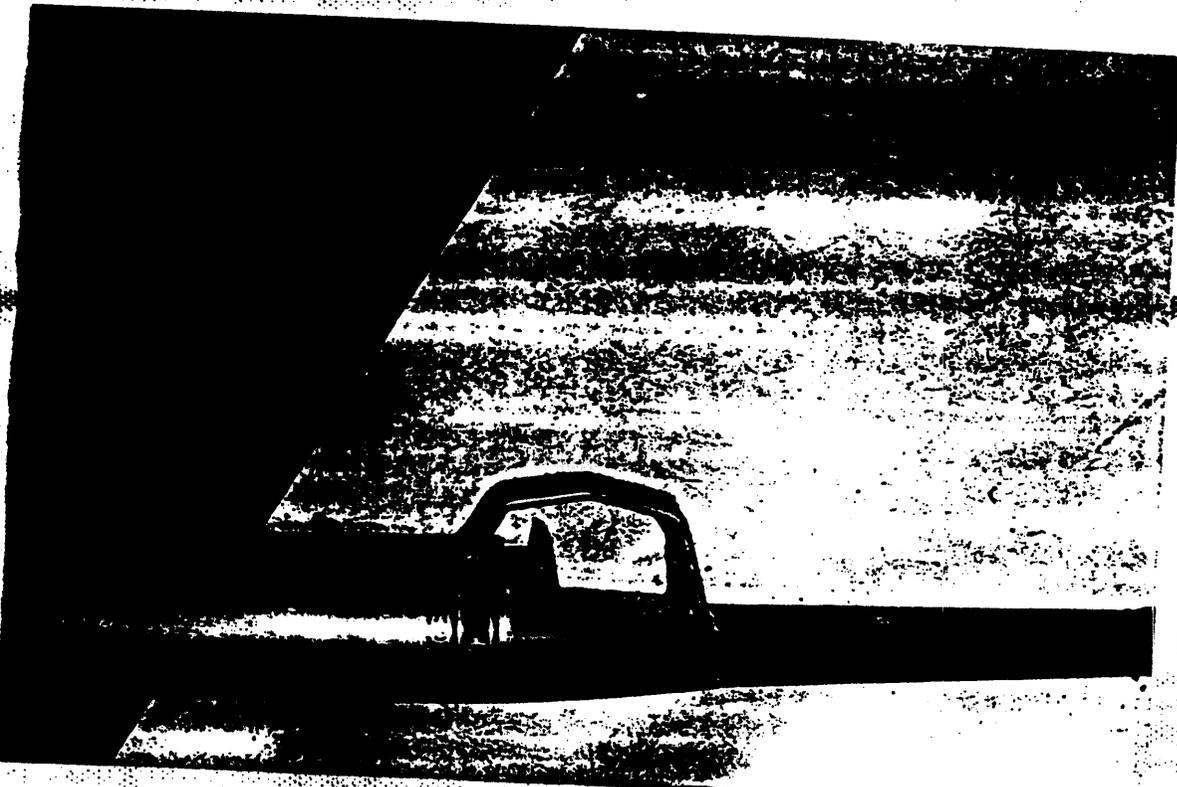
- Apt: 3 Bedrooms
 1 Full Bath
 1 Kitchen
 1 Living Room
 1 Dining Room

1ST FLOOR.

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for the mayor and city council to add the huge
industrial parcel to the enterprise zone.

"You want to create an incentive for invest-
ment," said Diamantis.

Colapietro said businesses need more op-
tions for location, and adding the old GM
plant, which closed last year, to the enterprise
zone will sweeten the pot.

"We need to give some businesses some in-
centive to go up there rather than scrounging
around in the enterprise zone," Colapietro
said.

But state Rep. Bill Hamzy, a Plymouth
Republican, had doubts about the plan.

Hamzy said he had wanted to sponsor simi-
lar legislation, but checked with Shyama
Jaipershad, the state enterprise zone expert,
first.

Jaipershad told him that if the site were
added to the city's zone, the only advantage to
a manufacturer moving into the building
would be if the company hired as more than
50 percent of its workforce those who live in-
side the zone.

"Then they qualify for a certain tax break,"
said Hamzy. He said Jaipershad told him that
no company in the state is taking advantage

outside the zone as long as they are inside the
city limits, Hamzy said Jaipershad told him.

When he learned that, Hamzy said, he
decided pursuing his idea to add the GM
building to the zone was pointless.

"I want to do whatever's necessary to
market that building," Hamzy said.

"I'm not going to do it for my own political
gain," Hamzy said. "If it made sense then I
was gonna do it, but it didn't make sense."

Bristol's enterprise zone, approved last
year, is limited to the downtown area, the
West End and Riverside Avenue.

Diamantis said he favors using the enter-
prise zone over a straight grant because it is
a way to help businesses grow by gradually
increasing their taxes.

"It's time we got away from handing out
large sums of cash to businesses," said
Diamantis.

Diamantis said the bill is in the initial
stages and must go through a public hearing
before being put to a vote.

Colapietro said the bill isn't tied to the sale
of the plant.

"It'll help whoever takes over that build-
ing," Colapietro said.

by verdict

never coerced her or tried to get
her to change her testimony.

Police sources said Otero's
family met with Mayor Frank
Nicastro Wednesday and told him
that Otero was innocent and that
police know it.

Otero's first trial on accessory
to murder charges ended in a
mistrial last year after the jury
was unable to reach a verdict
after days of deliberation. The
jury at his second trial took just
over two hours to convict him.

POLICE CASES

■ **Bernadette Abaire** and **[redacted]**
[redacted], both 31, of 25 Conlon St.
were charged with breach of
peace following an argument at
their home Tuesday, police said.
Bernadette Abaire allegedly
threw a wooden bird cage ladder
at her husband during the fight
and struck him in the arm with
it, police said. She was initially
charged with second-degree
assault but prosecutors dropped
the charge at the couple's ar-
raignment Wednesday.

■ **Robin Acker**, 29, of 275 Todd
Hollow Road, Plymouth, was
charged Wednesday with issuing
a bad check and fourth-degree
larceny.

■ **David Beaulieu**, 27, of Fall
River, Mass., was charged Wed-
nesday with breach of peace and
third-degree assault.

■ **Leann Nowak**, 33, of Avon,
was charged Wednesday with is-

Residents who escaped Jacobs St. fire feel lucky

By JAMES O'KEEFE
Bristol Press

BRISTOL — As fire in-
vestigators continue to probe
the cause of the [redacted] street
fire that left 10 residents
homeless, one of the families
displaced by Friday's blaze
feel lucky to be alive.

[redacted] is thankful
her family got out safely when
the fire ravaged their first-
floor apartment at [redacted]
St. early Friday morning, but
she's still shaken by the terri-
fying experience.

"When my daughter and I
ran outside, we realized that
her baby was still inside,"
[redacted] said Tuesday.

Both [redacted] and her 22-
year-old daughter, [redacted] had
thought the other had grabbed
[redacted]'s 3-year-old son [redacted]
when they fled the burning
tenement house.

So [redacted] went
back inside the smoke-filled
apartment to rescue her
grandson.

"I couldn't see because the
smoke was so thick, but I could
hear him in his bedroom,"
[redacted] said. "I felt
my way through the apartment
to the bedroom and got him
out."

Although the [redacted]

escaped with only minor inju-
ries, their 3-month old
puppy named [redacted]
perished in the fire.

Residents of two upstairs
apartments weren't home
when the fire broke out,
officials said. [redacted]
husband, Louis, and the cou-
ple's 13-year-old daughter,
[redacted] weren't home, either.

A neighbor awakened by the
sound of firetrucks said flames
were climbing up the side of
the three-family house when he
looked out the window. But
firefighters quickly got the
blaze under control, the
neighbor said.

Fire officials and police be-
lieve [redacted] may
have started the fire in the
apartment while playing with a
charcoal lighter but Fire Mar-
shal Denis Pieri said Tuesday
that the blaze is still under in-
vestigation.

[redacted] said she's
not sure how the fire started.

The [redacted] have been
staying at a Farmington motel
since the fire and are hoping to
move into a new apartment in
Bristol this week.

According to [redacted]
the family has been
back to their burned-out
apartment several times since
the fire.

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**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
SAMPLE COLLECTION REPORT**

1. Sample Flag		2. Date Collected 3/6/96	3. Sample Type and Number: 96-800-1620 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Physical <input type="radio"/> Documentary	
4a Product Name UPHOLSTERY		4b Model NONE	4c NEISS 0680	5. Assignment Number 960220CNE5072
6. Complete for Import Samples Port of Entry: _____ Country of Origin: _____ Entry No. and Date: _____ Customs Contact: _____		7. MIS 32626	8. Hours Activity _____ Travel _____ 2	
		9a Home RO FOER	9b Collecting RO FOER	
10. Sample Cost \$0.00	11. Invoice Value of Lot \$0.00		12. Size of Lot 0	Units
13. Manufacturer/Importer #	14. Shipper/Foreign Manufacturer		15. Dealer/Import Broker# FIRE MARSHAL PIERI BRISTOL FIRE DEPT. 181 N. MAIN ST., BRISTOL,	
16. Supporting documents attached: Invoice No. and Date: _____ N/A Date Shipped: _____ Shipping Record and Date: _____ Affidavit Signer's name, title and date: <u>NONE</u>				
17. Product Identification: Sample is a small remnant of a sofa bed involved in a fire. The fabric is blue, and has batting attached to it.				
18. Reason for collection/analysis needed: <input type="radio"/> FHSA <input type="radio"/> CPSA <input checked="" type="radio"/> FFA <input type="radio"/> PPPA <input type="radio"/> RSA sofa was involved in open flame ignition fire				
19. Summary of Field Screening: none				
20. Sample size/Method of Collection: The remnant was mailed to FOER by the fire dept. where it was identified as per 21 and placed in a jiffy bag for mailing. As per guideline instructions, no seal was attached.				
21. Identification on sample: 96-800-1620 BJK 3/6/96		22. Identification on seal and date: 96-800-1620 Beverly J. Kohen		
23a Sample delivered to: US MAIL		23b Date 3/7/96	24. Report/Record Sent to: FOER	
25. Laboratory/Office: LSHL _____ LSEL _____ CRM _____ CCA _____ Other <u>ES</u>				
26. Remarks: none				
27. Related Samples: none				
28a Collector's name/title: Beverly J. Kohen Investigator		28b Collector's signature/date: <i>Beverly J. Kohen</i> 3/7/96		
29a Reviewer's name/title:		29b Reviewer's signature/date:		