

# EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

<b>1. CASE NUMBER</b> 960625CCC5278	<b>2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID</b> 8055	<b>3. OFFICE CODE</b> 800
<b>4. INCIDENT DATE YR MO DAY</b> 95 07 25	<b>5. DATE IBI INITIATED YR MO DAY</b> 96 09 25	

**6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT**

A housefire which caused approximately \$65,000 damage to a two-story wooden frame dwelling, has been attributed to the ignition of the cushion of a love seat by a 2 year old child who was playing with a grill igniter. No injuries resulted from this accident.

MFR/PRVLR NOTIFIED

No Comments made  
 Comments attached  
 Excisions/Revisions  
 Firm has not requested

<b>7. LOCATION</b> Home <u>10</u>	<b>8. CITY</b> E. Providence	<b>9. STATE</b> Rhode Island
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<b>10A. FIRST PRODUCT</b> Grill Igniter <u>1 2 4 7</u>	<b>11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER &amp; ADDRESS</b> Unknown <i>25C</i> No Mfrs/Prvtlbrs Products Identified Excepted by <i>ANP</i> 10/6/30/97 Comments Processed
<b>10B. SECOND PRODUCT</b> Love seat <u>0 6 7 9</u>	<b>11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER &amp; ADDRESS</b> Unknown

<b>12. AGE OF VICTIM</b> 999	<b>13. SEX</b> 9	<b>14. DISPOSITION</b> No injury <u>0</u>	<b>15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS</b> No injury <u>70</u>
<b>16. BODY PART</b> No injury <u>99</u>	<b>17. RESPONDENT(S)</b> Asst. Fire Chief * <u>3</u>	<b>18. INVESTIGATION TYPE</b> <u>2</u>	<b>19. TIME SPENT</b> <u>0 5 0</u>
<b>20. ATTACHMENTS</b> Documents <u>2</u>	<b>21. CASE SOURCE</b> Newspaper <u>05</u>	<b>22. REVIEWED BY</b> <i>8269</i> YR <u>96</u> MO <u>10</u> DAY <u>29</u>	

**23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY)**  
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<b>24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)</b>	<b>25. REGIONAL DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE</b> <i>RS</i> 10-31-96
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The information in this report was provided by the assistant fire chief, a police detective, the homeowner and the policeman, who responded to this fire. Attempts to contact the occupants of the apartment where this fire started, by both letter and telephone were unsuccessful. A telephone number for the mother of the 29 year old occupant of the apartment, where the fire occurred is listed in the police report. The female who answered when this number was dialed abruptly stated that the subject 29 year old woman does not live there as she hung up the telephone.

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

**Pre-Accident:**

The homeowner explained that a 29 year old woman and her 2 year old son resided in the first floor apartment of this two-story wooden-frame dwelling where the fire occurred. The police officer reported that the 29 year old woman was in her bedroom getting dressed while her two year old son was watching a children's movie on television in their living room, during the late morning of the accident date. The assistant fire chief said that this boy was only two years old and, therefore, had no history of playing with lighters or matches.

**Accident:**

The police officer reported that at approximately 11:40AM the smoke detector in this first floor apartment sounded and when the 29 year old woman observed flames on the cushion of her living room love seat, she telephoned the fire department and left the apartment with her son.

**Post Accident:**

The assistant fire chief reported that no injuries resulted from this accident and that the first floor apartment of this building sustained damage that was estimated to be over \$65,000. The assistant chief also said that a grill lighter was the ignition source for this fire and that this lighter was damaged beyond recognition in this fire. In response to my inquiries, he said that he had been playing with the grill lighter and that it had ignited a cushion of a love seat.

Attempts to locate the 29 year old occupant of the apartment where this fire occurred, were unsuccessful. The police detective who interviewed the 29 year old occupant of the apartment where this fire occurred had obtained a written statement from her. (See exhibit #2 - Police report). This detective advised me by telephone that the grill lighter was severely damaged in this fire and that he was unable to ascertain its manufacturer or model numbers. He also said that the 29 year old occupant of the apartment where this fire occurred told him that the grill lighter had been kept on a kitchen counter, and had been there since the last time that she had used it, that she was sure that the safety lock was not on the igniter at the time of the fire, and that her 2 year old son must have climbed onto the counter from a chair, to gain access to the grill lighter.

**Standard Information:**

None

**Samples:**

None

**Product Identification:**

The only product information that was obtained was that a butane grill igniter and the cushion of a love seat were the products involved in this accident and that his grill igniter had a safety lock.

**Attachments:**

Attached to this report as exhibits are:

Exhibit #1 - Copy of the local fire report.

Exhibit #2 - Copy of the police report (4 pages).

Also attached is a completed data recording sheet for upholstered furniture fires.

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EXHIBIT 1



RHODE ISLAND FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM

BASIC INCIDENT REPORT

EAST PROVIDENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT

NFIRS 1

1 [ ] DELETE
2 [ ] CHANGE

10 FDID: 01000 INCIDENT NO. 953851 EXP. NO. 00 MO. 07 DAY 25 YEAR 95 DAY OF WEEK Tues 3 ALARM TIME 1142 TIME ON SCENE 144 TIME IN SERV. 1250
TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND: House fire TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN: extinguishment
FIXED PROPERTY USE: residential IGNITION FACTOR: accidental/child/matches
CORRECT ADDRESS: [REDACTED] ZIP CODE: 02914 CENSUS TRACT: 010200
11 OCCUPANT NAME / LAST / FIRST / MI: [REDACTED] TELEPHONE: [REDACTED] ROOM OR APT.: 1st flr.
12 OWNER NAME / LAST / FIRST / MI: [REDACTED] ADDRESS: [REDACTED] TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]
13 METHOD OF ALARM FROM PUBLIC: [REDACTED] CO. INSPECT. DIST.: 911 SHIFT: 3 NO. ALARMS: 1
NO. FIRE SERV. PERSONNEL RESPONDED: 014 NO. ENGINES RESPONDED: E5 E1 E4 NO. AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED: 003 NO. OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED: 001 RT SU1 C22 003

20 NUMBER OF INJURIES: FIRE SERVICE: OTHER: NUMBER OF FATALITIES: FIRE SERVICE: OTHER:

COMPLEX: dwelling MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE: 08
AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN: couch/living room EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION: lighter
FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION: lighter TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED: couch FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED: couch
METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT: hand-lines LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN: grade ESTIMATED DOLLARS LOSS: 1000060000

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2-1/2 CONSTRUCTION TYPE: wood frame
EXTENT OF FLAME DAMAGE: first floor living room EXTENT OF SMOKE DAMAGE: ENTIRE building of origin
DETECTOR PERFORMANCE: yes first floor kitchen area. SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE: N/A
IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN: multiple AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL: open floor plan
TYPE OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE: couch FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE: couch

30 IF MOBILE PROPERTY: YEAR: MAKE: MODEL: SERIAL NO.: LICENSE:
40 IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED: YEAR: MAKE: MODEL: SERIAL NO.:

[ ] CHECK IF COMMENTS ON REVERSE SIDE Supplemental submitted.

OFFICER IN CHARGE / NAME / POSITION / ASSIGNMENT / DATE: Asst Chief Castro C22 7/25/95
MEMBER MAKING REPORT / IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE / DATE: Lt. John L. Kelahan E5 7/25/95

60 FIRE CAUSE ACCIDENTAL: INCENDIARY: SUSPICIOUS: UNDETERMINED: INSURANCE: YES: NO AMOUNT \$:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U W

INCIDENTS FIRES FIRE

960625CCC5278

EXHIBIT 2

EAST PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

CIRCLE 1 FELONY 2 MISDEMEANOR 3 INCIDENT 4 ARREST

OFFENSE (S) Structure Fire POST 7 DAY OF WEEK Tues WEATHER Cldy CASE NUMBER 95-19285

TIME OCCURRED - FROM 7/25/95 TO 7/25/95 LOCATION OF OFFENSE BUS. NAME (IF APP.) STREET NO. AND NAME Prov, R.I.

VICTIM - LAST, FIRST, M.I. [REDACTED] ADDRESS [REDACTED] RACE M SEX M D.O.B. 6/1/58

REPORTING PARTY - LAST, FIRST, M.I. [REDACTED] ADDRESS [REDACTED] RACE C SEX F D.O.B. 9/28/65

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT Hasbro INSURER Prudential

ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER [REDACTED] TELEPHONE [REDACTED] HOSPITAL TRANSPORTED TO

VC., MV REG. STATE COLOR YEAR MAKE/MODEL VIN.

SUSPECT #1 - LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE [REDACTED] D.O.B. 8/16/92 SUSPECT #2 - LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE [REDACTED] D.O.B.

ADDRESS [REDACTED] ADDRESS [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION White Male ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUS. MV REG. STATE COLOR YEAR MAKE/MODEL VIN.

ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS

WITNESS #1 - LAST, FIRST, M.I. D.O.B. WITNESS #2 - LAST, FIRST, M.I. D.O.B.

ADDRESS ADDRESS TELEPHONE TELEPHONE

WEAPON/INSTRUMENT Grill lighter TYPE OF PREMISES Two family house NARRATIVE; ADDITIONAL, VICTIMS, WITNESSES, SUSPECTS, LIST LOSS (IF APPLICABLE) AND VALUE, ONE ITEM PER LINE

Fire Damage Cost to Repair; Approx.; \$65,000.00

On the above time and date, I was dispatched to a house fire at [REDACTED] Upon my arrival, I saw smoke coming from the north side (front) of the residence. It was coming from the first floor. An engine arrived at the same time that I did. Shortly after that, flames came through the front of the first floor. Fire fighters brought the fire under control and extinguished it within approximately 20 to 30 minutes.

I spoke with the tenant on the first floor, [REDACTED]. She stated that her son, [REDACTED], age 2, started the fire. Ms. [REDACTED] said that she has a butane grill lighter that she uses for her gas grill. It was on a counter that separates the kitchen from the

REPORTING OFFICER: E.W. [REDACTED] ASSIGNED TO: [REDACTED] DISPOSITION: [REDACTED] TTY DATE: [REDACTED] BC: [REDACTED] NO. OF SUPERVISORY REVIEW RAGES: [REDACTED] Sgt. [REDACTED]

TOWN PRESS-EAST PROVIDENCE - (401) 434-4086

EAST PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DATE 7/25/95

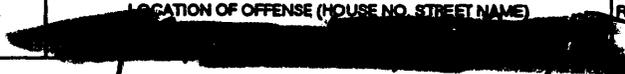
CR# 95-19285

OFFENSE OR CHARGE

LOCATION OF OFFENSE (HOUSE NO. STREET NAME)

REPORTING OFFICER

House Fire



(13) NARRATIVE

later. I obtained necessary information from him Capt. Pimentel of the East Providence Fire Dept., estimated damage at \$65,000.00.

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SUPERVISORY REVIEW

Sgt. ACM

Percy

## WITNESS STATEMENT

CASE #95-19285

Statement of [REDACTED]

dob 9-28-65

lka [REDACTED]

E. Prov. RI  
[REDACTED]

Date: July 26th, 1995

Time: 1315 hrs.

I have lived at [REDACTED] for about a year and four months. I live there on the first floor with my son [REDACTED] who will be three years old on August 16th of this year.

Yesterday I left the house around 9:30 or 10:00am and returned maybe 10:30 approximately-I don't know the exact time. I was in my bedroom while Eric was in the living room on the loveseat watching Snow White on the television.

On the counter in the kitchen was a grill igniter that I probably had used the previous night. I'm almost positive that I didn't put the lock on the igniter. The counter has chairs right next to it that Eric can climb onto.

I was still in the bedroom and I heard the smoke detector go off. Its very sensitive from either a little smoke cooking or even from the shower. I went into the kitchen and I saw flames on the loveseat on the right side of it. The loveseat was like all throw pillows and this was on in flames. Eric was standing by the counter in the kitchen.

I grabbed [REDACTED] and put him outside by the slider off of my bedroom. When I grabbed him I saw that the grill igniter on the coffee table in front of the loveseat and I put two and two together and figured out what happened.

I went back into my bedroom and called 911 to report the fire. I went back outside and I heard glass breaking and the fire department hadn't gotten there yet.

I later talked to [REDACTED] and he said something to me like a boo boo on the pillow. I was trying to reassure him that I wasn't blaming him for anything. The living room was completely destroyed, many of my other property was damaged by smoke.

I have no insurance policy, but I did have many items that were put up for collateral for a loan that I may be covered that way.  
[REDACTED]

EAST PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DATE 7/25/95 CR# 95-19285

OFFENSE OR CHARGE House Fire

LOCATION OF OFFENSE (HOUSE NO. STREET NAME)

REPORTING OFFICER J.W. Lange 4779

(13) NARRATIVE

living room. Ms. [redacted] was in a rear bedroom getting dressed. She heard a smoke alarm go off. She came out of the bedroom and saw flames coming from the cushion of the loveseat in the living room. Ms. [redacted] 2 year old son, [redacted], had been sitting in the living room watching television. Ms. [redacted] grabbed her son, called 911, and left the house. Prior to leaving the house, she stated that she saw the grill igniter lying on the coffee table in the living room.

The tenants on the second floor are [redacted] - dob 1/9/56 - and her daughter, [redacted] - dob 12/1/74. They were not at home when the fire started. Both tenants, [redacted] and [redacted], were advised of Self-help and Red Cross emergency housing. I asked both for addresses and phone numbers for where they might be staying. Ms. [redacted] stated that she would be staying with her mother at [redacted] EPRI. The phone number is [redacted]. [redacted] stated that she would be staying at [redacted] EPRI; tel: [redacted] or [redacted] EPRI; tel: [redacted].

The land lord responded to the scene approximately one hour

DISP. PAGE 2 SUPERVISOR REVIEW Sgt. Acm



# INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

## Attachment A

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

Task Number 960625CCC5278 Incident Date 7/25/96

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:  Sofa/Couch  Chair  Sofa bed  Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered?  Yes  No  Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered?  Yes  No  Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand UNKNOWN

4. Purchased:  New  Used  Unknown

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

5. Date Furniture Purchased: UNKNOWN Furniture Age \_\_\_\_\_

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)

UNKNOWN

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

Skirt  Seat cushion  Inside back  Inside arm

Back  Side  Underside  Crevice

Welt Cord  Tuft  Other \_\_\_\_\_

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_ Lighter \_\_\_ Match \_\_\_ Candle \_\_\_ Heater \_\_\_ Fireplace

Other (specify) GRILL IGNITER

\_\_\_ Unknown



# INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

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

If match, specify type:  Book  Box  Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fuel source \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from furniture

## E. DETECTION OF FIRE

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

Yes  No  Unknown

If yes, specify type: UNKNOWN

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?

Yes  No  Unknown

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

\_\_\_\_\_

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? \_\_\_\_\_

## F. VICTIM(S)

0 Number of Deaths 0 Number of Injuries

## G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household: UNKNOWN

Less than high school  High school  Some College

12. Total household income: UNKNOWN

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

13. Approximate home market value: \$100,000

Rent  Own

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

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

C. O'Connell - 07/03/96

G. J. E. B. Casey 1205 7/11

Document Number

X9662925A

Date of Incident

7-27-95

Category I.D.

SECT KW 1994

Follow-Up Requested

Hazard Analysis

Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested

Telephone Call

On-Site

Headquarters Contact

Kate Wallace, CCA

Assignment Message

Please conduct a Section 15 ID! Determine make of grill lighter and whether switch was in "on" or "off" position. Where was lighter usually kept? Did the child have a history of playing with lighters?

Person(s) to Contact



or Providence police

Guideline

Requested By

Kate Wallace, CCA

Task Number

X9662925A

Assigned to

NYCO

Date

6/25/96

TC10

X9642925

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East Providence

A house fire Tuesday at ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ caused an estimated \$ 65,000 in property damage but injured nobody, according to a police report.

Providence Journal-Bulletin, July 27, 1995

Firefighters extinguished the blaze, which started on the first floor, within 30 minutes, police said.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, the first-floor tenant, told police that her 2-year-old son started the fire with a butane grill lighter she uses to ignite her gas grill.

When ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ heard her smoke alarm around noontime Tuesday, she ran out of her bedroom and saw flames coming from a loveseat cushion in the living room, where her son was watching television. The lighter, which she had last seen on her kitchen counter, was lying on the living room coffee table next to her son.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ grabbed her child, called 911, and left the house.

The second-floor tenant wasn't home at the time of the fire.

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960625 CCC 5278

Investigation Report - Analyst's Comments

Task No. 460625CCC.5278 Regional Office NYCO  
Product Code 1247/0679 Investigator ID 8055  
Category SECT KW 1996 Hours Reported 5

Comments

OK meets EHDs and assignment instructions.

Reviewer M Wade Date 11-7-96

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

Signature

6 AUG 1996

EHDS

1. CASE NO. 960702CCC5311	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID [8][6][0][8]	3. OFFICE CODE [8][3][0]	<b>EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT</b>
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY [9][5][1][2][1][5]	5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY [9][6][0][7][1][8]		

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT. A 21-year-old female died from smoke inhalation in a fire caused by her children playing with a grill lighter. The children started a sofa on fire with the lighter. The victim was able to save the lives of her three children by dropping them from an upstairs window of her burning apartment to neighbors below. The fire was discovered by another 21-year-old female who was sleeping in the apartment. This female escaped the fire with minor injuries

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

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home [1][0]	8. CITY Medina	STATE OHIO
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT [1][2][4][7] Fuel Charcoal Lighter	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Unknown
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT [0][6][7][9] Sofa	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Unknown
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12. AGE OF VICTIM [0][2][1]	13. SEX (USE NUMERICAL CODE) MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [2] UNKNOWN - 3	14. DISPOSITION [8] DOA	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS [6][5] Anoxia
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16. BODY PART [8][5] All Body Parts	17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) [3] Fire Department	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [3] OTHER - 3	19. TIME SPENT Hours [0][4].0 Travel [0][1].0
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20. ATTACHMENTS [2] Fire Report	21. CASE SOURCE [0][5] Newspaper	2. REVIEWED BY YR MO DAY [8][3][1][1] [9][6][0][7][3][1]
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24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)	25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE
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**ADDITIONAL VICTIMS**

NUMBER	AGE	SEX	DISPOSITION	INJURY DIAGNOSIS	BODY PART
2.	004	2	9 Unknown	70 Unknown	87 Not Stated
3.	002	1	9 Unknown	70 Unknown	87 Not Stated
4.	021	2	9 Unknown	70 Unknown	87 Not Stated
5.	212	2	9 Unknown	70 Unknown	87 Not Stated

CPSC 6/16/96 Cleared  
 No Mtrs/Prvlbrs  
 Products Identified  
 Excepted by ANAR  
 Firms Notified  
 Comments Processed  
 6/30/96

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Children playing with a grill lighter caused a fire that resulted in the death of their mother. The 21-year-old mother knew that the children liked to play with the lighter so she hid it in a bookcase, but the children found it and started a sofa on fire.

The children lived with their mother in an apartment complex. Also in the apartment on the day of the fire was a 21-year-old female friend of the mother. On the morning of the fire the female friend was awakened by a smoke alarm at about 11:00am. The friend went downstairs and discovered the sofa on fire. She attempted to put the fire out, but was unable to extinguish it. She then went outside to get help and when she returned the fire was out of control.

The children had gone upstairs. The children's mother was up now and since the stairway was blocked by fire she dropped her children out an upstairs window to neighbors below. The neighbors called for the mother to jump, but she didn't and she was later found dead upstairs.

An interview with fireman on the scene disclosed that they had interviewed the oldest child, age 4, and determined that he was playing with a grill lighter and set the sofa on fire. The fireman then searched through the rubble around the area where the sofa was and discovered the remains of the grill lighter. I asked if they could tell if the lighter was in the "on" position. They said they assumed it was in the "on" position, but it isn't something they could state absolutely. I asked if they identified a brand name. They said they did not know the brand name.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Fire Report
2. Assignment

**INCIDENT REPORT**  
**Medina Fire Department**

1 DELETE  
2 CHANGE

A	FDID 52017	INCIDENT NO 950296	RIP 00	MO 12	DAY 15	YEAR 95	DAY OF WEEK Friday 6	ALARM TIME 10:59	ARRIVAL TIME 11:08	TIME IN SERVICE 16:10
B	TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND Structure fire 11				TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN Extinguishment 1				MUTUAL AID 1X RECD 2 GIVEN	
C	FIXED PROPERTY USE 7-20 apartment units 423				IGNITION FACTOR Children, playing 36					
D	CORRECT ADDRESS [REDACTED] d.				ZIP CODE 44256				CENSUS TRACT 4082.00	
E	OCCUPANT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI) [REDACTED] a				TELEPHONE ( ) -				ROOM OR APT 80	
F	OWNER NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI) [REDACTED]				ADDRESS [REDACTED]				TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	
G	METHOD OF ALARM FROM PUBLIC Tie-line (911) 7				CO. INSPECTION DISTRICT 10		SHIFT F		NO. ALARMS 1	
H	NO. FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED 16		NO. ENGINES RESPONDED 3		NO. AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED 1		NO. OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED 10			
I	NUMBER OF INJURIES FIRE SERVICE		OTHER 4		NUMBER OF FATALITIES FIRE SERVICE		OTHER 1			
J	COMPLEX Apartment complex 42				MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE Mobile property type n/a 8					
K	AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN Lounge area 14				EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION No equipment involved 98					
L	FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION Lighter 46			TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED Man-made fabric 71			FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED Sofa/chair/seat 21			
M	METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT Hose:precon. to hydr 6				LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN Grade to 9' above gr 1			ESTIMATED LOSS (DOLLARS ONLY) 170000.00		
N	NUMBER OF STORIES 2 stories. 2				CONSTRUCTION TYPE Unprotected wood frame 8					
O	EXTENT OF FLAME DAMAGE Structure of origin 6				EXTENT OF SMOKE DAMAGE Beyond structure of origin 7					
P	DETECTOR PERFORMANCE At origin, operated 1				SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE No equipment present 8					
Q	IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN		TYPE OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE Man-made fabric 71			AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL No significant avenue 8				
R			FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE Sofa/chair/seat 21							
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) Leland Coddling, Chief	DATE 12/15/95
	MEMBER MAKING REPORT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)	DATE 11

IDI 960702CCC5311 ATTACHMENT #1

960702 CCC 5311

## REMARKS

Medina Fire Department

For Incident: 950296 Exposure: 00 DATE: 12/15/95 TIME: 10:59

Fire was started from children playing with a grill lighter. The fire set off a smoke alarm and woke up Julie Pal and she went down stairs to extinguish the fire but she could not extinguish it. She went outside to get help to extinguish the fire. When she got back with the help the fire was too large to extinguish and too much fire to get to the stairs. The children had gone upstairs to be with their mother [REDACTED] who had been sleeping. She could not get down the stairs because of the amount of fire coming up the stairs. She dropped the children out of the window to some neighbors. They called for her to crawl out the window but she never did. The Fire Department found her about laying on the floor about 1 1/2 foot in the room from the window.

CIVILIAN CASUALTY REPORT  
Medina Fire Department

960702 CCC 5311

PDID 52017	INCIDENT NO 950296	EXP 00	MO 12	DAY 15	YEAR 95	DAY OF WEEK Friday	6	ALARM TIME 10:59
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GB	HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]		TELEPHONE [REDACTED]			
GC	SEX FEMALE 2	CASUALTY TYPE Fire Casualty 1	SEVERITY Death 2	AFFILIATION Civilian 3		
GD	FAMILIARITY WITH STRUCTURE Undeter/not rep 0	LOCATION AT IGNITION In same build'g 4		CONDITION BEFORE INJURY Asleep 1		
GE	CONDITION PREVENTING ESCAPE Fire block exit 2	ACTIVITY AT TIME OF INJURY Rescue attempt 2		CAUSE OF INJURY Exposed to fire 2		
GF	NATURE OF INJURY Burns & smoke 1	PART OF BODY INJURED Multiple parts 8		DISPOSITION Died 6		
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CIVILIAN CASUALTY REPORT  
Medina Fire Department

PDID 52017	INCIDENT NO 950296	EXP 00	MO 12	DAY 15	YEAR 95	DAY OF WEEK Friday	6	ALARM TIME 10:59
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GD	FAMILIARITY WITH STRUCTURE Undeter/not rep 0	LOCATION AT IGNITION Involved 1		CONDITION BEFORE INJURY Awake, unimpair 8		
GE	CONDITION PREVENTING ESCAPE Undetermined 0	ACTIVITY AT TIME OF INJURY Undet/not reptd 0		CAUSE OF INJURY Exposed to fire 2		
GF	NATURE OF INJURY Asphyx/smk only 3	PART OF BODY INJURED Internal 7		DISPOSITION Hospital non PD 4		
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CIVILIAN CASUALTY REPORT  
Medina Fire Department

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GD	FAMILIARITY WITH STRUCTURE Undeter/not rep 0		LOCATION AT IGNITION In room/space 2		CONDITION BEFORE INJURY Awake, unimpair 8	
GE	CONDITION PREVENTING ESCAPE Fire block exit 2		ACTIVITY AT TIME OF INJURY Undet/not restd 0		CAUSE OF INJURY Exposed to fire 2	
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Medina Fire Department

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GC	SEX FEMALE 2	CASUALTY TYPE Fire Casualty 1	SEVERITY Injury 1	AFFILIATION Civilian 3		
GD	FAMILIARITY WITH STRUCTURE Undeter/not rep 0		LOCATION AT IGNITION In same build'g 4		CONDITION BEFORE INJURY Asleep 1	
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GF	NATURE OF INJURY Asphyx/smk only 3		PART OF BODY INJURED Internal 7		DISPOSITION Hospital non PD 4	
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CIVILIAN CASUALTY REPORT  
 Medina Fire Department

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GA	CASUALTY LAST NAME [REDACTED]	FIRST NAME [REDACTED]	MI C	MO / YR 12 / 94	AGE 1	TIME OF INJURY 10:59
GB	HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]	TELEPHONE [REDACTED]				
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GD	FAMILIARITY WITH STRUCTURE Undeter/not rep 0	LOCATION AT IGNITION In room/space 2	CONDITION BEFORE INJURY Awake, undupair 8			
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○ See remarks on back		○ See additional report				

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number X9442970C

Date of Incident 12-15-95 Category I.D. 5E2TKW1994

Follow-Up Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Hazard Analysis Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Call \_\_\_\_\_ On-site \_\_\_\_\_

Headquarters Contact Kate Wallace, CCA

Assignment Message Please conduct a Section 15 WI.  
If possible, determine make of grill lighter and whether  
it was in the "on" position.

Person(s) to Contact Lt Burton Robertson, F.D.  
Franklin, WI

Guideline \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By Kate Wallace, CCA

Task Number 960702 CCA 5311

Assigned to CH10 Date 6/1/96

ATTACHMENT #2

Distribution of proceeds leads group to boycott AIDS ride

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# MILWAUKEE METRO AND STATE NEWS

Redbone keeps old music alive

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Everyday People



JOYCE EVANS

## A decade later, she achieves goal

You think a bachelor's degree is worth more than 10 times as much as a high school diploma, don't you? Gladney heard it a long time ago. She sacrificed her degree. "People ask me, 'Why are you doing this? You have every-

thing in your life his- tory. You worked as a nurse for 20 years at the National Center, left with a disability in the mid- 1980s, and you're suffering a recurring stroke back in 1995.

### Franklin fire lieutenant helps lead investigation of grill lighters

By TOM HEINRY of the Journal Sentinel staff

The federal government, with the help of a Franklin fire official, is conducting a nationwide investigation of fires caused by children playing with long-nosed butane lighters designed to ignite barbecue grills.

The U.S. Consumer Product

Safety Commission is examining whether these grill lighters should be required to have the kind of child-resistant controls that have been required of disposable cigarette lighters since mid-1994.

The investigation, pushed by Franklin Fire Lt. Burton Robertson, comes in the wake of fires



Robertson

across the country caused by the devices. Some of the fires have resulted in deaths, injuries or extensive property damage.

Some examples: Lovett, a 19-month-old twin, died June 4 when their 3-year-old sister set a bed on fire with a grill lighter at their home in Dillon County, S.C. The older girl escaped without injury, but the twins apparently fled into an adjoining bathroom and were overcome by smoke.

A 4-year-old girl died of smoke inhalation Jan. 26, the

day after he started a fire while playing with a grill lighter in his family's second-floor flat in Weyauwega, Wis.

21, died of smoke inhalation last Dec. 15 after saving the lives of her three young children by dropping them from an upstairs window of her burning apartment into the hands of neighbors in Medina, Ohio.

had tried to hide a grill lighter in a bookcase because the children — all young-

Please see LIGHTERS page 3

# U.S. safety study follows local push

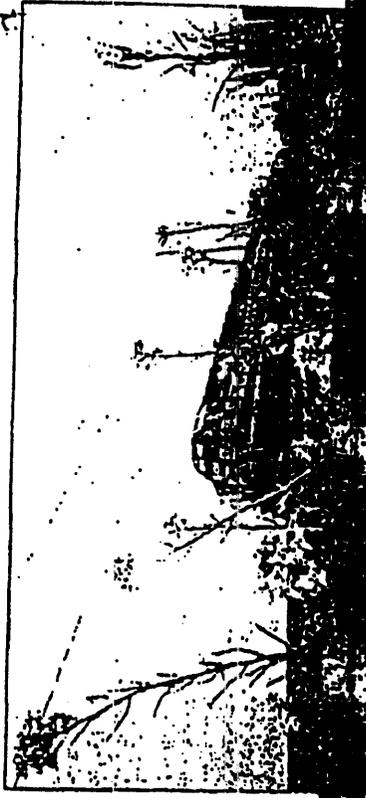
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JOURNAL SENTINEL STAFF Some fire officials say grill lighters such as this one can be dangerous for children.

## Weyauwega gets back on track

A Wisconsin Central train makes its way down the tracks at N. Mill St., near the location where tankers carrying propane derailed in March, forcing evacuation of the city. Weyauwega celebrated its return to normalcy Sunday. Below: Six-month-old Marissa Johnson holds the finger of her mother, Colleen Johnson, as Weyauwega



## Toughened juvenile code starts on July 1

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# Lighters/Fire official leading investigation.

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ger than 5 — had a history of playing with fire. But the children saw where she put the lighter and later set a sofa blaze with it.

in Wisconsin, [redacted] 3, died of severe burns Nov. 22, 1992, two days after flames flashed through the open-closet shelves where she had climbed while playing house in her La Crosse home. She had wrapped herself in a blanket, which was among cloth that ignited when she and a 4-year-old sister played with a grill lighter.

"I'm pretty dead set against those things," La Crosse Fire Chief Peter Stinson said. "They are considerably dangerous. They're not like a cigarette lighter where you put them in your pocket out of the reach of the children."

### Local Official Collects Data

Information about such fires is being compiled by Robertson, the Franklin fire lieutenant, who began tracking data about such incidents after a 4-year-old boy started a fire with a grill lighter at a home in Franklin last November. The boy's mother smelled smoke and rescued him and two younger children from a burning bedroom.

Robertson began soliciting information about such cases on an Internet bulletin board used by professional firefighters and has learned of at least 20 fires through his computer research.

He began sending information to the Consumer Production Safety Commission, as did several other fire departments, some using forms Robertson created and addressed to the agency's Milwaukee office.

The commission began a formal investigation of grill lighters.

GRILL LIGHTERS  
 REPORTED INCIDENTS  
 U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION  
 NATIONAL INJURY INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE

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 : DATE ENTERED : 23JUL1996  
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 : TYPE OF CONTACT : NEWS CLIP  
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 : 0694 BEDS, NOT SPECIFIED  
 DATE INJURED : 11MAY1996 WORK RELATED : N  
 AGE : 0 SEX : ?  
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 MANUFACTURER : MANUFACTURER UNKNOWN  
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 MODEL : 0  
 NARRATIVE :  
 : A FIREFIGHTER SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION DURING AN APARTMENT FIRE  
 : STARTED BY A CHILD PLAYING WITH A CIGARETTE LIGHTER AND IGNITING A  
 : BED. DAMAGE: \$50,000.

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 : DATE ENTERED : 02AUG1996  
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 : TYPE OF CONTACT : NEWS CLIP  
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 : 0679 SOFAS, COUCHES, DAVENPORTS, DIVANS OR ST  
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 AGE : 21 SEX : F  
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 : A WOMAN, AGE 21, DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION FROM AN APARTMENT FIRE  
 : STARTED BY A CHILD PLAYING WITH A GRILL LIGHTER ON A SOFA.

1. CASE NO. 960626CCCC5288		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID [8][7][2][4]		3. OFFICE CODE [8][3][0]		<b>EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT</b>	
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY [9][5][0][9][2][1]		5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED		YR MO DAY [9][6][0][6][2][8]			
6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A three year old male died from smoke inhalation from a fire caused when he set a dress on fire on a bed in his bedroom. The victim was playing with a utility lighter at the time of the accident. There were no other injuries in the accident.							
<p>MFR/PRVLR NOTIFIED</p> <p><del>No Comments made</del></p> <p><del>Comments attached</del></p> <p><del>Excisions/Revisions</del></p> <p><del>Firm has not requested further notice</del></p>							
7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home (bedroom) [1][0]			8. CITY Roswell			9. STATE Georgia	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT Utility Lighter [1][2][4][7]			11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Scripto "Aim N Flame" Scripto-Tokai Corporation, Fontana, CA 92337				
10B. SECOND PRODUCT [ ][ ][ ]			11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS				
12. AGE OF VICTIM [0][0][3]		13. SEX (USE NUMERICAL CODE) MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [1] UNKNOWN - 3		14. DISPOSITION DOA [8]		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Smoke Inhalation [6][5]	
16. BODY PART All Parts [8][5]		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Father, Fire department investigator, police detective & engineer. [3]			18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [3] OTHER - 3		19. TIME SPENT [1][8].[0]
20. ATTACHMENTS Multiple [9]		21. CASE SOURCE Newspaper [0][5]		22. REVIEWED BY YR MO DAY <del>8/19/97</del> <del>7/14/97</del>			
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		

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 Comments Processed  
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**PRE-ACCIDENT:**

According to the victim's father, the victim was a 3 year old male who was in general good health and was not under the care of a physician or nor did he have any type of disabilities at the time of the accident. According to the fire department investigator and to the police detective, the victim was playing in his room along with his two sisters prior to the accident. The victim's sister told the police detective that their brother was playing with a "fire thing".

According to the fire department investigator, the victim's parents explained to him that they had taken the utility lighter away from the victim the day before the accident. They stated that he had removed it from the kitchen cabinet and was playing with it. They said that they scolded him and took it away from him. According to the father, he did not know if the victim had played with the product in the past.

**ACCIDENT:**

According to the police detective, the victim's sisters told her the victim was playing with the "fire thing" on the corner of a bed where one of the sisters had a dress laying. They told the detective that the victim used the product to set the dress and some of the carpet on fire. One of the sisters told the detective that when she saw the dress was on fire she ran down the hall to the mother's bedroom where she was talking on the phone. She said she yelled fire, fire. The sister told the detective that her mother told her and her sister to run to the garage and wait for her. The mother then began searching for the victim.

**POST ACCIDENT:**

According to the fire investigator, he arrived with the fire fighters and assisted one of the firemen in searching for the victim. He stated that they found the victim lying unconscious in an outer room portion of the bathroom, across the hall from the bedroom. See exhibit #2 for a copy of the fire investigator's report which includes a diagram and photographs showing where the victim was found. He stated there was no response from the victim so they removed him from the house. He stated that when they arrived outside the victim did have a very light pulse so he was transported to the hospital where he was later pronounced dead. According to the police detective's report, the medical examiner's office pronounced the victim dead on the afternoon of the accident by smoke inhalation. See exhibit #3 for a copy of the detective's report.

According to the fire department investigator, he found the utility lighter in an outer room portion of the bathroom. He said the lighter was not damaged in the accident and he also said that the switch on the lighter was in the "on" position at the time he found it.

The father stated he purchased the product to light his barbecue grill. He said that both he and his wife were non smokers. However, the police detective's report indicated that the sisters stated that the father bought the product and used it to light candles. They said he kept the product in a cabinet beside the bed in the mother and father's bedroom. The father explained to me that he kept the product in a cabinet in the kitchen.

According to the fire department fire investigator, there was a smoke detector in the home. He said it was installed on a wall in the foyer on the first floor of the home. He said the smoke detector did not function because no smoke reached the first floor. The fire department investigator said that he did not identify the smoke detector. He said that there was no smoke detector on the second floor of the home. See exhibit #2 for a copy of the investigator's report which includes photographs of the smoke detector.

#### **PRODUCT INFORMATION:**

The product is a utility lighter manufactured by Scripto-Tokai Corporation, Fontana, California 92337. The brand name is "Aim N Flame". The product does not have model or serial number nor did it indicate any type of certification such as UL or AGA. The product did have caution labels stating that it had gas under pressure and etc.. According to the father, the product was approximately one month old and was in good condition. According to an analysis conducted on the utility lighter, by an engineering firm used by the parents homeowner's insurance company, the product operated as it was intended. The engineer said the product did not appear to be defective. See exhibit #4 for a copy of the lighter analysis conducted by the engineering firm. The product was collected as a sample and assigned sample number 96-830-4174. See Exhibit 5 for a copy of the sample collection report.

According to the father, he purchased the product at a Kroger grocery store in Roswell, Georgia, approximately 1 month prior to the accident.

#### **STANDARDS INFORMATION:**

At the present time CPSC does not have any standards addressing utility lighters. However, efforts have been made to bring the

utility lighter under compliance with the labeling requirements on cigarette lighters. It is unknown if the product had been manufactured according to any standards. However, the product appeared to have the required labeling.

**EXHIBITS:**

1. Assignment.
2. Copy of Fire Investigator's Report.
3. Copy of Police Report.
4. Copy of Lighter Analysis by Engineering Firm.
5. Copy of Sample Collection Report.

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IDI ASSIGNMENT TRACKING SHEET 424

- 1. ASSIGNMENT # 960626CCC5288 2. INVEST. 8724 3. SUP. 3007
- 4. DATE ASGD 6/28/96 5. TARGET 7/30/96 6. UPDATE \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. ASGN TYPE 08 8. MIS 32626 9. ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ 11. LOCATION Roswell, GA
- 12. PRODUCT Replace lighter 13. DOC # X9662928A
- 14. HIA REF SECT15 15. STATUS \_\_\_\_\_ 16. LAST REV (GENERATED)
- 17. REGION C
- 18. DATE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_ 19. TIME \_\_\_\_\_ 20. TRAVEL \_\_\_\_\_
- 21. REMARKS DOT 950921

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ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND DIRECTIONS (NOT IN COMPUTER RECORD)

See A9 assignment.

Contact/visit live officials for info/reports  
to include photos Contact NOK if  
needed to obtain product ident/info.  
It still available, collect lighter involved  
as spl for CEN evaluation.

\* Target: Please initiate promptly & get as  
 much info as possible by end 7/1. Provide  
 brief report on findings thus far via E-mail  
 to Kate Wallace with cc to ~~Team~~ Supv.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

SECT 15

Document Number X 9462928A

Date of Incident 9-21-95 Category I.D. SECT KW 1994

Follow-Up Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Hazard Analysis Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Call \_\_\_\_\_ On-Site \_\_\_\_\_

Headquarters Contact Kate Wallace, CCA X1267

Assignment Message Please conduct a Section 15 IDI. Confirm accident scenario. Determine make of lighter and whether switch was in "on" or "off" position. Where was lighter usually kept? How did child access lighter?

Person(s) to Contact Mike Victory, Roswell Fire Capt.

Guidelines \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By Kate Wallace, CCA

Task Number 960626CCC5288

Assigned to CH10 Date 6/26/96

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September 23, 1995, Saturday, ALL EDITIONS

SECTION: LOCAL NEWS, Pg. 1C

LENGTH: 331 words

X9662928

HEADLINE: Toddler, 3, dies in fire in Roswell;  
Tragedy at home: Firefighter found child, but boy had inhaled too much smoke.

BYLINE: Don Plummer; STAFF WRITER

BODY:

Roswell Fire Capt. Mike Vickery said he remembers every fatality in his 17 years as a firefighter - the most recent a 3-year-old boy he found Friday morning lying unconscious under a thick blanket of smoke.

After carrying the child from his blazing home in Roswell's Churchill Heat subdivision and handing him to paramedics, Vickery took a moment to rest and reflect.

"When I first saw him, he was not breathing and not responsive," said Vickery, a full-time DeKalb County firefighter who volunteers in Roswell in a time off. "He was so covered with smoke I couldn't even tell if he was a boy or a girl."

The unidentified child, who suffered from smoke inhalation, was pronounced dead at 5:30 p.m., according to a Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center spokeswoman.

"It really hits home," Vickery said after hearing of the child's death. "I have three girls, and it's like carrying a member of your family when you find a child."

But standing outside the brick two-story home Friday morning, Vickery still was holding out hope. "I don't know if he will make it or not. I just gathered him up in my arms and ran straight out of the house."

As other firefighters hauled burnt debris to the driveway and set up fans to push smoke from the house, Vickery said he pulled off his breathing gear and "sat under a tree until I could gather myself with the support of some of the other firefighters."

Lt. Mike Martin, who came straight to the fire from a nearby home where he was working a part-time job as an exterminator, said the boy's mother was able to escape uninjured with her other two children.

Vickery said it took less than 10 minutes to extinguish the blaze that began when the 3-year-old was playing with a fireplace lighter. But inside the house, Vickery said, time seemed to stand still as he groped along the floor for the boy.

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The Atlanta Journal, September 23, 1995

"When you're enveloped in the smoke you don't have any sense of time," he said. "You can't see a foot in front of you."

GRAPHIC: Color photo: Firefighters Mark Desses (above left) and Mike Vickery were among the first on the scene. / LOUIE FAVORITE / Staff Color photo: Vick got the child from his room (below). / LOUIE FAVORITE / Staff

LOAD-DATE: September 24, 1995

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Exhibit #1

**Roswell Fire Department  
Fire Investigation Report**

Case Number 952093

Incident Date: 092295

Alarm Time: 1045

Day of Week: Friday

Incident Address: [REDACTED] GA 30075

Property Owner: [REDACTED]

Day Phone #: [REDACTED]

Night Phone #: Same

Occupant's Name: The [REDACTED] Family

Day Phone #: [REDACTED]

Night Phone #: Same

Occupant's Address: Same as owner

Building Construction Type: Type VIII Unprotected

Fire Origin: Bedroom at corner of bed

Fire Cause: Child playing with butane lighter

FD Notified By: [REDACTED]

Fire Discovered By: [REDACTED] children

Day Phone #:

Night Phone #:

Discoverer's Address:

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## Investigator's Remarks

The fire was started at the corner of the bed in Bedroom A, (refer to diagrams) by [REDACTED] who was playing with a butane lighter. [REDACTED] then left Bedroom A and went to Bathroom #1. He dropped the lighter in the outer room of Bathroom #1 and locked himself in the inner room of Bathroom #1.

The fire eventually flashed over in Bedroom A and flames extended into the hallway. Bedroom A's door was opened at the time of the fire. The fire broke through the window which allowed heat and smoke to vent to the outside. Smoke layer stains were present in the upstairs portion of the structure and had extended down from the ceiling to within 24 inches to 30 inches of the floor. The smoke itself, however, was at the floor level when fire fighters entered the second floor level.

The main level of the house received very minor smoke damage and moderate water damage. The basement level of the house received light water damage and no smoke damage. A smoke detector was found in the foyer of the main level. Initial testing at the scene indicated that the battery may have been dead, however, testing performed at Fire Headquarters revealed that the smoke detector was in good working order. It is believed that the smoke never reached the detector in the main level foyer for activation to occur. No smoke detectors were located on the second floor of the structure.

### Rescue Operation

Fire fighters entered the second floor level of the structure and performed a search and rescue operation under heavy smoke conditions. Capt. Mike Vickery and myself searched the master bedroom initially and found nothing. We then went to Bedroom B and noted fire fighters were in the process of searching the room. Vickery went to Bathroom #1 and yelled that he found a small shoe in the doorway. We entered the outer room of Bathroom #1 and Vickery yelled that the door leading to the inner room of Bathroom #1 was locked. I yelled that that was where the child probably was and told Vickery that I would retrieve a pry bar. I dropped a six foot pike pole I was carrying and went to the top of the steps in the foyer area to find a pry bar. I found nothing and returned to Capt. Vickery as he forced the door open with his shoulder. Vickery yelled that he had found the child and we exited the structure with the child. The child was placed on the ambulance stretcher and taken from the scene. As the child was placed on the stretcher, I noticed that he did not have any clothing on.

Statements obtained by Det. Davis of the Roswell Police Department from [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s siblings confirmed that [REDACTED] had started the fire with the butane. Davis stated that one of the siblings saw him ignite a dress and part of the bed.

It is my opinion that the cause of the fire was a three year old child, [REDACTED], playing with a butane lighter. The child ignited clothing and bedding materials in Bedroom A and then retreated to Bathroom #1 where he was found by fire fighters.

Case # 952095

Name: [Redacted]  
 Address: [Redacted]  
 City: Roswell State: Georgia  
 Zip Code: 30075  
 Address of [Redacted]  
 City: Roswell State: Georgia Zip Code: 30075  
 Patient's Signature for Refusal of: Transport  Treatment

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									Received by: <i>Michael E. [Signature]</i> Level: E Number: 26855 <i>[Signature]</i> Level: E Number: 26949 <i>[Signature]</i> Level: P Number: 2634 Physician's Sig. _____ Orders: Requested <input type="checkbox"/> No Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protocols <input type="checkbox"/> Received <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Standing Orders <input type="checkbox"/>

PRIORITY	MILEAGE	INCIDENT LOCATION	INJURY MECHANISM	PROTECT DEV	SEVERITY	ILLNESS/SYMPOM
0014	1.0	Detention Cent	Air	Air Bag	Burns 10% Face	Abd Pain
911 Used? <input type="checkbox"/> RESPONSE MODE: <input type="checkbox"/> TO SCENE: <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Emerg <input type="checkbox"/> Scheduled <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> FROM SCENE: <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Emerg <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed <input type="checkbox"/>	Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Water <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> In Res <input type="checkbox"/> Interstate <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Out Res <input type="checkbox"/> Phys/Clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Rec Event <input type="checkbox"/>	Road-Bar <input type="checkbox"/> Road-Co <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Water <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Event <input type="checkbox"/> Street City <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Assault <input type="checkbox"/> ATV <input type="checkbox"/> Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Crush <input type="checkbox"/> Abuse <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Neglect <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> Substance <input type="checkbox"/>	Car Seat <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing <input type="checkbox"/> Lap Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Lap Belt <input type="checkbox"/>	Ejection <input type="checkbox"/> Fall > 15 Min <input type="checkbox"/> Fall > 15 Ft <input type="checkbox"/> Intrusion J2 <input type="checkbox"/> Limb Paralysis <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Ped vs MV > 5 MPH <input type="checkbox"/> Pos Death in Veh <input type="checkbox"/> Rollover <input type="checkbox"/>	Cold Exp <input type="checkbox"/> Chv/TA <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic <input type="checkbox"/> Drowning <input type="checkbox"/> Drug/ETOL <input type="checkbox"/> Fever <input type="checkbox"/> GI Bleed <input type="checkbox"/> Heat Exp <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>

SYSTOLIC	DIASTOLIC	PULSE	RESP	PUPILS	GCS	SYS B/P	RESP RATE	CKG	INJURY SITE & TYPE	MED 1 ID	MED 2 ID	MED 3 ID
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EYES: Spontan 76-89, To Voice 50-76, To Pain 1-49, None No Pulse 0 VERBAL: Oriented Open & Cir 13-15, Confused Part Obst 6-8, Incompres Comp Obst 4-5, None None 3 MOTOR: Obedient Flexion, Localizes Extension, Withdrawal None INJURY SITE & TYPE: Anesthetized, Burn, Fracture, Laceration, Penetration, Soft Tissue MED 1 ID: 26628620, MED 2 ID: 26628620, MED 3 ID: 26628620												

CARE RENDERED	MEDIC #	PROCEDURE	ATTEMPT	SUC?	MEDIC #	MEDICATION	DOSE	ROUTE	TIM	MEDIC #	PROTOCOL	STAND ORD	DEST
12 Lead		Auto Defib				Adenosine							Patient C
Airway Main		Cardiovert				Albuterol							Trauma C
Asst Deliv		Chest Decompr				Alupent							Med Dir C
Asst Vent		Defib-Man				Amin							Closet C
Auto Vent		Esoph Air				Atropine							Other C
Bleed Contr		IV #1				Benadryl							
Card Monitor		IV #2				Bravitor							
CPR		IV #3				Cal Chlor							
C-Spine		MAST				Cetacaine							
Glucose Test		Needle Cric				Dacardion							
Pulse Ox		Pacing				D 5							
O2		Vagal Man				D 50							
Splints						Dopamine							
Suction						Epi 1							
Traction Splint													
Wound Dressed													
Other													

SERVICE #	UNIT	DATE	REQUEST	DISPATCH	RESPOND	AT SCENE	EXTRI COMP	ENROUTE	ARRIVAL	IN SERVICE	HOSP CODE
225001	22	1/04/5	1045	1045	1045	1052				1106005	

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY: 10 R-0, Arrive ED: 3, Chief Complaint: Pediatric Arrest

**NARRATIVE** Pt. was found upstairs, by firefighters, succumbed by severe s. lying on floor. Pt. had no respirations & no blood pressure could be taken. Pt. did have resp. of about 5-10 bpm. Pt. was intubated by EMTs in the rear of ambulance. NO IV was established due to primary function of CPR. Pt. was transported via NFRM via NF118. Pt. was a fire/smoke casualty from structure fire - Ambulance on the scene & transported immediately from fire scene.

FDID 06077	Incident/Exp 952093-00	Date 09/22/95	Day Of Week [6] Friday	Alarm 1045	Arrived 1048	In Service 1318
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Type of Situation Found [11] Structure Fire	Type of Action Taken [1] Extinguishment	Mutual Aid [0] None
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Fixed Property Use [411] 1-Family Dwelling-Year	Ignition Factor [36] Children with, child playing
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Correct Address [REDACTED]	Zip Code 30075	Census Tract 11407
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Occupant Name [REDACTED]	Telephone [REDACTED]	Room/Apt.
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Owner Name [REDACTED]	Owner Address [REDACTED]	Telephone [REDACTED]
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Method of Alarm From Public [1] Telephone Direct	District [3] Station 3	Shift [A] ALL	# Alarms 2
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# Fire Service Personnel Responded 31	# Engines Responded 2	# Aerial Apparatus Responded 0	# Other Vehicles Responded 7
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Injuries Fire Service 1	Other 2	Fatalities Fire Service 0	Other 0
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Complex [41] Dwelling Complex	Mobile Property Type [8] Not applicable
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Area of Origin [21] Sleeping room < 5 people	Equipment Involved In Ignition [98] No equipment involved
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Form of Heat Ignition [46] Lighter	Type of Material Ignited [72] Cotton-Rayon	Form of Material Ignited [32] Bedding, blanket, s
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Method of Extinguishment [6] Preconnect w/ hydrant/dra	Level Of Fire Origin [2] 10-19 feet	Estimated Loss 60000
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Number of Stories [2] Two stories	Construction Type [8] Unprotected wood frame
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Extent of Flame Damage [6] Structure of origin	Extent of Smoke Damage [6] Structure of origin
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Detector Performance [4] Detectors not in room no oper.	Sprinkler Performance [8] No equipment
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Type of Material Generating/Smoke [72] Cotton/Rayon	Avenue Of Smoke Travel [2] Corridor
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Form of Material Generating/Smoke [32] Bedding, blanket, sheet
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Officer In Charge R. SPENCER	Member Making Report B. DOBSON
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FDID	Incident/Exp	Date	Address
06077	952093 0	09/22/95	[REDACTED]

Comments

E1, E3, A/L1, R1, 201, 202, 203 RESPONDED TO A HOUSE FIRE AT [REDACTED] 223 ARRIVED AT 10:48 HRS AND ESTABLISHED CHURCHILL COMMAND AND FOUND A 2 STORY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE WITH HEAVY SMOKE SHOWING. THE MOTHER STATED THAT HER 3 YR OLD CHILD WAS TRAPPED ON THE 2ND FLOOR. E1, R1, 203 ARRIVED AT 10:52 HRS. 203 CALLED FOR AN SIG 4 TO RESPOND. E1 DROPPED 2 1-3/4" ON A Y TO THE FRONT DOOR AND OBTAINED A POSITIVE WATER SUPPLY. 211, 223, AND 230 ENTERED THE HOUSE W/ AN 1-3/4" TO THE 2ND FLOOR TO CONDUCT A SEARCH. HEAVY SMOKE AND HEAT CONDITIONS WERE ENCOUNTERED ON THE 2ND FLOOR. THE SEARCH WAS BEING CONDUCTED WHEN THE FIRE WAS LOCATED IN AN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM. 215 AND 303 ENTERED TO HELP W/ THE SEARCH AND LOCATED THE CHILD IN AN UPSTAIRS BATHROOM W/ THE DOOR LOCKED. THE CHILD WAS LOCATED AND REMOVED AT 11:03 HRS. THE CHILD WAS TURNED OVER TO NORTH FULTON 118 FOR TRANSPORTATION TO NFER. THE FIRE WAS BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL AT 11:05 HRS. SEE ATTACHED.

Responding Units

201	Car 201, Roswell	202	Car 202, Roswell
203	Car 203, Roswell	A/L1	Air & Light 1, Roswell
E1	Engine 1, Roswell	E3	Engine 3, Roswell
R1	Rescue 1, Roswell		

Responding Personnel - On Scene

CW037	CL139	BM140	MB132
AH137	NB009 <i>om</i>	CB004 <i>om</i>	RS010
FA093 <i>ym</i>	SB123	MD098	BD122
MD070	SD112	WH053	EJ099
GM066	MM048	CM116	PM089
TP061 <i>om</i>	GS075	MS118	CS091
MV019 <i>om</i>	JW109		

Responding Personnel - Standby

PB013	BB022 <i>om</i>	PB042 <i>am</i>	GD033
SD087			

Flag Categories

[01 ] STATION 1	[10 ] ARSON INVESTIGATOR NOTIFIED
[30 ] MAJOR FIRE	[50 ] CHAPLAIN CONTACTED

## Incident Data

Incident	Exp	Date	Location
952093	0	09/22/95	[REDACTED]

Company/Unit	Alarm	On Scene	In Service	Incident End
COMPANY 1	1045	1045	1318	1318

## Alarm Information

STRUCTURE FIRE

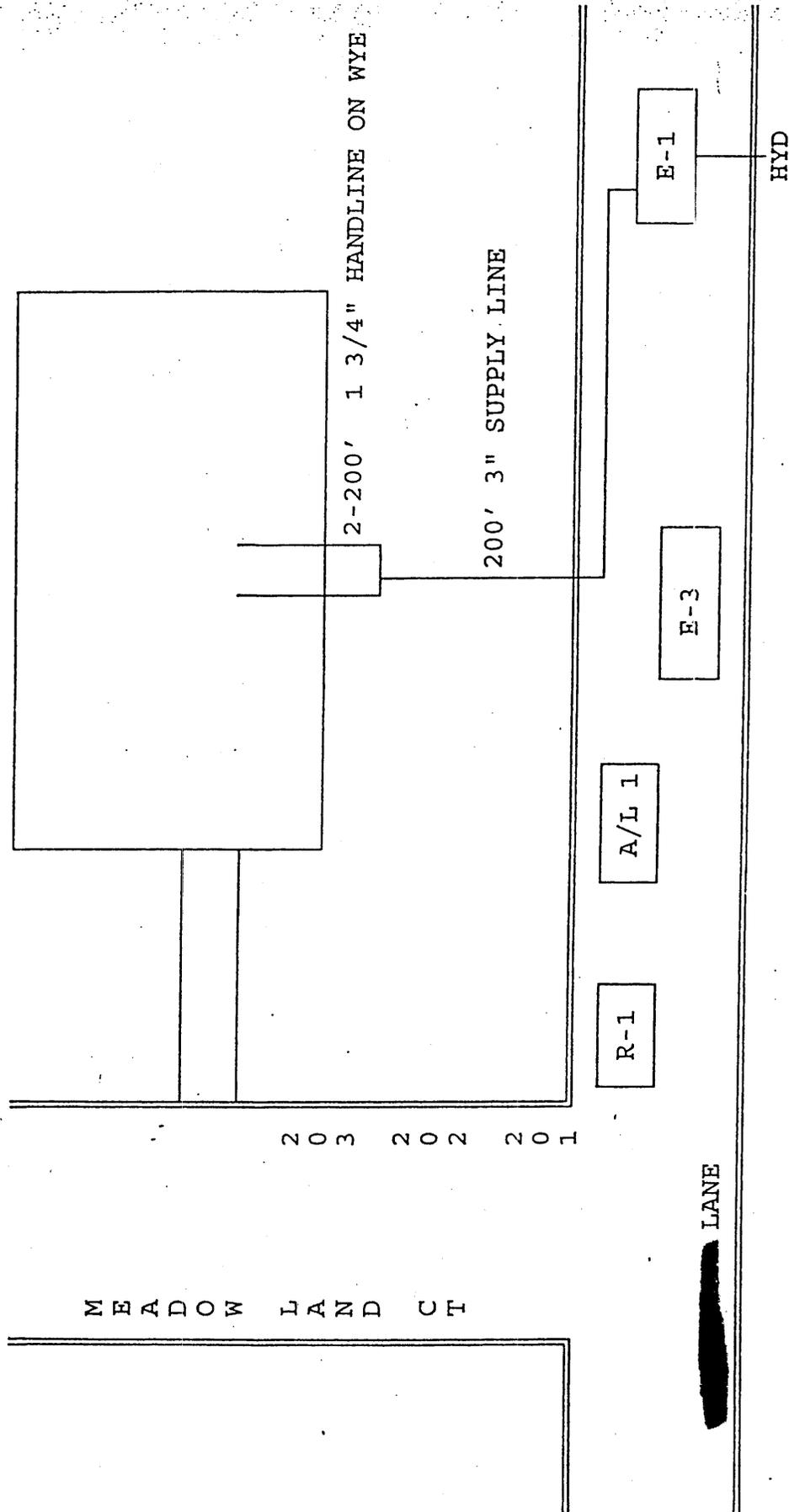
## Initial Report/Assignment

303, 305 WERE CALLED TO INVESTIGATE. OVERHAUL WAS COMPLETED AND THE SCENE WAS TURNED OVER TO 303 FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. SEE 303'S REPORT FOR SPECIFIC INFO ON DRAWING OF UPSTAIRS AND LOCATION OF CHILD.

## Action Taken

Completed By B. DOBSON

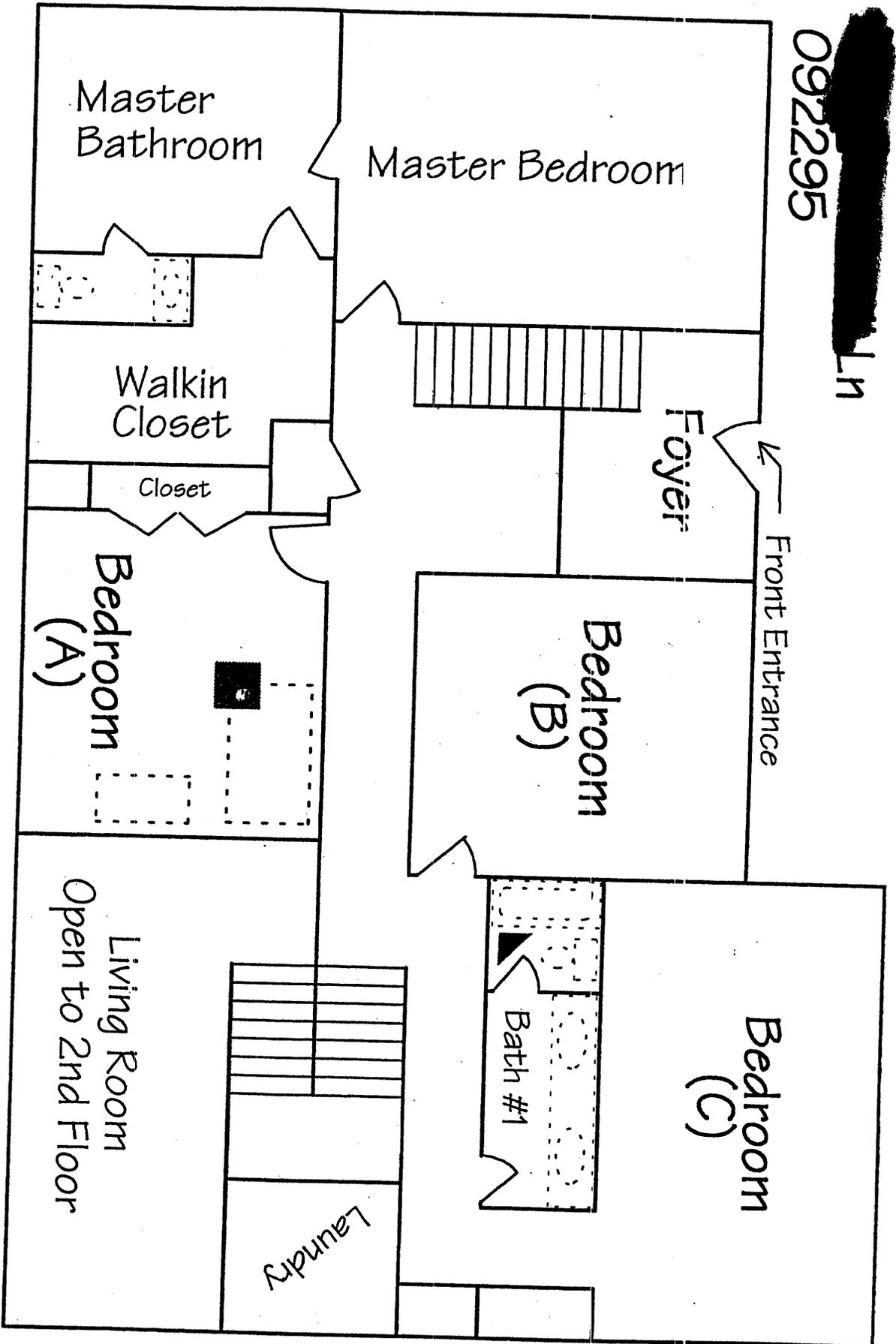
INCIDENT # 952093



(NOT TO SCALE)

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LN



■ Origin of Fire in Bedroom (A)

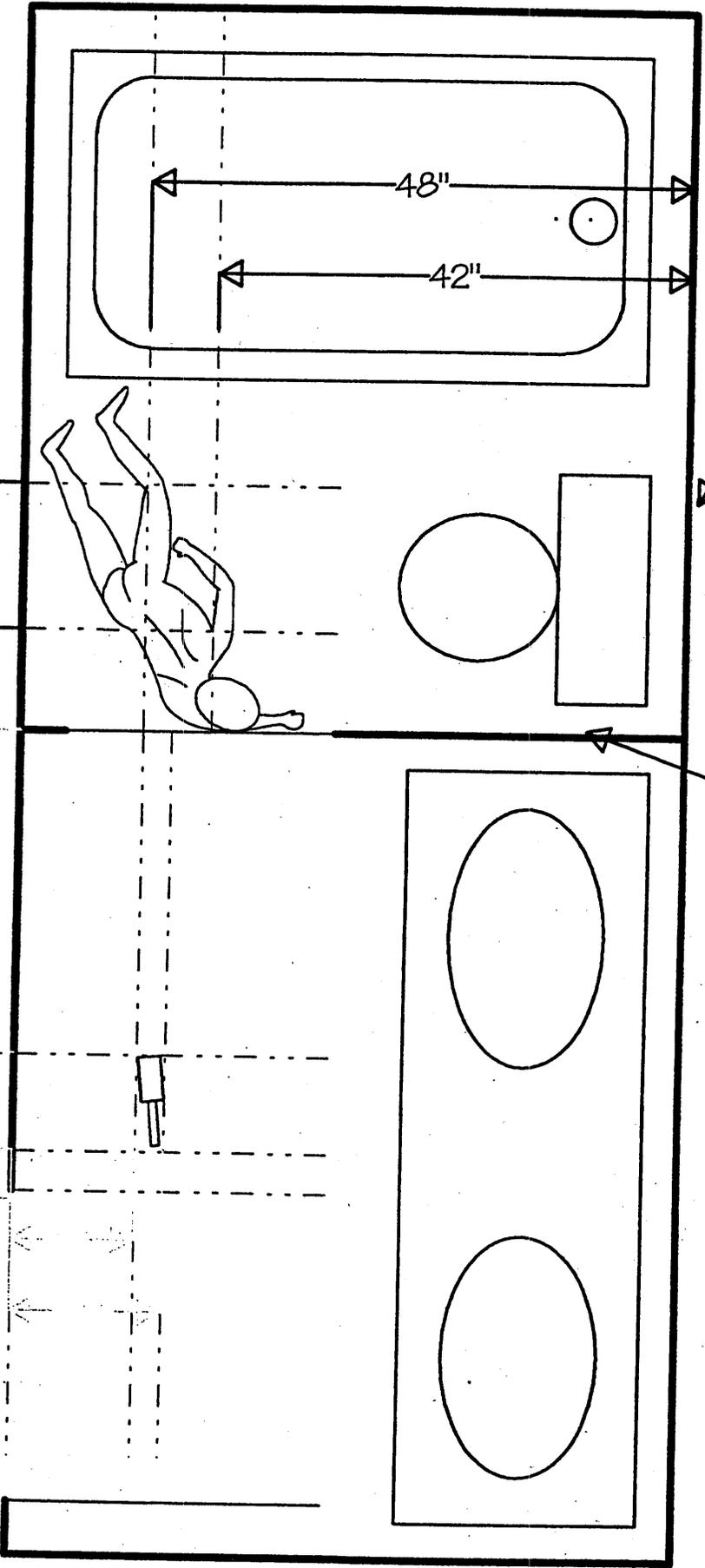
▲ Area where victim was found in Bath #1

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Wall A used as horizontal Baseline.

Wall B used as Vertical Baseline.

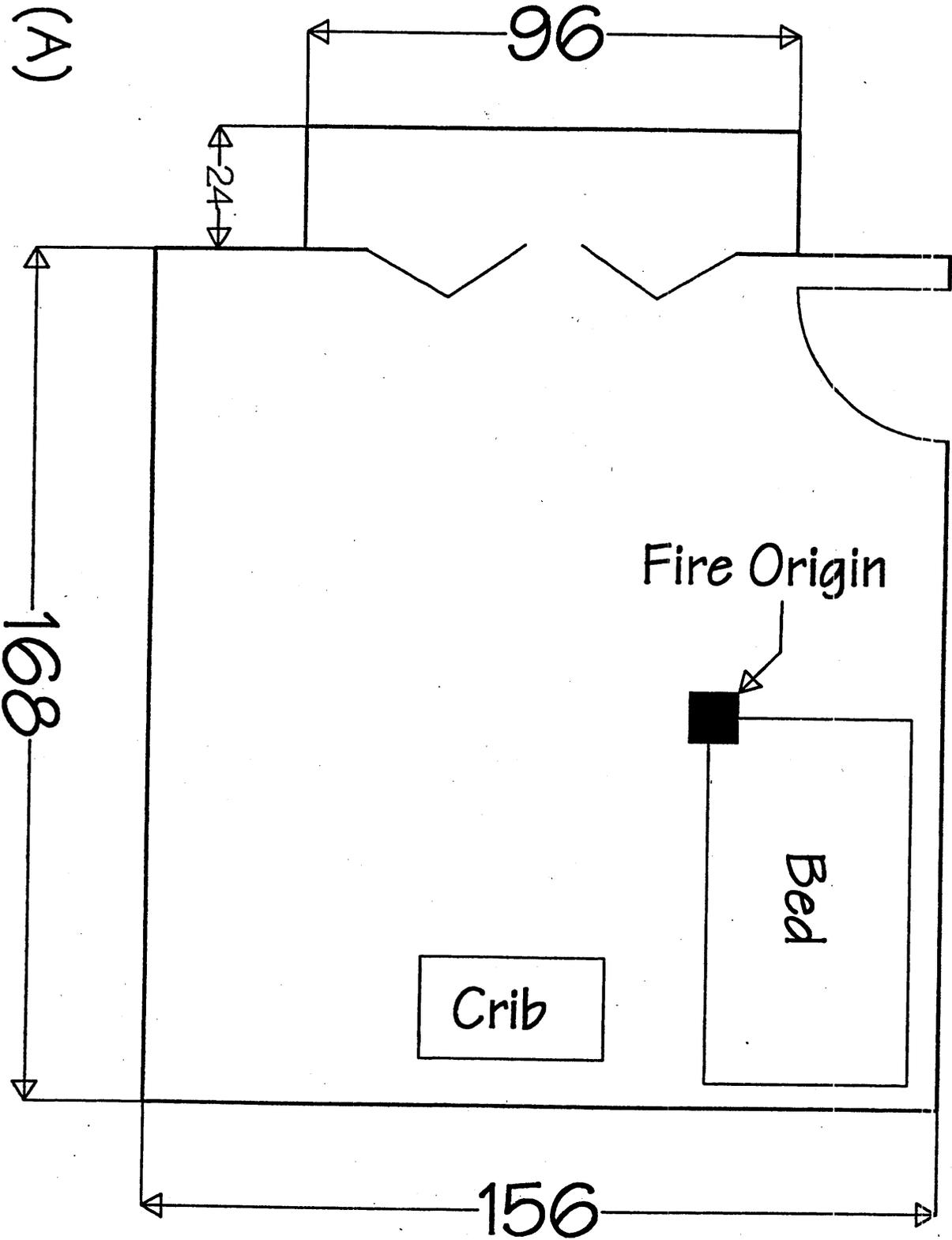


Bathroom #1

Location of victim

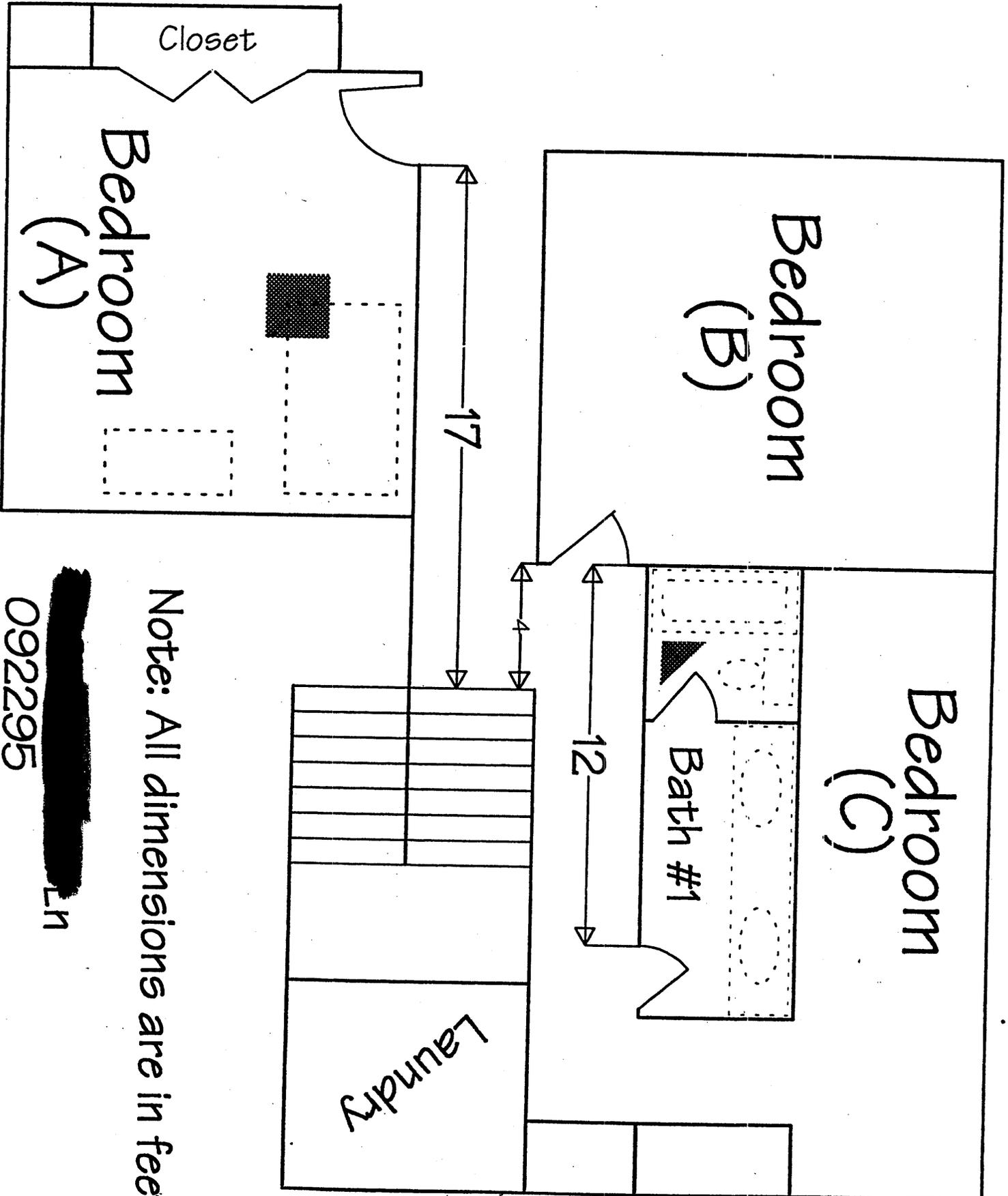
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LH



Bedroom (A)

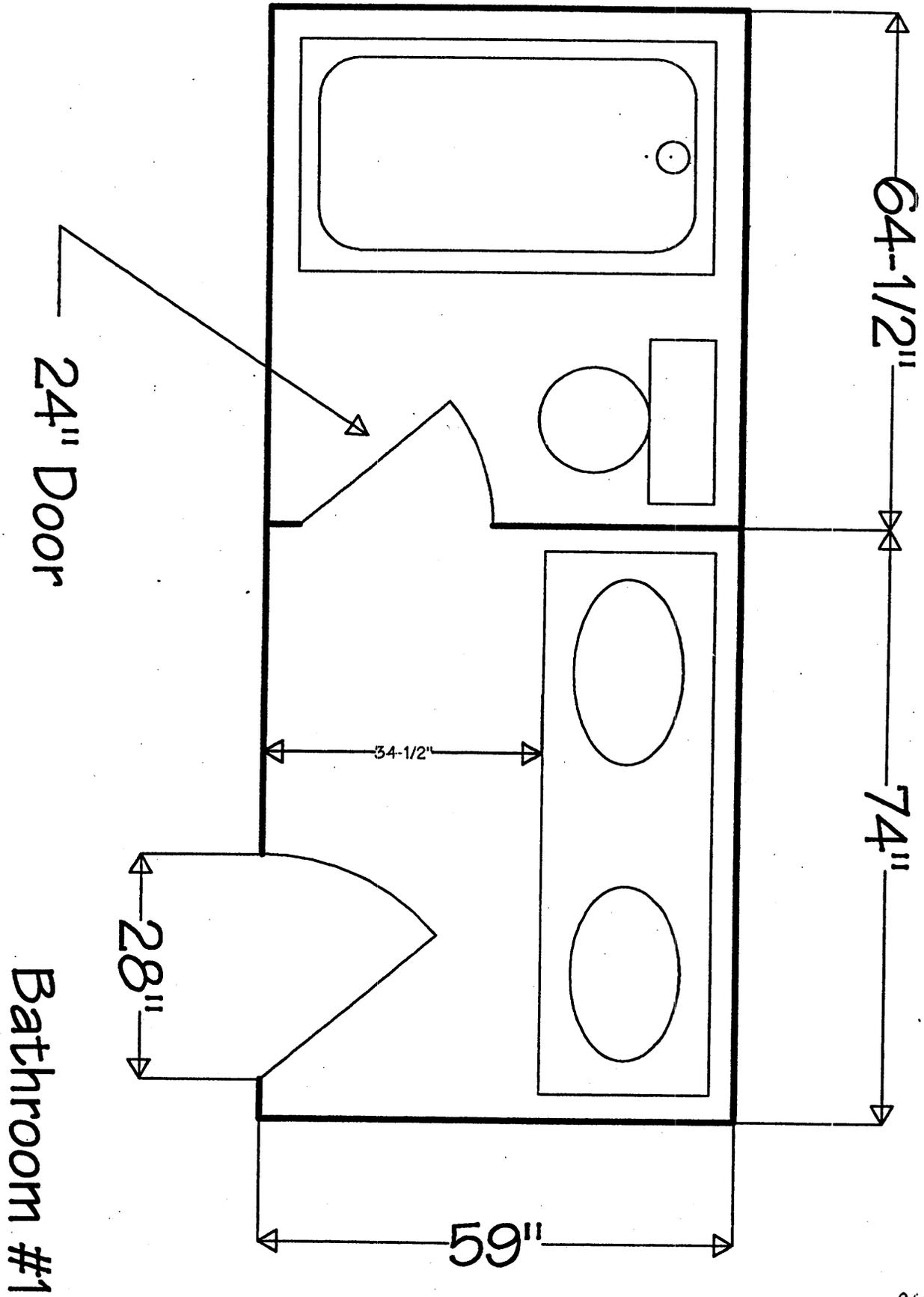
Note: All dimensions are in inches.



Note: All dimensions are in feet.

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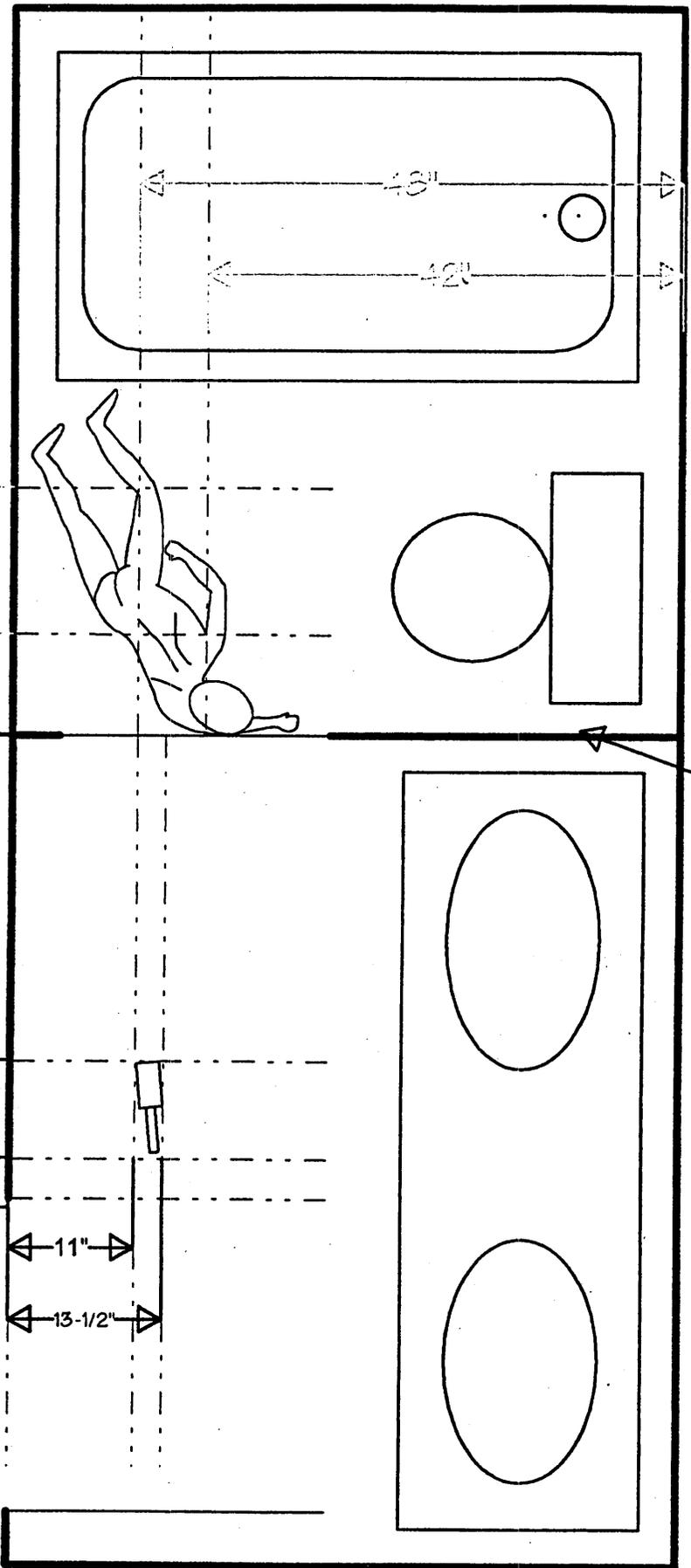
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Wall B used as Vertical Baseline.

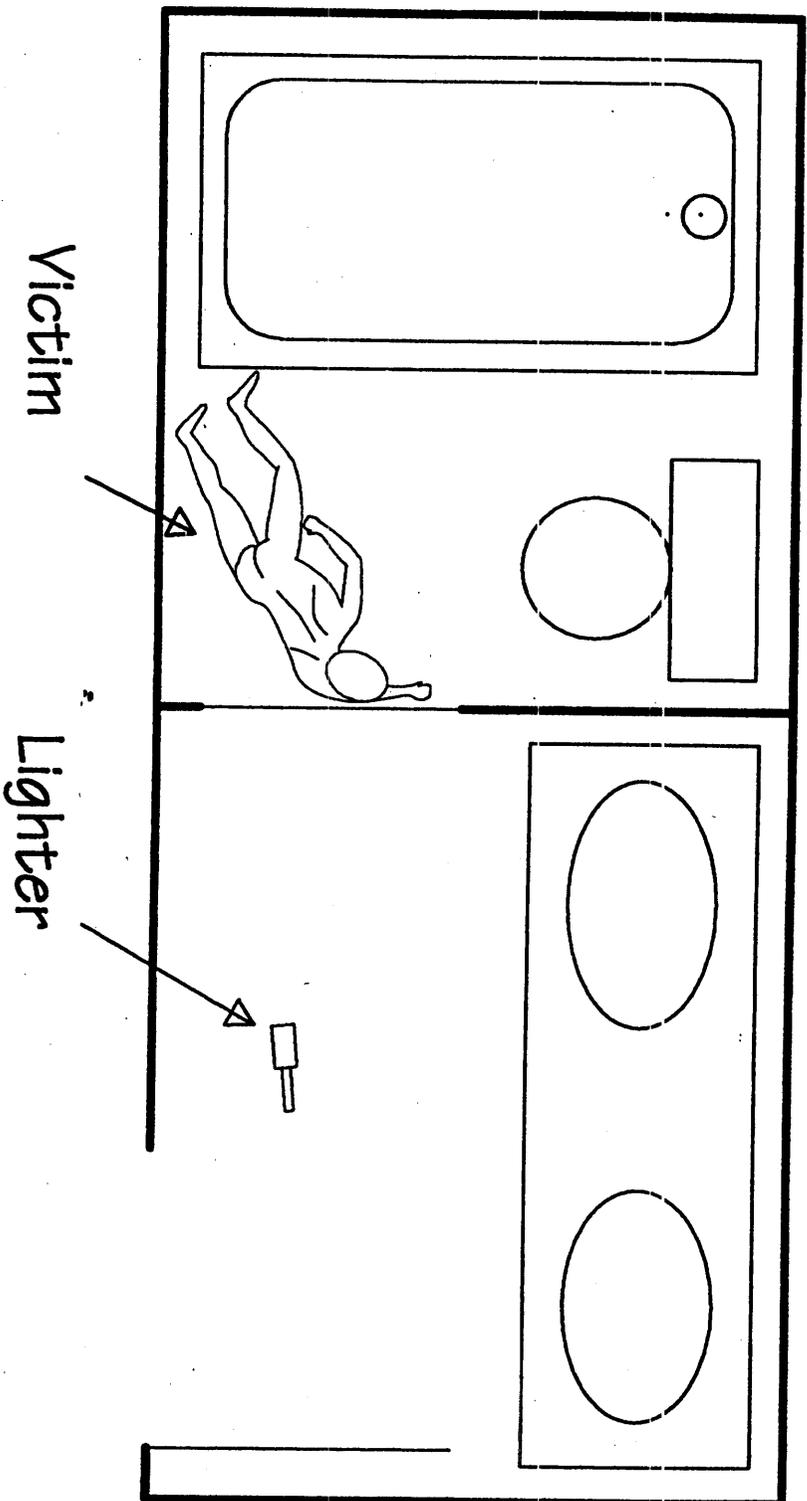


Bathroom #1

Location of lighter

Wall A used as horizontal Baseline

Bathroom #1



The bathroom hallway door was open.

The second bathroom door was closed & locked.

The victim was found behind the second door.

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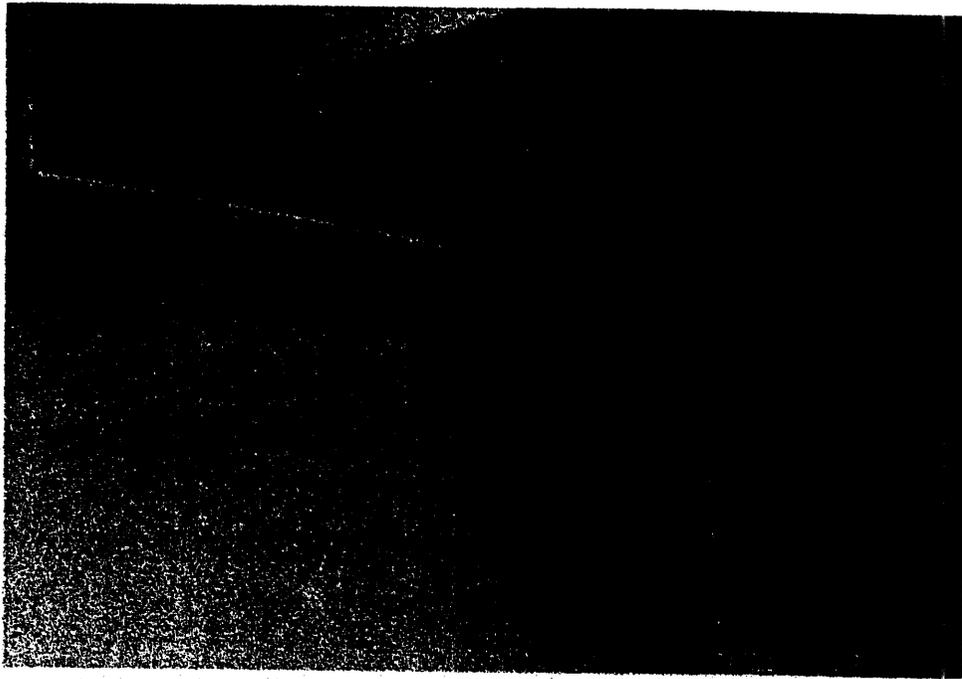


PHOTO #1 This is an overall view of smoke detector + where it was installed.

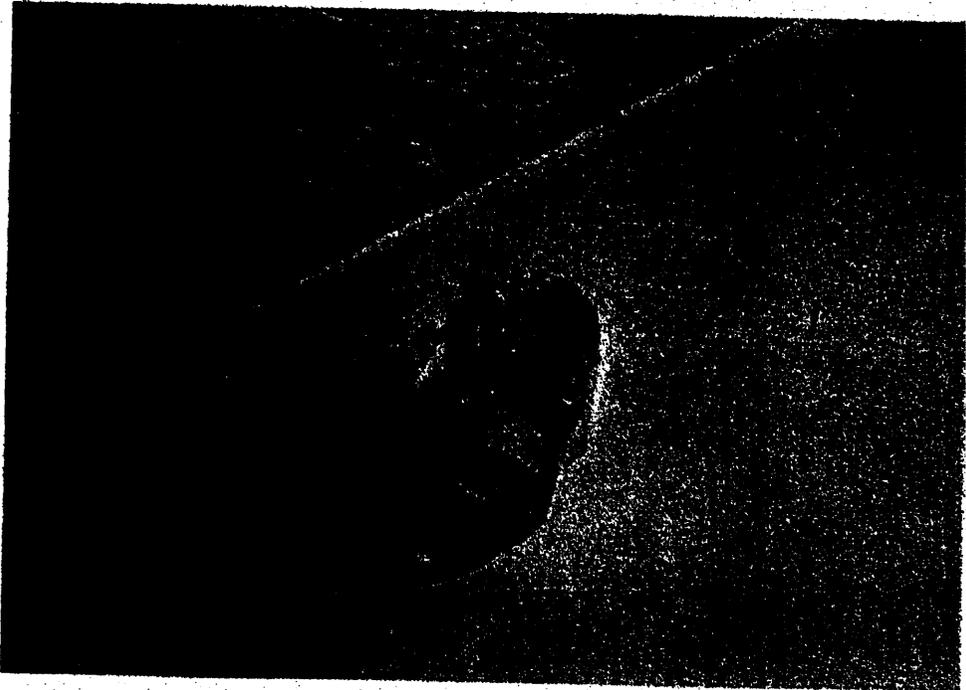


PHOTO #2 This is a view of the inside of the smoke detector.



Photo #3 This is a view of the corner of the mattress where  
the point of ignition took place.



Photo #4 This is a view of the wall across from the bed  
which was the ignition point.



photo #5 This is a view of the wall above the bed,  
which was the ignition point.

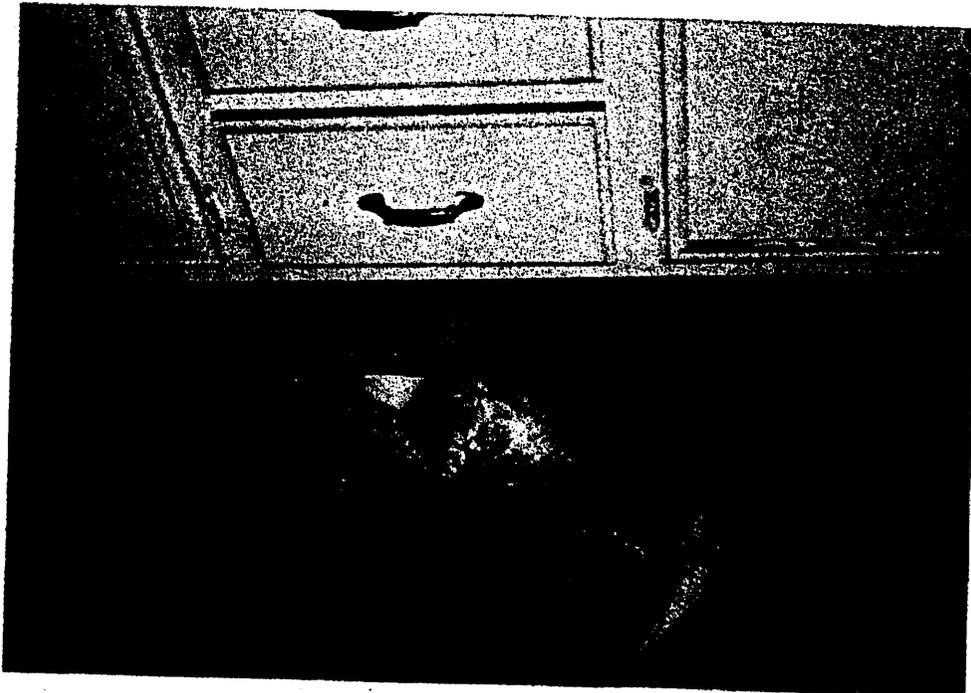


photo #6 This is a view of the outer room of the bathroom.  
You can see where the lighter was found.

Photo # 7 + 8

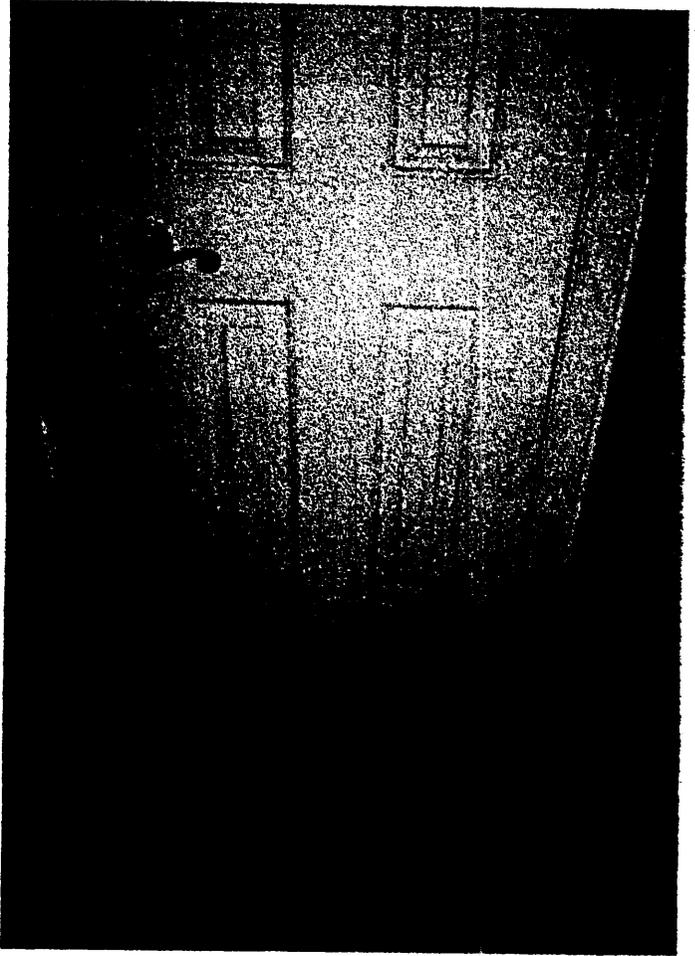
These are views of the outer  
room of the bathroom taken while  
standing in doorway.



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Exhibit #2

Photo #8 + 9

These are views of the inner room  
of the bathroom. This is where the  
victim was found. In photo #9 you  
can see victim's hand print in lower  
right corner.



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Exhibit #2

T. Edwin Williams  
Chief Of Police



W. L. Mabry  
Mayor

# Roswell Police Department

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DET. DAVIS is closing the above listed case as exceptionally cleared. Investigation reveals that the three year old victim was playing with a butane lighter in his bedroom which resulted in fire within the residence. The three year old, [REDACTED] locked himself inside a bathroom and could not be located by his mother. [REDACTED] was located by Fire and Rescue personnel and found to be unconscious and not breathing. [REDACTED] was treated at North Fulton Hospital and transferred to Scottish Rite Hospital. [REDACTED] was pronounced dead at 5:30 p.m., on 9-22-95, the same day as the incident. Fulton County Medical Examiners office advised [REDACTED] died as a result of smoke inhalation.

DET. DAVIS requested a report from Fulton County Medical Examiners office which has not been received as of October 17, 1995.

DET. F. DAVIS 10-17-95 ③  
GLJ 10-17-95

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ROSELWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT  
INCIDENT REPORT

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CASE NUMBER: 0095029931

AGENCY ID: GA0600500

INCIDENT DATE 092295 TIME 1049 TO DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

INCIDENT TYPE STRUCTURE FIRE CODE 9033 ATTEMPT/ \_\_\_\_\_ COMMITTED \_\_\_\_\_

INCIDENT LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ APT# \_\_\_\_\_ SUITE# \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION TYPE 20 ENTRY \_\_\_\_\_ ALCOHOL \_\_\_\_\_ DRUGS \_\_\_\_\_ DRUG TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ COMPUTERS \_\_\_\_\_

BIAS MOTIVATION \_\_\_\_\_ CRIMINAL ACTIVITY \_\_\_\_\_ WEAPON TYPES \_\_\_\_\_

COMPL  NAME (L, F, M) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB UNK SS# UNK

VICT \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY ROSELWELL STATE GA ZIP 30076

HOME PHONE UNK WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION MOTHER

EMPLOYER None ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ RACE W SEX F

VICT  NAME (L, F, M) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB UNK SS# UNK

WIT \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY ROSELWELL STATE GA ZIP 30076

ARREST \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

SUSP \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ RACE W SEX M

CHN \_\_\_\_\_ CHARGE #1 \_\_\_\_\_ CODE SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTS \_\_\_\_\_

M.P. \_\_\_\_\_ CHARGE #2 \_\_\_\_\_ CODE SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTS \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ BUILD \_\_\_\_\_ EYES \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR \_\_\_\_\_ COMPL. \_\_\_\_\_ HGT \_\_\_\_\_ WGT \_\_\_\_\_ ALIAS \_\_\_\_\_

VICT \_\_\_\_\_ NAME (L, F, M) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

WIT \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

ARREST \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

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VICTIM INFORMATION

VICTIM TYPE I RESIDENCE TYPE 1 RESIDENCE STATUS 2 RELAT TO OFF \_\_\_\_\_

INJURY EXTENT \_\_\_\_\_ INJURY TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ ASSAULT/HOMICIDE CIRCUMSTANCE \_\_\_\_\_

JUST HOMICIDE \_\_\_\_\_ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE CODE 4

MISSING PERSON INFORMATION

MISS PER. CODE \_\_\_\_\_ MISS PER. TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ FOUL PLAY \_\_\_\_\_ MISS PREV. \_\_\_\_\_ RECOV. INFO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL REPORTS: PROPERTY/VEHICLE \_\_\_\_\_ PHYSICAL DESCRIPTORS \_\_\_\_\_ ADD. FRONT PAGE \_\_\_\_\_  
M.O. \_\_\_\_\_ STATEMENTS \_\_\_\_\_ ADD. NARRATIVE PAGE \_\_\_\_\_

REPORTING OFFICER SIGNATURE M. R. FREEMAN RADIO # 156 DATE 092295  
APPROVING SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 9-23-95

FORM RPD039

NARRATIVE/SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

CASE NUMBER 0095029831

RESPONDED TO STRUCTURE FIRE AT 1025 CHURCHILL LANE. FIRE AND RESCUE UNITS ALREADY ON SCENE. FIRE UNITS ADVISED THAT SMALL CHILD WAS STILL IN THE HOME. CHILD WAS LOCATED AND TRANSPORTED TO NORTH FULTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL. FIRE INSPECTORS AND DET F. DAVIS ARE CONDUCTING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

IC ENTRY:	<input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT	<input type="checkbox"/> VEHICLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTICLE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOAT	<input type="checkbox"/> GUN	<input type="checkbox"/> SECURITIES
CASE STATUS:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE	<input type="checkbox"/> CLEARED BY ARREST	<input type="checkbox"/> EX CLEARED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED		
REPORT DATE	082295	DATE CLEARED		<input type="checkbox"/> ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE	

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On Friday, September 22, 1995, at approximately 11:35 a.m., DET. DAVIS was requested to respond to [REDACTED] Lane reference a structure fire.

DET. DAVIS responded to the location and observed the location to be a two story brick house. Fire Department personnel were on the scene. DET. DAVIS entered the residence through the front door and went up the stairs to the upstairs. Located upstairs are three bedrooms, a laundry room and two bathrooms. The origin of the fire appears to be in the bedroom located at the top of the stairs. The bedroom sustained heavy burn damage. A baby bed frame and box springs for a twin size bed could be distinguished as having been in the room. This room was identified as [REDACTED]'S room. The fire had spread into the hallway outside [REDACTED]'S room. The upstairs sustained heavy smoke, soot and water damage.

DET. DAVIS was advised by TONY PAPOUTSIS with Roswell Fire Department that he and MIKE VICKERY entered the residence and were searching for [REDACTED] who was reported by the mother to be still in the house. TONY and MIKE located [REDACTED], who is a male child of two years, in the upstairs bathroom located off the hallway. The bathroom has a door off the hallway that was standing open. The bathroom then has a door inside that was closed and locked from the inside. This door separated the tub and toilet area from the sink and mirror area. [REDACTED] was on the

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floor behind the locked door. An outline of the location of [REDACTED]'S leg could be seen in the soot on the floor. TONY advised that [REDACTED] was not breathing at the time he was located. [REDACTED] was not wearing any clothing. Located on the floor in the bathroom in front of the sink and mirror was a red and black butane lighter approximately seven inches long.

The Fire Department gathered the lighter as evidence and measured the upstairs for a drawing of the scene.

DET. DAVIS spoke to Roswell Volunteer Fireman MICHAEL MARTIN who advised that upon his arrival he located [REDACTED] inside the residence in the kitchen. [REDACTED] was looking for [REDACTED] MICHAEL MARTIN advised [REDACTED] to go out of the house.

I.D. DATA: (Victim juvenile)

[REDACTED]  
30075

(Mother)

[REDACTED]  
30075

Roswell Fire Department  
TONY PAPOUTIS  
39 Hill Street  
Roswell, GA 30076

Roswell Fire Department  
MICHAEL MARTIN  
39 Hill Street  
Roswell, GA 30076

DET. F. DAVIS 9-22-95  
GLJ 9-26-95

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On Friday, September 22, 1995, at approximately 12:19 p.m., DET. DAVIS met with [REDACTED] (7 yrs.) and [REDACTED] (5 yrs.). The two juveniles were at [REDACTED] residence at 525 Meadowland Court. The two juveniles advised DET. DAVIS that they were in their room playing with Barbie dolls. [REDACTED] observed TAYLOR to "fire [REDACTED]'S favorite dress and fire the carpet" in his room. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was playing with a "fire thing". DET. DAVIS asked what color was the fire thing and both juveniles stated it was red and black. [REDACTED] said that "Dad bought it at Kroger". DET. DAVIS asked where the "fire thing" was usually kept. The juveniles stated that it was in a cabinet in mom and dad's room next to the bed. [REDACTED] said that she went to tell her mom "fire, fire". [REDACTED] said her mother was in her bedroom on the telephone and she said for her and [REDACTED] to go tot he garage. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went to the garage. [REDACTED] said her mother was calling and looking for [REDACTED]

I.D. DATA: I. D. DATA: MARLEY NELSON (7 yrs.)  
1025 Churchill Lane  
Roswell, GA 30075

MIKELLE NELSON (5 yrs.)  
1025 Churchill Lane  
Roswell, GA 30075

DET. F. DAVIS 9-22-95 J.D.  
GLJ 9-26-95

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On Friday, September 22, 1995, at approximately 3:30 p.m., DET. DAVIS went to Scottish Rite Hospital to the ICU waiting room. DET. DAVIS was advised that [REDACTED] and J [REDACTED] were inside with [REDACTED] and that they had just been given the news that [REDACTED] was brain dead. The family was waiting for all [REDACTED]'S brothers and sisters to arrive to say goodbye before he was taken off life support.

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On Friday, September 22, 1995, at approximately 5:46 p.m.,  
DET. DAVIS received a page from INV. TOUVLIN of the Fulton County  
Medical Examiners office. Investigator TOUVLIN advised that  
[REDACTED] N was pronounced dead at 5:30 p.m., on 9-22-95 by DR.  
KEYES. DET. DAVIS advised INV. TOUVLIN of the information  
gathered at the incident location.

I.D. DATA: Fulton County Medical Examiners Office  
MICHAEL TOUVLIN  
50 Coca Cola Place  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
740-4414

DET. F. DAVIS 9-22-95 <sup>FD</sup>  
9-26-95 <sup>ps</sup>

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October 30, 1995

Ms. Ann Tucker  
Prudential Insurance Company  
P.O. Box 104004  
Atlanta, GA 30348

Re: File Review - Lighter Analysis  
Insured: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Georgia  
Date of Loss: September 22, 1995  
Prudential File No. 20P12591  
S.E.A. Contract No. 209630

Dear Ms. Tucker:

In accordance with your September 26, 1995 request, an investigation into the aforementioned matter has been conducted.

Specifically, S.E.A. was requested to analyze the lighter which was reportedly used by the child at the [REDACTED] residence. S.E.A. was also requested to contact the fire department and review their documentation and photographs to determine the validity of the fire department report concerning the events which took place on September 22, 1995 at the Nelson residence.

S.E.A. Fire Investigator David H. Smith, C.F.I., visited the City of Roswell Fire Department on September 26, 1995 and met with Investigator/Lieutenant Tony Popatus. Investigator Popatus is the investigating officer concerning this matter, and he also responded to the fire call and participated in the search and rescue attempt of the juvenile involved in this matter.

Lt. Popatus stated that on Friday, September 22, 1995, at 10:45 hours. Roswell Bureau of Fire Prevention received an alarm of a structure fire and 1025 Churchill Lane at the residence of Bruce Nelson. Upon arrival to the scene at 10:48 a.m., they discovered a two-story residential structure with heavy smoke showing. Upon arrival, the

mother stated that her three-year-old child was trapped on the second floor. Fire fighters entered the house with 1 3/4" hoses to attempt a rescue on the second floor. Upon reaching the second floor, fire fighters were met with heavy smoke and heat conditions. The fire was located in an upstairs bedroom, and while two fire fighters were extinguishing the flames, two other fire fighters continued the search of the upstairs bedrooms. The child was located and removed from the structure at 11:03 hours. The child was discovered in an upstairs bathroom, and it should be noted that the door to the bathroom was in the locked position when they discovered the child. Investigator Popatus is one of the two fire fighters who discovered the child and, upon finding him, they rushed him outside into the ambulance which was awaiting the patient.

The DHR Trip Dispatch form, which is included in this report, states that the child had no respirations and no blood pressure at first. He did have a pulse of approximately five to ten beats per minute. Advanced cardiac life care procedures were initiated and CPR was conducted. The patient was taken to North Fulton Regional Hospital via ambulance.

A review of the photographs which Lt. Popatus had taken of the fire-damaged structure revealed the fire originated at the edge of the bed in one of the children's upstairs bedroom. The burn patterns exhibited in the room are easily read and no suspicious activity was noted to indicate that anything other than what the fire department indicated had occurred.

The playmate who was with the child at the time of the fire has been interviewed by Investigator Francis Davis of the Roswell City Police Department and the playmate's stories coincide with the physical findings of the fire-damage scene. The playmate stated they were playing with the lighter, and they were sitting at the edge of the bed, when the lighter ignited some of the material that was covering the bed. The playmate ran outside the room and notified the mother, who in turn called the fire department and attempted to search for her son.

As indicated on the enclosed diagram, the fire originated in the area shown by the red square in bedroom "A". The victim was discovered in a face-down position in bathroom #1. The door to bathroom #1 was locked. It was most probable that the child became confused in the smoke-charged atmosphere and exited bedroom "A", made a right-hand turn into the back portion of the second floor and became disoriented as to direction. As children will often do, he attempted to hide from the fire, which explains why the door is in the locked position.

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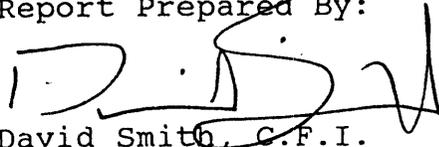
The lighter was obtained from Investigator Popatus and taken to S.E.A.'s Lawrenceville, Georgia facility for further examination. The lighter was identified as a Scripto-Tokai model butane lighter which is commonly used utilized to ignite fireplaces or grills. This is not the average type lighter that would be used to light cigarettes. This lighter has a flame adjustment level as well as a trigger starter. The flame will vary in height from 1/2" to over 3". Upon receipt of the lighter, it was only slightly smoke stained and still operated as designed. The lighter was lit numerous times in various positions to determine if there had been any type of leak in the butane or if it was malfunctioning in any way. No malfunctions were noted.

A search of all available records on this particular brand of lighter failed to reveal any recalls or warnings regarding the operation of this lighter.

In conclusion, as of the date of this report, it is the opinion of S.E.A., Inc. that the fire originated in the upstairs portion of the dwelling in the children's bedroom in the vicinity marked by the red square on the diagram. It is also the opinion of S.E.A. that the fire was initiated by a juvenile playing with the lighter. Examination of the lighter, to date, reveals that it is not damaged and is not malfunctioning.

If we can be of further assistance in this matter or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office at your earliest convenience.

Investigation Performed  
Report Prepared By:

  
David Smith, C.F.I.  
Fire Investigator

Report Reviewed By: and

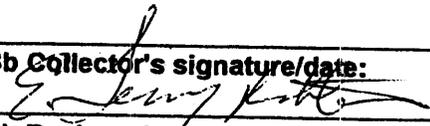
Gary J. Venz  
Senior Fire Investigator

J. Robert Lauman  
Manager - Atlanta

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Exhibit #4

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

<b>1. Sample Flag</b>		<b>2. Date Collected</b> 7/2/96	<b>3. Sample Type and Number: 96-830-4174</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Physical <input type="radio"/> Documentary	
<b>4a Product Name</b> UTILITY LIGHTER		<b>4b Model</b> AIM N FLAME	<b>4c NEISS</b> 1247	<b>5. Assignment Number</b>
<b>6. Complete for Import Samples</b> Port of Entry: _____ Country of Origin: _____ Entry No. and Date: _____ Customs Contact: _____			<b>7. MIS</b> 32626	<b>8. Hours</b> Activity _____ 3 Travel _____ 1
			<b>9a Home RO</b> FOWR	<b>9b Collecting RO</b> FOCR
<b>10. Sample Cost</b> \$0.00		<b>11. Invoice Value of Lot</b>		<b>12. Size of Lot</b> 1 <b>Units</b> unt
<b>13. Manufacturer/Importer</b> # SCR012 SCRIPTO-TOKAI CORP.  FONTANA, CA 92337		<b>14. Shipper/Foreign Manufacturer</b> UNK		<b>15. Dealer/Import Broker#</b> S.E.A., INC 955 HURRICANE SHOAL RD. LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30243
<b>16. Supporting documents attached:</b> Invoice No. and Date: <u>NOT AVAILABLE</u> Date Shipped: _____ Shipping Record and Date: <u>NOT AVAILABLE</u> Affidavit Signer's name, title and date: <u>NOT APPLICABLE</u>				
<b>17. Product Identification:</b> Sample consists of 1 ea. utility lighter which has a red handle & black barrel. The barrel has an embossed label which reads: "Aim n Flame". The red handle has a stick on label with white lettering which				
<b>18. Reason for collection/analysis needed:</b> <input type="radio"/> FHSA <input checked="" type="radio"/> CPSC <input type="radio"/> FFA <input type="radio"/> PPPA <input type="radio"/> RSA F/U to IDI960626CCC5288 involved as ignition source house fire.				
<b>19. Summary of Field Screening:</b> None				
<b>20. Sample size/Method of Collection:</b> "Sample consists of one each utility lighter which was the source for ignition of house fire (IDI960626CCC5288). The sample was provided to CPSC investigator by a certified fire investigator employed by S.E.A.,				
<b>21. Identification on sample:</b> " 96-830-4174      ETR    7/2/96 "		<b>22. Identification on seal and date:</b> "96-830-4174 E. Terry Rushton      7/2/96 "		
<b>23a Sample delivered to:</b> FEDEX ATL., GA		<b>23b Date</b> 7/2/96	<b>24. Report/Record Sent to:</b> FOWR	
<b>25. Laboratory/Office:</b> LSHL _____    LSEL _____    CRM _____    CCA <u>X</u> Other _____				
<b>26. Remarks:</b> Attachments: 1. copy of assignment 2. copy of engineer report				
<b>27. Related Samples:</b> none				
<b>28a Collector's name/title:</b> E. Terry Rushton      Resident Investigator		<b>28b Collector's signature/date:</b> 		
<b>29a Reviewer's name/title:</b>		<b>29b Reviewer's signature/date:</b>		

**PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**

reads as follows: "WARNING: \*\*\* DANGER: LIGHTER CONTAINS BUTANE GAS UNDER PRESSURE. \*\*\* SCRIPTO-TOKAI CORPORATION, FONTANA, CA. 92337 MADE IN MEXICO." Handle has scotch tape around handle to hold switches in position they were in when the lighter was found by fire investigator.

**METHOD OF COLLECTION**

Inc. a private engineering lab hired by victim's insurance company. Sample ID'd as in blk #21, sealed in plastic bag as in blk #22, and packaged for shipment to CCA attn: Kate Wallace."

**REMARKS**

3. receipt for sample
4. photographs

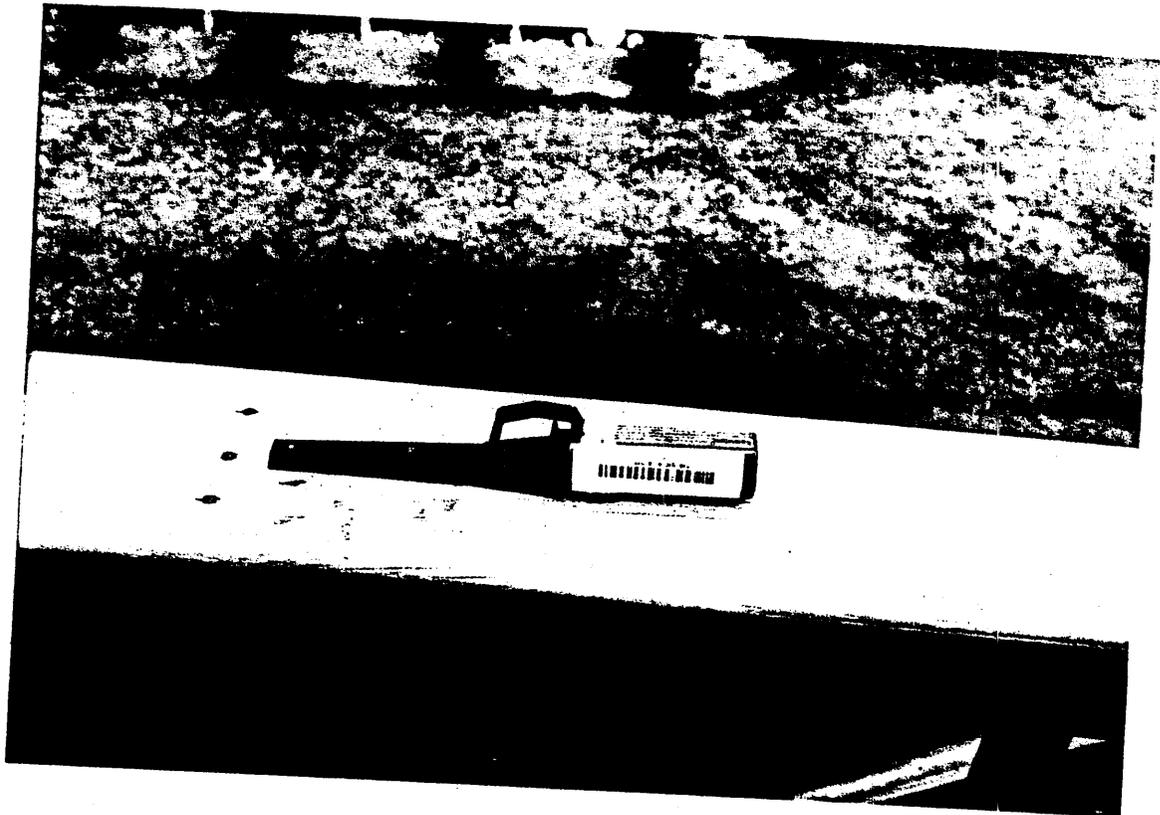


Photo #1 This is a view of the product involved in the accident.

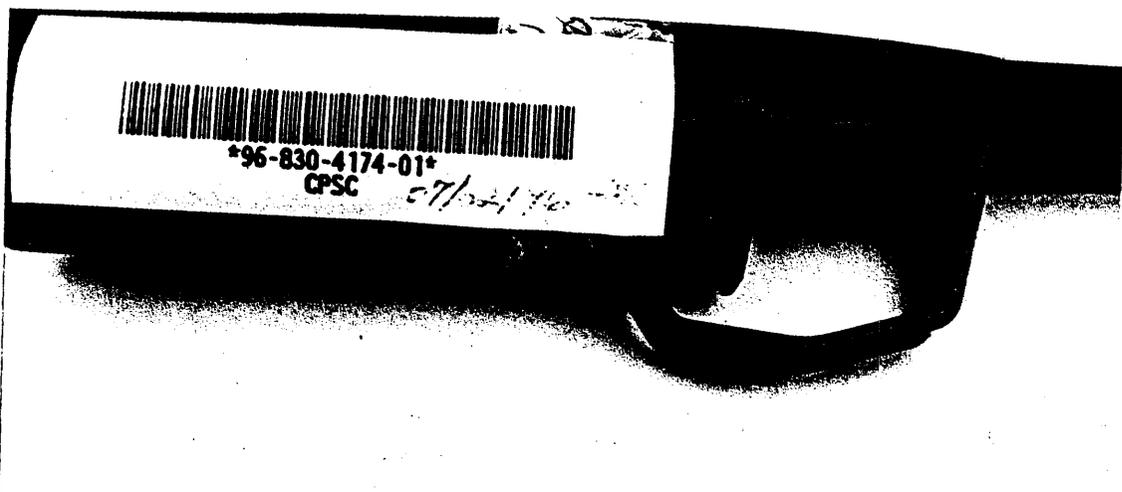


Photo #2 This is a close-up of the sample number. Also, you can see the trigger ignition system.

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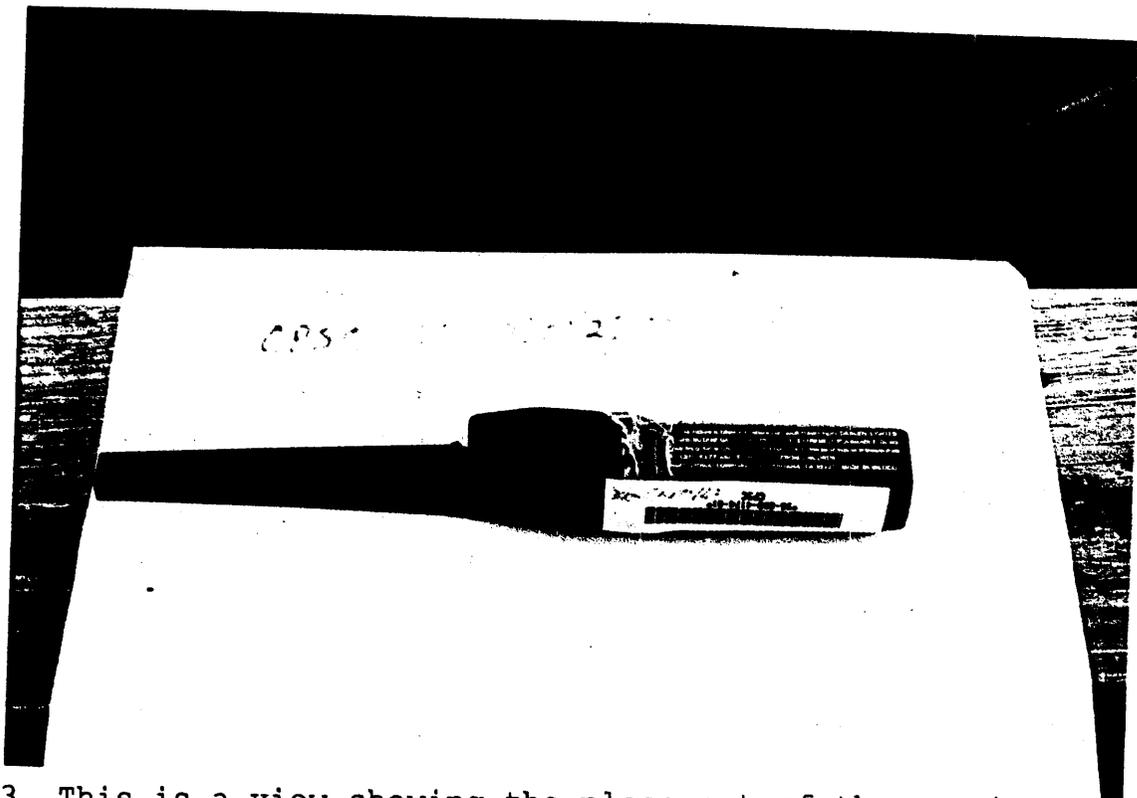


Photo #3 This is a view showing the placement of the warning labels.

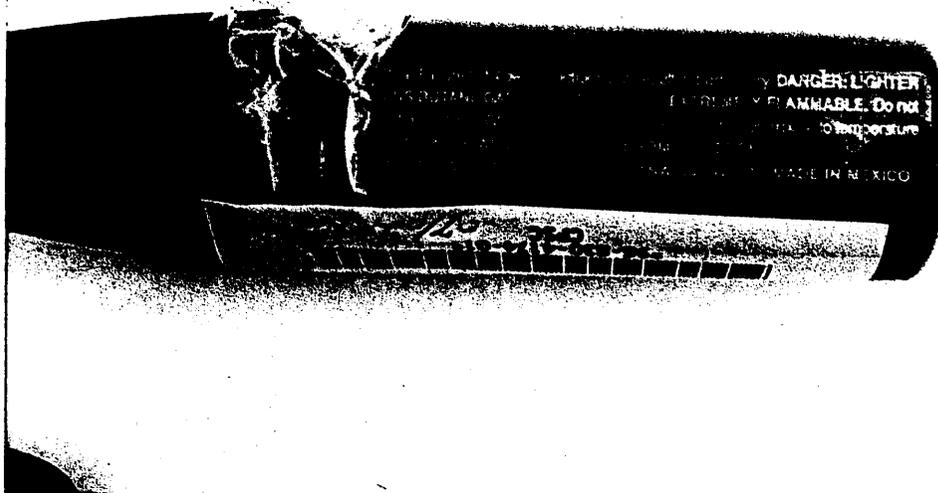


Photo #4 This is a close up of the warning label. The tape which is around the handle was placed there by the engineer to hold the on off switch in the location it was found in.

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Photo #5 This is another view of the on off switch and trigger ignition system. Also you can see the brand name embossed on the barrell.

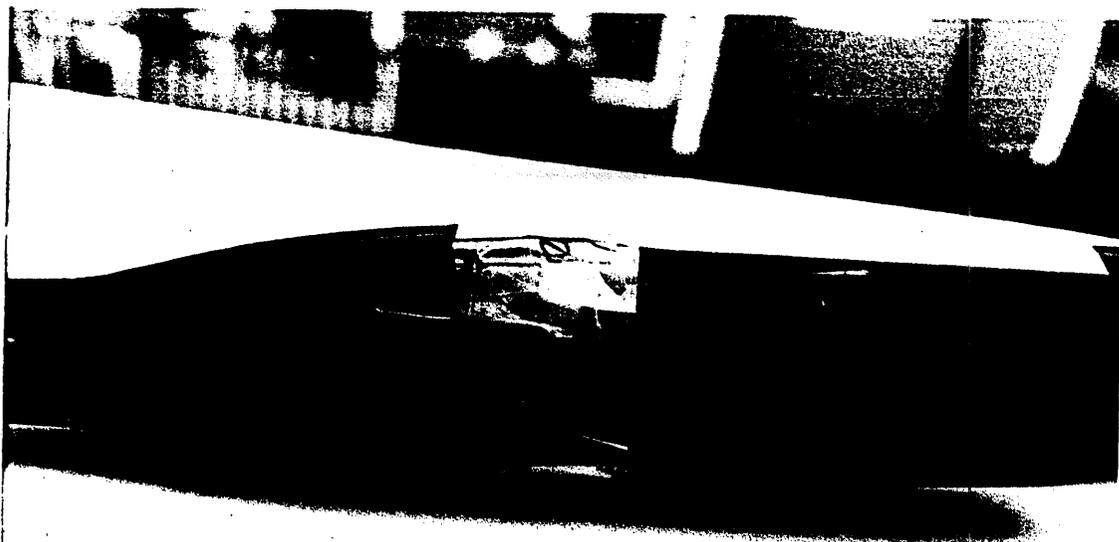


Photo #6 This is a view of the flame adjustment switch.

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