

Pre-Incident:

The victim involved in this incident is described as an eleven (11) month old female measuring a height of thirty (30) inches and weighing nineteen (19) pounds. The victim's medical history is not established, however, during the evening hours prior to this incident, the victim was administered a dose of the Rx drug [REDACTED] for cough and congestion.

Two (2) weeks prior to this incident, the victim's parents decided to stop letting the victim use her crib for sleeping. This decision was made because the victim had developed the ability to climb out of the crib. Reportedly, the victim was also very active in that she could run, turn on/off the television and climb the sofa and chairs.

As a replacement for the victim's crib, the parents introduced the victim to a metal frame day bed for sleeping. A non-descriptive crib bumper pad was also attached to the interior of the day bed to keep the victim from sliding off the day bed mattress.

During the two (2) week period prior to this incident, the victim reportedly used this day bed nightly without incident. Reportedly, this day bed was made up with a mattress, mattress cover, sheet and blanket.

During the late evening hours (2330-2400 hours) of April 10, 2001, the victim was dressed in a diaper, socks and a 2-piece pajama and placed in the day bed for her nights sleep. It is also reported that it is not uncommon for the victim to sleep as late as 0930 - 1030 hours after being put to bed so late in the evening.

Between the hours of 0630-0700 on this incident date, the victim's father reportedly checked on the victim prior to going to work and found the victim to be alive and asleep. Of the immediate incident environment, no unusual conditions and/or circumstances are noted and/or reported.

Incident:

There are no witnesses to this incident. Police and medical examiner officials are of the opinion that the victim slid off the day bed mattress at the open side/foot end of the day bed with her lower body under the crib bumper pad. The top edge of the crib bumper pad is believed to have become caught around the victims neck and as she slid forward, was unable to breath and suffocated.

Post-Incident:

At approximately 1020 hours on the morning of this incident, the victim's mother checked on the victim and initially reported to police that she found the victim sitting on the floor next to the day bed with the crib bumper pad wrapped around her neck. (Police officials however, determined the victim was actually discovered in a forward leaning seated position between the day bed mattress and the top edge of the crib bumper pad.)

The victim's mother picked up the victim, telephoned emergency 911, ran out of the house, initiated CPR and waited for EMS personnel to arrive. When EMS personnel arrived at this incident scene, the victim was found to be unresponsive and was pronounced dead at 1035 hours.

Medical examiner officials report the cause of death as mechanical asphyxiation due to entanglement within a crib bumper pad. The manner of death is considered accidental.

Standards:

None reported.

Samples:

None collected.

Product Identification:

Crib bumper pad: This crib bumper pad has no markings and/or labeling. It is totally void of any identification. It is described as approximately twelve (12) feet in length, approximately twelve (12) inches in height and one (1) inch in thickness. The outer fabric appears to be a cotton/polyester combination and is pale yellow in color. The age of this crib bumper pad is not known.

Day bed: This day bed is labeled/marked [REDACTED]. It is constructed of white colored tubular metal. Its dimensions are approximately forty-eight (48) inches by twenty-four (24) inches. The mattress platform rest approximately twelve (12) inches to eighteen (18) inches off the floor. One side of this day bed is also equipped with a railing located mid-way between the foot and head ends of the day bed creating a space between the foot and head ends of the day bed and ends of the railing.

Exhibits:

1. Photographs 1-8
2. Police report, pages 1-11.
3. Medical examiners report, pages 1-7.

Exhibit #1
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Photo 1-8

This photo illustrates a full side view of the day bed and most of the crib bumper pad. The side/foot end of the day bed has an opening where the crib bumper pad appears to be pushed out. The victim was found leaning forward in a seated position with her neck on the top of the crib bumper pad and her legs extended outward under the bottom of the crib bumper pad.



Exhibit #1
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Photo 2-8

This photo illustrates a closer side view of the day bed and crib bumper pad. The side/foot end of the day bed has an opening where the crib bumper pad appears to be pushed out. The victim was found leaning forward in a seated position with her neck on the top of the crib bumper pad and her legs extended outward under the bottom of the crib bumper pad.



Exhibit #1
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Photo 3-B

This photo illustrates a closer side view of the day bed and crib bumper pad. The side/foot end of the day bed has an opening where the crib bumper pad appears to be pushed out. The victim was found leaning forward in a seated position with her neck on the top of the crib bumper pad and her legs extended outward under the bottom of the crib bumper pad.



Exhibit #1
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Photo 4-8

This photo illustrates a closer side view of the day bed and crib bumper pad. The side/foot end of the day bed has an opening where the crib bumper pad appears to be pushed out. The victim was found leaning forward in a seated position with her neck on the top of the crib bumper pad and her legs extended outward under the bottom of the crib bumper pad.



Exhibit #1
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Photo 5-9

This photo illustrates a closer side view of the day bed and crib bumper pad. The side/foot end of the day bed has an opening where the crib bumper pad appears to be pushed out. The victim was found leaning forward in a seated position with her neck on the top of the crib bumper pad and her legs extended outward under the bottom of the crib bumper pad.



Exhibit #1
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Photo 6-8

This photo illustrates a closer side view of the day bed and crib bumper pad. The side/foot end of the day bed has an opening where the crib bumper pad appears to be pushed out. The victim was found leaning forward in a seated position with her neck on the top of the crib bumper pad and her legs extended outward under the bottom of the crib bumper pad.



Exhibit #1
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Photo 7-8

This photo illustrates a closer side view of the day bed and crib bumper pad. The side/foot end of the day bed has an opening where the crib bumper pad appears to be pushed out. The victim was found leaning forward in a seated position with her neck on the top of the crib bumper pad and her legs extended outward under the bottom of the crib bumper pad.



Exhibit #1
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Photo 8-8

This photo illustrates a view of how loosely fitted a portion of the crib bumper pad was at the foot end of the day bed at the time of this incident.



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