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1. CASE NUMBER	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
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3. OFFICE CODE	4. DATE OF INCIDENT	5. DATE INXTIATED	
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6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT

'A 3 year old boy found a flare gun in a pile of items that had recently been removed from the family's newly purchased boat, while a 15 year old girl (the baby-sitter) was in the bathroom for a few minutes. The 3 year old boy then discharged this flare gun, and the flare ignited a couch (Hide-A-Bed). The baby-sitter and 3 year old boy escaped the fire without serious injury, and the fire damage is estimated by the Fire Department at about $3,500.--.

7. LOCATION(Home,School,etc.)	8. CITY	9. STATE
Mobile home (Living room) 1 0.	Rancho Tehama	California C A

10A. FIRST PRODUCT	10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME	10C. MODEL NUMBER
Flare / Flare Gun 1 7 1 8	[redacted]	Unknown

10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS

[redacted]

11A. SECOND PRODUCT	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME	11C. MODEL NUMBER
Couch (Hide-A-Bed) 0 6 8 0	Unknown	Unknown

11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS

Unknown

12. AGE OF VICTIM	13. SEX	14. DISPOSITION	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS
15 Years 0 1 5	-Female 2	Treated & Released 1	Minor Smoke Inhalation 8 5

16. BODY PART(S) INVOLVED	17. RESPONDENT	18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION	19 TIME SPENT (Operational hours)
All Parts of the Body 8 5	Newspaper; Fire Dept. 's Report; Consumer 1	Telephone 2	1 2.0 Hours

20. CATEGORY ID	21, CASE SOURCE - Newspaper	22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER
B U N N 2 5	[Doc. No. F560093A0] 0 5	None

23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NOnly) YES: ss Cases Only) : NO: XXXX

24. REVIEW DATE	25. REVI	26. REGIONAL	OFFICE DIRECTOR
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27. DISTRIBUTION

O: EPDS cc: SFRO

CPSC FORM 182 (REVISED 03/94)

PRE-INCIDENT:

The Fire Department's PRELIMINARY FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT indicates that the 3 year old boy's father had just purchased a new boat. It also states that a pile of items (including a flare gun) had been removed from the boat. This PRELIMINARY FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT also indicates that the 3 year old boy's family lives in a mobile home, which measures roughly 20 feet by 52 feet long. On the day of this fire incident, the 3 year old boy was being supervised by a 15 year old girl (the baby-sitter).

INCIDENT:

This fire incident occurred on May 16, 1995, at about 12:50 PM. The 15 year old baby-sitter heard a loud bang, according to the Fire Department's Report. It also indicates that she tried to extinguish this couch fire, but was not able to do so. The baby-sitter then took the 3 year old boy outside, and she then called to the neighbors for help. The Fire Department's Report states that the neighbors came over and sprayed water on the couch to keep the fire from spreading. It also indicates that the neighbors used a garden house to knock the fire down.

POST INCIDENT:

The Fire Department% Report indicates that the baby-sitter received minor smoke inhalation and that she was driven to a hospital by a privately owned vehicle. It also states that the fire damage was to an interior wall and also to the couch (or the Hide-A-Bed). It estimated the total fire damage at about $3,500.--. It also estimated that the value of the structure and contents saved is about $30,000.--.

STANDARDS INFORMATION:

No information is available.

Indepth No. 950801HCC4096

EXHIBIT I

------CDF & TEHAMA CO FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE INFORMATION RECAP FORM ----------

INC #: 1082 DATE: 5/16/95 STIME: 13:00

ASGN#: TYPE: STR BATTALION: 4 BI: 10 WRA #: F16

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: [redacted] OTHER AGCY?

WHOSE REPORT? BATT 4 FIRE#: 26 CASE#:

OWNER'S NAME: [redacted] DESCRIPTION: STRUCTURE FIRE .

STA. DISP: E113 E213 E109

WHAT BURNED? STRUCTURE FIRE MEDIA CAUSE: FLARE PISTOL

DAMAGES: $3500 SAVED: $30000 ACRES BURNED:

LAND USE: STR/THREAT : FC-16 CAUSE: PLAY W/FIRE

BILLBL? COLCTBL? LE ACTN? FC-40 RQD? LE66 RQD? FC175RQD?:

FC-18 IN?: FC-40 IN? : FC-175 IN?:

REMARKS: FLARE PISTOL SHOT BY 3 YR. OLD

DATE DUE? HARD COPY:

EXHIBIT I

Indepth No. 950801HCC 407

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
LE-66 (Rev. 6/93)

PRELIMINARY FIRE INVESTIGATION

CONFIDENTIAL

1. Estimated Start	Reported	2. Location	3. Fire ID
Date: 5/16/95 Time: 1250 ☐ a.m. ☑ p.m.	Date: 5/16/95 Time: 1300 ☐ a.m. ☑ p.m.	Address: [redacted] City: RANCHO TEHAMA	Batt.: IV Incident #: 1082 Fire #: 26

4. What burned? Hide-A-Bed and interior wall

ACRES BURNED: Ø

Fire name: WICK, B

5. Reporting Party: [redacted] Telephone: [redacted]

6. Codes: 1. Victim 2. Witness 3. Subject/suspect 4. Tenant/Owner

Code	Name	Driver's Lic. #/ID	Sex	Hair	Eyes	Hgt	Wt	DOB/Age
W-1	[redacted]		F	BRN	BRN	54"	130	2-4-79
	Address: [redacted]	City: RANCHO TEHAMA					Telephone: [redacted]	
[redacted]		[redacted]	M	BRN	BLU	62	215	11-19-43
	Address: [redacted]	City: RANCHO TEHAMA					Telephone: [redacted]	
S-1	[redacted]	—	M	—	—	—	—	8-9-92
	Address: [redacted]	City: RANCHO TEHAMA					Telephone: [redacted]	
	Address:	City:					Telephone:	

7. General Remarks (such as statements, observations, license numbers, equipment ID, evidence, etc.):

W-1 ([redacted]) is a 16 yr old female who was babysitting S-1 (3 yr old Bobby) at the [redacted] home in RTH. W-1 went to the bathroom and left S-1 alone for just a few minutes when she heard a loud bang. S-1 had gotten into a pile of items that V-1 ([redacted]) had taken out of a new boat he had just purchased. S-1 had found a flare pistol in the pile of items from the boat and pulled the trigger. The flare was discharged into a couch/hide A Bed. By the time that W-1 got back into the room. The couch was well involved with fire. She tried to put the fire out but was unable to do so. She took the baby outside & called to the neighbors for help. The neighbors came over and sprayed water on the couch to keep the fire from spreading. The fire burned the couch and walls behind the couch. W-1 received minor smoke inhalation and was treated by ST. E's and transported POV to ST. E's.

While responding code 3 (lights + siren) E-113 struck and killed a dog. The dog was in the roadway running free. The owner was talked to and was still very mad when we left.

Structure & contents loss = 3500.00
SAVED $30,000.00

8. Wind Speed/Direction:	Temp.:	Humidity:	9. Photos? ☐ Yes ☑ No	Taken by whom? N/A
—	—	—		

10. Insured? ☐ Yes ☑ No Company/Agent: N/A

7540-130-0167

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11. Before fire fighters arrived, what suppression efforts were taken?

A GARDEN hose was used to knock the fire down.

By whom? Neighbor - NAME unknown

What tools? GARDEN HOSE

12. What caused the fire? (State opinions and conclusions)

3 yr old boy fired a flare pistol into a SOFA / Hide A BED

Olin Flare Pistol

13. Debris Burning:

Did fire escape control? ☐ ☒ ☐ ☒ | Burning permit? ☐ Yes #: ☐ No | Permit required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Piled debris	Clearance:	Length:	Width:	Height:
☐ Incinerator	Clearance:	Screen: ☐ Yes ☐ No	Screen mesh size:	

14. Railroad

Train #:	Time passed:	Direction of travel:	Mile post #:

15. Power Line

ID Pole:	☐ +750 volts ☐ -750 volts	Tree involved: ☐ Yes ☐ No	Remarks:	Distance of limb(s) to conductor:

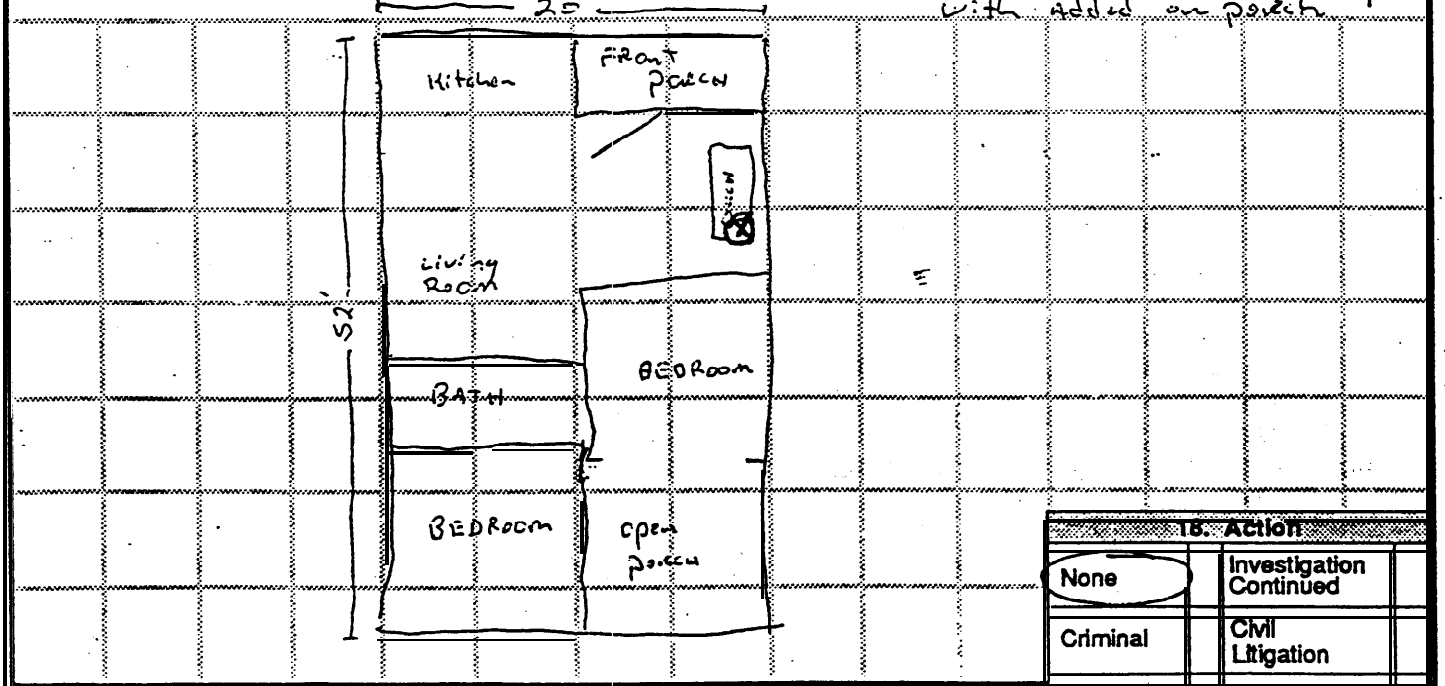
Utility Representative: Tel.: ( )

Conductor/Pole Clearance: ☐ ☒ ☐ ☒

16. Sketch of the area where the fire originated

Distance measured by: ☐ Tap8 ☐ Pace ☑ Estimate

20 x 52 mobile Home with added on porch



18. Action

None		Investigation Continued	
Criminal		Civil Litigation	
Judicial		Administrative	

17. Did the fire burn the property of others? ☐ Yes ☑ No

19. See Supplement? ☐ Yes ☑ No

20. Signature: Dan Burns	Printed Name: DAN BURNS	Title: SFR-1	Badge #: 1521	Date: 5/16/95
21. Reviewed by: [illegible]		Title: BC		Date: 6/15/95

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EXHIBIT II

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Indepth No.
950801 HCC 4096

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MAY 17 1995

Flare gun, child lead to trouble

By MARSHA DORGAN
DN Staff Writer

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August 8, 1995

California Department of Forestry
ATTN: Records Supervisor
604 Antelope Blvd.
Red Bluff, CA 96080

RE: Fire of 5-16-95
Residence of [redacted]
Larame Point

Dear Records Supervisor:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is a Federal agency which studies product-related deaths, injuries, and close-calls. CPSC is presently conducting a study of upholstered furniture fires (a nationwide study). We learned through a newspaper article about the fire of May 16, 1995 at the [redacted] Larame Point residence, which allegedly involved a couch.

Please send me a copy of the Fire Incident and Fire Investigation Reports for this fire incident of May 16, 1995. I understand that the payment for the reports is $10.00. Enclosed is payment for the reports. You can use the enclosed postage paid envelope to send me a copy of the reports. If any photographs of this fire incident were taken please let me know the cost of reproduction of these photographs. I will let you know later, if I need reproductions of any of the photographs. Thank you for your help in our special study of the upholstered furniture fires.

Sincerely,

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August 16, 1995

[redacted]
Tehama, CA 96090

Dear Mr [redacted]

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is an independent Federal agency which studies injuries involving consumer products and works with theimporters and manufacturers of these consumer products, in an effort to reduce the frequency and severity of injuries to others. CPSC is presently studying fires involving upholstered furniture (a copy of the UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES - GUIDELINE is enclosed for your information). I was sorry to learn about the recent couch fire at your Rancho Tehama residence (fire of May 16, 1995). CPSC learned about this fire through a newspaper article.

It would be helpful if you could provide some information regarding this couch fire incident. Sorry that I missed you when I called a couple of times yesterday. I have enclosed the, following forms:

1) DATA RECORDING SHEET [Upholstered furniture fires]
2) Additional QUESTIONNAIRE, regarding the couch/flare
3) AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF NAME (optional)

It would be helpful if you could complete the two page DATA RECORDING SHEET and the one page QUESTIONNAIRE, and return these in the enclosed postage paid envelope. I understand that the remains of the couch have been discarded, so please provide the information to the best of your memory (if you don't know or cannot remember, then just answer: UNKNOWN). Any information that you can provide is appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation.

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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 950801 HCC4096 incident Date 950516

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 not Known
4. Purchased: ☐ New ☐ Used ☒ Unknown

   If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) _____
5. Date Furniture Purchased: _____ Furniture Age _____
6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)

   _____

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

☐ Weft 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 ____ Candle ____ Heater ____ Fireplace

+ Other (specify) flare gun

____ Unknown

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If lighter, specify type: ☐ Child-resistant ☐ Not child-resistant ☐ unknown.

If match, specify type: ☐ Book ☐ Box ☐ Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

_____ Fuel source _____ Distance from furniture

E. DETECTION OF FIRE

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

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

If yes, specify type: _____

8. Detecter 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? few minutes

F. VICTIM(S)

0 Number of Deaths 0 Number of Injuries

G. Socio-Economic Data: not Known

11. Education level of head of household:

☐ Less than high school ☐ High school ☐ Some College

12. Total household income:

☐ LT 515,000 ☐ $15,000 - $34,999 ☐ $35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: _____

☒ Rent ☒ Own

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

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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Identification of the flare gun (pistol):

   Brand: _____ Age: _____

   Model: _____

   Distributor/Mfg.: _____
   (Name & address)

   _____

   _____

2. Identification of the type of flare (discharged):

   Brand: _____

   Type: (Check)

   1) 12-Gauge flare _____

   2) 25mm flare _____

   3) Other type _____
   (specify)

3. Distance that the flare traveled: _____
   (from where it was fired to the couch)

4. When and where was the flare gun and flares purchased:

   _____

   _____

5. Description of the couch: (if known)

   Upholstery fabric: _____
   (Outermost layer)

   Upholstery filling: _____

   _____
   (such as: foam, polyester fiberfill, cotton batting, bonded cellulose, down, . . . etc.)

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number F560093AO

Date of Incident 5/17/95 Category I.D BUNN251995

Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis X Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call, On-Site

Headquarters Contact Kimberly Long (301) 504-0470 'Ext 1269

Assignment Message

Conduct on-site investigation, if couch is still available

Contact victim's parents to find out what part of the furiture ignited (if possible). If second hand furniture, find out how long in possession. If furniture still available, collect sample, following page 9 of guideline for sample collection.

Describe incident scenario; photograph and identify manufacturer, model number and brand name of all products involved. Please obtain fire incident report, medical insurance, and any other report of incident. Complete Data Record Sheet in guideline.

Person(s) to Contact

Guideline Number 19 Upholstered Furniture Fires

Requested By Kimberly Long

Task Number 950801HCC4096

Assigned to SFOO

Date 8/1

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. CASE ND.	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID	3. OFFICE CODE	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
950915HCC4121	[8198]	[860]	
4. DATE OF INCIDENVR MO DAY 950201	5. DATE IWVESTIQATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 951016		- 5 DEC 1995

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT

On February 01, 1995, an apartment complex fire destroyed several apartments. The fire was caused by a five year old male who was on a couch playing with matches in his first floor apartment. The fire extended to the unit where the seven month old victim and his mother resided. He died on site as a result of smoke inhalation and thermal burns. The mother sustained 95% second and third degree burns. She was admitted to a local hospital for treatment. She died a few days later.

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.)	8. CITY	9. STATE
Home 10	Dallas	Texas TX

10A. FIRST PRODUCT	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL' NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS
Matches 1731	Unknown
10B. SECOND PRODUCT	**11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS**
Couch/sofa 0679	Unknown

12. AGE OF VICTIM	13. SEX (USE NUMERICAL CODE)	14. DISPOSITION	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS
207 ***	MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 1 UNKNOWN- 3	DOA 8	Anoxia (smoke inhalation) 65

16. BODY PART	17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend)	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION	19. TIME SPENT
All parts 85	Medical Examiner, Fire Department 3	ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 3 OTHER - 3	08.0

20. ATTACHMENTS	21. CASE SOURCE	22. REVIEWED BY	YR MO DAY
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES
(NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME ( ) CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME [XX]

24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)

Jarrative report and attachment are attached.

Victim #2
Age unknown
Sex 2
Disposition 8
Injury 51
Body part 84

25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE

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The limited information within this report was obtained by mail and phone from the Medical Examiner reports and the Fire Department. Attempts have also been made to contact the insurance company involved. Additional information may be forthcoming later. The medical examiner office was contact for permission to contact the victim's family. Permission was granted. Attempts were made to locate the family. They have moved. Their current home is unknown.

PRE-EWCIDENT:

This investigation involves a fire at an apartment complex. The fire claimed the life of one individual and serious burns' injury to another person. The deceased is a seven-month old male. He measured 68-1/2 cm (27 in) and weighed 22 pounds (10.0 kg). The victim's physical and mental conditions are unknown.

INCIDENT:

On February 1,1995, at approximately 0829 hours the local fire department received an emergency call of an apartment fire in progress. The fire department responded. The weather conditions were reported to be clear with a temperature of 60 degrees and humidity at 20%.

POST-INCIDENT:

When the police department personnel arrived on the scene, they found that the fire department had already arrived. The fire department had begun to remove the occupants from their apartment unit. The victim's mother was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital Burn Unit with 95% 2nd and 3rd degree burns. The victim was found by fire fighters. He was lying on the floor. His body was removed and placed inside their ambulance. After the arrival of the medical examiner personnel the victim was removed from the fire department ambulance and placed in the DFW mortuary van. The" victim's body was taken to the medical examiner office. An autopsy was conducted to decide the official cause of death. The autopsy says the victim died as the result of smoke inhalation and thermal burns.

The fire and police department personnel examined the scene to decide the cause of the fire. Subsequent investigation by them revealed that the fire was started by a three-year-old male. It was reported that he was on the couch playing with matches. It was also said that he went outside and informed his mother. She was talking on a pay phone. The investigation also revealed that

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the fire started in the apartment unit on the first floor not underneath the victim's apartment but catty-cornered. The fire traveled through the outside hallway up onto the hallway breezeway outside the victim's front door.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

According to the fire department report the fire was caused by a child with a heat source. The medical examiner report says the child was playing with Imatches. The child's parents were not located to decide the exact heat source involved. The sofa involved was not available. It is unknown if it was second hand or new. The agency Spanish speaking public affairs' specialist contacted the apartment's manager to decide disposition of the couch. The couch was placed in the trash. It was picked up by the apartment trash contractor and taken to the city dump.

STANDARD INFORMATION:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

1. A copy of the assignment request (medical examiners' form)
2. CPSC correspondence
3. A copy of the medical examiner investigation report
4. A copy of the autopsy report
5. A copy of the fire department report
6. Data recording sheet for upholstered furniture fires

CONTACT	REASONS	RESULT
1. Medical examiner	autopsy and investigation report	obtained
2. Fire department	incident data and product data	obtained
3. Mother and father	product and incident scenario	unable too locate

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number X583591 A

Date of Incident 2/1/95 **Category** I.D BUNN251995

Follow-Up Requested **Hazard Analysis** X **Section 15**

Type Follow-Up Requested **Telephone Call** X **On-Site**

Headquarters Contact Kimberly Long (301) 504 -0470 Ext 1269

Assignment Message

Conduct a investigation of this case where a 7 month old male died in an apartment fire caused by a child playing with matches on the sofa. If medical examiner agrees, contact the parents or guardians of the child to obtain information about what part of the furniture ignited (if possible). If second hand furniture, find out how long in possession. If furniture still available, collect sample, following page 9 of guideline for sample collection.

Describe incident scenario; photograph and identify manufacturer, model number and brand name of all products involved. Please obtain fire incident report, medical insurance, and any other report of incident. Complete Data Record Sheet in guideline.

Person(s) to Contact Fire Department, Dallas, TX and Medical Examiner, Dallas, TX (Dr. Jeffery Barnard) (if cooperative)

officials only

Guideline Number 19 Upholstered Furniture Fires

Requested By Kimberly Long

Task Number 950915 HCC 4121

Assigned to SFOO

Date 9/15/95

TASK # 950915HCC4121

ATTACHMENT # 1

PRODUCT: Matches

CPSC Form 324 (2190)

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MEDICAL EXAMINER'S/CORONER'S REPORTING FORM

To report a case by telephone, call (toll free) 1-800-638-8095. Say "THIS IS A MECAP REPORT." You will then be placed in contact with the MECAP Project Manager, who will ask for the information noted below.

Date of accident 2-1-95 Date of death 2-01-95

Type of consumer product involved Matches/Sofa

Manufacturer, Model, Brand name, and Serial No. of product

Is product available for examination? ___ yes ___ no. If yes, where?

Location of Accident: City ___ State ___

Brief description of accident sequence: (PLEASE INCLUDE THE AGE AND SEX OF THE VICTIM(S))

A 7 month old male was the victim of an apartment fire believed to have been caused by a 5 yr. old playing with matches on the sofa of mother apartment

Cause of Death Accident

Smoke inhalation & thermal burns

Contact Information: Please include the name, address and telephone number of any state/local personnel who investigated the accident.

Dallas Fire Dept. Report #7119

Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Case No. 0324-95 Telephone No. (214) 920-5700

Reporter's Name Mary Coffman Date Reported 8-21-95

Reporter's Off. (incl. city, county, and state) Dallas County Medical Examiner

Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Name Dr. Jeffrey Barnard

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Ms. Mary Coffman
Records Department
Dallas County Medical Examiner
P. 0. Box 35728
Dallas, Texas 75235

TASK # 950915HCC4121
ATTACHMENT # 2
PRODUCT: Matches

Dear Ms. Coffman:

The U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission conducts studies and investigations of deaths, injuries, disease and economic losses resulting from accidents involving consumer products.

This is a follow-up request concerning investigation report Number 0324-95. The case involved the death of a seven month old male on February 1, 1995:

At this time, I am requesting copies of any and all photographs, autopsy, and other reports available. Any charges incurred will be reimbursed by this agency. I look forward to your reply. Please call this office at 214/767-8809 if questions arise. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Ms.) Jerusha J. Walker
Investigator

Enclosure-Self addressed envelope

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
INVESTIGATION REPORT

CASE #0324-95 ACCEPT CODE 4 **INV.** AGENCY DFD
HOSPICE DATE SERVICE NO. 7119
I.D. PHOTO BY

DECEASED [redacted]
AGE 7 mo **RACE** Latin **SEX** Male DATE OF BIRTH 06.21.94
ADDRES[redacted] CITY Dallas
STATE Texas 75206 PHONE 111-1111
OCCUPATION **HOW LONG** **EMP.**
NEXT OF [redacted] **ADDRESS** [redacted] PHO[redacted]
CITY 111-1111 **STATE** Texas 75206
RELATIONSHIP Father **NOTIF.** Y BY Friends
FUNERAL HOME CITY'

IDENTIFICATION
POS Y TENT UNK **CONFIRMED Y** BY Circumstan
SOURCE **OF** ID father stated **decd** wore bracelet **&** ring

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PLACE OF DEAT[redacted]**20** **CITY/PCT Dallas** CNTY Dallas
HOSPITAL **DOA** ER OR
'RR IN-PATIENT NURSING HOME RES Y
OTHER

LAST KNOWN ALIVE @ BY OF
DEATH **OCCURED** 02.01.95 @ 0829
WITNESS Fire call came in **OF .**
FOUND DEAD @ BY **OF**
PRONOUNCED **02.01.95** @ 0930 BY Mary Coffman AT Scene
DCME NOTIFIED **02.01.95** @ 0910 BY Dispatch OF DFD

INCIDENT **OF TRAUMA YES** **DATE 02.01.95** TIME 0829 AT WORK NO
LOCATION [redacted]
CITY/PCT Dallas CNTY Dallas STATE Texas
INSTRUMENT Apartment fire

DCME AT SCENE Coffman **ARRIVAL** TIME 0930, DEPT TIME 1050
PHOTOS YES BY Coffman
OFFICER AT SCENE Tate BADGE # 2835
ELEMENT # 136 AGENCY DPD MICU DFD

ATTENDING DR/HOSP CHART #
MEDICAL BRIEF Smoke inhalation/thermal **burns** BY Scene
CIRCUMSTANCES Fd on floorinside door of apart. BY Scene
FIELD AGENT Nary Coffman

Mary Coffman
FIELD AGENT MEDICAL EXAMINER

ATTACHMENT # 3
PRODUCT: Matches

CASE # 0324-95

DISPOSITION ORDERED TO MORGUE YES @ @0910

POST PERMIT ASKED PRIOR TO DCME NOTIFICATION TRANSPORTED BY DFW

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SCENE CONDITIONS:	RIGOR MORTIS :	LIVIDITY LOCATIONS
TEMPERATURE 60	JAW burn	burned
HUMIDITY 20%	ARMS burn	
OUTSIDE WEATHER Clear	LEGS burn	

C.A.P. Chf Olney BADGE # OF DFD
P.E.S. BADGE # OF

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INVESTIGATION NARRATIVE

File No: 0324-95

Name [redacted]
Per Chief Olney of DFD, Off. Tate of DPD and interpretor [redacted] who is a friend of the family-- The decd, his mother, [redacted] the father of the decd [redacted] and [redacted] live in apartment# 204 on the second floor of the [redacted] Apartments. [redacted] the father of the decd, but is not married to the decd mother, per Chap. Jolly at PMH. The decd father and [redacted] apparently left for work this morning. It is hypothesized that the decd mother awoke to the sounding of the smoke alarm in the apartment and grabbed the decd up from the crib which was in her bedroom. It is felt that the decd mother went to the front door and upon opening the front door to the apartment was engulfed in flames. The mother aparently layed the decd onto the floor and broke out of a window in the livingroom exiting onto the wooden walkway type balcony and ran to a neighbors apartment.

The fire appeared to have originated in an apartment unit on the first floor not underneath the decd apartment but catty-cornered. The fire is believed (at this time) is believed to have been caused by a 5 year old in this first floor apartment' who was on the couch playing with matches. The fire then traveled through the outside hallway up onto the hallway breezway outside of the decd front door. A rollover effect. The mother of the 5 year old also broke out of her apartment and was injured.

The decd mother was taken to PMH with 95% 2nd and 3rd degree burns. She is not expected to survive. FA contacted the Chaplain over the PMH burn unit, Chap. Jolly, who has stated at this time of vritning the decd mother has not 'expired.

Upon DFD arrival at the scene, the decd mother was noted to be running on the wooden walkway in flames with her clothing burned off. The decd was found by firefighters to be lying on the floor just inside the front doorway of the apartment. Paramedics removed the decd and placed the decd inside their ambulance.

PER SCENE- The decd was noted to be lying face up on a stretcher inside a DFD MICU. The decd appears to have burns about his body. There were remnants of the decd clothing, black waist band and a red overall type strap. The decd was noted to have a yellow metal ring on his left hand and a yellow metal bracelet on his left wrist. The interpretor spoke with the decd father at the scene in this FA's presence and confirmed that his son did wear a bracelet and a ring.

FA had the decd transferred from the MICU into the DFW Mortuary van

The fire damage included wa apartments. The majority of the damage was noted to be in the decd apartment and the apartment in which the fire is believed to have originated.

The damage was notable where . the couch in the first floor apartment had been.

The decd apartment was noted to contain the melted, remnants of a smoke alarm on the wall with the body of the alarm noted on the floor below. The back bedroom which contained a bed and a crib was noted to have only smoke damage. The front livingroom of this apartment was noted to have several mattresses and per DFD a b.ed had been there.

DFD brought in their dog, "Cinder badged K9-83", who sniffs for accelerants--negative results.

DPD's Service# to this incident is: 84879D

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SOUTHWESTERN
INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES
5230 Medical Center Drive
Dallas, Texas 75235

Case No. 0324-95-0240KR

Name: [redacted]

Age: 7'months Race: Latin Sex: Male

Date of Death:' 01 Feb '1995 Date of Examination: 01 FED 1995
Time of Death: Approx. 8:29 am Time of Examination: 12:20 pm

Pronounced at [redacted]
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

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ATTACHMENT # 4
PRODUCT: matrix

AUTOPSY REPORT:

ORGAN WEIGHT&

Brain	1090 g	R. Lung	87 g	R. Kidney	20 g
Heart	50 g	L. Lung	70 g	L. Kidney	22 g
Liver	300 g	Spleen	31 g	Thymus	15 g

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is photographed pnd tagged.

When first viewed, the body is clad in the remnants of a disposable diaper with the remnants of a red shirt, red and multicolored trousers with only the waistband remaining, and the remnants of socks with only the leg bands' remaining. There is a yellow metal ring which says "baby" on the left third finger (middle finger), a yellow metal chain with a "Madonna" pendant about the neck, and yellow metal bracelets on each wrist. The jewelry is left on the body.

The body is that of a normally developed Latin male appearing consistent with the recorded age of seven months, measuring 68-1/2 cm (27 in) from crown to heel and 49-1/2 cm (19-1/2 in) from crown to rump and weighing 22 pounds (10.0 kg). The chest circumference is 48 cm (19 in) and the head circumference is 48 cm (19 in). There is good preservation in the absence of embalming. Lividity is not obvious. Rigor mortis is fully developed. The body is cool to touch.

The head hair is involved by the injury as are the scalp, ears, eyes, nose, mouth, face, neck, chest and breasts, abdomen, limbs genitalia, and back and buttocks. The anterior fontanelle is palpably open'and protrudes slightly to palpation. The ears are not pierced. The eyes are closed and though involved by the subsequently described injury, the left cornea can be visualized and is opaque. The injury precludes identification of the color of the irides. The

Name: [redacted]

mouth is edentulous and the frenula are intact. The chest and breasts are symmetrically developed. The abdomen is slightly protuberant. The limbs are equally and symmetrically developed. The genitalia are those of an uncircumcised male.

IDENTIFYING MARKS AND SCARS:

The injury precludes accurate evaluation for scars though none are recognizable.

EVIDENCE OF TREATMENT:

None.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

There are partial and full thickness burns involving at least 90% of the body surface area with searing of the head hair and desquamation of the scalp and skin over the head and face, anterior and posterior trunk, and extremities including the feet. There is skin splitting present involving the medial aspect of both feet, left greater than right. There are linear areas of erythema on the left upper chest anteriorly and there is extensive desquamation of the skin of the posterior trunk and buttocks. There are focal leathery areas on the right abdomen as well as over the lower extremities. There is relative sparing of the dorsal aspect of the arms as well as the dorsal aspect of the calves.

Abundant soot is present in the larynx, tracheobronchial tree, and distal bronchi. The viscera all have a cherry-red discoloration consistent with effects of carbon monoxide. Marked cerebral edema is present with flattening of the normal gyral-sulcal pattern.

These injuries, having once been described, will not be repeated.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

BODY CAVITIES: The thoracic and abdominal organs are in their normal anatomic positions. The body cavities contain no adhesions or abnormal collections of fluid.

HEAD: See previous description. The subscalpular area and skull are unremarkable. The dura and dural sinuses are unremarkable. There are no epidural, subdural, or subarachnoid hemorrhages. The leptomeninges are thin and delicate. The cerebral hemispheres are symmetrical. The cranial nerves and blood vessels are unremarkable. Sections through the cerebral hemispheres, brainstem, and cerebellum are unremarkable. There are no hemorrhages in the deep white matter or the basal gangl ia. The cerebral ventricles contain no blood.

NECK: The soft tissues and prevertebral fascia are unremarkable. The hyoid bone and larynx are intact.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: The aorta and its major branches and the great veins are normally distributed. The pericardium, epicardium, 'and endocardium are smooth, glistening, and unremarkable. There are no thrombi in the atria or ventricles.

Name: [redacted]

The foramen ovale is probe-patent. The coronary arterial system is right predominant and is unremarkable. The atrial and ventricular septa are intact. The cardiac valves are unremarkable. The myocardium is dark red-brown and firm, and there are no focal abnormalities.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM: See previous description. The laryngeal mucosa is smooth and unremarkable without petechiae. The pleural surfaces are smooth and shiny. The pulmonary arteries contain no emboli. Sectioning of the lungs discloses a dark red-blue, moderately congested parenchyma.

HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM: The liver-is covered by a smooth, glistening capsule. The parenchyma is dark red-brown and moderately congested. The gallbladder contains 5 ml of bile but no calculi. The extrahepatic biliary ducts are unremarkable.

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM: The esophageal mucosa is gray, smooth, and unremarkable. The stomach contains approximately, 30 ml of semisolid, white, partially digested material. There are no tablets or capsules. The gastric mucosa has-normal rugal folds and there are no ulcers. The small and large bowel are unremarkable externally and upon opening at multiple random sites, contain no abnormal contents. The appendix is present. The pancreas is unremarkable externally and upon sectioning.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM: The subcapsular surfaces of the kidneys are smooth and slightly lobulated. The cortex is of normal thickness. The calyces, pelves, and ureters are unremarkable. The urinary bladder contains approximately 20 ml of clear yellow urine. The mucosa is gray, smooth, and unremarkable. The prostate gland is unremarkable.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: The thyroid and adrenal glands are unremarkable externally and upon sectioning.

RETICULOENDOTHELIAL SYSTEM: The spleen is covered by a smooth, blue-gray, intact capsule. The parenchyma is dark red. The lymph nodes are unremarkable. The thymus is unremarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: The clavicles, ribs, sternum, pelvis, and vertebral column have no fractures. The diaphragm is intact.

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PRODUCT: Matrix

Name: [redacted]

FINDINGS:

1. Smoke inhalation and thermal burns.

   a. Partial and full thickness burns involving at least 90% of the body surface area.
   b. Soot present in the larynx, tracheobronchial tree, and distal bronchi.
   c. Carboxyhemoglobin level 44% on postmortem blood sample.
   d. Cherry-red discoloration of the vi.scera.
   e. Cerebral edema.

2. History that the decedent was the victim of a house fire.

CONCLUSION:.

It is my opinion that [redacted] a seven-month-old Latin male, died as the result of smoke inhalation and thermal burns.

MANNER OF DEATH: Accident.

Karen F. Ross, M.D.
Medical Examiner

TOXICOLOGY: .

Blood: Carboxyhemoglobin - 44%.
Alcohols and Acetone - negative.
Drug Screen - negative.

Urine: Alcohols and Acetone - negative.
Cannabinoids - negative.

Vitreous: Electrolytes/Glucose/VUN -
Na+ - 132 mEq/L Glu - 27 mg/dL.
Kt - 11.9 mEq/L VUN - 11 mg/dL.
C l - - 118 mEq/L.

TASK: 95 09 15 HCC 4171
ATTACHMENT: 4
PRODUCT: Matthews

Protocol typed by Ellen R. Christopher

DALLAS FIRE DEPARTMENT
ARSON AND FIRE INVESTIGATION
FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT

2014 MAIN STREET, ROOM 404
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201

PHONE NUMBER (214) 670-4312
FAX NUMBER (214) 670-4650

DATE: 2/1/95 TIME OF ALARM: 829 DISTRICT/SHIFT 3/A MAPSCO 36W

INCIDENT NUMBER: 7119 INVESTIGATOR / EMP. NO. DOLLAR 18918

ADDRESS: [redacted] EXPOSURE: ____ SAME BLDG: ____

APARTMENT / SUITE NUMBER: 106

BUSINESS NAME: [redacted] APTS

PROPERTY OWNER: [redacted] Ltd Partnership REP: [redacted]

OCCUPANT: [redacted] REP: SAME

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Check appropriate type.

STRUCTURE FIRE ✓	VEHICLE FIRE	NON-STRUCTURE	INJURY	DEATH
FALSE ALARM	MULTIPLE ALARM	THREAT	ATTEMPT	OTHER

DESCRIPTION: 2-0-BR-APT

IF VEHICULAR: YEAR ____ MAKE ____ MODEL ____

LICENSE # / STATE ____ VIN. ____

CAUSE: CHILD WITH HEAT SOURCE

FIRE LOSS INFORMATION

	BUILDING	CONTENT
LOSS ESTIMATE	100,000	10,000
ESTIMATED VALUE	300,000	20,000
INSURANCE COVERAGE	200,000	NO COVERAGE
INSURANCE COMPANY	Lexington	
POLICY NUMBER / DATE	8693879	9509 15 Dec 4121
ADJUSTER'S LOSS ESTIMATE	100,000	Mitchell
COMPANY ADJUSTER	Chuck Anderson 641-4455	
PUBLIC ADJUSTER		
INSURANCE AGENT		

DFD 300 REVIEWED ✓ ASSIGNED ✓ COMPLETED ✓ ENTERED ✓ SUP. REVIEW CDC

DFD 303 (REVISED 9/93)

FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT

HOMELESS YES / NO	SUPPLEMENT YES / NO	PHOTOS YES / NO	EVIDENCE YES / NO
DRUGS INVOLVED YES / NO	PREVIOUS FIRES YES / NO		

OFIRS INFORMATION

LEVEL OF ORIGIN 11	AREA OF ORIGIN 14	EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION 98
MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL #
FORM OF HEAT IGNITION 65	TYPE MATERIAL IGNITED 71	IGNITION FACTOR 36
TERMINATION STAGE 2	FORM MATERIAL IGNITED 21	CODE VIOLATION YES / NO

NARRATIVE THE FIRE STARTED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF AP[redacted]
THE 3-YEAR-OLD SON OF THE OCCUPANT STARTED A FIRE ON THE COUCH UNDER THE LIVING ROOM WINDOW. HE WENT INTO THE COURTYARD AND TOLD HIS MOTHER WHO WAS ON A PAY PHONE.
SHE RESCUED HER OTHER TWO SLEEPING CHILDREN BUT LEFT OPEN THE FRONT DOOR TO HER APARTMENT.
BEFORE THE FIRE WAS REPORTED IT HAD EXTENDED INTO A DEAD-END CORRIDOR IN THE FLOOR ABOVE. THE INFANT SON OF THE OCCUPANT OF [redacted] WAS DEAD AT THE SCENE. HIS MOTHER SUBSEQUENTLY DIED AT PARKLAND.
THE OCCUPANT OF [redacted] INJURED HER LEG WHEN SHE JUMPED TO SAFETY.

[illegible] 95091518CCC1121
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[illegible] Matthias

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 950915HCC4121 Incident Date Feb. 01, 1995

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

   Unk

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNIT'URE: Describe where fire stat-ted on upholstered furniture.

☐ Skirt ☐ Seat cushion ☐ Inside. back ☐ Inside arm .

☐ Back ☐ Side . ☐ Underside ☐ Crevice

☐ Welt Cord ☐ Tuft ☒ Other Unknown

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

☒ LT 5 yrs. old 0 5 - 1 4 ☐ 15 - 64 . ☐ 65 +

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

Lighter XX Match Candle Heater Fireplace

____ Other (specify) _____

____ Unknown

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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:

Unk Fuel source c e Unk f u r n i t u r e

E. DETECTION OF FIRE

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

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If yes, specify type: Unknown

8. Detecter 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? Unknown

F. VICTIM(S)

2 Number of Deaths _____ Number of Injuries

G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household:

☐ Less than high school Unk ☐ High school ☐ Some College

12. Total household income:

☐ LT $15,000 Unk ☐ $75,000 - $34,999. 0 $35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: Unk

☒ Rent ☐ Own

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

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EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. CASE NO.	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID	3. OFFICE CODE
950921HCC2194	[9][0][0][3]	[8][3][0]

4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY	5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY
[9][5][0][9] [0] [7]	[9][5][0][9 112][8]

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT:

This investigation was initiated in response to a newspaper account of a fatal house fire occurring on 9-07-95 in which two children, a 2 year old boy and a five year old girl died. The fire was started by a third sibling, a three year old boy, who was playing with a cigarette lighter; he ignited one of the upholstered seat cushions of these family's living room couch. The fire quickly spread to the structure, causing the family to be trapped in their second floor apartment. The children's mother was able to rescue the 3 year old child and an infant.

7. LOCATION *(Home, school, etc.)*	8. CITY	9. STATE
[1][0] apartment/home	North Chicago	IL

10A. FIRST PRODUCT	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS
couch [0][6][7][9 1	unk. manufacturer; believed to be very old. Upholstered with foam-filled sent cushions.
10B. SECOND PRODUCT *	**11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS**
cigarette lighter [1][6][0][4]	unknown manufacturer; butane, non-child resistant.

12. AGE OF VICTIM *	13. SEX *(USE NUMERICAL CODE)*	14. DISPOSITION	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS
[2][0][6]	MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [2] UNKNOWN- 3	deceased at hospital [8]	anoxia/ smoke inhalation [6][5]

16. BODY PART	17. RESPONDENT(S) *(Mother, Friend)*	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION	19. TIME SPENT
All parts [8][5]	fire, police investigators [1]	ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [1] OTHER - 3	Tr: 3.0 [0][6].[0]

20. ATTACHMENTS	21. CASE SOURCE	22. REVIEWED BY YR MO DAY
multiple [2]	[0][5]	[8][1][3][0] [9][5][1][0][1][9]

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

See attached narrative.

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

SUMMARY:

This investigation was initiated in response to a newspaper account of a fatal house fire occurring on 9-07-95 in which two children, a 2 year old boy and a five year old girl, died of smoke inhalation. The fire was started by a third sibling, a three year old boy, who was playing with a cigarette lighter; he ignited one of the upholstered seat cushions of these family's living room couch. The fire quickly spread to the structure, causing the family to be trapped in their second floor apartment. The children's mother was able to rescue the 3 year old child and an infant.

PRE-INCIDENT:

This fire occurred in a two story four bedroom apartment building located in the city of North Chicago, IL.. The building is of wood and masonary construction. The apartment where the fire occurred is located on the second floor, and it is accessed by a separate stairway leading to a street side doorway.

The apartment is occupied by a 27 year old female and her four children, ages 5, 3, 2, and 6 months.

This CPSC investigator was unable to gain access to the apartment where the fire occurred during a visit to the premises on 9-28-95, despite the fact that a North Chicago police officer accompanied this officer to the scene. The apartment has reportedly been cleaned out and was boarded up; attempts to locate the building owner by the police department were not successful.

According to police and fire investigators interviewed on 9-28-95, the apartment consisted of a living room area overlooking the street, two bedrooms, a kitchen and a bath. The building is located in an economically depressed area of the city.

There was a couch in the living room, placed in a standard position with the back of the couch against one of the room's walls. In questioning the fire and police investigators, they recalled that the couch appeared to be very old and dirty. It was approximately 6 feet long, with three equal sized detachable seat cushions. The couch was upholstered with a wool-like fabric in a gold plaid material. The couch cushions were filled with a foam material. The couch did not have a slipcover, and there were not believed to have been any other items lying on the couch at the time of the fire. The arm rests were of the "rolled" or rounded type, and both the arm rests and back support cushions were not removable. Investigators did not observe any manufacturer identification tags on the couch, however they indicated that the

couch was almost entirely consumed by the fire, and little was left to examine except the frame,'lower springs, and portions of a seat cushion.

The children's 44 year old father, who did not reside with the' family, had been at the apartment earlier in the evening, 9-06-95. The police were called to the apartment at that time after the mother and father had become involved in a violent domestic disturbance. At one point in that incident the father had chased the mother out of the apartment into the street, this occurring subsequent to his cutting the telephone cord to the apartment's telephone with a kitchen knife after she had threatened to call the police.

INCIDENTS:

On 9-07-95 at 1:38AM the North Chicago Fire Department received a 911 call of a structure fire at 816 14th Street, in their city. The first responders to the fire scene were police officers, who arrived at the scene almost immediately and were met at the front of the building by the mother. She reported that two of her children were still trapped in the apartment. The police officers attempted to climb the steps leading to the second floor apartment, but were unable to continue due to the heavy smoke and heat. Firefighters arrived approximately two minutes later, and with the aid of the special equipment were able to enter the living room of the apartment and locate the two victims, ages 3 and 5, lying on the living room floor. The children were brought down to the ground, and resuscitation efforts were begun while they were transported to local St. Therese Hospital, and were later airlifted to Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, IL. Despite these efforts, both victims died of smoke inhalation injuries the following day.

The mother was also treated at a local hospital for smoke inhalation the morning of the fire. Her 3 year old son and 6 month old infant were not injured, as she had been able to rescue them before the fire blocked her attempts to reenter the apartment to reach the other children.

POST INCIDENT:

Investigators interviewed on 9-28-95 explained that the circumstances leading up to this fire where complicated by the domestic argument that had occurred earlier the same evening. After the mother's telephone cord had been cut and she had been chased from the apartment, she was accompanied back to the apartment by police officers. The father had left the apartment by this time. The police officers assisted the mother in changing the front door lock, as the mother feared that the father would return. The police also suggested to the mother that she could

use a baby stroller to block the rear door (apparently this door opened up onto a second story porch).

After the police officers had departed, the mother was checking the security of the back door. She was approached by her 3 year .old son, who told her "the thing is on fire." The mother then went into the living room and saw that the couch was on fire. She first tried to put the fire out on her own by smothering the flames with a blanket/When that failed she gathered the two closet children (the 3 year old male and the 6 month old infant) and took them outside. By this time another-of the apartment tenants-realized what was occurring, and called the fire department. The mother could not reenter the apartment to rescue her other two children, and instead met the arriving police officers and told them what had happened.

Investigators questioned the 3 year old boy, who admitted that he had playing with a non-child resistant cigarette lighter (later found in the living room by investigators) and had started the flat top portion of one of the couch seat cushions on fire with the lighter.

When questioned by investigators, the mother reported that the cigarette lighter and cigarettes had been left behind by the childrens' father during the earlier domestic disturbance. She further stated that the father had at some point in the past (not that same evening) shown the 3 year old how to light a cigarette lighter. It is not clear why he did this, as an effort to teach the child about using the lighter safely, or what.

This fire occurred on a clear, 65 degree night, winds from the SW at 5 miles per hour. The flames from the couch ignited the apartment's walls, believed to be plaster and paneling. Investigators could not recall any.materials nearby, such as piled newspapers, etc., that might have caused the fire to burn quicker.

A letter was sent to the mother of the victims on 9-28-95 asking her to contact this CPSC Investigator, however no response has been received as of 10-09-95.

A copy of the fire department's report regarding this incident is attached as Exhibit "A." The police department's report is attached as Exhibit "B." Both of these departments were visited in person by this Investigator on 9-28-95. The only photographs either department could locate were facial views of the deceased victims; copies of these photos were not requested.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

couch: manufacturer of actual age unknown. Described by

police officers and fire fighters who viewed the item as they were attempting to rescue the children and extinguish the fire as being very old and dirty. It was approximately 6 feet long, with three equal sized detachable seat cushions. The couch was upholstered with a wool-like fabric in a gold plaid material. The couch cushions were filled with a foam material. The couch did not have a slipcover, and there were not believed to have been any other items lying on the couch at the time of the.fire. The arm rests were of the "rolled" or rounded type, and both the arm rests and back support cushions were not removable. Investigators did not observe any manufacturer identification tags on the couch, however they indicated that the couch was almost entirely consumed by the fire, and little was left to examine except the frame, lower springs, and portions of a seat cushion.

cigarette lighter: butane, red in color, not child resistant. Manufacturer unknown.

smoke detector: battery-powered, manufacturer identification information not available. The detector was sounding when the initial police officers arrived.

APPLICABLE STANDARDS:

It is not known if the couch was in compliance with any applicable voluntary flammability standards.

ATTACHMENTS :

Exhibit "A" - City of North Chicago Fire Department report.

Exhibit "B" - City of North Chicago Police Department report.

Exhibit "C" - Data recording sheet for upholstered furniture fires.

Exhibit "D" - Original investigation request.

Exhibit "A" 9/28/95

ALARM AND FIRE RECORD
NORTH CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTM JOI#95092IHCC2194
NORTH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Alarm No. F-98**

Date 9-7-95 Time of Alarm 0132

Recorded By Henderson Dismissal **Time** 0510

Type Of Alarm [x] Fire [ ] Ambulance [ ] Other

Alarm **Transmission** 7447 911

Name and/or Location [redacted]

North Chicago, Il.

Out on arrival [ ] Yes [x] No

If not out on arrival, state **equipment used** 200' 3" supply line, PPV fan, Both 1 3/4 200' preconnects, SCBA's, 35' ladder, Axes, pike poles, lights

If other than building, so state

Bldg. Owner -Address Tel.

Tenant Address Tel.

Type of building Massonary No. of stories F Two l o o r Two

Did fire extend to adjoining property [ ] Yes [x] No WEATHER: Temp. 65 Wind MDH SW 5

Cause of ignition Three year old started fire with red butane lighter

Material ignited Cioth couch

Injuries Two children that were occupants of the-

Estimated Loss 8000 Building 5,000 **Contents** Response Men 18

Value 90,000 **Building** 20,000 **Contents** **Apparatus** 1517-1514-1548

Insurance Building Contents Shift Black

REMARKS: STRUCTURE **FIRE:see** supplemental

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NORTH CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT
NORTH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

REFERENCE:

DATE OF REPORT: 9/7/95

PAGE NO: 1474

TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire

ALARM NO: F-98*

NAME and/or LOCATION:

TIME OF ALARM: 0132

816-B 14th St.

DATE OF ALARM: 9/7/95

REMARKS: At 0132 we recieved a 911 hangup call stating there was a fire on the second floor apartment at 816 14th St. Upon arrival it was noted that there was a fire on the second floor of the apartment in the front. A female stated that two of her children were trapped in the bedroom. An attack team was assembled and advanced up the stairway with a 1-3/4 handline. As the team made the top of the stairs F/F Miller went twords the living room and found the two children lying on the floor of the living room. These victims were rescued from the fire room and taken outside,where mouth to mouth ventilations were done. These two victims were transported to St.Therese in 1548. Officer Lonnie Brown,and Officer Brian Carder assisted Urban,Umek,and Heinhardt in 1548. The fire was quickley extinguished after the rescues were made. This fire did not do much damage to the structure itself,but did heavy damage to the contents. 1500 assumed command and boxed this incident to the second alarm for BOX 15-01. The fire started on the couch in the front room. The fire was started by a three year old boy that lived in the apartment. The boy admitted setting the fire with a lighter that was in the apartment. Building department was on location. Boardup was called. American REd Cross was called to assist with the tennants that were displaced.

Occupants of fire apartment are:

[redacted]-Mother 4[illegible]3-4353
[redacted] F-5 Transported to St.Therese,fire victim
[redacted] M-3 Fire Starter,uninjured
[redacted] M-2 Transported to St.Therese,fire victim
[redacted] F-6mo. Uninjured.

An investigators'report will follow.

P.S. Firefighters,Henderson,Urban,Umek,and Harris were all exposed to the victims with mouth contact. These firefighters had blood drawn drawn at St.Therese as a precaution.

(INVESTIGATOR)

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NORTH CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT
NORTH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

REFERENCE:

DATE OF REPORT: September 08, 1995

PAGE NO: 1474

TYPE OF ALARM: FIRE

ALARM NO: F-98

NAME and/or LOCATION:

TIME OF ALARM: 0132

DATE OF ALARM: 9-07-95

REMARKS:

A copy of 'pages 1 and 2 were sent to Tony.Brucci, of the Cook County Fax # 312-997-4533 case # 154 Sept, 95. He requested copies of the report, when one of the children from the fire [redacted] die=? this morning.

Lt Stickler
(INVESTIGATOR)

Exhibit "C"
IOI #95092114cc2194

9/28/95

CASE REPORT: CALLS FOR SERVICE DATE PRINTED: 09/28/95

50.CID#: _ ____ ____

00. Agency: 1 NORTH CHICAGO F'OLICE..... 01. Inc #: 95018247 02.Rec By: STELL

03-Date Reported: 09/07/95 04.Time Reported: 0 1 3 8 05.Shift: 1 2400-0800A

06.Activity: 09054 FIRES..... 07.Priority: 2 ASAP.....w

08.City NORTH CHICAGO-- 09.Loc[redacted]----i-------mm.-- 10.B/R 00010

11.Apt# _____ Name[redacted]..... Tel 4734353... How Rec 1 Type

16.Add:[redacted]..... 17.City NORTH CHICAGO__ 18.St: I L

19.Rem: LINCOLN AV_____

20.Units: 0332 0337 0339 0311 0312 0319 0341 0340 0344 ---- 30.Off: ----- ----

32.Disp 0138 Enrt 0138 Arr 0140 Comp 0304 *Transp* Enrt ---- Arr ---- Comp ---

39.Other Agcy: __ 41.Ad: _ 42.Dsp By: STELL 43.Case#: _____ 44.Dispo:

45.Line-1: PTLM CARDER RESPONDED TO A STRUCTURE FIRE AT 816 14TH STREET,...

46.Line-2: NC IL._____

47.Line-3: _____

48.Line-4: SEE SUFPLEMENTAL REPORT.....

49.Line-5: .....

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09/07 0137 STELL  Verified-[redacted]                    NORTH CHICAGO
09/07 0137 STELL  (1)Pol:000101  (F)Fir: 0101  (E)EMS: A 2 1 (M)Zone: 0001 *
09/07 0138 STELL            ** Initial Call Posted **
09/07 0138 STELL  <UNITS>.:0332 0340 0344
09/07 0140 STELL            ** Call Updated **
09/07 0200 WILKI            ** Call Updated **
09/07 0201 WILKI  <UNITS>: 0332 0340 0344 0337 0339
09/07 0204 STEL.L           ** Call Updated **
09/07 0204 STELL  <UNITS>: 0332 0340 0344 0337 0339 0311 0312 0319
09/07 0218 WILKI            ** Call Updated **
09/07 0218 WILKI  <UNITS>: 0332 0344 0337 0339 0311 0312 0319
09/07 6218 WILKI            ** Call Updated **
09/07 6218 WILKI  <UNITS>: 0332 0337 0339 0311 0312 0319
09/07 0228 STELL            ** Call Updated **
09/07 0236 STELL            ** Call Updated **
09/07 0236 STELL  <UNITS>: 0332 0337 0339 0311 0312 0319 0341 0340 0344
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09/07 0304 STELL	** Call Updated **
09/07 1015 LEWIS	** Call Updated **
09/07 1135 LEWIS	** Call Updated **

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Supplemental Report: CALLS FOR SERVICE Incident: 1950 18247

Rpt	Date	Time	Offcr	Subject
01	09/07/95	0138	00332	ASSIST FIRE DEPT - F'TLM CARDER

F'TLM CARDER RESPONDED TO A STRUCTURE FIRE A[redacted]
NC.
UPON ARRIVAL PTLM CARDER MET WITH F'TLM L. BROWN, WHO ADVISED TWO CHILDREN WERE STILL IN THE UPSTAIRS APT (APT #B) POSSIBLE IN THE BACK BEDROOM. F'TLM L. BROWN AND CARDER ENTERED THE STAIRWAY TO APT#B.
PTLM L. BROWN IN THE LEAD WAS ABLE TO REACH THE TOP OF THE STAIRS AND WAS FORCED RACK DUE TO THE EXTREME SMOKE AND HEAT. PTLM CARDER AND PTLM L. BROWN THEN WENT TO THE REAR OF 816 14TH STREET SEEKING TO FIND A REAR ENTRANCE TO APT #B TO NO AVAILABLE.
F'TLM CARDER AND F'TLM BROWN RETURNED TO THE FRONT OF [redacted] STREET WHEN PTLM T. CLARK WAS ADVISING ARRIVING NORTH CHICAGO FIRE FIGHTERS OF THE SITUATION. PTLM CARDER, PTLM BROWN, AND PTLM CLARK THEN ASSISTED THE FIRE FIGHTERS. THE NORTH CHICAGO FIRE FIGHTERS THEN BROUGHT OUT TWO CHILDREN LATER IDED AS BLACK FEMALE, [redacted] DOB: 6-8-90, AND B/M, [redacted] DOB: 4-2-93.

F'TLM BROWN ASSISTED NORTH CHICAGO PARAMEDICS WITH CPR AND CHARLE WHILE PTLM CARDER ASSISTED WITH CARLISE. FURTHER RESPONDING NORTH CHICAGO UNITS ALONG WITH F'TLM CLARK ASSITED THE FIREDEPARTMENT AND PROVIDED CROWD AND TRAFFIC CONTROL.

F'TLM CARDER AND L. BROWN ASSISTED THE NORTH CHICAGO PARAMEDICS WITH CHARLES AND CARLISE THRU - TRANSF'ORT TO ST THERESE HOSPITAL.
AT ST THERESE HOSPITAL CARDER MET WITH THE COMP WHO ADVISED SHE WAS ABLE TO REMOVE TWO OF HER CHILDREN IDED AS WILLIAM [redacted] DOE: 2-27-92, AND [redacted]N, DOB: 3-7-95, FROM APT#B, EUT WAS UNABLE TO RETURN TO HELP [redacted]E AND [redacted]. PTLM CARDER FIND F'TLM BROWN CLEARED FROM ST THERESE AND RETURNED TO [redacted] STREET TO PROVIDE FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO THE FIRE SCENE. ALL NORTH CHICAGO POLICE UNITS THEN CLEARED WHEN THE NORTH CHICAGO FIRE DEPT SECOND THE FIRE SCENE.

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Supplemental Report: CALLS FOR SERVICE Incident: 1 95018247

Rpt	Date	Time	Offcr	Subject
02	09/07/95	0 138	00340	ASSIST FIRE DEPT - L. BROWN

THE R/O L. FROWN, PTLM 0' BRYANT RESPONDED TO [redacted] NC ILIN REFERENCE TO A STRUCTURE FIRE. UPON ARRIVAL THE R/O WERE **ADVISED** BY AN UNIDENTIFIED B/F THAT THE TOP APT WAS ON FIRE AND THERE WERE TWO SMALL CHILDREN IN THE APT. THE R/O EROWNE #06 THEN ENTERED THE STAIRWELL I RICREASING SOKE AND UPON REACHING THE TOP STAIR WAS UNABLE TO BREATHE OR SEE WITH THE USE OF' ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING. THE R/O THEN DESCENDED THE STAIRWELL AND ATTEMPTED A REAR ENTRY OF THE NORTH CHICAGO FIRE DEPT, THE R/O ASSITED AN UNIDENTFIED FIREMAN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRCASE AND TOOK AN INFANT B/M IDED AS [redacted] B/M, DOE: 9-2-93 OF [redacted], NC IL, TO THE ROADWAY AND ASSITED IN RESUSCITATING CHARLES. UPON THE ARRIVAL OF A MICU NCFD UNIT AND EECUASE OF LIMITED FIRE DEPT F'ERSONELL THE R/O OPERATED THE MICU TO ST THERESE HOSF'ITAL. SEE ACCIDENT #95-18249. THE R/O THEN CLEARED.

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Supplemental Report: CALLS FOR SERVICE Incident: 195018247

Rpt	Date	Time	Offcr	Subject
03	09/07/95	0138	00311	ASSISTING FIRE DEFT - SGT WILLIAMS

THE R/O SGT EUGENE WILLIAMS UPON RETURNING TO POST #1 FROM A DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE CALL AT 816 14TH STREET RECEIVED NOTIFICATED FROM COMMUNICATION THAT THERE WAS A STRUCTURE FIRE AT THAT LOCATION AND THE FIRE DEF'T WAS ON LOCATION. THE R/O WAS THEN CONTACTED VIA "POLICE RADIO" BY OFFICER HERB BROWN WHO REQUESTED THAT THE OFFICER COME TO THE SCENE. THE R/O . RESPONDED AND UPON ARRIVAL THE R/O OBSERVED THAT THE FIRE DEPT MEMBERS WERE STRIKING A FIRE AT THE SAME APARTMENT THAT THE R/O AND OFFICER CLARK HAD CLEARED FROM EARLIER. THE R/O ALSO OBSERVED- THAT FIRE DEPT MEMBERS WITH ASSITANCE FROM OFFICERS L. BROWN AND BCARDER WERE ADMINISTERING CPR TO TWO YOUNG JUVENILES LATER IDENTIFIED AS [redacted] B/F, DOB: 6-8-90, AND [redacted], B/M, DOB: 4-2-93, OF [redacted] 2ND FLOOR, APT. UPON ARRIVAL OF THE RESCUE UNIT, BOTH JUVENILES WERE RUSHED TO SAINT THERESE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM FOR FURTHER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. SHORTLY GFTER THE RESCUE CLEARED LOCATION, THE R/O INSTRUCTED OFFICERS MCCLARY AND BELL WHO WERE ON LOCATION -TO TRANSPORTED THE MOTHER A B/F, IDENTIFIED AS [redacted] DOB: 4-18-68 [redacted] TO THE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM. THE R/O THEN STOOD BY IN TE AREA TO ASSIST WITH TRAFFIC AND CROWD CONTROL. THE R/O ALSO OBSERVED THAT THE CONDITION OF THE TWO JUVENILES APPEARED TO BE A SERIOUS NATURE DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION. BOTH JUVENILES WERE LATER AIRLIFTED TO LUTHERAN GENERAL HOSPITAL IN PARK RIDGE, IL OR DES PLAINE, IL.

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Supplemental Report: CALLS FOR SERVICE Incident: 195018247

Rpt	Date	Time	Offcr	Subject	
04	09/07/95	0752	00308	ADD-ON/SGT JABLONSKI	TRW

ON 9/7/95 AT 7:52AM [redacted] II - BLACK MALE - DOE 11/14/51 OF [redacted] (: NONE) HAD COME INTO THE STAT1 ON TO ASK WHERE HIS CHILDREN WERE SINCE HE HEARD THAT THERE WAS A FIRE AT [redacted]. UPON ARRIVAL TO [redacted] STREET HE NOTICED THAT THE HOME WAS BOARDED UP AND NO ONE WAS FOUND. MR. [redacted] STATED THAT HIS CHILDREN ARE NAMED: [redacted] III, [redacted] THOMSON, AND [redacted] JR. MR. [redacted] WAS ADVISED THAT HE COULD CALL LUTHERN GENERAL HOSPITAL IN PARK RIDGE AT 686-2210 AS THE CHILDREN WAS AIR LIFTED THERE FROM ST. THERESA HOSPITAL.

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Supplemental Report: CALLS FOR SERVICE Incident: 1 950 18247

Rpt	Date	Time	Offcr	Subject	
05	09/07/95	1328	00318	ARSON INTERVIEW CAROLYN BRICE/DET. WADE	SRJ

FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION
ARSON
INTERVIEW: [redacted]
B/F DOB 04-18-68
[redacted]
NORTH CHICAGO, I L 60064
[redacted]

THE I /O WENT TO THE LUTHERN GENERAL HOSPITAL IN PARE RIDGE, IL, IN REFERENCE TO INTERVIEWING THE PARENTS OF THE CHILD VICTIMS.

THE I/O SPOKE TO [redacted] WHO STATED PRIOR TO THE FIRE SHE AND HER CHILDREN'S FATHER SHE IDENTIFIED AS [redacted] B/M DOB 11-14-51 HAD GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT AND HE HAD CHASED HE:R OUT OF THE AF'ARTMENT AFTER HE HAD GRABBED A KITCHEN KNIFE AND CUT THE TELEFHONE CORD.

[redacted] STATED SHE RAN OUT OF THE APARTMENT AND TO JOHN'S LIQUOR STORE TO CALL THE FOLICE, WHILE SHE WAS ON THE PHONE SHE SAW THAT HE DROVE UF IN HIS CAR SHE STATED SHE THEN RAN TO A EAR AT [redacted] SHE STGTED THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO SPEAK TO THE PÓLICE AND ADVISED THEM OF WHAT HAD OCCURRED AND THAT SHE NEEDED THEM TO GO WITH HER BACK TO HER APARTMENT. SHE STATED THE OFFICER RETURNED TO HER APART-MENT CHECKED IT AND NOT1 CED THAT [redacted] HAD NOT RETURNED.

THE OFFICERS ASSISTED HER IN CHANGING A LOCK ON ONE OF THE DOORS TO THE APARTMENT. SHE STATED THE OFFICER ALSO TOLD HER TO SECURE THE OTHER DOOR WITH A BABY STROLLER FRIOR TO HIS LEAVING . ONCE THE OFFICER LEFT SHE WENT TO SECURE THE OTHER DOOR. SHE STATED THAT SHE WAS THEN MET BY HER SON, [redacted] R. DOB 02-27-92, WHO T OL D HER THAT "THE T HI NG IS ON FIRE". SHE STATED SHE THEN WENT INTO THE LI'JINGROOM AND NOTICED THAT THE COUCH WAS ON FIRE. SHE STATED THAT SHE ATTEMPTED TO FUT OUT THE FIRE WITH A BLANKET.

AFTER SHE COYLD NOT FUT OUT THE FIRE SHE GATHERED UP HER TWO CHILDREN THAT WERE IN THAT ROOM AND TOOK THEM OUTSIDE SHE ALSO STATED THAT SHE HAD TROUBLE GETTING THE STROLLER BARRICADE OFF THE DOOR. AND BY THE TIME, SHE WENT BACK TO GET HER OTHER SMALL CHILDREN [redacted] AND [redacted] THE ELECTRICITY HADGONE OFF AND SMOKE HAD FILLED UP IN THE HALLWAY..

SHE STGTED A NEIGHBOR CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SHE WAITED UNTIL THEY ARRIVED TO GET THE CHILDREN OUT OF THE APARTMENT.

THE I/O ASKED [redacted] IF- SHE KNEW HOW THE FIRE STARTED. SHE STATED HER SON, [redacted], HAD FLICKED A CIGARETTE LIGHTER NEAR THE COUCH AND STARTED IT.

THE I/O ASKED IF SHE KNEW WHERE HER SON GOT THE LIGHTER FROM. SHE STATED THAT SHE REMEMBERED SEEING THE LIGHTER AND CIGARETTES IN THE APARTMENT AFTER SHE RETURNED AFTER

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SHE WAS CHASED OUT OF THE APARTMENT BUT SHE COULD NOT REMEMBER WHERE. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT THE CHILDREN'S FATHER SMOKED CIGARETTES AND HAD LEFT THE LIGHTER THERE.

THE I /O ASKED HER IF SHE KNEW OF A STATEMENT HER SON, [redacted] HAD MADE TO A NORTH CHICAGO PARAMEDIC STATING THAT HIS FATHER,: HAD TAUGHTHIMH O WTO FLICK THE CIGARETTE LIGHTER. SHE STATED THAT SHE WAS AWARE OF THE STATEMENT HE MADE AND THAT IT WAS TRUE. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT SHE AND THE CHILDREN'S FATHER HAD SPOKE TO HER SON IN THE PAST ABOUT FLAYING WITH CIGARETTE LIGHTERS.

THE I/O ASKED HER IF SHE: THOUGH [redacted] SR. MIGHT HAVE TOLD THEIR SON ABOUT THE WORKING OG THE CIGARETTE LIGHTER IN AN ATTEMPT TO EDUCATE THE CHILD ABOUT ABOUT SAFETY WITH IT. SHE STATED THAT SHE: DID NOT KNOW AND THAT HE HAD NOT SHOWN HIM THE LIGHTER RECENTLY.

THE I/O ADVISED [redacted] THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES CONCERNING THE FIRE WERE BEING INVESTIGATED AND THAT SHE WOULD PROBABLY BE CONTGCTED AT A LATER DATE.

THE I/O ALSO ASKED [redacted] IF IT WAS OK TO TAKE 1 PHOTO OF EACH CHILD FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSE. SHE STATED THAT HE COULD AND SIGNED A HOSPITAL CONSENT FORM. THE I/O THEN TOOK TWO FOLORIOD FHOTOS OF THE CHILDREN.

ASSIGNED TO: _____ DATE: a ------- TIME: ------

REVIEWING SUFERVISBR: ---------- DATE: _____

Exhibit "C"
IOI #950921HCC2194

9/28/95

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 950921HCC2194 Incident Date 9/07/95

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.) unknown
5. Date Furniture Purchased: unknown Furniture Age Described by fire/police as very old and dirty
6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)

   NONE OBSERVED

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 0 Tuft ☐ Other _____

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

☒ LT 5 yrs. old ☐ 5-14 ☐ 15-64 (7 65 +

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

_Lighter ____ Match - - Candle ____ Heater ____ Fireplace

____ Other (specify) _____

____ Unknown

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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: Smoke, battery powered

8. Detecter 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? within 3-5 minutes

F. VICTIM(S)

2 Number of Deaths 1 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:

☐ LT $15,000 ☒ $15,000 - $34,999 '0 $35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: _____

☒ Rent C7 Own

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

Exhibit "D"
IDI #950921HCC2194

9/25/95

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number X 5 9 2 8 2 2

Date of .lncident 9/7/95 Category I.D.BUNN251995

Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call _____ On-Site _____

Headquarters Contact Kimberly Lona (301) 504 -0470 Ext 1269

Assignment Message

Conduct a investigation of this case where a 5 year old female died in an apartment fire caused by a child playing with a cigarette lighter on the couch. Find out what part of the furniture ignited (if possible). If second hand furniture, find out how long in possession. If furniture still available, collect sample, following page 9 of guideline for sample collection.

Describe incident scenario; photograph and identify manufacturer; model number and brand name of all products involved. Please obtain fire incident report, medical insurance, and any other report of incident. Complete Data Record Sheet in guideline.

Person(s) to Contact Fire Department, North Chicago, IL and Local Officials

Guideline Number 19 Upholstered Furniture Fires

Requested By Kimberly Long

Task Number 950921HCC2194

Assigned to CHIO

Date 9/21/95

CPSC Form 324 (2/90)

1995 2:23PM FROM ME INVESTIGATIONS SEP 13 1995 03 X5 92822

132 MEDICAL EXAMINER'S/CORONER'S REPORTING FORM

C[redacted] (Companion to case 183 Sept.)

To report a case by telephone, call (toll free) *1-800-638-8095*. Say "THIS IS A MECAP REPORT." YOU will then be placed in contact with the MECAP Project Manager, who will ask for the information below. Or send by FAX to (301) 504-0038.

DATE OF INCIDENT September 7, 1995 DATE OF DEATH September 8, 1995

TYPE OF CONSUMER PRODUCT INVOLVED Cigarette lighter

MANUFACTURER, MODEL, BRAND NAME, AND SERIAL NO. OF PRODUCT =

IS PRODUCT AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION? unknown YES NO. IF YES, WHERE? [redacted] North Chicago

CAUSE OF DEATH: A. INHALATION INJURIES B. APARTMENT FIRE (accident)

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: CITY: NORTH CHICAGO STATE: IL.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT SEQUENCE: (PLEASE INDICATE THE AGE AND SEX OF THE VICTIM(S).

age 5/Female was trapped in the living room of a second floor apartment that was on fire. Her three year old brother had been playing with a cigarette lighter, and started the couch on fire. The structure was a two story frame apartment building.

CONTACT INFORMATION: PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ANY STATE/LOCAL PERSONNEL WHO INVESTIGATED THE ACCIDENT.

Fire Dept; Lt. L. Stickler 575-7798 (708)

MEDICAL EXAMINER'S/CORONER'S CASE NO. 154 Sept 95

REPORTER'S NAME J. Dollins DATE REPORTED 9-12-95

TELEPHONE NUMBER OF OFFICE REPORTING THE CASE 997-4494

REPORTER'S OFFICE (INCLUDING CITY, COUNTY AND STATE).
MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, (CHICAGO, IL)

MEDICAL EXAMINER'S/CORONER'S NAME DR.

CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER'S NAME (IF APPLICABLE) Dr. Edmund Donoghue

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FOR PROCESSING AT CPSC: REPORT RECEIVED BY: FAX

Chief Medical Examiners Report ( ) Copy for MECAP News ( )
Regular MECAP ( ) Document No.

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22 DEC 1995

EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. CASE NO.: 951006HCC1003

2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID: 8170

2 OFFICE CODE: 800

4. DATE OF ACCIDENT: YR 95 MO 07 DAY 31

5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED: YR 95 MO 10 DAY 26

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT: A nine year old female set fire to a sofa in the living room of her apartment when she was playing with book matches. The matches had reportedly been left on a table by the child's grandmother. The resulting fire consumed the sofa and damaged most of the furniture in the living room. The sofa was discarded and no identification is known. There were no injuries.

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.): Apartment(living room) 110

8. CITY: Asbury Park

9. STATE: NJ

10A. FIRST PRODUCT: Book matches 1728

11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

10B. SECOND PRODUCT: Sofa/couch 0679

11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

12. AGE OF VICTIM: 999

13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE -1 FEMALE -2 UNKNOWN -3: 9

14. DISPOSITION: No Injury 0

15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS: No Injury 70

16. BODY PART: No Injury 99

17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend): Deputy fire chief 3

18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE 1 TELEPHONE 2 OTHER 3: 2

19. TIME SPENT: 060

20. ATTACHMENTS: Fire Report 1

21. CASE SOURCE: Newspaper 05

22. REVIEWED BY: 8342 YR 95 MO 12 DAY 11

23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-MISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME [ ] CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME [X]

24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Other Side)

25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW: [signature] DATE 12-12-95

Need date record sheet.

(USE OTHER SIDE AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

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NOTE : The respondent is the deputy fire chief. The sofa involved was reportedly consumed by the fire as was most of the living room furniture in this apartment. There is no telephone listing for the tenants and no response was received to a letter mailed to the-address. The deputy fire chief stated that thetenants were forced to stay with relatives or placed into other city owned housing as a result of the incident and no longer reside at this apartment.

PRE INCIDENT

Per deputy fire chief the third floor apartment was occupied by a female child, age 9 years, and her grandmother. The circumstances of this living relationship is not known but they resided in a third floor two bedroom apartment in an apartment complex operated by the city housing authority for welfare* and low income families.

The apartment was located in building #2, a three story brick apartment building of about 15 units. The complex has 6 buildings per deputy fire chief. Per deputy fire chief there have been other fire calls to thecomplex in the past but none to this particular apartment to his knowledge.

At approximately 5:30 P.M. on the day of the incident the 9 year old female obtained a book of matches her grandmother had apparently left out on a table and began playing with the matches next to the sofa in the living room. While playing with the matches the female set fire to the sofa.

INCIDENT

A 9 year old female was playing with book matches in the living room of her apartment when she ignited the sofa.

POST INCIDENT

The 9 year old and her grandmother attempted to extinquish the flames but to no avail. A thick black acrid smoke was generated which activated the smoke detector in the apartment. The grandmother and tenants dialed 911 for the fire department.

Per deputy fire chief the fire was extinquished in about 15 minutes after arrival but not before it had consumed most of the sofa and other pieces of furniture in the living room. The 9 year old child admitted playing with matches and igniting the sofa.

No injuries resulted from the incident and the grandmother and child were forced to seek shelter with relatives or placed in a temporary shelter by a relief organization. Per deputy fire chief he does not know the whereabouts of the child or grandmother at this time. The sofa and the other fire and smoke' damaged furniture in the apartment living room was discarded per deputy fire chief.

PRODUCT IDENTIE'ICATION

Per deputy fire chief the sofa was consumed by the fire except for peices of wood frame. No identification is known. He related that the furniture appeared to be an older style and was not an expensive brand. He stated that it may have been second hand or purchased at a salvage dealer. He related that the tenants in the city housing authority complex do not usually have expensive furniture and most of it is second hand or purchased at salvage dealers and discounters.

STANDARDS

It is not known whether the sofa complied with any standards.

EXHIBITS

Exhibits A1/A3: Fire Reports

ASBURY PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

800 MAIN STREET
ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY
077124987

INVESTIGATION REPORT

DATE OF: ALARM 7/31/95 TIME/ALARM 17.54 DATE/INVEST 7/31/95

LOCATION OF FI[redacted] # 15

TYPE OF FIRE Structure

OWNER [redacted] PHONE [redacted]

OWNER ADDRESS [redacted]

TENANT (IF APPLICABLE) [redacted] PHONE

ALARMREPORTED BY 911

TOUR ON DUTY #3 & # 4 FIRE OFFICER IN CHARGE Weldon

WEATHER Sunny/Clear. 90 WIND DIR/SPEED

CAUSE OF FIRE Child Ignited sofa

POINT OR POINTS OF ORIGIN Level 3 Apt. # 15 Living room north side (sofa)

WERE PHOTOS TAKEN BY WHOM

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION Ordinary Construction

ELECTRIC STATUS ok GAS STATUS ok HEAT SYSTEM n/a

SMOKE DET. INSTALLED yes SMOKE DET. ACTIVATED yes

SPRINKLER INSTALLED yes SPRINKLER ACTIVATED

DID FIRE DEPT. FORCE ENTRY WHERE

WAS BUILDING FOUND OPEN yes WHERE front door

DESCRIPTION OF EVIDENCE, -

CUSTODY OF EVIDENCE n/a

PERSONS INJURED 1 PERSONS KILLED 0

INV. RESP Smith, Hurden P.O. RESP. Moore

REPORT COMPLETED BY [signature] DATE 8-1-95

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EXHIBIT A1

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Alarm No. 2 Dispatcher K. ROBINSON Date 7-31-95

Location of Alarm BOSTON WAY BLDG 2 Apt. No.

Time of Alarm 17:54 10 - 9 17:57 Return 19:09

Received by: Telephone ✓ Central Station Police Other

Type of Alarm: Still ✓ Single Truck Investigation

Apparatus Responding: Eng. ✓ Truck ✓ E.M.S. ✓ #802

Recall: Time of Recall

Mutual Aid Time Summoned

Outside Departments

Tenant [redacted] Apt. # 15

Owner [redacted]

Address [redacted]

Classification of Alarms: (check one)

1. Fire in building ✓ Fire/brush or grass

Fire in dumpster Other/outdoor

2. Vehicle: Auto Truck Bus Other

Owner of vehicle

Address

License No. Make Year

Area of origin Living Room

Ignition source Matches

Suspicious: Yes No ✓

Extent of fire Living Room

3. Alarm/no fire: Accidental Alarm False Alarm

Remarks

4. Emergency Rescue: Elevator Water

Auto Other

Remarks

5. Public Assistance:

Nature of service rendered

EXHIBIT A2

A. Usage: Single family ____ Multiple dwelling High Rise ____
Shelter care ____ Rooming & Boarding ____ Commercial ____
Professional ____ Warehouse ____ Other ____

Equipment/Extinguishment:

Lines used: Booster ____ 1½ X 2½ ____ Other ____

Placement/fireground Through front Door up 3 floors into Apt. #15

Foam/type: ____ Amount used ____

Ladders: Type used Crial to Rear of Apt - Ventilation

Placement/fireground ____

Air-Paks: No, used 4 Spare cylinders ____

Exhaust fans: No, 1 Where Apt 14 Next to involved Apt.

Generator: ____ Floodlights: ____ Water Vacuum: ____

Salvage covers: No. 4 Where ____

Other ____

Injuries:

Department members None

Civilian None

Notification/Outside Agencies:

Electric Co. ____ Gas Co. ____ Water Co. ____ Other ____

Incident Scene/Officials:

Police: Yes 4 No ____ Name/Badge No. ____

Chief of Dept. X Combustible Inspector X

Others ____

Remarks ____

SIGNED: Capt. Nelson

EXHIBIT A3

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Gp II ~~Cahey~~ Bill Robinson gm

N als file

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number N580523B

Date of Incident 7/31/95 **Category I.D** BUNN251995

Follow-Up Requested **Hazard Analysis** Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested **Telephone Call** _____ **On-Site** _____

Headquarters Contact Kimberly Lona (301) 504 -0470 Ext 1269

Backup - Linda Smith (301) 504-0470 Ext. 1275

Assignment Message

Conduct a investigation of this case caused by a child playing with matches that ignited a couch. Find out what part of the furniture ignited (if possible). If second hand furniture, find out how long in possession.

If furniture still available, conduct an on-site investigation and collect sample, following page 9 of guideline for sample collection.

Describe incident scenario; photograph and identify manufacturer, model number and brand name of all products involved. **Please obtain fire incident report, medical insurance, and any other report of incident. Complete Data Record Sheet in guideline.**

Person(s) to Contact Fire Department, Ocean Grove, NJ 'and Local Officials

Guideline Number 19 Upholstered 'Furniture Fires

Requested By Kimberly Long

Task Number 951006 HCC-1003

Assigned to NYCC

Date 10/6/95 gm

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NEW JERSEY CLIPPING SERVICE
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7/31/95

Fires Cause Two Deaths

Asbury Park - Three fires occurred in the city over the last week. The most recent incident was the most damaging and tragic taking place on Monday at 511 Fourth Avenue, where two young boys were found dead of smoke inhalation.

Firefighters reported that Monday's fire was probably due to careless smoking with evidence of a a lighted cigarette on a mattress on the third floor where the fire started. The fire was reported just before 8 a.m. The mother of the two boys, Cynthia Wright, heard the screams from her children but was unable to reach them because of the intense flames. Two other children were unharmed.

Other residents of the building escaped injury.

Another fire took place on Monday at Boston Way Village. The fire department reported that a child admitted to playing with matches and setting fire to a couch in Apartment 15 of Building Two. The girl and her grandmother tried to put out the flames, but the fire department had to respond, extinguishing the blaze within fifteen minutes. No physical injuries were reported.

On Wednesday last week, a two-story house at 1117 Summerfield Avenue was engulfed by flames. It was suspected that a short circuit in an extension cord being used for a refrigerator caused the fire.

The fire was reported about noon and all persons were removed from the premises. Two families were living at the location and had to be relocated.

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24 JAN 1996

1 Case Number	2 Investigator ID	3 Office Code	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
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4 Accident date 9 5 0 5 1 0	5 ID1 initiated 9 5 1 0 3 8		

6 Synopsis of Accident or complaint

A three year old female died in a house fire that was caused by her playing with a disposable cigarette lighter. Victim's parents were home at the time but the father's attempts to rescue victim were unsuccessful.

7 Location	8 city	9 State
Home (bedroom) 10	Buffalo	NY

10a First Product	11a Trade/Brand name/Model
Disposable Lighter 16 0 4	Unknown
10b Second Product	**11b** Trade/Brand name/Model
Curtains 0 617	Unknown

12 Age of Victim	13 Sex	14 Disposition	15 Injury diagnosis
0 0'3	F 2	Died in Hospital 8	Burns 5 1

16 Body part	17 Respondents	18 Investigation type	19 Time spent
All Parts 8 5	Fire Investigator 3	Other 3	1 0 . 0

20 Attachments	21 Case Source	22 Reviewed by/Date
Documents 2	MECAP 12	8 9 6 9 01/18/96

23 Permission to disclose names (Non-NEISS cases only) N/A
___ CPSC may disclose my name ✓ CPSC may not disclose my name

24 Narrative

See attached narrative.

25 Regional Director review date
1-19-96

need data record sheet.

CPSC Form 182

PRE-INCIDENT

This investigation was initiated as a result of a MECAP report that was submitted to CPSC. This incident involved the death of a three year old female in a house fire that decedent started with a cigarette lighter. All information contained in this report was obtained through a review of the Erie County Medical Examiner, Buffalo, NY records, the Fire Department, Buffalo, NY records and-an interview of the local fire investigator. Next of kin was not contacted per the local medical examiner's advise. The following documents are appended as attachments: Autopsy Report, 'Attachment 1; Death Report, Attachment 2; Fire Record, Attachment 3; and the Fire Investigation Report, Attachment 4.

The autopsy report reflects victim was a well nourished, well developed three year old Hispanic female measuring 38 inches and having a scale weight of 39 pounds.

This incident occurred in a 2 1/2 story wood constructed building. The building contained both residential and commercial space. The incident occurred on the first floor. The fire investigation report reflects victim had a history of playing with cigarette lighters. Both parents were smokers.

On the day of incident, 10 May 95, victim and her six and seven year old sisters were playing in the front bedroom. Other persons present in the residence at the time of incident were victim's 44 year old father, 32 year old mother and a male family friend. The three adults were in the kitchen getting ready to play a game of dominos. The kitchen was located approximately 24 feet from the bedroom in which the fire originated.

INCIDENT

At approximately 6:50PM, the seven year old alerted her father that the bedroom was on fire. The fire investigation report reflects alarm time as 6:54PM. All three girls had gone to an inner bedroom that was located off the room of origin. The family friend ran from the kitchen, through the living room, to the doorway of the room of origin. By this time, two of the girls had ran past the fire and the family friend grabbed them and removed them to the exterior of the residence. Victim remained in the inner bedroom.

POST-INCIDENT

The father, in an attempt to rescue victim, ran up on the porch and broke the two windows of the inner bedroom in which victim was located. The net result of that action allowed air to enter the inner bedroom and the room flashed into flames. After the fire was extinguished by the fire department victim was found across a bed in the inner bedroom. Victim sustained second and

third degree burns over 80% of her body. Victim was transported to a local children's hospital. The Death Report Sheet reflects victim expired on 11 May 95 at 9:20PM. The Autopsy Report reflects cause of death as smoke inhalation due to thermal injuries.

The Fire Investigation Report reflects two fires were started in the building's lower front bedroom; first curtains that were hung at the window on the east wall, north corner, and second was a sofa that was located on the north wall, east corner by victim (see diagram in Attachment 4). Victim was playing with a cigarette. lighter. The Fire Record reflects total damage as $60,000, $40,000 damage to the building and $20,000 damage to its contents.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

During an interview of the local fire investigator, it was determined that the involved cigarette lighter was destroyed in the fire. The local cause and origin investigation by the fire department was unable to determine if the involved-cigarette lighter was child proof or not.

SAFETY STANDARDS

Effective 12 July 94, pursuant to 16 CFR, part 1210, all disposable and novelty lighters manufactured or imported are subject to the standard's provisions resistant to successful operation by children younger than 5 years of age.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Erie County Medical Examiners Office, Buffalo, NY, Autopsy Report, Case #ME 412-95 (4 pages).

2. Erie County Medical Examiners Office, Buffalo, NY, Death Report Sheet, Case #412-95.

3. Fire Department, Buffalo, NY, Fire Record, Incident #05-0895.

4. City of Buffalo, NY-Bureau of Fire Prevention-Investigator's Fire Report, Incident #895 (2 pages).

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number X582693

Date of incident 5/10/95 Category I.D BUNN251995

Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call On-Site

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

Assignment Message

Conduct a investigation of this case where a 3 year old female died in a house fire caused by a child playing with a cigarette lighter on the couch. Find out what part of the furniture ignited (if possible). If second hand furniture, find out how long in possession. If furniture still available, collect sample, following page 9 of guideline for sample collection'

Describe incident scenario; photograph and identify manufacturer, model number and brand name of all products involved. **Please obtain fire incident report, medical** insurance, and any other **report** of incident. **Complete** Data Record Sheet in guideline.

Person(s) to Contact Fire Department, Erie County in Buffalo, NY and Local Officials DO NOT CONTACT NEXT OF KIN UNLESS OK BY CME

Guideline Number 19 Upholstered Furniture Fires

Requested By Kimberly Lona

Task Number 95/006 HCC 1005

Assigned to NYCO

-Date / o / & f

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MEDICAL EXAMINER'S/CORONER'S REPORTING FORM

To report a case by telephone, call (toll free) 1-800-638-8095. Say "THIS IS A MECAP REPORT." You will then be placed in-contact with the MECAP Project Wanager, who will ask for the information noted below.

Date of accident 5/10/95 Date of Death 5/11/95

Type of consumer product involved lighter, couch

Manufacturer, Model, Brand name, and Serial No. of product

Is product available for examination? ___Yes ___No. If Yes, where?

Cause of Death: smoke inhalation due to thermal injuries

Location of Accident: City Buffalo State

Brief description of accident sequence: (Please include the AGE and SEX of VICTIM (S))

34 of died in a house fire at her home. Playing with a lighter in livingroom caught a ~~co~~ couch on fire.

Contact Information: Please include the name, address and telephone number of any state/local personnel vho investigated the accident.

Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Case No. 412-95 Telephone No. 716-898-3

Reporter's Name Nicholas Salemaido Date Reported 8/22/95

Reporter's Off- (incl. city, county, & *ate) Erie Co., Buffalo, NY

Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Name Justin Ukuj, MD, CME

For processing at CPSC: Report received by: SUZ

Chief Med. Exam. Rpt ( ) Copy for MECAP News ( )
Regular MECAP ( ) Document No.

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ATTACHMENT 1
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ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE

PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

[redacted]
Case #ME 412-95

Female - Hispanic. - 3 years

Autopsy performed .by Dr. Fazlollah Loghmanee, Associate Chief Medical Examiner at the Erie County Medical Examiners Office on May 12, 1995.

The autopsy is requested by Dr. Sung - ook Baik, Associate Chief Medical Examiner.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is that of a 3 year old Hispanic female measuring 38 inches and having a scale weight of 3'9 lbs. This is a well developed, well nourished, generally edematous and about 80% second and third degree burn with' &pigmentation. The scalp is covered by black straight medium length hair. The face shows total second degree burn. The irides are brown and corneae is cloudy. The desidual teeth are intact in the oral cavity. The lips are markedly swollen. The chest is symmetrical. The IV's are attached to the left and right adrenal area. The fingertips are showing brownish parchment and mummification changes. The external genitalia is that of'female and the back of the body shows some intact skin. The rigor mortis is full.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is opened by the usual Y shaped incision. The panniculus adiposus measures 2.0 cm with marked subcutaneous edema. The abdominal cavity shows an estimated 500 cc of acidic fluid. The cerosal lining is markedly swollen and pale. The pleural cavities also shows some excess fluid, estimated 200 cc on each side.

HEAD AND NECK:

The scalp is carefully reflected and the skull bones are intact. The dura leptomeninges shows no hemorrhages. The brain weighs 1150 grams. Multiple cross sections shows minimal edema and prominence of white matter. Vasculature is

[redacted]
Case #ME 412-95

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CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

The heart weighs 100 grams and multiple cross sections of the myocardium shows no abnormality. The coronaries are intact. The cardiac chambers are rather dilated and congested. The major vessels are showing formed blood.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

The tracheobronchial tree shows soot staining and some edema and some inflamation. The secondary and tertiary branches are plugged by mucinous material and some yellowish discoloration. The left lung and right lungs each weigh 100 grams. The cross sections show atelectasis as well as swelling and congestion.

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM:

The esophagus is intact and the stomach contains a minimal amount of brownish fluid. The rest of the intestinal tract shows serosal swelling and some mucosal swelling. The mucosal lining of the stomach shows parallel linear round hemorrhagic spots, naso gastric tube impression).

HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM:

The liver weighs 475 grams and congested. The gallbladder contains fluid bile and biliary system patent.

PANCREAS:

This organ is swollen on the peri-pancreatic soft tissue.

HEMOLYMPHATIC SYSTEM:

The spleen weighs 75 grams and is congested. White pulps are present.

URINARY SYSTEM:

The left and right kidneys are equal-in size. Each weighs 50 grams. Peri-renal fat is markedly edematous. The kidneys show swelling. The ureter is patent into the bladder which has a Foley catheter.

3 years

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ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE
FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY
462 Grider Street
Buffalo, New York 14215
Telephone: (716) 898-3821

PATIENTS NAME: [redacted]
ME 412-95

SERIAL# T 95-333

REQUESTED BY: Drs. **Loghmanee/Baik**

DATE: . 5-12-95

INSTITUTION: Medical Examiner's Office

MATERIAL FOR EXAMINATION: **Blood**

ANALYSIS REQUESTED: Toxicological Examination

RESULTS:

Blood:

Carbon monoxide - none detected.

DR Robert J. Osiewicz
Robert J. Osiewicz, Ph.D.
Chief County Toxicologist

DATE COMPLETED: May 16, 1995

[redacted]
Case #ME 412-95

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

The pituitary, left and right lobes of thyroid and left and right adrenal glands shows no gross abnormality.

LABORATORY DATA:

One sample of blood is submitted for carbon monoxide.

ANATOMICAL FINDINGS:

1. Presence of soot in the tracheobronchial tree.
2. Bronchopneumonia.
3. Aspiration of some material.
4. Mucous plugging of the secondary branches of the bronchial tree.
5. Congestion of organs.
6. More than 80% second and third degree burn.
7. Generalized swelling and edema.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Smoke inhalation due to thermal injuries.

----------MD
Fazlollah Loghmanee MD
Associate Chief Medical Examiner

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DEATH REPORT SHEET

Erie County Health Department | Erie County Medical Examiners Office

Case # 412 - 95

951006HCC1005 ATTACHMENT 2
DRP 1-10-96

Reported by: CHILDRENS ICU Phone: _____ Name: KURT VONFRICKEN

Date: 5/11/95 Time call received: 935 am / pm

Medical Examiner: Dr. BAIK Time referred to ME: am / pm

Viewed at scene: yes / no Time wagon called: _____ am / pm

Time wagon arrived at morgue: _____ am/pm

Name of Deceased: [redacted] First MI

[redacted] Last

Date of birth: 7/3/91 or app. age: 3 Date & Time of death / found: 5/10 @ 9 20 am/pm

Sex: Male ☐ Female ☑ *Race:* White ☐ Black ☐ Hispanic ☑ Other ☐

Address: [redacted] City/Town: BUFFALO State NY Zip: 14

Place of **Death:** CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

Private residence: ☐ Hospital: DOA ☐ Nursing Home: ☐ Street/Road: ☐ Other: _____

Apartment: ☐ Up Front Down Rear ER ☐ Date / time admitted: 5/10/95 at 8 00 am / pm

Inpatient ☐ *Medical* **Record #** 002006035

City ☑ Town ☐ Village ☐ BUFFALO *County:* Erie Niagara Cattaragus Chautaugua Other

Case History: VICTIM OF HOUSE FIRE ON 5/10/95 - 90% BODY BURN + INHALATION INJURY - (653 pm [redacted] FIRE DISPATCH NOTIFIED [redacted] BPD HOMICIDE NOTIFIED

Medication / other: _____

Positon of body: Face up ☐ Face Down ☐ Unknown ☐

Condition of body: Fresh ☐ Decomposed ☐ Embalmed ☐ Burnt ☐

Motor Vehicle Info. Driver ☐ Passenger ☐ Pedestrian ☐ **Belted:** yes / no

Type of vehicle: Car ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Semi-truck ☐ Boat ☐ Farm equip: ☐ Other ☐

Injury information: Date injured: 5/10/95 Time: _____ am / pm

Place: HOUSE - HOUSE FIRE at Work? yes / no

Case refused ☐ By whom: Med. Examiner ☐ Morgue Keeper ☐

Reason for refusal: _____

Physician who will issue Death Certificate: _____

Place of issue or phone number: _____

Cause of Death: _____

Report taken by Brunner

Case # 412 - 95 Deceased's last name: SANTIAGO

BUFFALO, NEW YORK
FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENT # 05-0895

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BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION - FIRE RECORD

Batt. Dist.	Time	Day of Week	Month	Day	Year
B44	1854	Wednesday	May	10	1995

Address: [redacted]
Occupants: Unknown

Owner: [redacted]
Address of Owner: [redacted] 14213

Property Classification	Construction	No. of Stories	Area of Origin
Dwlg.	Frame	2½	Living room (1st fl)

Mobile	Yr.	Make	Model	License No.

Damage: Property	Building:	Contents:	Smoke Detectors: (Y) (N)	Activate (Y) (N)
$60,000	$40,000	$20,000	Yes	Yes

Officer in Charge	Member Making Report	Eng. Co.	Platoon
B44 Mehltretter	BA/JM	37	?nd

Name of Injured

Name and Address of Killed

STATEMENT OF INJURY

[redacted] (3 YRS) DIED 6-11-95

CAUSE: CHILDREN WITH MATCHES!!

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CITY OF BUFFALO - BUREAU OF FIRE INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATOR'S FIRE REPORT

RAINY

1. Location	2. Inc.#	3. Box #	4. File #	5. CD	6. Date	7. Time
342 NORMAL	835	296	9[redacted]	099-276	5-10-95	1854

8. Companies Responded	9. 1st Company at Scene	10. 1st Officer at Scene
37, 2, 19, 16 4, 9, 6	E-37	LT. ANGRISANO

11. Other Units Responded	12. B-56	13. B-4-4	14. Building Type	15. Const. Type
R-1 F-10, 11, 12	BOWERS	MEHLTRETTER	COMM / RESID	WOOD

16. Stories	17. Building Use	18. How Extinguished	19. Damage Bldg.	20. Damage Conts.	21. Detectors	22. Operable
2½	STORE/RESID.	4 1¾	40,000.00	20,000.00	YES	NO

23. Other Alarm	24. Operable	25. Other Exposure	26. Other Exposure
		$1,000.00 - BLDG $1,000.00 CONTS [redacted]	

27. Fire Discovered By	28. Address	29. Telephone
[redacted]	# 1 (LOWER)	[redacted]

30. Fire Reported By	31. Address	32. Telephone
# 27	# 1	[redacted]

33. Occupant	34. Address	35. Telephone
[redacted] + 27	#1	

36. Contact Person	37. Address	38. Telephone

39. Owner	40. Address	41. Telephone
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

42. Insurance Company	43. Address	44. Telephone
N.Y. Mutual		

45. Bldg. Ins.	46. Cont. Ins.	47. Other Ins.	48. Mortgage (Bank)	49. Mort. Bal.	50. Mort. Arrears	51. Tax Arrears
100,000	35,000					

52. Cause	53. Point of Origin	54. Extension	55. Status	56. B.P.D. Assigned
CHILD w/ LIGHTER	BEDROOM #1 (2) EAST (NORTH) WINDOW NORTH EAST WALL	CONFINE		

57. Evidence Samples Taken	58. By Whom	59. Location
100 35		

60. Control Samples Taken	61. By Whom	62. Location

63. Other Evidence Taken	64. By Whom	65. Location

66. Photographer	67. Interior Photos	68. Exterior Photos	69. Building Security
BPD			THUMB-TURN DEADBOLT

70. Heating Unit Type	71. Condition	72. Electrical Type	73. Condition
ELECTRIC BASEBOARD	OK	CIRCUITS	OK

74. Appliance Type	75. Condition	76. Other Utilities	77. Condition

78. Vehicle Make	79. Year	80. Lic. No.	81. Condition	82. Evidence of Stripping

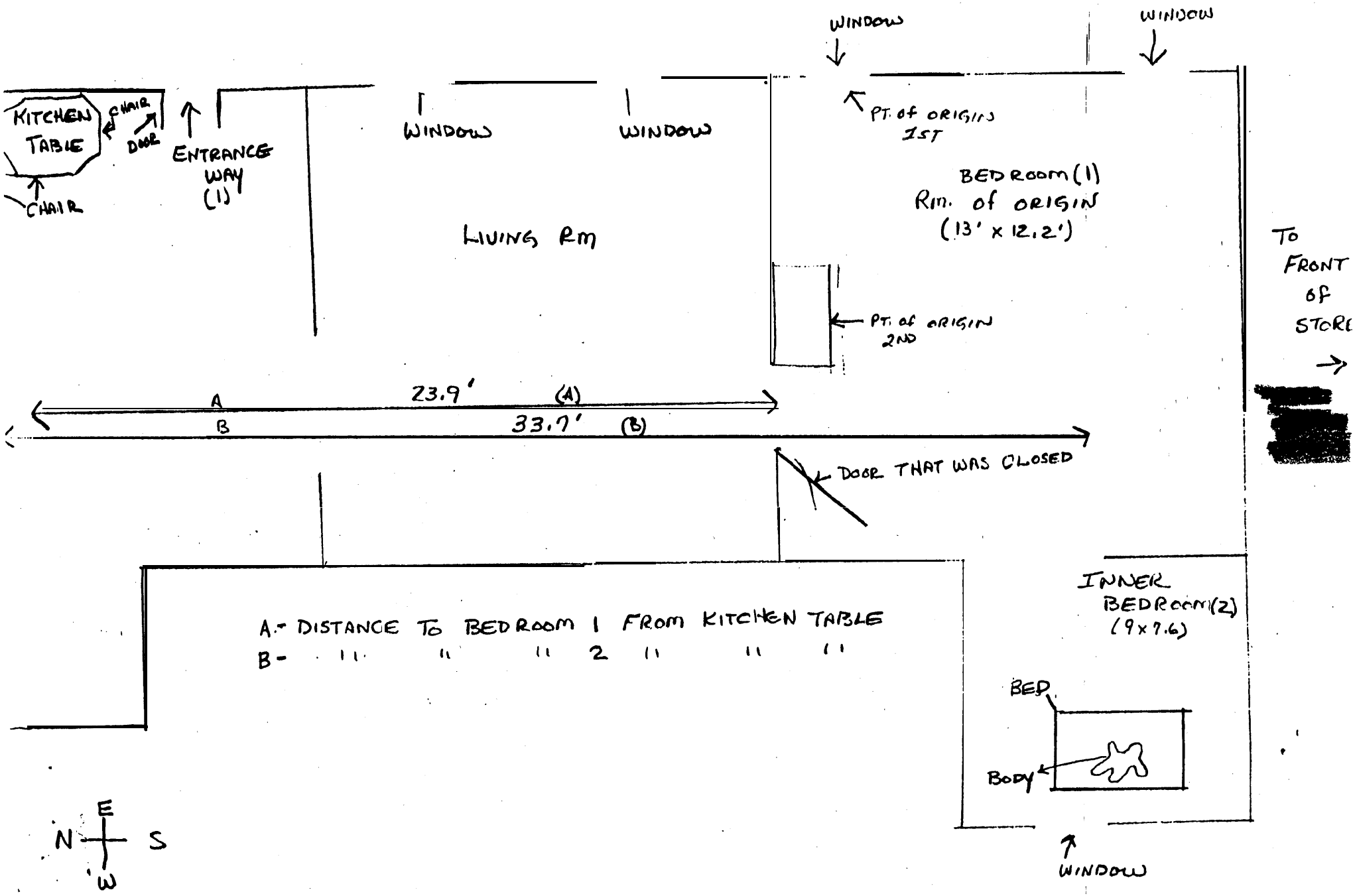
83. Witness	84. Address	85. Telephone

86. Narrative 2 Fires were started in lower front bedroom-1st-curtains that were hung at window on east wall-north corner-2nd was a sofa that was located on the north wall-east corner by [redacted] who was playing with a cigarette lighter. Two other children in the room of origin, escapedunharme [redacted] of [redacted] St. reports that he a[redacted] were about to play dominos when [redacted] came in from work. All three were in kitchen area. The children were playing in the front bedroom area. [redacted]

87. Investigator's Name(s)	88. Date	89. Reviewed By

(over)

NORMAL AVE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WINDOW
KITCHEN TABLE
CHAIR
DOOR
CHAIR
ENTRANCE WAY (1)
WINDOW
WINDOW
PT. of ORIGIN 1ST
BEDROOM (1)
Rm. of ORIGIN
(13' x 12.2')
LIVING Rm
PT. of ORIGIN 2ND
TO FRONT OF STORE
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23.9'
(A)
B
33.7'
(B)
DOOR THAT WAS CLOSED
INNER BEDROOM (2)
(9 x 7.6)
A - DISTANCE TO BEDROOM 1 FROM KITCHEN TABLE
B - " " " 2 " " "
BED
BODY
WINDOW
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(39)

1 DEC 1995

EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. CASE NO.: 951020HCC2010

2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID: 8919

3. OFFICE CODE: 830

4. DATE OF ACCIDENT (YR MO DAY): 08 28 95

5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED (YR MO DAY): 95 11 01

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT: On August 28, 1995 an-8 year old boy intentionally set fire to a sleeper couch in the living room of his home with a cigarette lighter after being prompted to do so by another sibling. Five fan units in operation in the home at the time aided the spread of fire to other parts of the home. A 5 year old child was accidently left behind in the rush to exit the home. The official cause of deathwas asphyxi at ion due to fire inhalation.

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.): Home 14

8. CITY: Peoria

9. STATE: Illinois IL

10A. FIRST PRODUCT: Upholstered- Sofa 0680

11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS: Unknown

10B. SECOND PRODUCT: Cigarette Lighter 1604

11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS: Unknown

12. AGE OF VICTIM: 005

13. SEX (Use numerical code): MALE - 1, FEMALE - 2, UNKNOWN - 3: 2

14. DISPOSITION: Fatality 8

15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS: Anoxia 65

16. BODY PART: All 85

17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend): Fire Captain 3

18. TYPE INVESTIGATION: ON SITE 1, TELEPHONE 2, OTHER 3: 2

19. TIME SPENT: 40

20. ATTACHMENTS: Multi c9l

21. CASE SOURCE: Newsclip 05

22. REVIEWED BY: 8130 (YR MO DAY) 95 11 28

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 Other Side)

25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW — DATE

(USE OTHER SIDE AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

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SYNOPSIS:

On August 28, 1995 an 8 year old boy intentionally set a sleeper couch located in the living room of his home on fire with a cigarette lighter after being prompted to do so by another sibling. Five fan units were in operation in the living room at the time which blew burning particles from the couch into other areas of the home; rapidly spreading the fire.

Two adults and four children fled the fire safely, however a 5 year old girl was accidently left behind in the rush to exit the burning house. She died of asphyxiation due to fire inhalation.

SUMMARY:

This IDI was initiated by a newsclip (Attachment 1). Information contained in this report was obtained from the Peoria County Coroner's Inquest Report (Attachment 2), and from interviews with a Captain of the Peoria, IL Fire Department, and the Peoria Police Department.

'According to the captain of the Peoria Fire Department, the home involved in this incident was an old, bi-levelwood frame home that was in poor repair. He said the first level consisted of four rooms, including the living room and that the second level was a partially finished attic.

The fire captain stated that seven people occupied the home including an "older" female and male along with five children. He said the children ranged from 2-10 in age and that they were the grandchildren of the female homeowner. He said the grandmother had taken custody of the children due to family problems in an attempt to keep the family together.

'The fire captain stated that the first level of the home contained three couches, one in the living room, and two in other adjoining rooms. He stated that after the fire it was discovered that the couch where the fire originated was an "old, large couch" with hideaway bed inside. He said that the couch was totally consumed by fire and that the only thing left was the couch's metal frame. The fire chief stated that another couch was located in a room just off the side of the living room. He said that at the time of this fire, the homeowner (grandmother of children) and her 5 year old granddaughter were asleep on this couch when the fire started. He stated that the doorway leading to this room was extra wide (approximately 7 feet) and had "double doors" leading into the room. He said the doors were opened and that this couch was placed in front of the doorway, blocking the entrance, and leaving an approximately 14" space for people to enter and exit the room: (No photos or internal diagrams of the edifice involved in this fire were on file at the fire department.)

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Attachment 1

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number G5A0035 A

Date of Incident 9/28/95 Category I.D BUNN251995

Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis X Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call _____ On-Site _____

Headquarters Contact Kimberly Lona (301) 504 -0470 Ext 1269.

Backup - Linda Smith (301) 504-0470 Ext. 1275

Assignment Message

Conduct a investigation of this case caused by a child playing with a cigarette lighter that ignited a couch. Find out what part of the furniture ignited (if possible). If second hand furniture, find out how long in possession. If furniture still available, collect sample, following page 9 of guideline for sample collection.

Describe incident scenario; photograph and identify manufacturer, model number and brand name of all products involved. Please obtain fife incident report, medical insurance, and any other report of incident. Complete Data Record Sheet in guideline.

Person(s) to Contact Peoria, IL Fire Officials and Local Officials

Guideline Number 19 Upholstered Furniture Fires

Requested By Kimberly Lona

Task Number 951020HCC2010

Assigned to CH10

Date 10/20/95

CPSC-Form 324 (2190)

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AUG 30 1995

Peoria
Journal Star
93,638

Family apparently tied to extinguish couch, waited 5 minutes before calling for help

By CHRISTOPHER R. WILLIAMS
of the Journal Star

PEORIA — Poor judgment and chaos may have caused relatives to overlook 5-year-old [redacted] Monday night as she perished behind a sofa in her home at [redacted], a fire investigator said.

[redacted] was pronounced dead at 10:10 p.m inside the home by Peoria County Deputy Coroner Dan Heinz. A preliminary cause of death was smoke inhalation, Heinz said.

An 8-year-old child playing with a cigarette lighter accidentally set the living room on fire, Fire Investigator Capt. Ray Russell said.

The home, owned by [redacted], [redacted]'s grandmother, suffered $30,000 damages and was ruled a total loss, Russell said.

[redacted]'s body was found behind a sofa near a melted toy fire truck, Russell said.

"Five window fans were going full speed inside the how and may have spread the fire to a foam-rubber sofa (and) throughout the home," Russell said.

Russell reported his investigation revealed two adults inside the home tried to douse the sofa with water and remove It from the home before calling the' fire department.

It appears the sparks were blown by the fans and caught the living room on fire, Russell said "It was so much confusion inside the home, they did not get a chance to check to see if everyone made it out safely,"' Russell said.

[redacted]'s mother [redacted] and three other children escaped without injury, fire officials said.

Twenty city firefighters arrived within three minutes and found flames coming from the front windows. The firefighters were able to bring the blaze under control in 20 minutes, Russell said.

"They waited about five minutes between the child starting the fire and trying to call the fire department for help," Russell said. "The fire had a good jump on us." Investigators could not find any smoke detectors inside the home, Russell said.

The family lost everything in the fire, Russell said. The American Red Cross was assisting the family in getting temporary food, clothing and shelter, a spokeswoman said.

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Peoria Journal Star

POLICE, FIRE & COURTS

Girl, 4, killed in house fire

PEORIA — A 4-year-old girl died when a fire believed to have been started by children playing with matches swept through a house at 1910 S. Stanley about 9:30 p.m. Monday.

Identification of the victim had not been released by the Peoria County coroner's office late Monday. There were no other injuries.

Peoria Fire Chief Ernie Russell said preliminary investigation revealed there were six or seven people, including two adults, in the home when the fire started. He said authorities believed the fire was caused by children playing with matches.

Firefighters found the 4-year-old behind a couch on the first floor of the house. All others in the house were accounted for, Russell said. Peoria Police Capt. John Stenson said there were no smoke detectors in the house.

Russell said a fire house was nearby and he did not believed it took firefighters more than three minutes to reach the scene. The call was believed to have come from a neighbor across the street.

Witnesses at the scene said the home was nearly engulfed when firefighters arrived. While the walls of the house were still standing, the interior was gutted.

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SENDING ID: FPEJW          FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM                TERMINAL:
WALTON.JOANN                 FIRE INCIDENT INFORMATION     DATE: 11/20/95  15:13:2

INCIDENT NO..: 95 005884  EXP NO: 00  DATE: 082895  DAY #: 2 ALARM TIME: 213027
MAP NUMBER...: 0000408     SHIFT.: 1  ARRIVE/IN-SERVICE TIME....: 213510 011007
DISPATCH ADDR: [redacted]                                  ST PA
ACTUAL ADDR..: [redacted]                                  ST PA        61605
TOT EXPOSURES:  0   TOT CIV-CAS THIS EXP:  0  TOT FIR-SERV-CAS THIS EXP:  0
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SITUATION FOUND: 11 STRUCTURE FIRE              ACTION TAKEN ..: 1 EXTINGUISHMENT
MUTUAL AID R/G :
FIXED PROPERTY : 411 ONE FAMILY DWELLING Y   IGN FACTOR ....: 36 CHILDREN WITH.(
CENSUS TRACT...:     100
OCCUPANT ...: [redacted]                        PHONE.:                RM/APT:
OWNER .........: [redacted]
OWNER ADDRESS..: [redacted]                        ST
OWNER CITY/ST..: PEORIA,                  IL  ZIP : 61605     PHONE:
METHOD ALARM ..: 7 TELEPHONE TIE LINE E911
DISTRICT/SHIFT.: 010 1  NUM ALARMS: 2
NUM PERSONNEL .:  20                            NUM ENGINES....:    4
NUM AERIALS ...:   1                            MISC VEHICLES..:    2
INJ, FIRE SERV.:                                INJ OTHER .....:
FATAL FIRE SERV:                                FATAL OTHER ...:    1
COMPLEX ..........: 41 DWELLING COMPLEX
MOBILE PROPERTY ..:
AREA FIRE ORIGIN .: 21 SLEEPING ROOM UNDER 5 PEOPLE
EQUIP INVOLVED ...: 98 NO EQUIPMENT INVOLVED
FORM OF HEAT IGN .: 45 MATCH
TYPE MATERIAL IGN : 71 MAN MADE FABRIC,FIBER
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AVE SMOKE TRAVEL .:  5 OPENING IN CONSTRUCTION
FORM MATL GEN SMK : 97 MULTIPLE FORMS OF MATERIAL IGN
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OFFICER IN CHARGE : FP0140   MONROE,CLARENCE L
MEMBER MAKING RPT : FP0140   MONROE,CLARENCE L                DATE : 082995
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FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM
FIRE INCIDENT INFORMATION

INCIDENT NO..: 95 005884 EXP NO: 00 DATE: 082895 DAY #: 2 ALARM TIME: 213027

---------- CIVILIAN CASUALTY INFORMATION ----------

CASUALTY NUMBER : 1

CASUALTY NAME .: [redacted] DOB/AGE: 999991 4 TIME: 2130
ADDRESS.....: [redacted] S1
PHONE NUMBER ..: SEX.....: F
SEVERITY.....: 2 DEATH CAS TYPE : 1 FIRE CASUALTY
AFFILIATION....: 3 CIVILIAN FAMILIAR : 7 OVER 1 YEAR
LOC OF IGNITION: 2 IN SAME ROOM COND BEF : 5 TOO YOUNG TO ACT
COND PREVENT...: 2 FIRE BETWEEN CASUALITY. ACTIVITY : 7 UNABLE TO ACT
CAUSE OF INJ ..: 2 EXPOSED TO FIRE PRODUCT NATURE ..: 1 BURNS AND ASPHYXIA/SMO
BODY PART INJ .: 8 MULTIPLE PARTS DISPO ...: 6 DIES
OFFICER IN CHARGE : FP0140 MONROE,CLARENCE L DATE :
MEMBER MAKING RPT : FP0140 MONROE,CLARENCE L DATE : 082995

---------- COMMENTS ----------

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FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM
FIRE: INCIDENT INFORMATION

INCIDENT NO. 1995 005984 EXP NO: 00 DATE: 082895 DAY #: 2 ALARM TIME: @ 13027

NARRATIVE

FD RECEIVED SEVERAL CALLS ON THIS FIRE SAYING THAT THE FIRE WAS AT THE BACK OF THIS HOUSE AND THAT THERE WAS BELEIVED TO BE A CHILD TRAPPED INSIDE, IN ROUTE B-1 CALLED FOR AN EXTRA ENGINE COMPANY(E-1). UPON E-4 ARRIVAL ACTING CAPTAIN WOLFMEYER CALLED FOR ANOTHER ENGINE (E-3). E-4 STARTED A DEFENSIVE ATTACK. WHILE ENGINE 2 LAID FROM KRAUSE TO E-4, B-1 ASSUMED COMMAND AND GAVE THE INITIAL REPORT OF A TWO STORY HOUSE FULLY INVOLVED, AND ASKED FOR A 2-1 1 ALARM. E-3 WAS ASSIGNED TO THE REAR ALLEY ALONG WITH T-i. E-1 WAS ASSIGNED THE SECOND FLOOR FOR A HASTY SEARCH. WHILE E-4/E-2 ATTACKED THE MAIN BODY OF FIRE. T-4 SET UP FAN AND ASSISTED IN THE SEARCH. CILCO WAS CALLED TO CUT SERVICE AT THE POLE. GMT WAS ASSIGNED TO THE TASK OF REHAB IN THE PARKING LOT JUST WEST OF THE FIRE OFF OF KRAUSE.
F/F NOLAN WHILE SEARCHING FIRST FLOOR FOUND THE CHILD, FOUR YEAR OLD FEMALE, [redacted] ON THE FLOOR PEHIND A COUCH IN THE

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FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM
FIRE INCIDENT INFORMATION

INCIDENT NO..: 95 005884 EXP NO: 00 DATE: 082895 DAY #: 2 ALARM TIME: 213027

NARRATIVE --V----W-----

FRONT LIVING ROOM/BEDROOM OF THE HOUSE. ALL VITAL PERSONNEL WERE NOTIFED C-1, C-3, POLICE. AND CORONERS OFFICE. INVESTIGATION STARTED AS SOON AS THE FIRE WAS KNOCKED DOWN ENOUGH TO CLEAR THE SMOKE FROM THE BUILDING. FAMILY WAS TAKEN TO THE INTERVIEW ROOM AT PPD AND INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL FOUND THAT AN EIGHT YEAR OLD BOY USED A LIGHTER TO SET THE FIRE. THIS EIGHT YEAR OLD BOY HAS A HISTORY OF FIRE SETTING WHICH HE CAUGHT THE SAME HOUSE ON FIRE IN 1992, PER CAPT. RUSSELL.

STANDBY COMPANIES E-15 FROM 0100 HRS TO 0330 HRS
E-3 FROM 0330 HRS TO 0600 HRS

MOVES TO COVER E-i 1 TO STATION 4

********** END OF REPORT **********

Form F4

OFFICE OF
CORONER
OF PEORIA COUNTY

Peoria, Illinois, September 14, 1995

EVIDENCE given at the Coroner's Inquest on the body of

[redacted], deceased;

_____, after being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

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DANIEL S. HEINZ 1

DAVID ZACHMAN 3

RAY RUSSELL 7

PHILLIP A. IMMESOETE, M.D . . AUTOPSY REPORT

TOXICOLOGICAL REPORT

VERDICT

951020HCC[illegible]
Attachment [illegible]

OFFICE OF
CORONER
OF PEORIA COUNTY

Peoria, Illinois, September 14, 1995

EVIDENCE given at the Coroner's Inquest on the body of

[redacted], deceased;

_____, after being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

CHIEF DEPUTY CORONER DANIEL S. HEINZ:

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an Inquest into the death of [redacted] age 5, [redacted]y, who was pronounced dead at 10:10 p.m., on August 28th, 1995. The circumstances of her death, we'll learn from the officer and the fireman present to testify. Members of her family are present and I will verify the family history. The purpose of the Coroner's Inquest is to determine only the time, date, place, and manner of death. This is not a criminal nor a civil action. It is the duty of the Coroner's Jury to listen to the evidence presented, bring in a Coroner's Verdict just according to the facts that I have mentioned. However, the Jury has a right, if they wish, to make some type of recommendation based on whatever the evidence might show. [redacted]s date of birth is June 4th, 1990, born in Peoria. Her father's name is [redacted] mother's name is [redacted], --maiden name is [redacted]. It was the wish of the family that Simon's Mortuary have charge of the arrangements and burial took place on September lst, 1995, in Lutheran Cemetery, located in Peoria, County and State of Illinois. The -cause----f death by autopsy is suffocation due to inhalation of fire.

OFFICE OF
CORONER
OF PEORIA COUNTY

Peoria, Illinois, September 14, 1995

EVIDENCE given at the Coroner's Inquest on the body of

[redacted], deceased;

DAVID ZACHMAN, after being duly sworn, testifies as follaws:

CORONER continues:

Q. Would you please state your name, occupation and city of residence?

A. David Zachman, I'm a police officer for the City of Peoria and I live in the City of Peoria.

Q. Okay, Officer Zachman, did you receive a call, ah, involving [redacted]

A. Yes.

Q. Can you tell the Jury the date, time and place of this call?

A. A call was received at the station at 9:30 p.m. on August 28th that it was, ah, to respond to a fire call at [redacted]

Q. Upon your arrival, what did you find at [redacted]

A. The front of the house was already engulfed in flames. There was one engine present and there were a number of children that had been in the house that were across the street at another house.

Q. Ah, did or had at this time anybody told you that there might be another person inside the house?

A. Yes, as a matter of fact, when the call was dispatched they said there might be somebody inside and in talking to the kids, we-we-led to. believe that there was another child still inside the house.

Q. Did anybody indicate what may have started this fire to you?

A. Ah, not at that time, not 'til later down at the station.

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CORONER
OF PEORIA COUNTY

Peoria, Illinois, September 14, 1995

EVIDENCE given at the Coroner's Inquest on the body of

[redacted], deceased;

DAVID ZACHMAN, after being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Q. Was the fire-department actively trying to suppress the fire when you arrived?

A. Yes, like I said, the first engine was there prior to us 'cause we were on another call and, ah, they were, they were getting water on the front of the building at that time.

Q. How involved was the fire when you arrived?

A. Ah, very involved with the front of the building. As a matter of fact, when I, when I first pulled up, not knowing the circumstances of the fire, ah, my initial opinion was that it had burned, been burning for some time, which in fact, we later found out not to be the 'fact.

Q. Upon interviewing the people that were in the house, ah, was there any indication of alcohol use or,--to you that you would have noticed?

A. Well, I, I didn't interview [redacted] I--

Q. Okay.

A. or [redacted] Ah, I talked to both of them outside the house. [redacted] was pretty much just sitting around, he had some minor injuries and-was, [redacted], I'd dealt with for years. I,--

Q. Okay. Richard was a friend of [redacted], is that right?

A. Yes, they lived together.

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CORONER
OF PEORIA COUNTY

Peoria, Illinois, September 14, 1995

EVIDENCE given at the Coroner's Inquest on the body of

[redacted], deceased;

DAVID ZACHMAN, after being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Q. And he tried-to rescue, ah, [redacted]

A. Yes, he was,--my understanding from the investigators is he was trying to, ah, get the, the initial burning object out of the house. He got stuck in the front door. Due to some house fans that were operating inside, it caused the fire to escalate and he apparently did try to, ah, make sure everybody got out of the house but wasn't successful.

Q. Any questions from the Jury from this witness?

JUROR REED: Whose house was this?

A. [redacted]

JUROR REED: [redacted] and she's,--

A. She's the grandmother of the little girl. She was in the house but laying down.

JUROR LUETKEMEYER: So that's why she,--they didn't know exactly where she was, as a group or,--

A. Something,--the, the kids, once outside the house and once the emergency people were there, they pretty much said, yeah, she's still in there and we know where she was and where she was laying down, but it's, it's just the way the whole thing got started and because of the fans, Mr. Russell can explain that much further and because of the

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CORONER
OF PEORIA COUNTY

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[redacted], deceased;

RAY RUSSELL, after being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

CORONER continues:

Q. Would you state your name, occupation and City of residence?

A. My name is Ray Russell, I'm a Captain for the Peoria Fire Department and I am a Fire Investigator and I live in the City of Peoria.

Q. Okay, Ray, ah, did you respond to the scene of this fire?

A. Yes, I did. Ah, ah, shortly, ah, shortly after the fire was called in, they, ah, they called for me and I responded, ah, immediately.

Q. Upon your investigation, where, where was [redacted] actually found.in the house?

A. [redacted] was found, ah, in a little room, ah, adjacent to the room that where the fire eventually started, ah, lying down. Ah, it looked, it appeared to me as though she were trying to get to a closet and a closet close by, ah, and that is normal for kids her age to try and find a place to hide for safety; under beds, in closets and things like that. You know, it appeared that she'd tried to get that, ah, closet.

Q. Okay. In your investigation, do we know or were you able to determine what was the initial cause of the fire?

A. Right, we were. Ah, the fire, the initial cause of the fire was her eight year old brother had intentionally set a couch on fire in the, ah, living room.

Q. Okay. With a lighter or matches,--

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CORONER
OF PEORIA COUNTY

Peoria, Illinois, September 14, 1995 .

EVIDENCE given at the Coroner's Inquest on the body of

NICKOLE JAMARISE' HOPSON deceased;

RAY RUSSELL, after being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

A. It was a [redacted] type lighter apparently.

Q. Has he been known to play with fire or in the past or,--

A. Yes, he, he, ah, set, in 1992, ah, it was kind of ironic, he set the, ah, that very house on fire at an area about two feet away from where [redacted] was found and burned a large hole clear through the floor into' the basement in 1992 and that was an intentional set fire also.

Q. Okay. Will you explain to the Jury the testimony that Officer Zachman had given, the action of the fire and the fans?

A. Right. When I first appeared, ah, ah, come on the scene and went inside the house to investigate, I was, ah, a little skeptical about some of the stories that, ah, that the fire had started on a, on a bed, ah, in this one particular room because the fire had spread so, ah, quickly throughout the two rooms, they were pretty much even burned and I was under the opinion that, at that time, that maybe, ah, that there was foul play but we got into it farther and found out that, ah, Mr. [redacted] had tried to take a couch out the door but it was a hide-a-bed type couch and is a fairly heavy steel framed couch and it got wedged in the door and the mattress and some of the stuffing that was out of foam rubber and that is a petroleum base product and when three big fans circulating the air in these two rooms because of

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[redacted], deceased;

RAY RUSSELL, after being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

JUROR CARR: He did?

A. Yes, ma'am, he certainly did and so did the other children. And he told us that he said that one, ah, one of his brothers got a, ah, got the lighter, and he described the lighter in detail, out of a bowl where they kept them and he gave it to, ah, to [redacted] and told him to set the.couch on fire and he did. And to think of it, [redacted]'s other brother was laying on the couch sleeping, it was the one he set on fire.

JUROR HOGAN: Did the couch being pulled out, ah, block the doorway and,--

A. Yes ma'am.

JUROR HOGAN: --and it did block an avenue of escape?

A. Right. Then [redacted] got the kids, after they got the doorway blocked and couldn't get out, then [redacted] got the kids and all went outside and' out the back way. And after they got out there and found out tha[redacted] wasn't with them and apparently, ah, Mr. [redacted] tried to get back in to get the little one but the heat, I mean, the smoke was so intense by that time, that he couldn't get back in, I mean this fire burnt very hot, very fast.

JUROR REED: And who has custody of her children now?

OFFICE OF
CORONER
OF PEORIA COUNTY

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EVIDENCE given at the Coroner's Inquest on the body of

[redacted], deceased;

RAY RUSSELL, after being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

A. Ah, of that I have no idea. There was a report turned into D.C.F.S. and after that, I have no idea.

JUROR LUETKEMEYER: So you don't- know what happened to the boy that set the fire?

A. No ma'am, I have no idea. And, ah, it's been, --unfortunately for him, there's probably not a thing we can do about it.

Q. Any other questions? Okay, thank you. This concludes the testimony for the Inquest on [redacted] the Jury may retire to reach a Verdict.

HERBERT H. BUZBEE, CORONER
OFFICE OF PEORIA COUNTY CORONER
PEORIA, ILLINOIS

AUTOPSY REPORT

NAME: [redacted] AUTOPSY NO: 95-1172-115

SEX: Female RACE: Black AGE: 5 Years

DATE PRONOUNCED: August 28, 1995 TIME PRONOUNCED: 10:10 p.m.

DATE OF AUTOPSY: August 29, 1995 TIME OF AUTOPSY: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION OF AUTOPSY: Central Illinois Mortuary Services, Ltd.
Peoria, Illinois

BODY IDENTIFIED BY: Tag.

HISTORY: The deceased was found at the scene of a house fire on floor of her bedroom at her Grandmother% residence, City of Peoria, by firemen on August 28, 1995.

CAUSE OF DEATH	INTERVAL
(a) Suffocation	Minutes
(b) Inhalation of fire	Minutes
(c)	

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS:

There is a blackened oral mucosa with a protruding tongue. The face and facial features are burned. The oral mucosa is burned. There soot in the trachea and major bronchi.

There is soot in the esophagus and the cardiac portion of the stomach.

There are no cuts, lacerations or abrasions seen.

WITNESSES AT THE AUTOPSY:, Detective William J.. Calbow, Officer Dave Roger of the Peoria Police Department and Lynn Wahls, Diener.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE PRESERVED: None.

UNUSUAL PROCEDURES: Portions of the scalp are removed for dissection because of the severe burning of the scalp.

TOXICOLOGY: Blood is taken for carbon dioxide determination.

X-RAYS : X-rays are reviewed. No fractures are seen.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT AUTOPSY FINDINGS: This is a severely burned body with only portions of the right lateral thorax, the right flank and the underside of the right arm remained uncharred. The fingertips are burned and the toes tips are burned. There are large areas of skin missing over the entire body. Some of the skin is preserved on the back. All areas of skin are burned.

The brain has large areas of scalp missing. This is particularly true on the left side of the scalp. Only a portion of the right side of the scalp measuring approximately 10 centimeters by 6 centimeters remains. The underlying bone is whitened due to the intense heat. On cut section of the brain, the tissue has an increased firmness secondary to intense heat.

There is a blackened oral mucosa with a protruding tongue. The face and facial- features are 'burned. The oral mucosa is burned. There soot in the trachea and major bronchi.

There is soot in the esophagus and the cardiac portion of the stomach.

There are no cuts, lacerations or abrasions seen-.

MEDICAL OPINION ON THE CAUSE OF DEATH: The deceased died of suffocation due to inhalation of fire.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: None.

Phillip A. Immesoete, M.D.
Coroner's Physician
Date Signed: 10/5/95

THE METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER OF ILLINOIS
221 Glen Oak Ave. Peoria Il. 61636 (309) 671-2518
FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY
Thomas Webb M.D. Director of Laboratories
Eric Frow Ph.D. Scientific Director

TOXICOLOGY REPORT

Case Name:	[redacted]
Age:	5
Accession #:	95-241-1314
Pathologist:	Immesoete
Coroner:	Peoria county
Date of Report:	8-29-95
Specimen Received Date:	8-29-95
Date of specimen collection:	8-29-95
Specimen Type:	Blood

Carboxyhemoglobin = 51%

Signed Judith Wetzel

JUDITH WETZEL
MT (ASCP)

CORONER—VERDICT

Form 001—1M

State of Illinois, } ss.
County of Peoria

AN INQUISITION

was taken for the People of the State of Illinois, at the Coroner's Office *in the* City of Peoria *in said County of Peoria, on the* 14th *day of* September *A. D. 19* 95 *before* me, HERBERT H. BUZBEE, *Coroner in and for said* County, *upon view of the body of* [redacted] *then and there lying dead, upon the oaths of six good and lawful men of the said County, who being duly sworn to inquire on the part of the People of the State of Illinois into all circumstances attending the death of the said* [redacted] *and by whom the same was procured, and in what manner and when and where the said* [redacted] *came to* her *death, do say upon their oaths, as aforesaid, that the said* [redacted] *now lying dead at* Central Illinois Mortuary Services, Ltd. *in said* City of Peoria *County of Peoria, State of Illinois, came to* her *death,* and was found and pronounced dead about the hour of 10:10 P.M., DST, August 28th, 1995, A.D., at her residence, [redacted] County and State aforesaid, from suffocation due to inhalation of fire, sustained about the hour of 9:30 P.M., DST, August 28th, 1995, A.D., at her residence, [redacted] City, County and State aforesaid, when the said deceased was the victim of a house fire, causing said injuries.

We, the Jury, find from the evidence presented, that this death is a reckless homicide, and recommend that the Peoria Police Department and the Peoria County State's Attorney continue their investigation and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF *the said Coroner and the Jury of this Inquest have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.*

Rita Lietkemeyer *Foreman*
Sherry L Reed
Ruby M. Hogan
Bettie Lou Rigg
James F. Phillips
Betty L Carr

Herbert H. Buzbee *Coroner*

Per: Daniel Heinz *Deputy*

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.. 951020HCC20 Incident Date 8/28/95

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 Unknown

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) _____

____ Unknown

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

If match, specify type: ☐ Book 0 Box ☐ Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

_____ Fuel source _____ Distance from furniture

E. DETECTION OF FIRE

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

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

If yes, specify type: _____

8. Detecter went off (alarmed)?

0 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)

1 Number of Deaths 0 Number of Injuries

G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household:

☒ Less than high school ☐ High school ☐ Some College

12. Total household income:

☐ LT $15,000 ☒ $15,000 - $34,999 - - ☐ $35,000+ - -

13. Approximate home market value: unknown

☐ Rent ☒ Own

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

EPHS 13 DEC 1995 (40)

1. CASE NO.	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID	3. OFFICE CODE	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
951024CCC2126	[8][1[4][0]	[8][3][0]	
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY [9][5][0][9][2][2]	5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO M Y [9][5][1][1][0][1]		

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT:

A 3 year old boy playing with a cigarette lighter caused a home fire. He took his mother's lighter from her desk, and played with it in a living room. He set an upholstered chair on fire with the lighter. He screamed to his mother. They got out of the house without injury. The living room was severely damaged by the fire. The boy admitted to the firemen that he used a lighter to start the fire.

7. LOCATION *(Home, school, etc.)*	8. CITY	9. STATE
home [1][0]	Burbank	IL

10A. FIRST PRODUCT	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS
cigarette lighter [1][6][0][4]	Unknown
10B. SECOND PRODUCT	**11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS**
upholstered chair [4][0][5][3]	unknown

12. AGE OF VICTIM	13. SEX *(USE NUMERICAL CODE)*	14. DISPOSITION	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS
[0][3][0]	MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [2] UNKNOWN- 3	not treated[0]	thermal burn [5][1]

16. BODY PART	17. RESPONDENT(S) *(Mother, Friend)*	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION	19. TIME/DURATION
arm [3][3]	Firemen, [2]	ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [2] OTHER - 3	Trv. 2.0 hrs [0][5]-[0]

20. ATTACHMENTS	21. CASE SOURCE	22. REVIEWED BY YR MO DAY
fire report [2]	newspaper [0][5]	[ ][ ][ ][ ] [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] 8311 951204

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

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

CPSC FOR NO. 182 (Revised 10/93)(Adapted for WP for Windows & HP Laserjet III Printer 10/93)

IDI 951024CCC2126

PRE-ACCIDENT:

A three year old boy lived at home with his mother and grandmother. This was a modified Cape Cod style, wood frame house. The mother was in one corner of the first floor, working in her computer room. Her three year old son was in the diagonally opposite living room on the same floor. While the mother was busy, the boy entered the computer room and took the cigarette, lighter from his mother's desk, without being seen. The boy then went back to the living room.

ACCIDENT:

The mother heard her son scream. She came into the living room and saw an upholstered chair on fire, and her son standing in the middle of the room. The mother put the boy outside and tried to put out the fire. This was unsuccessful. The smoke was too thick. The phone did not work. She went next door to call 911 for the fire department. The firemen put out the fire.

The fire was contained to the living room. The living room front window was blown out due to the heat. The kitchen and stairwell to the second floor suffered some fire damage.

POST-ACCIDENT:

The boy admitted to the fireman, policeman and his mother that he used the cigarette lighter to start the fire.

The cigarette lighter was not recovered. The furniture was completely burned, and thrown away.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

Neither product was identified. The firemen did not recover the lighter. They never saw it. The family did not respond to my letter or phone calls, so no data was obtained from them.

STANDARDS:

There are CPSC standards for cigarette lighters and for upholstered furniture. It is not known if the products involved met these standards.

ATTACHMENTS:

A Fire report.

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BURBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

CAUSE & ORIGIN BUREAU

REPORT OF FIRE INVESTIGATION
(PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL)

INVESTIGATORS LT. HARPER CAPT. KREIL

FIRE # 952062 DATE SEPTEMBER 22, 1995

TIME OF ALARM 13:26HRS. TYPE OF ALARM STRUCTURE #3 HOUSE FIRE

WIND DIRECTION WEST 9mph . WEATHER CONDITIONS PARTLY CLOUDY

OWNER OF BUILDING:

NAME [redacted] PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT UNKNOWN

ADDRESS [redacted] JOB TITLE UNK

TELEPHONE NO. [redacted] ADDRESS [redacted] (HOME)

DRIVER'S LICENSE ******** SOCIAL SECURITY NO. **********

CAR LICENSE ********** TELEPHONE NO. ********

DESCRIPTION OF OWNER OF BUILDING --

RACE WFGE AGE 48 HEIGHT ____ WEIGHT ____ HAIR ____ EYES ____

OCCUPANTS OF BUILDING:

NAME [redacted] (DAUGHTER) P U C E OF EMPLOYMENT **********

ADDRESS [redacted] JOB TITLE ____

TELEPHONE NO. ____ ADDRESS ____

DRIVER'S LICENSE ____ SOCIAL SECURITY NO. ____

CAR LICENSE ____ TELEPHONE NO. ____

DESCRIPTION OF OCCUPANT OF BUILDING --

RACE W/F AGE 30 HEIGHT ____ WEIGHT ____ HAIR ____ EYES ____

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INSURANCE:

COMAPNY PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE CO. ADDRESS 7000 W. 111th ST TEL. 708/361-5510

AGENT ROBERT SETLIK ADDRESS _____ TEL. _____

ASSURED _____ ADDRESS _____ TEL. _____

ADJUSTOR _____ ADDRESS _____ TEL. _____

AMOUNT _____ POLICY # _____ TYPE _____ EFFECTIVE DATE' _____

DAMAGE: 120,000.00 STRUCTURE 60,000.00 PERSONAL PROPERTY

EVIDENCE:

WHAT WAS FOUND DISCUSSED CAUSE OF FIRE W[redacted] (OWNER), [redacted] (DAUGHTER) AND [redacted] ([redacted]'S SON) IN THE PRESENTS OF POLICE OFFICER GUERRA & SGT OSULLIVAN, AND F.D. CAPT. KREIL. [redacted] EXPLAINED HE STARTED FIRE W/MOTHER'S LIGH

LOCATION WHERE FOUND _____

DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE _____

MODE OF OPERATION: AGGRESIVE OFFENSIVE OPERATION.

WITNESS-ES:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

PHONE _____ SOCIAL SECURITY No. _____

EMPLOYMENT _____ JOB TITLE _____

SCHEDULE _____ TIME ON JOB _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

DESCRIPTION: AGE ___ HEIGHT ___ WEIGHT ___ HAIR ___ EYES ___

FINANCIAL STATUS:

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COURT ACTION:

DEFENDANT _____ ADDRESS _____ TEL. _____

AGE _____ SEX _____ OCCUPATION _____

DATE TAKEN TO COURT _____

CONTINUANCES _____

CHARGES (SECTIONS) _____

COMPLAINTANT _____ ADDRESS _____ TEL. _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF COURT _____

PRESIDING JUDGE _____

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY _____

DEFENSE ATTORNEY _____

GRAND JURY _____

CORONER'S INQUEST _____

DISPOSITION OF CASE _____

AMOUNT OF BOND _____

CASE # _____ DOCKET # _____ PAGE # _____

RESPECTFULLY SUMBITTED,

_____

_____

_____

_____

STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
1035 STEVENSON DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 627034259

USE 'X' IN APPROPRIATE BOX. ONLY ONE CODE PER FIELD OR SECTION

FIRE INCIDENT REPORT

Forward by the 15th of the following month.
The OSFM is requesting disclosure of fire information that is necessary to accomplish the statutory purpose as outlined in Ill. Rev. Stat., Chap. 127½, Par. 6. Disclosure of this information is required. Any officer who neglects to comply with this act shall be guilty of a petty offense. This form has been approved by the Forms Management Center.

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	EDID	INCIDENT NO.	EXP NO.	MO.	DAY	YEAR	DAY OF WEEK	ALARM TIME	TIME ARRIVED	"IN SERVICE"
A	15,292	95,206,2	00	09	22	95	FRIDAY 6	1,3,26	1,3,29	1,4,31

B

TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND
- Structure Fire ☒ 11
- Outside of Structure Fire ☐ 12
- Vehicle Fire ☐ 13
- Trees/Brush/Grass Fire ☐ 14
- Refuse Fire ☐ 15

TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN
- Extinguishment ☒ 1
- Investigation Only 0 3

MUTUAL AID
- None ☒
- Received ☐ 1

C

FIXED PROPERTY USE
- Not Applicable ☐ 008
- 1-Family Dwelling-Year ☒ 411
- 2-Family Dwelling-Year 0 414
- 3-6 Unit Apt/Tenmt/Flat 0 422
- 7-20 Unit Apt/Tenmt/Flat ☐ 423
- + 20 Unit Apt/Tenmt/Flat ☐ 424
- Resident Parking/Garage ☐ 881
- Vacant Property 0 915
- Open Land/Field ☐ 931
- Vacant Lot ☐ 936
- Railroad Right of Way ☐ 951
- Limit Access/Divid Hwy ☐ 961
- Paved Public Street ☐ 962
- Paved Private St/Way 0 963
- Unpaved St/Rd/Path ☐ 964
- Uncovered Parking Area 0 965

IGNITION FACTOR
- Incendary-No Civl Distrb 0 11
- Suspicious-No Civl Distrb ☐ 21
- Abandoned Material 0 31
- Inadeqt Contr/Open Flame ☐ 36
- Child Playing ☒ 46
- Combstbl/Too Close Heat ☐
- Part Failure/Leak/Break ☐ 51
- Shrt Crct/Grnd Fault 0 54
- Other Elec Failure 0 55
- Lack of Maintenance ☐ 56
- Backfire 0 57
- Unattended Operation ☐ 73

D

CORRECT ADDRESS, CITY: [redacted] BURBANK | ZIP CODE: 60459 | CENSUS TRACT: 8211.00

E

OCCUPANT LAST NAME: [redacted] | FIRST NAME: [redacted] | M.I.: J | TELEPHONE: [redacted] | ROOM OR APT.:

F

OWNER LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: [redacted] | OWNER ADDRESS, CITY: [redacted] ST. | TELEPHONE: [redacted]

G

METHOD OF ALARM FROM PUBLIC
- Telephone Direct ☒ 1
- Private Fire Alarm 0 3
- Radio 0 4
- Direct Verbal Report ☐ 5
- Telephone Tie-Line ☐ 7

CO INSP DIST: 208 | SHIFT: 2 | # ALARMS: 1

H

NO. FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED: 013 | NO. ENGINES RESPONDED: 002 | NO. AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED: 000 | NO. OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED: 004

I

NUMBER INCIDENT-RELATED INJURIES: FIRE SERVICE 001 | OTHER 001

NUMBER INCIDENT-RELATED FATALITIES: FIRE SERVICE 000 | OTHER 000

J

COMPLEX
- Dwelling ☒ 41
- Apartment ☐ 42
- Shopping ☐ 58
- Farm ☐ 65
- Campsite 0 93
- Road ☐ 96
- No Complex ☐ 98

MOBILE PROPERTY NPE
(If any, do line S)
- Not Applicable ☒ 08
- Automobile 0 11
- Mobile Home 0 17
- Truck-Gen Under 1 Ton ☐ 22

K

AREA OF ORIGIN
- Lounge Area ☒ 14
- Sleep Rm Under 5 People ☐ 21
- Kitchen/Cooking Area 0 24
- Trash Area/Container ☐ 46
- Garage/Carport/Storage 0 47
- Trans Eqp/Passagr Area ☐ 81
- Engn Area of Trans Eqp ☐ 83
- Railroad Embankment ☐ 91
- Highway/Public Way/St ☐ 92
- Lawn/Field/Open Area ☐ 94

EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION
(If any, do line T)
- Fixd, Statry Locl Htg Unit 0 13
- Portable Local Htg Unit 0 15
- Chimney, Gas Vent Flu ☐ 16
- Fixd/Statry Surf Unit ☐ 21
- Open Fire Grill 0 26
- cord, Plug 0 47
- Vehicle ☐ 96
- No Equipment Involved ☒ 98

L

FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION
- Spark/Gas Fueled Eqp ☐ 11
- Heat/Gas Fueled Eqp ☐ 12
- Spark/Liq Fueled Eqp ☐ 13
- Heat/Liq Fueled Eqp ☐ 14
- Short Circuit-Bad Insl ☐ 23
- Short Circuit-Umpec 0 24
- Overloaded Eqp ☐ 27
- Cigarette 0 31
- Match ☒ 45
- Open Fire 0 47
- Backfire From Engine ☐ 48
- Friction. ☐ 51
- Reignition/Rekindle ☐ 55
- Properly Oper Elec Eqp ☐ 56
- Fireworks 0 63
- Lightning Discharge ☐ 73
- Radiated Heat 0 82

TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED
- Gasoline 0 23
- Fat/Grease (Food) ☐ 31
- Plastic—Unclassified 0 40
- Rubber ☐ 51
- Grass/Leaves 0 54
- Sawn Wood ☐ 63
- Untreated Paper ☐ 67
- Man-Made Fiber ☒ 71
- Cotton/Rayon 0 72
- Multiple Types ☐ 97

FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED
- Structural Member ☐ 17
- Upholstered Sofa/Chair ☒ 21
- Electrical Wire ☐ 61
- Fuel ☐ 65
- Growing/Living Form ☐ 74
- Rubbish/Trash ☐ 75
- Cooking Material ☐ 76
- Gas/Liquid From Pipe 0 86
- Multiple Form ☐ 97

COMPLETE ON ALL INCIDENTS

COMPLETE ON ALL FIRE INCIDENTS

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CIVILIAN CASUALN REPORT

STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
3150 EXECUTIVE PARK DRIVE SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62703

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"X" APPROPRIATE ONLY ONE CODE PER FIELD OR SECTION

	FDID	INCIDENT NO.	EXP NO.	MO.	DAY	YEAR	DAY OF WEEK	ALARM TIME
A	15252	952062	00	09	22	95	FRIDAY 6	1326

Casualty # 1001 | 951024CC | 1. ☐ DELETE 2. ☐ CHANGE

	CASUALTY LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	TIME OF INJURY
GA	[redacted]	[redacted]	J.		30	1326

	HOME ADDRESS, CITY, STATE	TELEPHONE
GB	[redacted]	[redacted]

GC

SEX	SEVERITY	CASUALTY TYPE	AFFILIATION
Male ☐ 1	Injury ☒ 1	Fire ☒ 1	Other Emer Personnel ☐ 2
Female ☒ 2	Death ☐ 2	Action ☐ 2	Civilian ☒ 3
		EMS ☐ 3	

GD

FAMILIARITY WITH STRUCTURE	LOCATION AT IGNITION		CONDITION BEFORE INJURY
Undetermined ☐ 0	Intimately involved ☐ 1	Off Property ☐ 6	Undetermined ☐ 0
Less Than 1 Day ☐ 1	In Area Fire Origin ☒ 2	Not A Fire Casualty ☐ 8	Asleep ☐ 1
Over 1 Year ☒ 7	Floor Fire Origin ☐ 3	☐ _	Awake/Unimpaired ☒ 8
Not A Structure ☐ 8	Building Fire Origin ☐ 4		☐ _
☐ _			

GE

CONDITION PREVENTING ESCAPE	ACTIVITY AT TIME OF INJURY	CAUSE OF INJURY	OPTIONAL COMMENT AREA:
No Time/Fire Too Rapid ☐ 1	Undetermined ☐ 0	Expsd to Fire Prod ☒ 2	
Not A Factor ☒ 8	Escaping ☐ 1	Fell/Stpd On-Over-Into ☐ 4	
☐ _	Fire Control ☒ 3	Rubbed By/Contct With ☐ 6	
	Sleeping ☐ 6	Struck By ☐ 7	
	☐ _	☐ _	

GF

NATURE OF INJURY	PART OF BODY INJURED	DISPOSITION
Burns/Asphyxia/Smoke ☐ 1	Head/Neck ☐ 1	Treated at Scen/Rlsd ☒ 2
Bums Only ☒ 2	Leg ☐ 4	To Hosp By Fire Dept ☐ 3
Asphyxia/Smoke Only ☐ 3	Hand ☒ 5	To Hsp By Non-Fire Dpt ☐ 4
Wound/Cut/Bleeding ☐ 4	Internal ☐ 7	☐ _
Strain/Sprain ☐ 8	Multiple Parts ☐ 8	
☐ _	☐ _	

Casualty # | | | | 1. ☐ DELETE 2. ☐ CHANGE

	CASUALTY LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI.	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	TIME OF INJURY
GA						

	HOME ADDRESS, CITY, STATE	TELEPHONE
GB		( ) -

GC

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☐		

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CHILDREN PLAYING WITH
CIGARETTE LIGHTERS
-DATA RECORD SHEET-

(For All Incidents Assigned Under BUNN02)

1. Task Number 951024CCC2126
2. Date of Incident 9-22-95
3. Sex of Child male
4. Age of Child 3 years

If the child who lit the lighter is under 6 years old, complete items 5 through 9.

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

5. Describe the accident scenario in the narrative portion of the investigation report. The narrative, which should be on a separate page, would include information on how the accident occurred, how severely the child and/or others were injured, and how much property damage was caused by the fire.

6. Kind of Lighter (Check one)
   Disposable - Regular Size _____
   Mini Size _____
   Size Unknown XX

   Refillable _____
   Unknown XX

7. Lighting Mechanism (Check one)

   Roll and Press _____
   Press Only _____
   Other (specify) _____
   Manufacturer/Model _____

8. Obtain copy of fire incident report from fire department. attached.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: G5A 0064A

DATE OF INCIDENT: 9/22/95 **CATID:** CARM07 1996

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED **HAZARD ANALYSIS ( ) CRM ( )**

TYPE FOLLOW-UP **TELEPHONE ( ) ON-SITE (X)**

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT: Michael Bogumill 504-0400 xl368
Backup: Bob Poth 504-0400 xl375

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: For any child playing with fire involving a cigarette lighter. Determine the model and manufacturer's name, type of lighter (refillable/disposable and fluid/butane), operating mechanism, age of child who operated the lighter, and accident scenario. Describe operating mechanism in detail and collect lighter, if possible.

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

Person(s) to Contact: See Attached

Guidelines: Appendix 45

Task Number: 951024CCC2124 **Date:** 10/24/95

Assigned to: CH10 **Requested by:** Bogumill

CPSC Form 324A (10/95)

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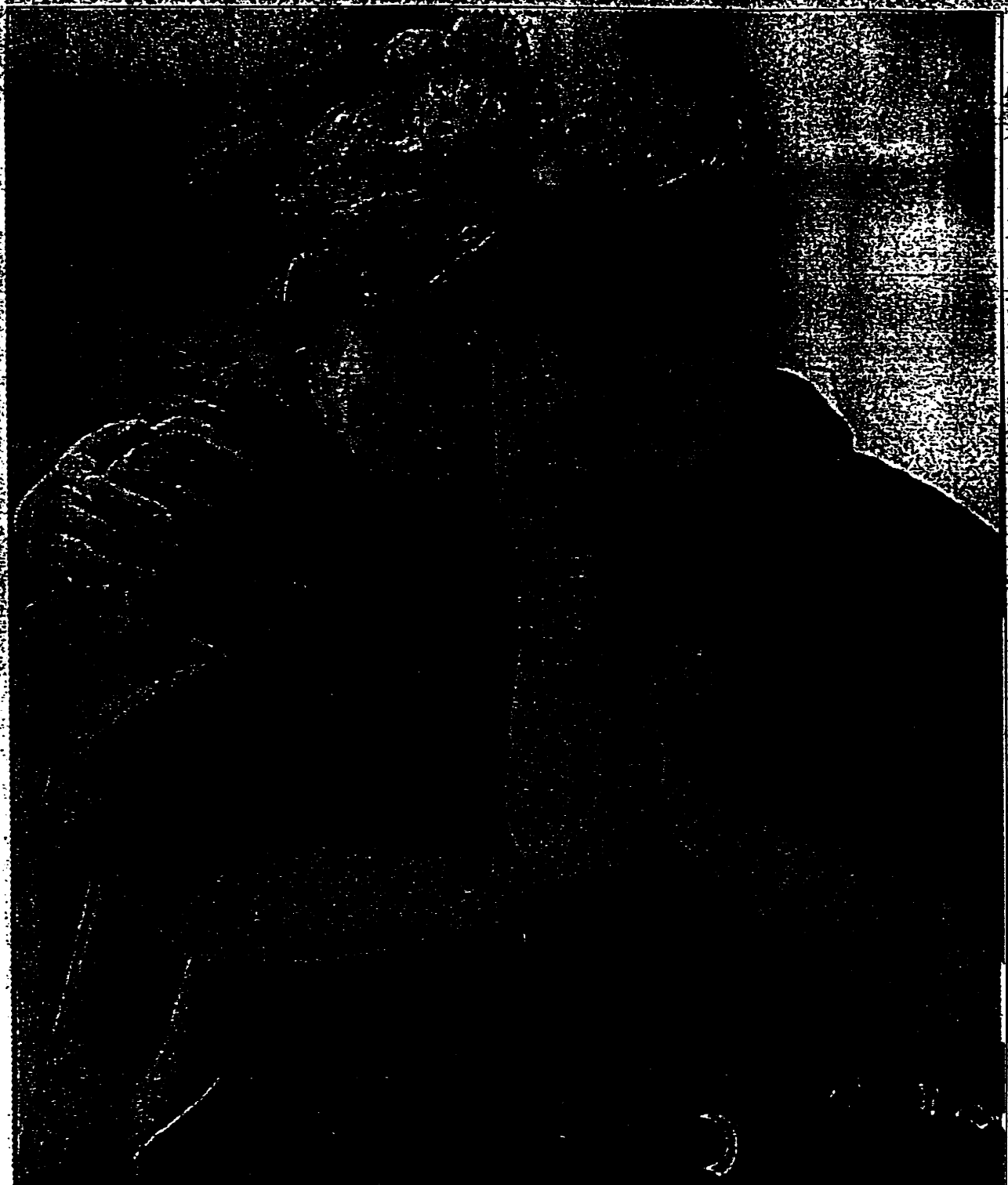
Daily Southtown

Fire damages Burbank home



Paul Michna/Daily Southtown

A friend comforts Angela Layton after a fire severely damaged Layton's home Friday in Burbank.

SUSPECTS:

NAME AND ALIASES _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. _____

OCCUPATION _____

PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT _____

HABITS _____

ASSOCIATES _____

FAMILY HISTORY _____

PREVIOUS CRIMINAL RECORD _____

DESCRIPTION _____

MOTIVE:

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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 951024CCC2126 Incident Date 9/22/95

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: ☐ Sofa/Couch ☑ Chair ☐ Sofa bed /I 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)

   _____

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

☐ Skirt ☐ Seat cushion ☐ Inside back ☐ Inside arm

/I Back ☐ Side ☐ Underside ☐ Crevice

☐ Welt Cord ☐ Tuft ☐ Other UNKNOWN

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

☑ LT 5 yrs. old ☐ 5 - 14 ☐ 15 - 64 0 65 +

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

Lighter ____ Match ____ Candle ____ Heater ____ Fireplace

(specify) Other _____

____ Unknown

INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

If lighter, specify type: ☐ Child-resistant /I 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 0 No ☑ Unknown

If yes, specify type: _____

8. Detecter went off (alarmed)?

☐ Yes 0 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? UNKNOWN

F. VICTIM(S)

. 0 'Number of Deaths 1 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 ☐ 515,000 · $34,999' ☐ $35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: UNKNOWN

☐ Rent ☐ O w n

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

Author: Robert C. Okarski at cpsc-cro
Date: 1/26/96 2:44 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: Kimberly E. Long at CPSC-HQ2
CC: Don F. Kendall at CPSC-HQ2
CC: James A. Miersch
Subject: Fires

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

I have personnaly completed all the information on the data record sheet. This information was available in the ID1 itself. The ID1 stated that both the lighter and the furniture have been removed and disposed of. The ID1 also stated that the Parents did not want to talk with the investigator. All the information available was that which was provided by the fire investigative report which is part of the IDI.

91/02 YCCC 2126

Fire damages Burbank home

By Stephanie Gehring
staff writer

A child playing with a lighter could have started a fire that severely damaged a Burbank home on Friday, leaving the 3-year-old boy, his mother and grandmother temporarily homeless, city fire officials said.

"It's still under investigation," Capt. Martin D. Ceil. "But it's possibly a kid playing with a lighter."

BURBANK

[redacted] said she had just spent $10,000 to renovate her kitchen, which was destroyed in the fire. The living room and part of a stairwell also were burned and the rest of the house was damaged by smoke and heat.

[redacted] daughter [redacted], who declined to give her last name, and [redacted] 3-year-old son were home at the time of the fire.

"I don't know what happened," [redacted] said. "I came into the living room and it was on fire. I heard my baby screaming." She and her son live with [redacted].

The fire started in the living room of the raised ranch-style wood frame house in the [redacted] of [redacted], then spread to the kitchen and second floor, officials said.

Thirteen firefighters 'on the scene doused the fire in 30 minutes, .then spent another 30 minutes investigating and 'checking for hot spots, Kreil said. No one was seriously injured, Kreil said. [redacted]s daughter suffered minor burns on her arm when she tried to battle the fire, her mother said.

"I threw (my son) outside and tried to call the fire department, but I couldn't get to the kitchen," the daughter said.

[redacted] house was far enough from neighboring homes that there was no danger of the fire spreading, officials said.

"Everything is gone except for what was in my bedroom," said [redacted], who has lived in .the home since 1980. "I raised five kids here."

[redacted] said she, her daughter and grandson planned to stay at a hotel for now. [redacted] said she expected her insurance to cover most of the damage.

Kreil said investigators would question the daughter and her son in several days.

(41)

20 Review Date 960202

21 Distribution O: EHDS cc: SFRO cc c/s: LDB/LGC

EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. CASE NO. 951122HCC3027	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID [8][2][3][2]	3. OFFICE CODE [8][7][0]	
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY [9][5][1][0][7]	5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY [9][6][0][1][1][0]		

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT

A 35 year old male was treated for burns and minor smoke inhalation as a result of a fire in his home. The victim's son apparently started the fire by igniting an upholstered love seat with a disposable cigarette lighter. The victim discovered the fire and extinguished fire with assistance from a neighbor and driver who was passing by. The neighbor and son were also treated for minor smoke inhalation according to a fire official.

7. LOCATION *(Home, school, etc.)* [1][0] home interior	8. CIN Longview	9. STATE Washington [WA]

10A. FIRST PRODUCT love seat [0][6][7][9]	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS unknown
10B. SECOND PRODUCT cigarette lighter [1][6][0][4]	11 B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS unknown

12. AGE OF VICTIM [0][3][5]	13. SEX *(USE NUMERICAL CODE)* MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [1] UNKNOWN- 3	14. DISPOSITION treated & released. [1]	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS burns. thermal [5][1]

16. BODY PART face [7][6]	17. RESPONDENT(S) *(Mother, Friend)* wife. fire official [3]	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [2] OTHER - 3	19. TIME SPENT [ ][6].[0]

20. ATTACHMENTS [2] fire report. datasheet	21. CASE SOURCE [0][5] newspaper FB0009A	22. REVIEWED BY [8][1][0][1] YR MO DAY [9][6][0][2][0][2]

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

FIELD ACTIVITY COVERSHEET

1 Region/State	2 Operation (Check one)	3 Date
FOWR/PDX	__ Inspection. __ Establishment visit __ Telephone contact xx Investigation __ Other _____	02-01-96
		4 Number 951122HCC3027

5 Establishment

unknown

Telephone

6 **Related firm** Parent Headquarters Subsidiary. __ Other

7 **Products** covered
upholstered furniture
matches/cigarette lighter

8 Other **consumer products**

9 **Establishment Type**
Manufacturer __ Importer
Wholesaler Own label distributor
I - Retailer Repackager
__ Other _____

10 Annual production
Product covered $_____ units _____
Other products, $_____ units _____

11 **IS business**	12 **Samples**	13 MIS code	14 Hours
% received _____ % shipped , _____	none	12165	Activity 6 Travel 0

15 **Reason** for **activity**

Headquarters initiated investigation

16 Announced (Rationale for announced inspection)

Unannounced n/a

17 **Employee's Name**	**Title**	**Signature** date
Joseph S. Burchyski	Senior Investigator	

18 __ **Endorsement** **Remarks** __ **Summary** **Other** _____

ID1 conducted in response to a newspaper account of a residential fire associated with a cigarette lighter. A three year old boy used a non-child resistant cigarette lighter to ignite a piece of-upholstered furniture. The boy's father suffered minor burns and smoke inhalation. The boy was not injured. We were unable to fully identify the products. No further follow up.

19 **Reviewer's Name**	**Title**	**Signature**
James P. DiGrazia	Supervisor	

The respondents were the victim's wife and a fire official who was on duty at the time of this investigation. The officer in charge of investigating the fire is on medical leave and was not available.

PRE - EVENT

The fire occurred in a single family home located in a suburban neighborhood. The home is a wood framed dwelling with a value of approximately $85,000. The home is owned and occupied by a married couple with a three year old son.

The wife said that she and her husband purchased a couch and love seat set new approximately 7 years before the fire. She said that the couch and love seat were not reupholstered before the fire. She said that she did not know if the furniture met any flammability safety standards.

The wife said that she did not know anything about the lighter used by her son on the day of the event. She said that her son used a non-child resistant lighter on the day of the event. She said that he must have "found the lighter someplace".

EVENT

The wife said that she was working on the day of the event, She said that her husband was home with their son. The newspaper reported that the husband woke-up and discovered the fire. The wife said that their son was apparently playing with the non-child resistant lighter and ignited the love seat. She said that he apparently ignited the back of the love seat in the area of the corner. She did not describe the specific point of ignition of the couch.

The son apparently hid in his bedroom after the fire started according to the

newspaper report. The wife said that their smoke detector sounded an alarm. The husband woke and attempted to extinguish the fire with a garden hose according to the newspaper report. A Neighbor provided a fire extinguisher and a driver passing by assisted the husband according to the report.

POST EVENT

The fire department was dispatched to the scene at 12:57 a.m. and arrived at the scene at 1:02 p.m. according to the fire department report. The fire department found the fire out on arrival according to the report. The fire department vented the smoke and overhauled the scene according to the report.

The fire officials identified the cause of the fire as the three year old child playing with matches or a lighter according to the fire report. A fire official said that the officer in charge reported that the burn patterns on the couch and floor were consistent with ignition of the couch by matches but the source of ignition was not found.

The fire official said that the father, neighbor and son were transported to a local hospital for treatment. The fire official said that the victim's were treated for minor smoke inhalation. The news report stated that the father was also treated for burns on his hands, arm and nose. The wife said that her husband was the only person injured in the fire.

FIRST PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

The first material ignited was a love seat according to the wife. She said that the love seat was part of a set with a matching couch. She said that the set was purchased new seven years before the event. She said that she did not know the name of the brand or manufacturer.

The wife said that she did not know the type of material used in the construction of the couch and could not describe the couch. She said that the cushions were filled with foam. She said that the upholstery material melted as it burned but she did not know the type of fabric. She said that the couch and love seat were discarded after the fire.

SECOND PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

The fire report identified the ignition source as matches/lighter. The fire official said that the investigating officer did not find the source of ignition.- The fire official said that the burn patterns appeared to be consistent with a fire caused by matches or a lighter igniting the couch.

The wife said that the source of ignition probably was a cigarette lighter because there were no matches in the home. She said that she did not know the brand of the lighter. She said that she only buys child resistant lighters. She said that she accounted- for all of her lighters after the fire. She said that the lighter used by her son was a non-child resistant type because he is unable to operate a child resistant lighter. She said that she did not know where her son obtained the lighter used to start the fire.

STANDARDS INFORMATION

Information concerning product compliance with applicable standards was not available.

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-- **ATTACHMENTS**

Exhibit # 1: Data Record Sheet

Exhibit # 2: Newspaper Report

Exhibit # 3: Fire Report

FIELD ACTIVITY COVERSHEET

22 FEB 1996

1 Region/State	2 Operation (Check one)	3 Date
FOWR/ 2012	[ ]Inspection [ ]Establishment visit [ ]Telephone contact [✓]Investigation [ ]Other: ADDENDUM	2-8-96 4 Number 951122HCC3027

5 Establishment
Name :
Address :
City: Ch fm I to C State: Zip: Telephone

6 Related firm [ ]Parent [ ]Headquarters [ ]Subsidiary [ ]Other
Name : City: State:

7 Products cowered	9 Other consumer products
Upholstered furniture, couch	

9 Establishment Type	10 Annual production
[ ]Manufacturer [ ]Importer [/Wholesaler [ ]Own label distributor [/Retailer [ ]Repackager __ Other	Product covered $ units: Other products $ units:

11 IS business	12 Samples collected	13 MIS code	14 Hours
% received [ ] % shipped [ ]		12165	Activity / Travel

15 Reason for activity

16 Announced [ ](Rationale for announced inspection) Unannounced [ ]

17 Employee's Name	Title	Signature date
Joseph S. Burchuski	Senior Investigator	

18 [ ]Endorsement [ ]Remarks I]Summary [ ]Other:

Addendum consists of following attachments

Exh # 1 - Data Record Sheet

Exh # 2. News clip.

Exh # 3. Fire report

19 Reviewer's Name	Title	Signature
James P. DiGrazia	Supervisory Investigator	

20 Review Date	21 Distribution
2-8-96	O: EHDS cc: SFRO

CPSC Form 167

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INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

951122HCC3027
EXHIBIT X 1

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3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand UNKNOWN

4. Purchased: ☒ New ☐ Used ☐ Unknown

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

5. Date Furniture Purchased: _____ Furniture Age 7 YRS PRICE: $1000 (SET)

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

_____

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

☐ Skirt ☐ Seat cushion ☐ Inside back ☐ Inside arm

☒ Back (CORNER) ☐ Side ☐ Underside ☐ Crevice

☐ Welt Cord ☐ Tuft ☐ Other _____

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

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

X Lighter Match Candle ____ Heater ____ Fireplace

____ Other (specify) _____

____ Unknown

INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

951122HCC3027
EXHIBIT # 1

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: _____

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☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

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_____

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

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_____ 'Number of Deaths 1 Number of injuries

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13. Approximate home market value: $85,000

☒ Rent ☐ Own

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

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EXHIBIT #2

NOV 13 1995

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Longview, WA
(Cowlitz Co.)
Daily News
(Cir. D-24,183)
OCT 18 1995
Allen

Boy playing with matches starts fire; he and three adults end up in hospital

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He estimated the home sustained $3,000 in damage.

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EXHIBIT #3

Insurance Report

LONGVIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT
740 COMMERCE AVE.
LONGVIEW, WA 98632
(206) 577-2340

SECTION A

Response Data

I.R. NO.	Exp. No.	DATE	DISPATCHED	ARRIVED	END TIME
2232	00	10-17-95	12:57	13:02	14:01

Incident Location: 440 22ND
Room / Apt.:
Zip Code: 98632

First in Co.	District	Automatic or M/A	Method of Alarm
811	1	0 NON APPLICABLE	1 TELEPHONE DIRECT TO FIRE DEPT

Situation Found: 11-STRUCTURE FIRE
Action Taken: 11 RESCUE,VENTILATION,EXTINGUISHMENT,

Occupant Data

Code: 00 OCCUPANT/OWNER
Occupant Name: [redacted]
(Area Code) Phone: [redacted]
Occupant Address:
DOB: 1/1/60

Owner Data

Code:
Owner Name:
(Area Code) Phone:
Owner Address:
DOB:

Personnel & Apparatus

-Responding Personnel		No. of Responding Apparatus		
9	Paid		Engine	1-1 Rescue
	Volunteer		Truck	Hazmats
9	Total		Aerial / Tanker	

Construction Info

General Property Use: 41 ONE OR TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE
Specific Property Use: 411-ONE FAMILY DWELLING ALL YEAR
Building Code Occupancy Type: 0R3-DWELLINGS & LODGING HOUSES
Structure Status: 2 IN USE WITH FURNISHINGS IN PLACE AND BEING USED
Occupancy Status at Time of Incident: 1 OCCUPIED AT TIME OF INCIDENT

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EXHIBIT # 2

Mobile Property (If involved)

Type Mobile Property	Vehicle License	State	Year	MAKE
	7	0	0	7

Model	Vehicle Identification No.	LCC/D.O.T. Permit No.	Drivers License Number	State

SECTION B

Injuries / Fatalities

Civilian Casualties		Fire Casualties	
Injuries	Fatalities	Injuries	Fatalities
0	0	4	0

SECTION C

CONTRIBUTING

Contributing Factors	Contributing Person(s)	DOB
	BARRETT CASEY	1/1/92

Area of Origin	Level
14-LIVING ROOMS, RECK ROOMS, FAMILY ROOMS,	A01 A - 1ST STORY

Horizontal Distance from Ignition Factor	Ignition Factor
	36-CHILD W/MATCHES

Form of Heat of Ignition	Acres Burned
65-MATCH, LIGHTER	

Material First Ignited Type Mobile Property	Form
72 COTTON, RAYON, POLYESTER BLENDS	21 UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE

EQUIPMENT

If Equipment Involved:

Fuel Model	Type Mobile Property	Model
Y		

Equipment Make	Serial Number

Method of Extinguishment	ESTIMATED Property Loss	ESTIMATED Contents Loss
2 MAKESHIFT AIDS	2,000.00	1,000.00

SECTION D

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

EXTENT

Flame
2 PART OF ROOM OF ORIGIN

smoke
4 CONFINED TO FIRE COMPARTMENT OF ORIGIN

Material Generating Most Smoke

Type Mobile Property
72 COTTON, RAYON, POLYESTER BLENDS

Form
21 UPHOLSTERED SOFA

Avenue of Smoke Travel
2 CORRIDOR

DETECTION

Type Mobile Property
1 SMOKE DETECTOR,IONIZATION PRINCIPLE

Power Supply
1 BATTERY ONLY

Detector Performance
2 DETECTOR NOT IN THE ROOM OF FIRE ORIGIN,AND IT ALERTED THE OCCUPANTS

Reason for Failure
8 NO DETECTOR FAILURE

Extinguish Type
98 NO EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM

Extinhuisher Performance
8 NO EQUIPMENT PRESENT.IN ROOM OR SPACE OF FIRE ORIGIN

Reason for Ext. Failure
8 NO EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM FAILURE

Sprinkler Heads

Type Mobile Property

Number Activated

Member Making Report
MCKAY

Emp. LD.

Officer in charge
LT. MCKAY

oR

X JDD

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number F5B0009A

Date of Incident 10/18195 **Category I.D** BUNN251995

Follow-Up Requested . **Hazard** Analysis X Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested **Telephone** Call O X - S i t e

Headquarters Contact Kimberfv Lona (301) 504-0470 Ext 1269
Backup - Linda Smith (301) 504-0470 Ext. 1275

Assignment Message

Conduct a investigation of this case where a 3 year old male started a fire with matches on the couch. Find out what part of the furniture ignited (if possible). If second hand furniture, find out how long in possession. if furniture still available, collect sample, following page 9 of guideline for sample collection.

Describe incident scenario; photograph and identify manufacturer: model number and brand name of all products involved. **~~Please obtain fire incident report, medical insurance, and any other report of incident. Complete Data Record Sheet in guideline.~~**

Person(s) to Contact Longview, WA Fire Department (Tom McKay) **and**
Victims ([redacted]

Guideline Number 19 Upholstered Furniture Fires

Requested By ~~Kimberlv Long~~

Task Number 951122HCC3028

Assigned to 5F00

Date 11/22/95

CPSC Form 324 (2190)

NOV 13 1995

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(Cowlitz Co.)
Daily News
(Cir. D-24,183)
OCT 18 1995
Allen's P.C.B. 1888

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25 JAN 1996

1. TASK NUMBER	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID	
951204HCC1042	8209	EPIDEMIOLOGIC
INVESTIGATION REPORT 896	4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 95 11 10	5. DATE INITIATED YR MO DAY 95 12 11

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT
Using a cigarette lighter removed from a table, a 2 yr. old male started a fire by igniting a living room chair. The child has a history of playing with matches.

7. LOCATION (Home, School, etc.)	8. CITY	9. STATE
Home 10	Palmerton	PA
10A. FIRST PRODUCT	**10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME**	**OC. MODEL NUMBER**
Cigarette Lighter 1604	Unknown [redacted]	unknown

10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS
unknown

11A. SECOND PRODUCT	1B. TRADE/BRAND NAME	1C. MODEL NUMBER
Chair 4053		TYPE

11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS

12. AGE OF VICTIM	13. SEX	14. DISPOSITION	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS
999	No Injury 9	No Injury 0	No Injury 70
16. BODY PART (S) INVOLVED	**17. RESPONDENT**	**18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION**	**19. TINE SPENT (OPERATIONAL HOURS)**
~~No Injury~~ 99	Fire Chief 3	Telephone ~~1~~ 2	06.0

20. ATTACHMENT (S)	21. CASE SOURCE	22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER
Multiple 9	Newspaper 05	T - - - - - - - -

23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON NEISS CASES ONLY)
YES NO X

24. REVIEW DATE	25. REVIEWED BY	26. REGION&L OFFICE DIRECTOR
1/26/96	Reh 3155	

27. DISTRIBUTION
O:EHDS CC:CRM/M. Bogumill CC:MASC/BES CC : MASC/JC

CPSC FORM 182 (REVISED 10/93) OMB NO. 3041-0029

need data recordsheet

951204HCC1042

Pre-Accident:

Information in this report furnished by the Fire Chief. The parents did not respond to a request for an interview.

According to the respondent, the child involved in the incident was a 2 year old male. The Fire Chief was informed by the family that the child has a history of playing with matches.

The family, consisting of both parents and two children, resided in a single family, two story twin home. On the day of the fire, all family members were at home. The father was on the second floor with his daughter, age 4. The mother was occupied in the first floor kitchen. The 2 year old male was left unattended in the living room.

Accident;

-Around 11:00 a.m., the 2 year old male removed. the disposable butane cigarette lighter from a living room table. He used the lighter to ignite a chair in the room.

Post-Accident:

The child's father informed the Fire Chief that his son came upstairs and told him that there was a fire in the living room. The father alerted his wife.

Prior to notifying the fire department, the father attempted to extinguish the blaze with a bowl of water. In a second unsuccessful attempt, the father used a-garden hose.

The family escaped their home without injury. However, heavy fire damage was sustained on the first and second floors of the house. Damages incurred totalled $20,000.00.

When interviewed by the Fire Chief, the 2 year old male admitted starting the fire. The cigarette lighter was not recovered by the fire department. No product information was available on the unit. The Fire Chief listed the cause of the fire as "child playing with cigarette lighter". A copy of the Fire Report is attached as Exhibit #1.

Product Identification:

Product: Disposable butane cigarette lighter

Manufacturer: Unknown

Attachments

Exhibit #1 - Fire Report
Exhibit #2 - Data Record Sheet

ADDENDUM

DATE: 1/22/96

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I received a telephone call from the mother of the 2 yr. old male involved in this cigarette lighter incident. She identified the brand name of the lighter as [redacted] The lighting mechanism required a press and roll action.

The mother informed me that both she and her husband are smokers. They usually purchase their cigarette lighters from a nearby gas station. She said that though the lighters supposedly are child proof, it was not the first incident with her son.

25 JAN 1996

****** REPORT OF PALMERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES ******

DATE OF RESPONSE : 11-10-95 | TIME OF RESPONSE: 1106 Hrs.

TIME OF CONTROL : 7139 Hrs. | TIME OF RETURN : 1159 Hrs.

TRUCKS RESPONDING: 711 | 713 | 721 | Fire | Dist 1

LOCATION OR ADDRESS: [redacted] Palmerton, PA

OCCUPANTS NAME.: [redacted] Family | PHONE #: [redacted]

OWNERS NAME: [redacted] | PHONE #: [redacted]

OWNERS ADDRESS: [redacted]

DESCRIPTION OR TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Dwelling Fire

CAUSE OF INCIDENT: The [redacted]'s son (mathew, ago 2) was playing with a child-proof cigarette fighter and started a living room chair on fire.

DAMAGES: The fire spread to the floor and other furniture in the living room area. There was heavy smoke and heat damage on the 1st & 2nd floors of the residence.

REMARKS: Mr. [redacted] stated that he was upstairs with their daughter. ([redacted] age 4) and Mrs. [redacted] was in the kitchen- came upstairs and told his father that there was a fire in the living room.

I spoke, to [redacted] and said that he was playing with the lighter and that he started the fire.

The insurance co. reported the fire loss is going to be $20,000.00

: PALMERTON FIRE INSPECTOR:

MARVIN L. SNELL JR.

PALMERTON FIRE CHIEF: CHRISTOPHER 3. REGEL

ADDITIONAL REMARKS OR COMMENTS:

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Ex H1
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CHILDREN PLAYING WITH
CIGARETTE LIGHTERS
-DATA RECORD SHEET-

(For All incidents Assigned Under 'BUNN02)

1. Task Number 951204HCC1042
2. Date of Incident 11/10/95
3. Sex of Child MALE.
4. Age of Child 2 YEARS

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

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

5. Describe the accident scenario in the narrative portion of the investigation report. The narrative, which should be on a separate page, would include information on how the accident occurred, how severely the child and/or others were injured, and how much property damage was caused by the fire.

6. Kind of Lighter (Check one)
   - Disposable - Regular Size ✓
   - Mini Size ____
   - Size Unknown ____
   - Refillable ____
   - Unknown ____

7. Lighting Mechanism (Check one)
   - Roll and Press ✓
   - Press Only ____
   - Other (specify) ____
   - Manufacturer/Model ____

8. Obtain copy of fire incident report from fire department.

Ex #2
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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: N5B0272A0

DATE OF INCIDENT: 11-10-95 **CATID: CARM07 1996**

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED **HAZARD ANALYSIS ( ) CRM ( )**

TYPE FOLLOW-UP **TELEPHONE ( ) ON-SITE (X) .**

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT: **Michael Bogumill 504-0400 x1368**
Backup: Bob Poth 504-0400 xx375

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: For any child playing with fire involving a cigarette lighter. Determine the model and manufacturer's name, type of lighter (refillable/disposable and fluid/butane), operating mechanism, age of child who operated the lighter, and accident scenario. Describe operating mechanism in detail and collect lighter, if possible.

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

Person (s) to Contact.: (1) [redacted] Palmerton, PA
(2) Palmerton Fire Chief

Guidelines: **Appendix 45**

Task Number: 951204HCC1042 **Date:** 12/4/95

Assigned to: MASC **Requested by:** J. LANSING

CPSC Form **324A** (10/95)

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Boy, 2, using lighter sets Palmerton blaze, fire officials say

A 2-year-old Palmerton boy playing with a childproof lighter set a blaze yesterday that caused $20,000 damage to the family home, fire officials said.

Most of the damage to the [redacted] home [redacted] was in the living room. No one was injured, and the other half of the double home was not involved.

Palmerton Fire Chief Chris Kegel said the boy set fire to a chair with the lighter about 11 a.m. Kegel said the damage estimate was provided by the family's insurance company.

Kegel said [redacted] his wife and their two children were all at home. [redacted] tried to douse the fire by throwing a bowl of water on it. When that didn't work, he called for help, then used a garden hose.

The chair and a large piece of carpeting were destroyed. An adjoining stair rail was heavily charred, the ceiling was damaged and a lampshade melted. The [redacted] living room walls appeared intact.

About 25 firefighters from Palmerton Fire Company 1, West End Fire Company [redacted] and Lower Towamensing Township responded.

After the fire was contained, Kegel had firefighters delay opening windows because the family's Rottweiler hadn't been found. Kegel said he wasn't sure where the dog was and didn't want to risk injury.

[redacted] and went back into the house and found the dog, unharmed, hiding in the attic. The pet was removed without incident.

CATHERINE MEREDITH / The Morning Call

Fire damage done to living room at [redacted] in Palmerton.