

This investigation was initiated through a MECAP REPORT. The victim in this incident is a seven-month-old female, approximately 31 inches in length and weighing approximately 24 pounds. The first product involved in this incident is a full size crib. The second product involved in this incident is infant blankets that had been placed in the crib with the child. Information for this report was obtained from official reports and discussion with officials.

On July 16, 2009, at approximately 8:00 pm, an officer for the Blue Springs Police Department responded to a home in Blue Springs, MO, in reference to a "non-breather". The officer observed upon his arrival the EMS making attempts to revive the infant who was located in the living room of the apartment. The victim was removed from the living room by EMS and transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced.

According to the detective on the scene, the victim's parents had been living together for three to four years. They have lived in their current apartment for four to five months with their two-year-old son and seven-month-old daughter. They also have a roommate who rents a room from the couple that is located at the end of the hall. The victim's father informed the investigating detective that the day started out normal, and as he was unemployed he borrowed the renter's car and drove his girl friend, the victim's mother to work in the morning. He returned home and at approximately 11:00 am he fixed lunch for his son, gave the baby her bottle and some baby food and put her in the crib for a nap. He stated that he laid her on her back with four blankets in the crib. He said she normally takes four naps a day. The crib is located in the northeast corner of the bedroom. He stated that the baby was quiet and did not cause him any concern. He said he checked on her at about 1:00 pm and about every hour after that. He stated he must have fallen asleep on the couch and was awoken at 5:30 pm by his girl friend calling to tell him that she would be working late and would not be home until 7:00 pm. He said that the baby was still quiet so he assumed she was still sleeping. The victim's father said that when his girl friend got home, he got a bad feeling so he went into the baby's room and found her in her crib on her stomach face down wrapped up in a brown quilt.

According to the police report, the father informed them that a quilt had been wrapped around the baby's neck at least one time and was difficult to unwrap from her neck. He said that she was not breathing, blue and lifeless. He began CPR and called 911.

Investigation of the scene revealed a multifamily structure with several apartments in the same building. The victim's apartment faced east and as you entered the apartment you entered into the living room. The dining room is located west of the living room and the kitchen was just south. These rooms are mostly one open area with a small wall between the living room and the kitchen. Along the west wall of the master bedroom was a hallway leading to additional bedrooms. All the way to the end of the hall and to the east was the victim's bedroom that contained the incident crib. Inspection of the crib by the police revealed one afghan type blanket, one lightweight baby blanket, one embroidered blanket, and one large and heavy tan/brown micro fiber blanket. In addition, the police photograph's show a bumper pad present in the crib.

The investigating detective also interviewed the victim's mother. The mother informed the detective that her daughter's health was good but she had not received her vaccinations because they did not have health insurance. She said that soon after her daughter was born, she developed a viral infection and received treatment at a local hospital but she had no current major health problems. She knew of no medical issues

that would have caused the baby's death. When questioned by the detective about the blankets in the crib, she stated that they routinely kept four blankets in or on the crib at one time. The police report is contained in Exhibit B.

On July 16, 2009, an investigator for the medical examiner's office inspected the incident crib. The investigator reported that he observed four blankets in the crib. He stated one was a solid light brown with a velvet type texture on one side and was larger than the other three blankets and was mostly covering them. Another blanket was beige and had brown teddy bear patterns on it. A blanket that would have been lying under the victim was a blue, pink and white baby blanket. Also noted was a quilt like blanket with larger teddy bear and star design on it. The sheet that the victim's head was lying on had a reddish colored fluid on it. No fluids were observed on the blankets. The blankets were seized by the medical examiner's officer to be held for examination. Photographs of the scene taken by the coroner's investigator were requested but not received.

On July 17, 2009, an autopsy was performed on the victim. The immediate manner of death was an accident by asphyxia. A copy of the coroner's report is included in this report as Exhibit A.

This investigator attempted to contact the victim's parents by telephone but the phone number is no longer in service. The apartment complex where the parents lived was also contacted in an attempt to locate the parents but no information was available.

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

The first product involved in this incident is a full size crib, manufacturer and model unknown. In addition, since visual inspection of the unit was not possible, standards or warning labeling on the unit was not known. It was not known where the crib was purchased. The age of the crib is unknown.

The other products are the blankets found in the crib with the victim. The manufacturers and models are unknown.

Product information was not available from the reporting officials. Photographs of the incident crib by the police did not reveal product identification.

SAMPLE COLLECTION:

The disposition of the incident crib was unknown; therefore no sample was collected.

ATTACHEMENTS:

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Case # 091265 County: JACKSON
 Name: PUTNAM, [REDACTED]
 Age: 7 months Race: WHITE Sex: Female DOB: 11/28/2004
 Home Address: [REDACTED]
 Report Date: 07/16/2009 Report Time: 2120 Police Dept.: BLUE SPRINGS PD Case #: 09-06323
 Reported By: DET TROY PHARR Reporting Agency: BSPD Agency Phone: 816-228-0212

Incident Date: 07/16/2009 Incident Time: 1930 On the Job: NO
 Incident Address: [REDACTED]
 Location of Incident, Or Where Body Found: Residential - APARTMENT
 Witnessed or Found? FOUND Finder's Name: [REDACTED] (FATHER)
 Relationship: FAMILY Address/Phone: [REDACTED]
 If Found: DEAD Last Known ALIVE/ALERT: 07/16/2009 at 1730 LKA By: FAMILY LKA How: WAS SEEN
 Identified By: VISUAL RECOGNITION

Relative/Contact Name & Address: [REDACTED] (MOTHER)

Pronounced: EMERGENCY ROOM
 Admission Date: 07/16/2009 Time: 2028 Pronounce Date: 07/16/2009 Time: 2148 Delayed by: 1H20M
 Surgery Date: Time: Hospital: ST MARY'S FEMALE: Pregnancy in last 90 days?
 Known injuries: SLIGHT CHIN ABRASION

Scene Visited? YES Body Viewed? YES Accept Jurisdiction: SUDDEN
 Decline Jurisdiction: County:

Procedure: AUTOPSY Other Procedures: DN,FP,T,MS,H,EL,M,LT,PS Pending

Immediate cause of death: ASPHYXIA
 Due to:
 Due to:
 Due to:

Other significant conditions: Pregnant in last 90 days?

Autopsy Performed? YES Autopsy Facility: MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE Manner of death: ACCIDENT

Date of injury: 07/16/2009 Time of injury: UNKN Injury at work?: NO

How injury occurred: SLEEPING PRONE IN CRIB WITH MULTIPLE BLANKETS

Place of injury: RESIDENCE Location of injury: [REDACTED]

Pathologist: DR. LAURA KNIGHT Time of Death: 2148

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Narrative:

THE SUBJECT IS A 7 MONTH OLD WHITE FEMALE WITH NO KNOWN MEDICAL HISTORY. THE REPORTING RN [REDACTED] FROM ST MARY'S ER STATED THEY RECEIVED THIS SUBJECT AT THEIR ER AT 2128 IN FULL ARREST. SHE STATED C.J.C PARAMEDICS WERE CALLED VIA 911 TO THE SUBJECTS RESIDENCE BY THE MOTHER WHO STATED THE CHILD WAS FOUND LIFELESS JUST PRIOR TO HER CALL. ON THE PARAMEDICS ARRIVAL THEY STATED THE MOTHER WAS ATTEMPTING CPR IN THE CHILD'S ROOM WHERE SHE WAS FOUND. THEY MOVED THE SUBJECT TO THE LIVING ROOM FLOOR AND INITIATED ACLS. THEY STATED TO THE RN THAT THE SUBJECT WAS MOTTLED AND EXHIBITED RIGIDITY. THEY CONTINUED ACLS AND TRANSPORTED TO THE ER. ON ARRIVAL TO THE ER THE SUBJECT WAS STILL IN ASYSTOLE. THEY CONTINUED ACLS FOR APPROX 20 MINUTES WITH NO CHANGE. THE ATTENDING ER PHYSICIAN DR. TOM MILLARD AT 818-228-6900 PRONOUNCED HER AT 2148.

ON MY ARRIVAL DET. PHARR STATED HE INTERVIEWED THE FATHER WHO WAS CARING FOR THE CHILD THROUGH THE DAY WHILE THE MOTHER WAS AT WORK. HE STATED HE FED THE CHILD SEVERAL TIMES THROUGH THE DAY AND LAID HER DOWN IN HER CRIB SUPINE. THE LAST TIME HE CHECKED ON HER WAS AROUND 1730 WHEN HIS GIRLFRIEND CALLED TO TELL HIM SHE WAS WAITING ON A RIDE HOME. HE STATED SHE SEEMED OKAY AT THAT TIME BUT WAS NOT VERY DESCRIPTIVE OF THE SUBJECT. WHEN THE SUBJECT'S MOTHER (GIRLFRIEND) ARRIVED HOME HE WENT TO CHECK ON THE SUBJECT AND STATED HE FOUND HER PRONE IN THE CRIB WRAPPED UP IN A BLANKET AND THAT IT WAS VERY CONSTRICTING AROUND HER NECK. HER STATED THAT IT TOOK HIM A LITTLE WHILE TO UNWRAP HER AND EXAMINED HER BETTER. HE STATED HIS GIRLFRIEND THEN CALLED 911 AND STARTED CPR. THE REPORTING DETECTIVE STATED THE PARENTS HAD ALREADY LEFT TO GO TO THE ER BEFORE MY ARRIVAL.

I OBSERVED THE SUBJECTS BEDROOM. THERE WERE NUMEROUS CHILDRENS TOYS IN THE ROOM. ALSO NOTED WAS THE SUBJECTS CRIB. THERE WERE 4 BLANKETS IN THE CRIB. ONE WAS SOLID LIGHT BROWN WITH A VELVET TYPE TEXTURE ON ONE SIDE. IT WAS LARGER THAN THE OTHER BLANKETS AND WAS MOSTLY COVERING THEM. ANOTHER BLANKET WAS BEIGE AND HAD BROWN TEDDY BEAR PATTERNS ON IT. LYING UNDER THE SUBJECT WAS A BLUE, PINK AND WHITE BABY BLANKET. ALSO NOTED WAS A OULT LIKE BLANKET WITH A LARGER TEDDY BEAR AND STAR DESIGN ON IT. I OBSERVED ON THE SHEET WHERE THE SUBJECTS HEAD WAS LYING. IT HAD A REDDISH COLORED FLUID ON IT. ALSO NOTED WAS THE SUBJECTS PACIFIER NEXT TO IT. IN THE CRIB WAS A PLASTIC RAIL PROTECTOR THAT USUALLY WAS ON THE CRIB'S RAIL. I DID NOT OBSERVE ANY FLUIDS ON THESE BLANKETS. THEY WERE COLLECTED AND PLACED IN A WHITE PLASTIC BAG AND SECURED. THEY WERE BROUGHT TO JCMEO FOR EXAMINATION. CONTINUED IN CASE

Rigor? YES Lividity? YES

Investigator's Opinion:

Scene Photos? YES ID Photo? YES Blood Drawn? YES X-Ray? YES

Investigator: ROY HELMUTH

Disposition of Body: TO MORGUE FOR EXAM

Funeral Home: CHAPEL OF MEMORIES

Valuables? NO

Authorized By: [REDACTED]

Relationship: GRANDMOTHR

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address:

Notified By: CHRIS MANCINI

Notified On: 07/18/2009

Notified At: 1603

Released To: CHAPEL OF MEMORIES FH

Released On: 07/18/2009

Released At: 1938

Past Medical History:

Other Illness: NONE

Doctor's Name/Phone & Notes:
NONE

Medications:

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER

Name.....
Number.....09-1265
Age, Race, Sex.....7 Months White Female
Procedure.....Autopsy
Date and Time.....07/17/09 0900

Cause of Death: Asphyxia

Manner: Accident

Examination performed by:



Laura D. Knight, M.D.
Deputy Medical Examiner
9/29/2009

Date signed

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PERSONS PRESENT AT AUTOPSY

Forensic Assistant Adrian Baron, and Dr. Knight.

PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS

- I. **History of sleeping in multiple blankets, around the face/neck.**
 - A. Fixed anterior lividity (consistent with prone position).
- II. Anterior epicardial, thymic, and pleural petechial hemorrhages.
- III. Skeletal survey shows no fractures.
- IV. Toxicology, electrolytes, cultures, and metabolic screening non-contributory.

CAUSE OF DEATH

Asphyxia.

MANNER OF DEATH

Accident.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH

According to Investigator reports, the decedent was a 7-month-old white female who was found deceased, lying prone in her crib, wrapped in blankets that were reportedly somewhat constrictive around her neck. She had been placed to bed supine, reportedly, with a blanket covering her. Four blankets were in the crib. She was transported to St. Mary's Hospital where she was pronounced dead. The decedent had no known past medical history. The infant reportedly had received little medical care, and had not received immunizations beyond the newborn period.

The decedent's medical record from St. Mary's Medical Center indicated she had been seen there twice at the emergency room for upper respiratory symptoms (cough and rhinorrhea) in February and April; viral work-ups were negative on each visit.

A scene reconstruction was performed by an MEO investigator with the parents on 7/17/2009. The decedent's father indicated initially the infant was supine, then with prompting to recall he had stated she was prone, he laid the infant prone and demonstrated having to roll her over twice to unwind her from the blankets. The investigator perceived the parents to be unemotional during the re-enactment.

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Police had no suspicion of foul play in the case, and no injuries were identified during resuscitative efforts.

CLOTHING

The body is received clad in a disposable diaper.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The refrigerated unembalmed body is that of a well-developed, well-nourished, female infant of the reported age 7 months. The body weighs 24 pounds (greater than the 95th percentile for age), has a crown-heel length of 79 cm (greater than the 95th percentile for age), a crown-rump length of 49 cm, a head circumference of 44 cm (at the 75th percentile for age), an abdominal circumference of 42 cm, a chest circumference of 45 cm, and a foot length of 10 cm. The body is received within a sealed body bag. An MEO identification band bearing the decedent's name is around the right wrist. A hospital identification band bearing the decedent's name is present around the left wrist.

The body is cool to touch. Rigor mortis is departed from the jaw, and slight in the extremities. Fixed pink livor mortis extends over the face, upper chest, arms, and legs, as well as the posterior surfaces of the body, except in areas exposed to pressure.

The head is normally formed. The scalp hair is blond and measures up to 2 inches in length over the crown. Hair growth pattern is normal. The anterior fontanelle is closed. The eyes are normally formed. The irides are brown. The pupils are bilaterally equal. The corneae are translucent. The sclerae and conjunctivae are unremarkable. The ears are normally formed and placed, with the appropriate amount of cartilage. The nose is unremarkable. The lips display postmortem drying. The choanae are probe-patent. The frenulum is intact. The palate is intact and is neither high nor arched. The mouth is edentulous, in keeping with the age of the infant. The neck is symmetrical, without abnormality.

The thorax is symmetrical. The abdomen is not protuberant. A tinge of green discoloration is around the umbilicus. The anus and back are unremarkable. The spine is normally formed without dimples or abnormal hair distribution.

The external genitalia are those of a normal female infant.

The upper and lower extremities, bilaterally, are symmetrical and normally formed, without absence of digits. Palmar creases are unremarkable.

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No identifying marks or scars are readily apparent.

MEDICAL INTERVENTION

Evidence of medical intervention includes an endotracheal tube, two EKG pads on the bilateral shoulders, two defibrillator pads on the right upper chest and left lower chest, two intraosseous punctures marks on the right lower leg, and one intraosseous puncture mark on the left lower leg.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY

Focal red discoloration and punctate red abrasions are on the chin. There are three ovoid red discolorations up to 3/8 x 1/4 inches each on the midline upper chest, without significant underlying hemorrhage in the subcutaneous adipose tissue.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

BODY CAVITIES

No adhesions or abnormal collections of fluid are in any of the body cavities. All body organs are present in normal and anatomic position. Serous surfaces are smooth and glistening. Petechial hemorrhages are on the thymus, anterior pulmonary pleura, and anterior epicardium. The intact diaphragm separates the thoracic and abdominal cavities. The subcutaneous fat layer of the abdominal wall is 0.3 cm thick.

Expected visceral weights for female infants of 7 months of age are indicated in parentheses following measured weights. (Reference: Stocker and Dehner. *Pediatric Pathology*. 2nd edition. Volume II. Appendices.)

HEAD (CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM)

The brain weighs 920 grams (expected weight, 750 +/- 92 gms). There is mild cerebral edema with biparietal gyral flattening. The dura mater and falx cerebri are intact. The leptomeninges are thin and delicate. The cerebrospinal fluid is clear. The external surface and configuration of the brain are not unusual. The cortex is of the usual soft consistency, in keeping with the age of the infant. The structures at the base of the brain, including cranial nerves and blood vessels are intact.

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After 24 hours of formalin fixation, coronal sections through the cerebral hemispheres reveal no lesions. Transverse sections through the brainstem and cerebellum are unremarkable. The spinal cord is not examined.

NECK

Examination of the soft tissues of the neck, including strap muscles and large vessels, reveals no abnormalities. The hyoid bone and larynx are intact. The tongue is normal.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

The heart weighs 41.9 grams (expected weight, 40 +/- 9 gms). The shape and size of the heart are not unusual. Petechial hemorrhages are on the anterior epicardial surface. 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 patent. The chambers and valves exhibit the usual size position relationship and are unremarkable. The myocardium is dark red-brown, firm, and unremarkable. The atrial and ventricular septa are intact. The foramen ovale is appropriately membrane protected. The ductus arteriosus is anatomically and functionally closed. The vena cava, its major tributaries, and the pulmonary veins return to the heart in the usual distribution and are free of thrombi.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

The right and left lungs weigh 109.4 and 89.7 grams, respectively (expected weight, 111 +/- 30 gms combined). The upper and lower airways are clear of debris and foreign material. The mucosal surfaces are smooth, yellow-tan and unremarkable. The pleural surfaces are smooth, glistening and display scant petechiae on the anterior surfaces. The pulmonary parenchyma is dark red-purple, exuding slight to moderate amounts of blood and frothy fluid, with no focal lesions noted. The pulmonary arteries are normally developed and patent.

LIVER AND BILIARY SYSTEM

The liver weighs 399.6 grams (expected weight, 272 +/- 51 gms). The hepatic capsule is smooth, glistening and intact, covering dark red-brown parenchyma, with no focal lesions noted, and displaying a patchy vascular congestion pattern. The central hepatic vasculature is free of thrombus. The biliary system is not prominent or cystic. The gallbladder is normal.

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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 scant tan mucoid material. The root and radius of the mesentery bear the usual size position relationship. The small and large bowel are unremarkable, with stool throughout. The colon contains solid stool. The pancreas has a normal tan, lobulated appearance, and the ducts are clear.

GENITOURINARY TRACT

The right and left kidneys weigh 23.5 and 28.0 grams, respectively (expected weight, 65 +/- 14 gms, combined). The cortical surfaces are smooth, red-brown and lobulated. The cortex is sharply delineated from the medullary pyramids. The calyces, pelves and ureters are unremarkable. The urinary bladder contains 2 ml of clear yellow urine. The mucosa is gray-tan and smooth. The uterus, fallopian tubes, ovaries and vagina are infantile and unremarkable.

RETICULOENDOTHELIAL SYSTEM

The spleen weighs 31.3 grams (expected weight, 22 +/- 8 gms) and has a smooth, intact capsule covering red-purple, moderately firm parenchyma. The lymphoid follicles are unremarkable. The mesenteric lymph nodes are prominent, but not unusual for age. The bone marrow is red-purple and homogenous, without evidence of focal abnormality. The 30.2 gram thymus (expected weight, 10 +/- 8 gms) is tan-pink, lobulated, symmetrical, and displays petechiae on the anterior surface.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

The pituitary, thyroid and adrenal glands are unremarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

The axial and appendicular skeleton are unremarkable. The musculature is well-developed.

OTHER PROCEDURES

The following specimens are collected and preserved: tissue samples for histology; an FTA blood spot card for DNA; footprint cards; and blood, vitreous fluid, urine, gastric contents, a sample of brain tissue, and a sample of liver tissue for toxicology.

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RADIOGRAPHS

Total body radiographs show no evidence of injury or natural disease.

MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION

The slides were viewed in consultation with CMH Pediatric Pathologists.

Heart:

No significant histopathologic diagnosis.

Liver:

Mixed, chronic, predominantly lymphocytic portal inflammatory infiltrate; a rare eosinophil is seen.

Kidneys:

No significant histopathologic diagnosis.

Lungs:

Patchy intraalveolar eosinophilic fluid consistent with edema, and diffuse erythrocytic alveolar septal and vascular congestion. Scattered bacterial colonies (postmortem overgrowth) are seen throughout the sections of the lung. No acute inflammatory infiltrate is associated with these postmortem bacterial colonies.

Trachea:

Mixed, predominantly lymphoplasmacytic inflammatory infiltrate of tracheal submucosa.

Pancreas:

No significant histopathologic diagnosis.

Intestine:

No significant histopathologic diagnosis.

Spleen:

No significant histopathologic diagnosis.

Thymus:

No significant histopathologic diagnosis.

Adrenal glands:

No significant histopathologic diagnosis.

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Thyroid gland:

No significant histopathologic diagnosis.

Epiglottis/vocal folds:

No significant histopathologic diagnosis.

Brain (Midbrain, medulla, hippocampi, frontoparietal cerebrum, pons, medulla, cerebellum, and basal ganglia):

A possible microglial or lymphocytic nodule consisting of a few small round blue smudgy cells was noted in the right hippocampal section (block 6); consultation was obtained with the Children's Mercy Hospital Pediatric Pathology Department (Drs. Halder and Taboada), who believed the area to represent oligodendroglial cells and be of little significance. A CD45 immunohistochemical stain revealed no significant lymphocytic infiltration of the section.

Also, in the section of the basal ganglia were a few scattered amorphous, darkly basophilic perivascular bodies adjacent to small blood vessels, which were also viewed in consultation as above, and believed to be non-significant.

OPINION

This 7-month-old female infant, [REDACTED], died as the result of asphyxia.

Reportedly, she was found prone in her crib with blanket(s) wrapped around her neck/head, and there was some concern that they had been constrictive around her neck. Resuscitative efforts were unsuccessful, but did result in the removal of the body from the primary scene before arrival of investigators.

Autopsy examination revealed no significant injuries, nor any compelling anatomic cause of death. A skeletal survey was negative for bony injury. The surface of the body showed an anterior lividity pattern (settling of the blood after death) consistent with prone (face-down) position at death. Petechial hemorrhages were on the anterior surfaces of the heart, lungs, and thymus.

Microscopic examination was notable for mixed lymphoplasmacytic inflammation, limited to the tracheal submucosa (but none in the bronchi or lungs) and the portal triads of the liver. These findings were non-specific, and the slides were viewed in consultation with Pediatric Pathologists at the Children's Mercy Hospital.

Toxicological testing was negative for alcohol and drugs. Analysis of vitreous (eye) fluid for electrolytes revealed no evidence of dehydration or other metabolic derangement,

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though only a partial panel could be completed due to small quantity of specimen. Postmortem screening was negative for metabolic disease/inborn errors of metabolism. Microbiological cultures showed no evidence of infectious disease.

After a thorough and complete autopsy with histology, consultation, and appropriate ancillary testing, the most compelling component in the case is the history, which is suggestive of asphyxia. However, asphyxia is a diagnosis of exclusion, and there is no specific test that can be done to positively identify asphyxia as the cause of death, aside from a thorough investigation and autopsy ruling out other causes of death common in the age group. The removal of the body from the crib for resuscitation efforts limited the ability to examine the position of the head and any asphyxial mechanisms at the time the body was found; however, a scene reconstruction was performed. The infant's age (7 months) is on the older end of the spectrum for SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome); those cases tend to cluster in the lower age group around 3 months of age. Some consideration to the use of "undetermined" cause was also given in this case. However, the history of winding in the blankets, and undeniable prone position (fixed anterior lividity) favors, again, asphyxia. Therefore, asphyxia is determined to be the most appropriate cause of death.

Based on the investigative findings and circumstances surrounding the death, as currently known, as well as a complete postmortem autopsy examination and appropriate ancillary testing, the manner of death is accident.

TOXICOLOGY REPORT:

Children's Mercy Hospital:

Autopsy Drug Panel-Heart Blood:
Negative.

BF Basic Metabolic Profile-Vitreous:

- Sodium - 142 mmol/L
- Potassium - > 14.0 mmol/L
- Chloride - TNP
- CO2 - TNP
- Creatinine - TNP
- Glucose - 39 mg/dL
- Urea Nitro - TNP
- Calcium - TNP

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Amphetamine - < 100 ng/mL
Methamphetamine - < 100 ng/mL

Methanol - < 5 mg/dL
Acetone - < 5 mg/dL
Ethanol - < 10 mg/dL
Isopropanol - < 5 mg/dL

Truman Medical Center:
Cultures

CSF culture:
I+. Gram negative rods (x2)
I+. Streptococcus viridans group (x2)

Miscellaneous culture-Lung biopsy:
Enteric gram negative rods
Enterococcus species
Streptococcus viridans group
Miscellaneous culture-Lung biopsy:
No growth at 48 hours

Blood culture-Bld periph:
Staphylococcus species (coagulase negative)

Viral culture-Biopsy:
No viruses isolated
Viral culture-Nasal:
No viruses isolated
Viral culture-Biopsy:
No viruses isolated

PerkinElmer Genetics, Inc.:

Acylcarnitine Profile - Negative
CAH 17-OHP - Negative
Congenital Hypothyroidism - Negative
Galactose- (Gal and Gal-1-P) - Negative

LDK:acs

Exhibit B - Blue Springs Police Report

APPROVED <u>546</u>		OFFICER'S FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT		GR: MO0480100	
APPROVED		BLUE SPRINGS, MO POLICE DEPARTMENT		CASE NUMBER: 2009-06323	
DATE/TIME DISPATCHED 7/16/2009 2000 Hrs.	DATE/TIME ARRIVED 7/16/2009 2003 Hrs.	DATE/TIME CLEARED 7/16/2009 2310 Hrs.			
ADDRESS/LOCATION OF INCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> OUTSIDE JURISDICTION					
DATE/TIME OCCURRED <input type="checkbox"/> AT 7/16/2009 1957 Hrs.	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <u>N/A</u>		DATE EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED / /		
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LOCATION		71 DEATH			
LOCATION		1 APARTMENT HOURS			
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CASE NUMBER: **2009-0633**

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ADDITIONAL BUSINESSES/PERSONS												CASE NUMBER 2009-06323			
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	EMPLOYER'S STREET ADDRESS		CITY				STATE		ZIP CODE						
	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
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INVESTIGATION REPORT - NARRATIVE

CASE NUMBER:
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NARRATIVE

On 07-16-2009 at 2000 hours I was dispatched on a CJC assist on a non breather to [REDACTED] Rd. Apt. 12.

I arrived on scene at the same time with CJC.

Upon arrival to the apartment CJC took [REDACTED] E W/F 11-28-2008 and began medical treatment in the living room of the apartment. CJC would later transport Alani to St. Mary's Medical Center where she was pronounced dead.

I contacted [REDACTED] W/M 10-13-1988 who stated that he found his baby at approximately 1957 hours on 07-16-2009 lying face down in the crib with a blanket wrapped around her neck. [REDACTED] stated that when he laid her down, he laid her on her back. [REDACTED] stated that he had last checked on her approximately three hours prior to finding her not breathing and during that three hour period he fell asleep on the couch. It should be noted that [REDACTED] stated that Alani usually took four hour naps.

I then contacted [REDACTED] mother [REDACTED] L W/F 11-18-1989 who stated that she had come home from working at approximately 1905 hours and was lying down on the couch when [REDACTED] discovered their child not breathing. [REDACTED] stated that there have been no known medical problems but that [REDACTED] had a viral infection a couple months ago and was hospitalized for that.

It should be noted that Lt. Kingsolver assist in supervising the scene and Sgt. Jarvis was an assisting officer while on scene.

Det. Sgt. Fanara responded to the scene to assist with the family and supervising the scene.

Det. Curby and Det. Pharr then took over the scene to take photographs and to assist in the investigation.

It should be noted that I also wrote out the crime scene log while on scene.

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**INVESTIGATION REPORT
BLUE SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT
BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI**

COMPLAINT:	2009-06323
DATE RCVD:	07/16/2009
DATE:	10/05/2009

TYPE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MID NAME	DOB
V	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	E	11/28/2008

CHARACTER OF CASE: DEAD BODY
 PROGRESSIVE INVESTIGATION
 EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE/ACCIDENTAL DEATH

On 10/05/2009 I received the attached fax from the Jackson County Medical Examiner. The report indicates that the death of [REDACTED] was accidental due to asphyxia.

This case is therefore exceptionally cleared.
 End of report.

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**INVESTIGATION REPORT
BLUE SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT
BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI**

COMPLAINT: 2009-06323
DATE RCVD: 07/16/09
DATE: 07/29/09

TYPE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MID NAME	DOB
V	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	E.	11/28/08

CHARACTER OF CASE: Dead Body
Progressive Investigation

DETAILS: On 07/16/09 at 2030 hrs. Det. D. Curby of the BSPD Detective Unit was contacted by phone by Det. Sgt. J. Fanara and instructed to respond to [REDACTED] School Rd. Apt.# 12 Blue Springs MO. 64014 to assist Det. T. Pharr the BSPD on-call detective in a dead body investigation involving an 8 month old white female.

Det. Curby dressed for work, left his residence and drove to the scene arriving at approx. 2045 hrs. Upon arrival Det. Curby was briefed by Sgt. Fanara and Det. Pharr who had already arrived at the scene and ascertained the situation. In the briefing Det. Curby learned that the victim had been found unresponsive in her crib shortly before 2000 hrs. when the 911 call was made summoning EMS. Det. Curby was advised that when EMS arrived, they made attempts to resuscitate the victim and transported her to St. Mary's Hospital in BSMO for treatment but that the attempts to resuscitate the victim failed and she was pronounced dead at the hospital. Det. Curby was advised that the Police Chaplin, Rev. R. [REDACTED] was enroute to the scene to make the death notification to the father [REDACTED] (W/M, 10/13/88, [REDACTED] Rd. Apt.# 12 Blue Springs MO. 64014, phone [REDACTED]), and the mother [REDACTED] (W/F, 11/18/89, 3 [REDACTED] 12 Blue Springs MO. 64014, phone 816-295-1072) who were still present at the scene.

At approx. 2100 hrs. Rev. [REDACTED] arrived at the scene and after being briefed, he made the death notification to the parents. Det. Curby stood by until they, the parents gained sufficient emotional control to speak with Det. Pharr and sign a BSPD Consent to Search form for the residence so the investigation could be conducted into the death of their daughter, the victim. Once consent was obtained, Det. Curby entered the residence and stood by with Det. Pharr as initial photos could be obtained. While that was taking place, a child car seat was being relayed from GHQ to the scene by Patrol so the parents and their small 2 yoa male child Caden could be relayed to the hospital.

It was during that time, that Det. Curby was assigned to interview [REDACTED], AKA; [REDACTED] regarding the incident. [REDACTED] voluntarily joined Det. Curby inside his police vehicle in the west parking lot of the apartment complex near Chaplin [REDACTED]'s vehicle where Ms. [REDACTED], Chaplin [REDACTED] and other BSPD officers were waiting for the car seat to arrive. Det. Curby advised [REDACTED] that he was not under arrest and was free to terminate the interview and leave the police

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car at anytime. Putnam advised Det. Curby that he understood and was willing to speak about the incident.

When questioned, [REDACTED] stated that he his fiancée Ms. [REDACTED] had been together for 3 1/4 to 4 years. He stated that they lived in their current apartment for 4 to 5 months with their 2 year old son [REDACTED] and their 8 month old daughter [REDACTED]. He stated that they also have a roommate [REDACTED] who rented a bedroom at the end of the hall. He stated that it was a normal day; and as he was unemployed, at 0900 hrs. he borrowed [REDACTED]'s car and drove Ms. [REDACTED] to work at Taco John's in BSMO. He stated that he returned home and watched the kids until about 1100 hrs. He stated that at that time he fixed [REDACTED] lunch, and gave the baby a bottle and some baby food; chicken and gravy. [REDACTED] stated that he put the baby in her crib for her nap and she was quiet. He stated that he checked on the baby at about 1300 hrs. and about every hour after that. He stated that she was quiet and OK at about 1400 hrs. and still quiet at 1500 hrs. when he laid down on the couch with [REDACTED] to watch cartoons. [REDACTED] stated that he must have fallen asleep because he was awoken at 1730 hrs. by a phone call from Ms. [REDACTED] who advised that she was working late and would not be home until about 1900 hrs. He stated that the baby was still quiet so he assumed she was still sleeping. [REDACTED] stated that when Ms. [REDACTED] got home from work at about 1900-1930 hrs. the baby was still quiet and he got a bad feeling so he went into the baby's room and found her in her crib on her stomach wrapped up in the brown quilt. He stated that the quilt had wrapped around her neck at least 1 time and was difficult to unwrap from her neck. He stated that the baby was blue in color and lifeless. He stated that he yelled for Ms. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that after he unwrapped the blanket he pressed down on the baby's chest about 5 times, but she was stiff and lifeless. [REDACTED] stated that they called 911 to reach the police and EMS.

During the relevant part of the conversation regarding the death, [REDACTED] again became emotionally upset and began to cry. He repeatedly made statements like, "God hates me, I have nothing; no job, no car or a life, and he did this to me, why did he take my baby" and statements like "it was my fault, I am responsible, I was suppose to be watching the baby, but I fell asleep". At that point Det. Curby asked [REDACTED] if he had intentionally or accidentally done anything to harm or kill his baby. He appeared shocked, looked Det. Curby in the eyes and stated "no sir, he had not".

When [REDACTED] regained control of his emotions, Det. Curby reinitiated the interview asking about medical history of the baby. Putnam stated that because they had no health insurance the baby was born at Truman Lakewood Hospital. He stated that she was healthy, but had not received any of her vaccinations. He stated that the baby had developed a cough but that it had not been a problem for a while. In short [REDACTED] knew of no medical issues that could have caused the death of the baby.

The car seat that was requested arrived at the scene and as it was being scoured in Pastor [REDACTED]'s vehicle, Det. Curby concluded the interview. [REDACTED] exited Det. Curby's vehicle and was transported to the hospital with [REDACTED].

Det. Curby returned to the scene (the apartment) and conferred with Det. Pharr. Det. Curby briefed Det. Pharr and later the Medical Examiners Office Investigator R. Helmuth who arrived at the scene on information developed from the interview. Det. Curby stood by while Invest. Helmuth conducted his initial investigation to include obtaining his own crime scene photos, and the recovery of what was determined to be a total of 4 blanket from the child's crib in the N/E

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corner bedroom. After it was determined that there was nothing at the scene for Det. Curby to do, he was assigned to respond to St. Mary's Hospital BSMO.

Det. Curby stood by at the hospital until an opportunity presented itself to interview [REDACTED]. After Invest. Helmuth arrived at the hospital and conducted his examination of the victim's body and as he needed to interview [REDACTED], arrangements were made to interview her together.

At approx. 2250 hrs. [REDACTED] was contacted in a private waiting room outside the Emergency Room. Present was her mother [REDACTED] (phone # [REDACTED]). During the interview that followed, [REDACTED] confirmed where and when her daughter was born, that she had not received her routine vaccinations, had a viral infections as an infant and received treatment at St. Mary's Hospital, but that she had no current major health issues. [REDACTED] stated that at 8-9 months her daughter was standing and crawling and had a small scratch on her arm but was not otherwise injured when she went to work at about 0900 hrs. earlier in the day. She also confirmed that she had gone to work at approx. 0900 hrs. leaving her fiancée Putnam at home with their 2 children. [REDACTED] stated that a co-worker [REDACTED] (phone # [REDACTED]) drove her home from work at approx. 1930 hrs. She stated that as she was tired, she laid down on the couch. She stated that shortly after arriving home, [REDACTED] checked on the baby and found her in her crib wrapped in the tan blanket. She stated that she called 911 then they followed instructions on CPR. She stated that the baby was blue in color, and had white lines on her face when removed from the crib. Ms. [REDACTED] advised that there were routinely 4 blankets in or on the crib at one time, and she described them and their function..

[REDACTED] was questioned further but she was unable to provide any further useful information regarding the death of her daughter.

Det. Curby then stood by as each family member and their immediate family were individually escorted into the Emergency Room to see the deceased baby prior to packaging and transport to the Medical Examiners Office.

While at the hospital, Det. Curby located the roommate [REDACTED] (W/M, 05/07/89, [REDACTED] Blue Springs MO. 64014 phone# [REDACTED]) in a waiting room with the family. Det. Curby identified himself and requested to interview [REDACTED] regarding the death. He agreed and when questioned stated that he was asleep in his room until about 1000 hrs. to 1015 hrs. today. He stated that he woke up, ate breakfast, took a shower and left for work at about 1220 hrs. He stated that he went to work at [REDACTED] MO. (phone [REDACTED]). He stated that when he arrived home at approx. 2130 hrs. he learned of the death of the baby. He stated that he then responded to the hospital. [REDACTED] was questioned about [REDACTED]. He stated that he was a good dad who always took good care of the children. He stated that he had never observed anything improper when it pertained to the childcare he provided. When questioned directly about the death, he could provide no relevant information stating that he was at work. Det. Curby questioned [REDACTED] further but he could provide no additional useful information.

Det. Curby cleared the hospital and later from notes, prepared this report on his actions during the course of this investigation. Copies were provided to Det. Pharr for his working case file.

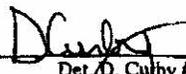
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COMPLAINT:	2009-06323
DATE RCVD:	07/16/2009
DATE:	07/18/2009

TYPE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MID NAME	DOB
V	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	E	11/28/2008

CHARACTER OF CASE: DEAD BODY
PROGRESSIVE INVESTIGATION

On 07/17/2009 Detective John Gale responded to the Jackson County Medical Examiners Office in reference to the death of [REDACTED] a 9 month old infant that was found in her crib, deceased, on 07/16/2009. Detective Gale took approximately 39 photographs of the autopsy procedure. Those digital images were placed on a CD-R and placed into the Blue Springs Police Department evidence lockup.

On 07/17/2009, at approximately 1707 hours the Blue Springs Police Department received a provisional diagnosis of [REDACTED] from Dr. Laura Knight, Deputy Jackson County Medical Examiner. This provisional diagnosis, see attached, indicates that she could find no evidence of injury that would cause the death of [REDACTED]. I will attach this provisional anatomic diagnosis as page two of this report. The Jackson County Medical Examiner holds the case open pending toxicology reports.
The investigation into this case will continue.
End of report.

[Handwritten Signature]

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Attor: Det. Gale, 816-229-0147
& Larry Jackson - Children's Division
Mo DSS

BSPD CASE NUMBER 09-06323

PROVISIONAL ANATOMIC DIAGNOSES

Name: [REDACTED] ME# 09-1265
Date of Autopsy: 7/17/09

Preliminary Findings:

1. No evidence of injury; skeletal survey shows no fractures.
2. Epicardial, thymic, & pleural petechial hemorrhage.
3. Fixed, anterior lividity (consistent with prone position).
4. _____
5. _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pending histology, toxicology, electrolytes, metabolic screening, & microbiological culture.
OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: _____

MANNER: Natural Accident Homicide Suicide Pending

Laura D. Knight, M.D.
Deputy Medical Examiner
Jackson County, Missouri

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**INVESTIGATION REPORT
BLUE SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT
BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI**

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CHARACTER OF CASE: DEAD BODY
PROGRESSIVE INVESTIGATION

On 07/16/2009, at approximately 2010 hours I received a telephone call from Lt. John Kingsolver. Lt. Kingsolver told me he was at the scene of a 9 month old female infant that was not breathing and was unresponsive. Lt. Kingsolver stated that the Central Jackson County Fire Protection Service was at the location working a full code on the infant. Lt. Kingsolver requested that I respond to the scene.

I then responded to the scene, [REDACTED], Apt. 12, from my residence. Upon arrival I was contacted by Office D. Johnson and Lt. J. Kingsolver. Lt. Kingsolver indicated that EMS had already taken the infant to St. Mary's Hospital and that the mother and father of the infant were sitting on the front porch of the apartment. I noticed that this was a multifamily structure with several apartments in the same building. The numbers 12 were on the front door of the residence. I noticed two young adults sitting on the concrete of the front porch. Both were very upset and the female was crying. I also observed another adult female and a small boy, about 18 to 24 months old. I was informed that the two young adults were the mother and father of the infant child. I was told that the mother was [REDACTED], white female, 11/18/1989, and the father was [REDACTED], white male, 10/13/1988.

Lt. Kingsolver then walked me through the apartment. The apartment faced east and as you entered you came into the living room. The eating area of the apartment was just west of the living room and the kitchen was just south. These three rooms were mostly one open area, with a small wall between the living room and kitchen. There was a couch, love seat, and a coffee table in the living room. The coffee table was white and had been moved from the center of the room by EMS so they had more room to work the code. Immediately to the north of the couch in the living room was what appeared to be a master bedroom? It was in good order and had a bathroom off the west wall. Along the west wall of the master bedroom was a hallway leading to additional bedrooms. All the way to the end of the hall, and to the east was the infants room. This room was in disorder. I noticed a crib along the south wall of the bedroom. In the crib was four blankets. One afghan type blanket, one lightweight baby blanket, one embroidered blanket, and a rather large and heavy tan/brown micro fiber blanket. There was another bedroom where an additional roommate lived. I did not enter this room. I then exited the apartment and

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contacted [REDACTED] and asked if he would be willing to sign consent to search and photograph the apartment. [REDACTED] indicated that he would be willing to do anything he could, and would sign the waiver. I obtained a consent to search waiver form and prepared it for Mr. [REDACTED]. I explained the waiver to Buddy and he signed it allowing the police department to enter the apartment.

I then obtained the police department digital Cannon SLR camera which contained a 4GB memory card. I then began at the exterior of the apartment and worked my way through the unit, from the entry, ending at the infant's room. I took approximately 84 digital photographs. These photographs were transferred to a CD-R and placed into the Blue Springs Police Department property unit.

The Jackson County Medical Examiner Investigator, Roy Helmuth, responded to the scene and took additional photographs. He also seized the four blankets that were in the infant's crib. Roy also seized the mattress cover to the crib's mattress.

I then located [REDACTED] keys to the apartment and secured the front door as we all cleared the scene. Roy and I then responded to St. Mary's Hospital where the infant was taken. Upon arrival we entered the Emergency Department, room number one, where [REDACTED] was located. The infant had been wrapped up in a baby blanket by the hospital personnel so that the parents could view her. Roy and I removed the baby blanket to observe the body. It was apparent that the paramedics had attempted medical intervention. There were multiple IV sites, cardiac patches, along with an ET tube inserted into the infant's trachea. There was modeling on the baby's face, arms, hands, legs and along the lower part of the baby's back. I could not see any obvious signs of trauma or injuries. The Medical Examiner Investigator examined the infant, and then photographed the baby. The child was then re-wrapped so the parents could come in for a last viewing before she was transported to the Medical Examiners Office. Both the mother and father entered the room, accompanied by several family members, to view the infant. The Police Department Chaplain was present to assist with the grief process. After all family members viewed the body Ron and I placed the child in a Medical Examiners body bag and placed a plastic lock tab on the bag. Detective John Gale, Detective Dan Curby, Detective Sgt. Joe Fanara, and Officer Sara Russell were present at the hospital and observed the above process. Detective Curby assisted in the interviews of both parents. The investigation into this case will continue.
End of report.

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Exhibit C contains photographs taken by the police department of incident crib and bedding. Exhibit C-1 below shows view of incident crib as it was set up at the time of the incident.



Exhibit C – 2 below shows another view of the incident crib as it was set up at the time of the incident.



Exhibit C – 3 below shows bedding/blankets found in at the crib at the time of the incident.



Exhibit C – 4 below shows blankets found in crib.



Exhibit C – 5 below shows a blue and pink infant blanket and sheet in the crib.



Exhibit D – Contact Information

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Blue Springs, MO 64015
816-228-0150
Contact: Captain Modrell, Karen/Records
Contacted: 12/10/09, 01/05/10, 01/20/10

Jackson County Medical Examine
660 East Twenty Fourth Street
Kansas City, MO 64108
Contact: Records Clerk
Contacted: 12/21/09, 01/08/10, 01/19/10, 01/25/10