

1. Task Number 090713HCC3744		2. Investigator's ID 9067		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
3. Office Code 840	4. Date of Accident YR MO DAY 2007 09 03	5. Date Initiated YR MO DAY 2009 07 23		
6. Synopsis of Accident or Complaint UPC 02226604744 A 21-month-old male victim died of asphyxia due to compression of the neck when he became entrapped and suspended in the ties to a bumper pad that was affixed to his bed in his home. The victim was in a convertible crib that had been set up as a toddler bed. The bumper pad was tied at the top to the side slats of the bed. The victim had been put to bed by his mother at night and was found partially hanging out of the bed and unresponsive by his mother the next morning. <div style="text-align: right;"> <small>RECEIVED BY PUBLIC</small> <small>12/13/09</small> <small>3250</small> </div>				
7. Location (Home, School, etc) 1 - HOME		8. City MONTROSE		9. State CO
10A. First Product 4054 - Other Bedding		10B. Trade/Brand Name [REDACTED]		10C. Model Number [REDACTED]
10D. Manufacturer Name and Address [REDACTED]				
11A. Second Product 1543 - Cribs		11B. Trade/Brand Name [REDACTED]		11C. Model Number UNKNOWN
11D. Manufacturer Name and Address [REDACTED]				
12. Age of Victim 221	13. Sex 1 - Male	14. Disposition 8 - Death	15. Injury Diagnosis 65 - Anoxia	
16. Body Part(s) Involved 85 - ALL OF BODY	17. Respondent 3 - 2nd Hand Info Only	18. Type of Investigation 2 - Telephone	19. Time Spent (Operational / Travel) 7 / 0	
20. Attachment(s) 2 - Documents		21. Case Source 14 - Death Certificate		22. Sample Collection Number
23. Permission to Disclose Name (Non NEISS Cases Only) <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Verbal <input type="radio"/> Yes for Manuf. Only				
24. Review Date 09/18/2009	25. Reviewed By 8929		26. Regional Office Director Frank J. Nava	
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At approximately 8:30 a.m. on September 3, 2007, the Montrose County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding an unresponsive individual at a residence in Montrose, CO.

Sheriff's deputies arrived on the scene and found a young male victim lying supine on the living room floor of the home. The individual displayed rigor mortis in his upper extremities. The victim also displayed discoloration in his facial area and lividity in his feet. Medical crews also arrived and assessed the 21-month-old victim. The child was pronounced dead on the scene.

An investigator with the sheriff's office was called to the scene in addition to the county coroner. In examining the victim, the investigator noted that the child was lying on his back. The boy's arms were reaching up and his legs were bent at the knees and spread.

The child appeared to have blood on his lower lip, face, and hands. The victim's feet were blue in color. The child was wearing a two piece pajama set.

An interview with the child's mother by the sheriff's detective and coroner revealed that that the boy had been given a bath at around 8:30 p.m. on September 2, 2007 and then put to bed in his room.

The child was placed in a convertible crib with a blanket. The crib had been set up as a toddler bed at the time. A crib bumper pad lined the inside of the bed and was secured to the side slats by ties.

A baby monitor was positioned in the child's bedroom and was turned on. The mother turned off the bedroom light and closed the door to the room.

At approximately 8:00 a.m. on September 3, 2007, the mother awoke. The woman did not hear anything on the monitor, so she thought her son was still sleeping. The mother took a shower.

After getting out of the shower, the mother still did not hear anything on the monitor. The woman entered her son's bedroom to check on him but did not see him in the bed.

The mother looked again and saw her child partially out of the bed. According to the mother, her son had fallen out. The child was described as being "kind of on his knees" with the back of his head under the bumper pad along the railing. The mother did not know whether her son's knees were on the floor, but thought that they were very close at the least.

The mother thought that her son may be playing at first, so she picked him up. The mother realized that her son was unresponsive and called for assistance.

When asked if both the top and bottom ties to the bumper were tied up, the mother responded that she thought just the top ones were tied. The mother stated that her son's arms were under the bed.

This investigator contacted the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, Montrose, CO by telephone and requested a copy of the sheriff's office's reports and photographs pertaining to this incident. Reports were received and are contained in Exhibit A. The sheriff's office responded that they didn't have any photographs.

The Montrose County Coroner was contacted by this investigator. The autopsy report and an investigation addendum were provided and are contained in Exhibit B.

According to the coroner, the child died of asphyxia due to compression of the neck secondary to entrapment and suspension in a toddler crib bumper. The bumper pad had been installed on a toddler bed. The child was entangled in the lower ties of the bumper and hung himself from the front portion of the crib.

There were significant ligature marks on the child's neck. The lower ties to the bumper were not secured to the side slats and were wrapped around the victim's neck - compressing in a similar manner as the top ties. The top ties were tied to the slats of the bed.

The autopsy report listed the Manner of Death as "Accidental", with the Cause of Death as "Asphyxiation". According to the report, the 21-month-old male was found hanging from a bumper pad associated with a toddler bed.

The decedent had a ligature abrasion of the right neck and left anterior neck with crushing of the underlying tissues and minimal hemorrhage.

The decedent was listed as measuring 30 inches in length and weighing an estimated 22 pounds.

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

Crib Bumper Pad

Brand: [REDACTED]

Style: [REDACTED]

RN: [REDACTED]

UPC: [REDACTED]

GPU: [REDACTED]

Imported by: [REDACTED]

Made in China

Retailer: [REDACTED]

The bumper pad was made of 100% cotton with 100% polyester fill and measured 53 inches by 26 inches by 10 ¼ inches. There were six ties located on the top of the bumper pad, one in each corner, one in the back and one in the front where the bumper is split. The cloth ties were blue in color. A seventh tie was located at the base of the split.

The outside of the bumper pad is light blue in color with multiple cartoon type animal figures. The inside of the pad is multi-colored with pictures of giraffes, monkeys, hippopotami, elephants, zebras, rhinoceroses, lions, and toucans in various colored designs.

When obtained by the coroner's office, the tie on the upper front was in a square knot. The other ties were not tied. There wasn't any obvious spoilage by body fluids on the material or ties.

PRODUCT INFORMATION (CON'T):

The pad had four labels attached to it. The outer label listed "Baby Connection".

The second label read in part, "cover 100% cotton/Algodon, exclusive of decoration, fill 100% polyester, Made in China, [REDACTED], style [REDACTED], UPC [REDACTED], GPU [REDACTED], machine wash warm using only non-chloride bleach".

The third label listed "Warning, to prevent entanglement or strangulation, position ties to outside of crib and be sure they are secure. Remove bumper when child can sit up unaided or can pull to a standing position."

The fourth label listed "UNDER PENALTY OF LAW, THIS TAG NOT TO BE REMOVED EXCEPT BY THE CONSUMER. ALL NEW MATERIAL CONSISTS OF 1005 POLYESTER FIBER BATTING, REGISTRATION #PA-[REDACTED](CN). Certification is made by the manufacturer that the materials in this article are described in courts of law. Imported by [REDACTED]" The date of delivery did not appear to be filled in.

The fourth label also contained "Finished size is 10 X 160 inches (25.4 x 406.4 cm) Net weight of filling material is 14.1 ounce (400 grams). Made in China."

Convertible Crib set up as a Toddler Bed

Model: Unknown

Manufacturer: [REDACTED]

Retailer: Unknown

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A - Montrose County Sheriff's Office Report

Exhibit B - Montrose County Coroner's Office
Autopsy Report and Investigative Addendum

Exhibit C - Contact Information

08/25/09
09:37

MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
LAW Incident Table:

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Incident Number: S07-08208

Nature: Death Invest. Case Number: Image:
Addr= [REDACTED] Area: MONS Montrose Sheri
City: Montrose ST: CO Zip: 81401 Contact:
Complainant: 111726
Lst [REDACTED] Fst: [REDACTED] Mid: [REDACTED]
DOB: 04/09/86 SSN: [REDACTED] Adr= [REDACTED]
Rac: W Sx: F Tel: () - Cty: Montrose ST: CO Zip: 81401

Offense Codes: ACDE Reported: AMAS Observed: ACDE
Circumstances: LT20
Rspndg Officers: J Scott C Boldan Charles Searcy &
Rspnsbl Officer: J Scott Agency: MONS CAD Call ID: 343183
Received By: Robbi Murdie Last RadLog: 11:06:09 09/03/07 CMPLT
How Received: T Telephone Clearance: CRO CLEARED RESPONDING OF
When Reported: 08:31:17 09/03/07 Disposition: CLO Disp Date: 09/20/07
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and: 08:31:17 09/03/07 Misc Entry:

MO:
Narrative: (See below)
Supplement: (See below)

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INVOLVEMENTS:

Type	Record #	Date	Description	Relationship
NM	98726	/ /	[REDACTED]	Father of Victim
NM	111726	/ /	[REDACTED]	*Complainant
NM	151113	/ /	[REDACTED]	Victim
MI	38067	/ /	Copy to Investigations	09/04/07
CA	343183	09/03/07	08:31 09/03/07 Medical	*Initiating Call
PR	8634S	/ /	Compact Disc Maxell CDR \$0	Evidence

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:
Offense Codes

Seq Code	Amount
1 ACDE ACCIDENTAL DEATH	0.00

LAW Incident Circumstances:
Contributing Circumstances

Seq Code	Comments
1 LT20 Residence/Home	

LAW Incident Responders Detail
Responding Officers

Seq Name	Unit
1 J Scott	MC6
2 C Boldan	MC13

Narrative:

Case#: S07-08208

Nature: Death Investigation

Location: [REDACTED]
 Montrose Colorado 81401
 County of Montrose

Date/Time: 09-03-07 at about 0832 hours

Reporting Party/Mother of Victim: [REDACTED]
 04-09-86
 [REDACTED]
 Montrose Colorado 81401

Victim: [REDACTED]
 12-2-05
 [REDACTED]
 Montrose Colorado 81401

On 09-03-07 at about 0832 hours I responded to an unknown call at [REDACTED] #129 in the County of Montrose Colorado. MCSO Dispatch relayed via radio the reporting party was screaming and difficult to obtain information from. While enroute to the call a medical call was paged to the same address for an unresponsive not breathing twelve year old.

I arrived on scene and entered the home through the north facing door and observed Officer Worthington consoling a young woman, later identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] a very young male victim was lying supine on the living room with his head lying west and feet to the east. The young male, identified as [REDACTED] 12-02-05, displayed rigor mortis in his upper extremities. The victim also displayed discoloration in his facial area and lividity in his feet. Medical crews arrived and evaluated the victim and departed the scene. Medical crews supplied a blanket to cover the victim.

[REDACTED] exited the residence with medical crews. Deputy Searcy and I secured the scene. The grandfather and father of the child, [REDACTED] 02-09-84, requested to enter the home to view the victim. This was allowed. Deputy Searcy reported to me neither the father or grandfather touched or moved the victim.

I called for Victim's Advocate, Investigations, and the Coroner, all of who arrived and a short time later. The scene was turned over to Investigator DeWeber and Doctor Canfield.

Under Investigation, forward to Investigations.

/s/Deputy Cam Boldan

Law Supplemental Narrative:

		Supplemental Narratives
Seq Name	Date	Narrative
1 R Deweber	12:56:29 09/20/07	
Case#:	S07-08208	

Incident: Death Investigation

Location: [REDACTED]
Montrose, Colorado 81401
County of Montrose

Date/Time: 09-03-07 at about 0832 hours

Reporting Party: [REDACTED]
Mother 04-09-86
[REDACTED]
Montrose, Colorado 81401
[REDACTED]

Victim: [REDACTED]
12-2-05
[REDACTED]
Montrose, Colorado 81401
[REDACTED]

Involved party: [REDACTED]
Father [REDACTED]
Montrose, Colorado 81401

Involved party: [REDACTED]
Grandmother 11/08/68
[REDACTED]
Montrose, Co. 81401
[REDACTED]

Evidence: CD-R disc of interview with Heather Mendenhall

Case status: Transferred to the Coroner's Office

On September 3, 2007 at approximately 0832 hours Deputy Boldan responded to an unknown call at [REDACTED] in the County of Montrose Colorado.

MCSO Dispatch relayed, via radio, the reporting party was screaming and difficult to obtain information from. While enroute to the call Deputy Boldan reported he heard a 911 medical call was paged to the same address for an unresponsive not breathing twelve year old.

Deputy Boldan reports he arrived on scene and entered the home through the north facing door and of the residence and observed Officer Worthington, MPD, consoling a young woman, identified as [REDACTED], mother of the victim.

Deputy Boldan stated below Officer Worthington and Ms. [REDACTED] a very young male victim was laying supine on the living room floor with his head laying west and feet to the east.

Deputy Boldan reported the young male was identified as [REDACTED], 12-02-05. Zachary displayed rigor mortis in his upper extremities. The victim also displayed discoloration in his facial area and lividity in his feet. Medical crews arrived and evaluated the victim and departed the scene. Medical crews supplied a blanket to cover the victim.

Deputy Boldan reports [REDACTED] exited the residence with medical crew. Deputies Boldan and Searcy secured the scene. The Grandfather and father of the child ([REDACTED] 02-09-84) requested to enter the home to view the victim; Deputy Searcy allowed them to enter. Deputy Boldan stated Deputy Searcy reported to him neither the father nor the Grandfather touched or moved the victim.

Upon my arrival I was met by Deputy Searcy who gave me the names of the victim and the mother. I entered the residence and observed a white blanket lying on the living room floor. Deputy Searcy advised me the EMS crew covered the baby. The homes thermostat appeared to be set at 68 degrees and the temperature read 70 degrees.

I photographed the living room, Kitchen, hallway, baby's bedroom, mother's bedroom, grandmother's bedroom and bath room. I took numerous photos of the baby, [REDACTED], with and without the blanket.

Upon closer examination of [REDACTED] I noted he was lying on his back. His arms were reaching up and his legs were bent at the knee and spread. It also appeared [REDACTED] was wearing a diaper. It is also noted [REDACTED] had some dried blood on his lower lip, his face, hands and feet were blue in color. [REDACTED] was wearing a two piece pajama set. It was red and blue on a white back ground.

As I moved through the house I noted it to be very clean and well kept. Zachary's bedroom was very clean and it also contained a monitor/transmitter. The receiver for the monitor/transmitter was noted in the mother's bedroom and in working condition.

Dr. [REDACTED] arrived on scene and Crippins was called at the request of the family. After Dr. [REDACTED] completed his scene investigation he and I talked with [REDACTED] mother, Ms. [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated she and [REDACTED] had had a family day yesterday with [REDACTED]. She said they had been together most of the day. [REDACTED] said last night about 2030 hours she had given [REDACTED] a bath, put him to bed and covered him with his blanket, shut off the light and closed the door. Ms. [REDACTED] said the monitor was also on.

[REDACTED] said she and [REDACTED] watched a movie and he left about midnight. She said she went to bed. She said the monitor was working.

[REDACTED] said she woke up about 0800 hours to go to the bathroom. She said [REDACTED] had called about then and asked if we, [REDACTED] and I, wanted to hangout today.

I had not heard anything on the monitor so I figured he, Zachary, was still sleeping. I went ahead and took my shower. After getting out of the shower I had sill not heard anything so I went in to check on him, [REDACTED]. I looked at his bed and did not see him. I looked again and saw his foot out of the corner of the bed.

The bumper in the crib, we had his toddler rails up and tied tight so he wouldn't fall out. He went ahead and fell out. His head was on one side, where it was tied, and his body was on the other. [REDACTED] was kind of on his knees. I thought maybe he was playing at first so I picked him up. I took him into my room to find my phone. I couldn't find it right away so I went to the house phone that was lying on the living room floor to call somebody.

When asked if his knees were on the floor [REDACTED] said she was not sure but if they weren't they were close.

[REDACTED] asked if [REDACTED]'s head was up in the bumper. [REDACTED] responded the back of his head appeared to be under the railing (bumper). I asked [REDACTED] if she had untied the bumper. She responded I just picked him up and took him into my room.

[REDACTED] asked if both bumper ties were tied and she responded from what I remember just the top was tied. [REDACTED] asked if his ([REDACTED]'s) arms on the crib. [REDACTED] said his arms were under the bed.

[REDACTED] asked who [REDACTED] doctor was and [REDACTED] said any of the Pediatricians at The P [REDACTED], Montrose, [REDACTED]

On September 5, 2007 I spoke with [REDACTED] on the her cell phone while she was in route to Denver to pickup her son for [REDACTED] funeral on 09/07/07. I asked [REDACTED] if we could get together so I could take additional pictures of [REDACTED]'s bed. [REDACTED] said they had already taken the bed apart however she would try to call me when she returned from Denver later today.

On September 10, 2007 I heard from [REDACTED]. She said she could meet me at her house today at 1100 hours.

Ms. [REDACTED] and I met with [REDACTED] at her residence, [REDACTED] at approximately 1100 hours on September 10, 2007. I advised Ms. Linenfelser I needed additional photographs of [REDACTED] bed along with measurements. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED]'s bed had already been disassembled however was still in his room. I was able to obtain the pictures and measurements as requested by [REDACTED] and forwarded same to him.

I met with [REDACTED] at my office on September 13, 2007. I asked Dr. [REDACTED] if we were going to do a recreation of [REDACTED] death scene. Dr. [REDACTED] said no. He stated that he was satisfied with the information he had collected at the scene.

Based on the evidence collected at the scene and the Coroner's verbal report of findings this case is closed pending further information from the Coroner's Office.

Evidence - CD-R, Maxwell, 700 mb, disc holding recording of interview with Heather Mendenhall.

Case closed
End of report

/s/ Inv. R. De Weber

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Addendum for Infant Death Investigations at Scene

EVIDENTIARY:

Received from Investigator Richard E. Weber of the Montrose County Sheriff's Office at the scene of the investigation of the death of [REDACTED] 09/03/2007 at 1044 hours, is an evidence bag. The evidence bag is sealed shut and has the initials "R. D." on the tape. The tape is cut by the undersigned to reveal the item of evidence as described below.

The crib bumper cushion is a "Baby" brand, made for [REDACTED], 100% cotton with 100% polyester fill, Made in China. There are four labels sequentially on one edge of the bumper. The outer layer reads "[REDACTED]" The second label reads, in part, "cover 100% cotton/Algodon, exclusive of decoration, fill 100% polyester, Made in China, RN [REDACTED], style [REDACTED], UPC # [REDACTED], GPU # [REDACTED] machine wash warm using only non-chloride bleach." The labeling is also present in Spanish. The third label, which is partially covered by the other two labels, states "Warning, to prevent entanglement or strangulation, position ties to outside of crib and be sure they are secure. Remove bumper when child can sit up unaided or can pull to a standing position." The fourth label, which is covered by the prior three, says, "UNDER PENALTY OF LAW, THIS TAG NOT TO BE REMOVED EXCEPT BY THE CONSUMER. ALL NEW MATERIAL CONSISTS OF 100% POLYESTER FIBER BATTING, REGISTRATION #PA-27045(CN). Certification is made by the manufacturer that the materials in this article are described in courts of law. Imported by [REDACTED]" Date of delivery does not appear to be filled in. "Finished size is 10 x 160 inches (25.4 x 406.4 cm). Net weight of filling material is 14.1 ounce (400 grams). Made in China". Thus there are four labels, the outer label being the "[REDACTED]" brand name, the second label being the label of document to the material, the third label being the warning label, and the fourth label being the "Imported by [REDACTED] Made in China" label.

The outer dimensions are 53 x 26 x 10 ¾ inches, notwithstanding the discrepancy of the label. About the top there are six ties, one in each corner, one in the back where the bumper is solid, and one in the front where the bumper is split. Those six ties are blue cloth. There is a seventh tie which is at the base of the split front which is untied. The outside is light blue with multiple cartoon-type animal figures. The inside is multi-colored with pictures of giraffes, monkeys, hippopotami, elephants, zebras, rhinoceroses, lions and toucans in varying colored designs. The bumper is intact. The tie on the upper front is in a square knot. As noted above, the other ties on the top are untied, as is the one on the bottom of the front. There is no obvious soilage by body fluids on the material or the ties.

[REDACTED]
12/02/2005

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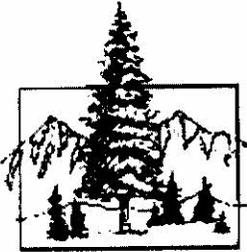
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The bumper was installed on a [REDACTED] brand toddler crib with an opening in the railings on one of the long dimension; the opening with the railings corresponds to the opening with the bumper.

Comment: Although the mother does not recall untying the tie to extract the toddler who was suspended therein, it appears that this would have had to occur in the reconstruction of the accident.



THOMAS M. CANFIELD, M.D.
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Drs. Canfield and Benziger, Pathologists, P.C.

AUTOPSY REPORT

Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Montrose, CO 81401
Social Security: NONE GIVEN
Date of Birth: 12/02/2005
Date of Death: 09/03/2007
Date of Autopsy: 09/04/2007

BY THE ORDER AND AUTHORITY OF:

Thomas M. Canfield, M.D.
Coroner
Montrose County, CO

MEDICAL FINDINGS:

1. **(HISTORY OF BEING FOUND HANGING FROM BUMPER PAD ASSOCIATED WITH TODDLER BED)**
2. **ASPHYXIATION**
3. **LIGATURE ABRASION, RIGHT NECK AND LEFT ANTERIOR NECK WITH CRUSHING OF UNDERLYING TISSUES AND MINIMAL HEMORRHAGE**
4. **SUPERFICIAL ABRASIONS, CONTUSIONS OF FACE AND FOREHEAD WITH A SMALL RIGHT-SIDED SUBGALEAL HEMORRHAGE**
5. **CEREBRAL EDEMA, MARKED, WITH TENTORIAL TENTING AND UNCAL NOTCHING (BRAIN WEIGHT 1500 GRAMS)**

CAUSE OF DEATH:

ASPHYXIATION

MANNER OF DEATH:

ACCIDENTAL

[REDACTED]

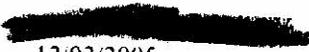
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TOXICOLOGY REPORT:

BLOOD DRUG SURVEY:

NEGATIVE


12/02/2005

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This autopsy is commencing at 1000 on the 4th of September, 2007. This autopsy is authorized by Dr. Thomas Canfield, Montrose County Coroner. The autopsy assistant is Shaye Bromley. The autopsy is being performed on [REDACTED], date of birth 12/02/2005.

BRIEF CLINICAL HISTORY:

Apparently this is a 21-month-old male child who was in a training bed and apparently slipped between the bed and some form of railing and was found dead in the morning by his mother. There apparently was no evidence of foul play at the scene.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is received in a white body bag sealed with red evidence tape with the initials [REDACTED]."

The body is that of a well-developed, well-nourished Caucasian male appearing his stated age of 21 months. The body is received on its back with full rigor mortis at the time of autopsy. The baby is dressed in matching long-sleeved pajamas which are white with multiple pictures from the "Cars" movie on them. The pajamas are clean and in a good state of repair. Under the pajamas is a disposable diaper and this is well-placed on the body. The diaper is wet but there is no fecal staining. Livor mortis is present and involves the feet and legs anteriorly and the abdomen.

The body is that of a well-developed, well-nourished, Caucasian male measuring 30 inches in length and weighing an estimated 22 pounds. The head is normocephalic. The scalp hair is brown, straight, well-kept and measures up to an inch in length. The ears are normally formed. The right pupil measures to 0.3 cm, the left to 0.4 cm. The irides are gray-blue. The sclerae are white and non-icteric. The conjunctivae are pale. No petechial hemorrhages are present. The nose is normally formed. The lips are purple, dry. Baby teeth are present. The buccal mucosa is tan-pink. The mouth is empty. The neck is symmetrical, somewhat stretched. The trachea is palpable in the midline. There are no other palpable masses. The chest is symmetrical with the transverse diameter greater than the AP diameter. The abdomen is not distended, normally formed. The genitalia are those of a circumcised infant male with both testes palpable in the scrotum. There is no inguinal adenopathy. No significant axillary adenopathy is present. The extremities are well-developed, well-formed. All digits are present. At the time of autopsy the legs are splayed in a frog-like configuration and, as stated, there is prominent livor mortis involving the legs anteriorly with some blanching around the knees. The back and anus are normally formed. There is some faint green discoloration of the lower portions of the abdomen consistent with early postmortem changes.

EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

1. In the right anterior neck, coursing from midline at 45 degrees to the horizontal towards the right lateral neck is a depressed 5 ½ cm by up to 2 cm brown to focally purple-gray compression abrasion contusion.
2. In the right lateral forehead there is a 1 cm x 0.2 cm superficial red-brown abrasion.
3. Around the mouth, more pronounced on the right side in the anterior chin region, are superficial red-brown abrasions and petechial-like hemorrhages; the area on the right side of the mouth measures up to 2 cm and over the anterior chin to 4 cm in dimension. There is some discoloration of the malar prominences and the upper lip.
4. Over the nose is a recent 0.3 cm red-brown abrasion.
5. Coursing from the midline up to the left side of the face area is a brownish discoloration measuring 3 ½ cm x 1 ½ cm.

[REDACTED]
12/02/2005

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EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF THERAPY:

None

IDENTIFYING MARKS AND SCARS:

None

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The subcutaneous adipose tissue over the abdomen measures to a ¼ of an inch and over the thorax to a ¼ of an inch. Entry into the abdominal cavity shows distention of stomach and small and large bowel with air. The serosal surfaces are smooth and shiny and the appendix is present. Entry into the right and left pleural cavities shows smooth, shiny serosal with a single petechial hemorrhage on the lateral aspect of the right lower lobe of lung measuring to 0.2 cm. No unusual fluid is present. The serosal surfaces are smooth and shiny. The thymus is large, weighs 50 grams, and is normal for an infant of this age. No petechial hemorrhages are identified. Entry into the pericardial sac shows smooth, shiny serosal surfaces with no unusual fluid.

INTERNAL EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

1. Reflection of the scalp shows a single area of subgaleal hemorrhage measuring to 1 ½ cm x 1 cm in the right superior frontal region in the hair. Separating the hair shows minimal red-brown discoloration of the overlying skin.
2. Under the ligature-like abrasion in the right anterior neck is some crushing of the underlying tissues with minimal hemorrhage. The thyroid cartilage and hyoid bone are intact, as is the trachea.
3. Removal of the brain shows the brain to be extremely swollen weighing 1500 grams, with uncal notching and tentorial tenting. The brain appears to be normally formed.

INTERNAL EVIDENCE OF THERAPY:

None

SYSTEMS REVIEW:

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: Heart weight – 55 grams. The pericardial surfaces are smooth, glistening and unremarkable; the pericardial sac is free of significant fluid or adhesions. The coronary arteries arise normally, follow the usual distribution and are widely patent without evidence of significant atherosclerosis or thrombosis. The chambers and valves bear the usual size-position relationship and are unremarkable. The foramen ovale is closed, as is the ductus arteriosus. The myocardium is dark red-brown, firm and unremarkable; the atrial and ventricular septae are intact. The aorta and its major branches arise normally, follow the usual course and distribution and are widely patent and free of significant atherosclerosis. The vena cava and its major tributaries return to the heart in the usual distribution and are free of thrombi.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM: Right lung – 80 grams; left lung – 70 grams. The hypopharynx, larynx, trachea and bronchi are normally developed and patent; the mucosal surfaces are smooth, yellow-tan and unremarkable. The pleural surfaces are smooth, glistening and unremarkable bilaterally with the single petechial hemorrhage in the right lower lobe laterally. The pulmonary parenchyma is yellow-tan, dry and fluffy anteriorly and superiorly, gradually becoming dark red-purple posteriorly and in the lower lobes, exuding slight amounts of blood and frothy tan fluid from the cut surfaces with applied pressure. The pulmonary arteries are normally developed and patent without thrombi or emboli.



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RETICULOENDOTHELIAL SYSTEM: Spleen weight – 50 grams. The spleen has a smooth intact capsule covering red-brown, moderately firm parenchyma with grossly obvious lymphoid follicles measuring to 0.1 cm in diameter. No significant regional adenopathy is identified. The thymus weighs 50 grams and is basically not remarkable. The bone marrow is not examined.

LIVER AND BILIARY TRACT: Liver weight – 500 grams. The hepatic capsule is smooth, glistening and intact, covering tan to red-brown to purple, moderately congested parenchyma with no focal lesions noted. The gallbladder contains 2 mL of yellow-green, slightly mucoid bile; the mucosa is velvety and unremarkable. The extrahepatic biliary tree is patent without evidence of calculi.

ALIMENTARY TRACT: The esophagus is lined by gray-white smooth mucosa. The gastric mucosa is arranged in the usual rugal folds and the lumen contains air and a small amount of liquid gastric contents. The small and large bowel are basically unremarkable. The appendix is present.

URINARY TRACT: Kidney weights – 35 grams each. The renal capsules are smooth and thin, semitransparent, and strip with ease from the underlying smooth, red-brown, slightly and superficially lobulated cortical surfaces. The cortex is slightly congested, measures to 0.4 cm in thickness and is sharply delineated from the medullary pyramids which are red-purple to tan and unremarkable. The collecting system is patent, empty and lined by smooth yellow-tan mucosa. The urinary bladder is empty. The mucosa is gray-tan and smooth.

INTERNAL GENITALIA: The testes and prostate are palpably not remarkable.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: The adrenal cortices are yellow-orange and measure to 0.1 cm in thickness; the medullae are tan to red-brown and slightly congested. The pancreatic parenchyma is yellow-pink, firm and lobulated about the central delicate duct system. Size and position are normal. The thyroid lobes are symmetrical and of normal size with red-brown, homogeneous and slightly glistening parenchyma. The pituitary is examined in situ and is unremarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: The bony framework and supporting soft tissues are unremarkable.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM: Brain weight – 1500 grams. The brain shows marked cerebral edema with tentorial tenting and uncal notching. The dura and leptomeninges are unremarkable. The external surface and configuration of the brain are not unusual except for the severe cerebral edema with flattening of gyri and narrowing of sulci. The intracranial blood vessels follow the usual arrangement and distribution and are widely patent. Multiple coronal sections of the cerebral hemispheres, brain stem, cerebellum, pons and medulla oblongata present no focal lesions; the ventricular system is symmetrical, of normal dimensions and contains clear spinal fluid. The spinal cord is not examined.

SPECIMENS: Samples of all organs are preserved in 10% formaldehyde for histopathological examination; samples of blood, vitreous and bile are retained for further possible studies.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Photographs depict the body as received and external evidence of injury.

EVIDENTIARY: "Blood, body fluids and tissue samples needful for histopathologic, bacteriologic, chemical and toxicologic examination and/or potential DNA testing have been collected during the examination which are needed to complete a thorough report. These are routinely held for a period of two years prior to biohazard disposal, unless transferred to a laboratory or other agency or otherwise released for special examination."

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION:

ADRENAL: Sections of adrenal gland are histologically not remarkable with well-maintained cortical and medullary areas.

THYROID: Sections of thyroid are histologically not remarkable, with a well-maintained follicular architecture.

THYMUS: Sections of thymus are histologically not remarkable with numerous Hassall's corpuscles present. Acute congestion is seen.

PANCREAS: Sections of the pancreas are histologically not remarkable with numerous islets of Langerhans present.

KIDNEY: Sections of kidney are histologically not remarkable.

HEART: Sections of heart show focal acute congestion with petechial hemorrhage present. Background architecture is unremarkable.

LIVER: Sections of liver show acute congestion with normal background hepatolobular architecture.

SPLEEN: Sections of spleen show a normal background architecture with abundant lymphoid tissue around small arterioles. Prominent germinal centers are seen, and no focal lesions are identified.

LUNGS: Sections of lungs show acute congestion with normal background architecture.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM: Sections of the central nervous system are histologically not remarkable with some edema present.

CEREBELLUM: Sections of the cerebellum are histologically not remarkable.

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