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# EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. CASE NO. 870804WES4081	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 1 0 1	3. OFFICE CODE 8 2 0	
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 8 7 0 7 3 1	5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 8 7 0 8 0 3		

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A 7-month-old child died from anoxia in her crib when a crib bumper pad tie wrapped around her neck.

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home	8. CITY 1 0 Seaside	9. STATE C A
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT Crib Bumperpad 1 5 4 2	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Not known
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS
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12. AGE OF VICTIM 2 0 7	13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE -1 FEMALE -2 UNKNOWN -3 2	14. DISPOSITION Fatal 8	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Anoxia 6 5
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16. BODY PART All 8 5	17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Coroner 3	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE 1 TELEPHONE 2 OTHER 3 3	19. TIME SPENT 5 0
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20. ATTACHMENTS Multiple 9	21. CASE SOURCE F780501 Coroner 1 2	22. REVIEWED BY 8 1 0 1 8 7 0 9 1 8
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY)

CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME  CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME

24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Other Side)	25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE
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20. Attachments

Exhibit 1- Monterey County Coroner's Report [REDACTED]

Exhibit 2- Nine photographs of accident scene and recreation taken by Monterey County Coroner

(USE OTHER SIDE AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

This investigation consisted of a phone conversation with the Coroner's office which investigated this accident. This report is based entirely on that conversation and the report prepared by the coroner.

#### PRE-ACCIDENT

This accident occurred in a small coastal community in central California. The victim lived with her parents and older sister in their home in this community.

On the day of the accident, the mother had placed the infant in her crib for a nap. This occurred at approximately 9:00 am. The crib was located in an upstairs bedroom. The mattress had a sheet on it. This crib was equipped with a bumper pad that was tied to the crib at various points along the length of the pad.

One hour later, at approximately 10:00 am, the mother placed her second daughter in this same room, also for a nap. This other daughter, however, was left to play in the room until she tired and went to sleep. This was common practice. The older child would play briefly with the infant during these times and, on occasion, would untie the ties on the bumper pad.

At approximately 11:45 am, the mother checked on the children and found them both awake and all right.

At approximately 12:30 pm, the mother again checked on the children. She took the older one out of the room to eat and play downstairs.

#### ACCIDENT

At approximately 1:30 pm, the mother checked on the infant and discovered her laying crossways to the mattress at the head of the crib. She was on her stomach with her head under the bottom edge of the bumper pad. The infant's lips were blue and she was not breathing. The mother noted that two ties from the crib bumper pad were around the infant's neck.

#### POST-ACCIDENT

The mother removed the victim from the crib and attempted cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Since she was not familiar with this emergency procedure, she quickly stopped and phoned for emergency assistance.

Emergency personnel transported the victim to the hospital where she was pronounced dead.

#### PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Examination of the crib bumper pad by the local Coroner's investigator revealed it was of cloth construction, easily collapsible with two ribbons used as ties. These ties are 10 inches and 10-1/4 inches long and approximately 18 inches apart around the entire bumper pad.

There is no marking or labeling on this bumper pad.

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This product was given to the victim's family as a gift. It was produced by a church group located somewhere in the eastern portion of the U.S. It is thought to be a homemade product and not a commercial product.

# CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

1. Name of Respondent \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Telephone No. (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) **408/758-3878**

3. Street Address **140 W. Alisal St. Monterey County (CA) Coroner's Office** 4. City, State, Zip Code **Salinas, CA**

5. Give details of accident, injury, or illness. Describe how incident occurred. (Use reverse side if necessary.)

**Coroner [redacted] called to alert us to a fatality involving a crib bumper pad. Victim is [redacted] Father is [redacted] mother is [redacted] Accident occurred at residence on 7-31-87 (also DOD). DOB of child: [redacted] Coroner's case number [redacted]. Child strangled on a 10 inch tie on the bumper pad that became untied and somehow was caught under the child's chin. The victim's young sister had a habit of untying the ties on the bumper pad and playing with the victim while the victim was in the crib. Bumper pad is soft cloth, a collapsible pad. Ties are located every 18 inches along the pad. Tie involved has been cut off and sent to laboratory for examination. Coroner has bumper pad. Parents have crib. No problem with crib. No markings on labeling or bumper pad. Coroner still investigating as of 8-3-87. Subsequent contact with KHM Coroner [redacted] on 8-4-87. Product was home made, produced by a church group back east and given to the family as a gift.**

6. If injury or illness: Victim's Name **See above.** Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Type Injury \_\_\_\_\_  
 Body Part Involved \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment \_\_\_\_\_

7. Description of Product **Crib Bumper Pad** 8. Was the product:  
 Damaged before incident? Yes  No   
 Repaired before incident? Yes  No   
 Repaired after incident? Yes  No

9. Brand Name **Not known** 10. Identifying Numbers, Letters, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Manufacturer's Name and Address **Not known** 12. Dealer's Name and Address **Not known**

13. How product acquired? Purchased New  Second Hand  Other \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Age of Product \_\_\_\_\_

15. Is product available for inspection? Yes  No  Other \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Does product have warning labels or instructions? Yes  No   
 Are they available? Yes  No

17. Have you contacted the manufacturer? Yes  No   
 If not, do you plan to contact them? Yes  No  18. Do you object to the use of your name? Yes  No

### FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

19. Receiving Office **SFRO** 20. Date Received **8-3-87** 21. Received by **JPD** 22. Reporting Office \_\_\_\_\_

23. Source of Report Letter  Phone  Visit  Other \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Document No. **F780501**

25. Follow-Up Action **IDI 870804WES4081  
TYNN40** 26. Product Code(s)  
 A. **1542**  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_  
 27. \_\_\_\_\_

28. Distribution **O: EPDS cc: SFRO** 29. Endorser's Name/Title **JPD**

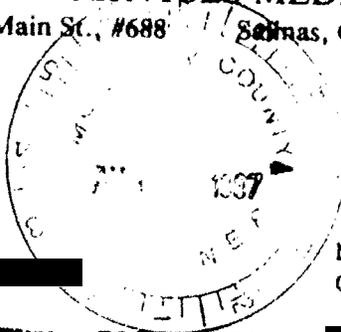
Exhibit 1 870804WES4081

**SALINAS PATHOLOGY SERVICES MEDICAL GROUP, INC.**

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**AUTOPSY REPORT**  
Coroner's Office - ██████████

NO: ██████████  
Chapel of Seaside

**DECEDENT:** ██████████  
AGE: 8 MONTHS  
SEX: FEMALE

**PATHOLOGIST:** ██████████ M.D.  
AUTOPSY: August 1, 1987

**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

Autopsy is performed on the unembalmed body that measures approximately 26 inches in length. The body is that of a well developed, well nourished female.

There are no external marks of trauma, either recent or old, and there are no blemishes of the skin and no excoriations or other abnormalities of the skin.

There are fine petechiae covering the chin, right and left mandibular areas and right and left cheeks. There are also fine petechiae in the right and left temporal regions. There are two fine petechiae in the left conjunctiva. There is some cyanosis of the lips and nailbeds and an area of reddish discoloration in the upper lip, midportion.

There is an IV catheter in the left jugular vein.

There is a fine crease almost encircling the neck in the lower portion of the neck. In the anterior portion, this is a bluish crease measuring 0.2 cm. in width and depth. In the right posterior and occipital region of the neck, the crease shows a red abrasion which measures approximately 3 cm. in length. There is absence of any crease in the left posterior occipital region of the neck.

**INTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

The body is opened with an apron-type incision. The neck structures are examined, and there is some fresh hemorrhage beneath the intravenous infusion mark. There is no hemorrhage of the neck, strap muscles, the thyroid or the phalangeal area, either external or internal around the vocal cords. There is no fracture of the larynx.

The peritoneal cavity does not contain any fluid.

**THYMUS:**

The thymus is pale tan in color and measures 6 x 6 x 1.5 cm. This appears normal for an infant of this age.

**CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:**

The heart is normal in size and the great vessels enter and leave the heart in a normal manner. The four chambers are normal, there are no septal defects, and the ductus arteriosus is closed. The valves are membranous and unremarkable. The myocardium is normal reddish-brown in color and normal in thickness. The coronary arteries are normal.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

The left lung is purplish-red and shows congestion or settling of blood. The right lung is pink and subcrepitant.

The tracheobronchial tree throughout is clear and the pulmonary arteries are clear.

BILIARY SYSTEM:

The liver is normal in size and is normal reddish brown in color. It shows a normal lobular pattern. The gallbladder is negative, and the extrahepatic biliary ducts are normal.

SPLEEN:

The spleen is normal in size and grossly unremarkable.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:

The stomach is grossly unremarkable. There is some white curd-like material in the stomach. The mucosa is unremarkable. The small and large intestine are normal.

PANCREAS:

The pancreas is grossly unremarkable.

ADRENALS:

The adrenals are grossly normal.

KIDNEYS:

The kidneys show faint fetal lobulations. The surface is reddish-brown and smooth. The cortex and medulla show normal markings and are normal in thickness. The calyces, renal pelvis and ureters are unremarkable.

URINARY BLADDER:

Grossly normal.

GENITALIA:

Grossly normal.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:

The scalp is reflected in the usual manner revealing no evidence of trauma. The calvarium is removed in the usual manner revealing no evidence of fracture or other type trauma of the skull, either fresh or old.

BRAIN: The hemispheres are equal and are covered with thin delicate meninges. The convolutions and sulci are grossly unremarkable. Serial coronal sections reveal fine petechiae in both the white and gray matter throughout the brain.

GROSS ANATOMIC DIAGNOSES:

1. RECENT CREASE MARKS ENCIRCLING NECK.
2. FRESH HEMORRHAGE OF SKIN AND SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE AROUND RECENT IV INFUSION NEEDLE, LEFT JUGULAR AREA.
3. PETECHIAL HEMORRHAGES OF FACE AND RIGHT AND LEFT TEMPLE AREA.
4. TWO FINE PETECHIAE, LEFT CONJUNCTIVA.
5. BRAIN: GENERALIZED FINE PETECHIAL HEMORRHAGE.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

CEREBRAL ANOXEMIA AND ANOXIA, MINUTES, DUE TO LIGATURE COMPRESSION OF NECK VESSELS, MINUTES.

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M.D.  
PATHOLOGIST

WRH:jf  
8/4/87

**CORONER'S REGISTER**  
**MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

COURT HOUSE  
 SALINAS, CALIF. 93902  
 P.O. BOX 578

DEPUTIES ASSIGNED		CASE NO.	DATE REPORTED	TIME	REPORTED BY - NAME AND ADDRESS					
			7-31-87	1445						
TYPE OF CASE				REPORT RECEIVED BY						
ACCIDENTAL										
NAME		LAST	FR	MIDDLE	DECEDENT SOC. SEC. NO.	OPER. LIC. NO.				
					NONE					
ADDRESS					PHONE NO.	OCCUPATION				
SEX	COLOR OR RACE	BIRTHPLACE	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	WEIGHT	HEIGHT	EYES	HAIR	MARITAL STATUS	
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TATOO, SCAR, OR DISTINGUISHING MARKS			FINGER PRINTED BY	DATE	C.I.L. NO.	FBI NO.				
CITIZENSHIP			REMAINS IDENTIFIED BY OR HOW IDENTIFIED							
DRA			U.S. MEDICAL RECORDS - FAMILY							
PLACE OF DEATH					EXAMINED BODY		DATE AND TIME			
CHOMP							7-31-87 1445			
DATE OF DEATH		TIME OF DEATH	NAME OF INFORMANT		DATE	TIME				
7-31-87		1415			7-31-87	1445				
MORTUARY SELECTED				BY WHOM SENT		MORTUARY SELECTED BY				
						AREA DESIGNATION				
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				1230	7-31-87	ASLEEP IN CRIB IN BEDROOM				
		METHOD USED								
		APPARENT REASON								
	WEAPON	WEAPON USED	WEAPON FOUND	WHERE FOUND	BY	DISPOSITION				
		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>							
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OTHER INVESTIGATORS			PHOTOGRAPHS		TAKEN BY					
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PREVIOUS ILLNESS OR INJURY, WHERE, DATES AND TIMES								PHYSICIAN		
TWO WEEKS AGO SNIFFLES										
TRAUMA	DESCRIBE						AIR	ROOM OR OUTSIDE		
YES	LIGATURE MARKS AROUND NECK						WARM	E.R.		
OTHER AGENCY	INVESTIGATING OFFICER	BODY TEMP.	COND. PREMSES	CONDITION OF BODY	RIGOR-DEGREE	P/M/L				
SEASIDE PD	RANDY MARR	COOL	HOSP ER	FRESH	NONE	BACK				
AUTOPSY	WHERE PERFORMED	PATHOLOGIST		DATE	TIME					
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		DR. [REDACTED]		8-1-87	0900					
CAUSE OF DEATH Cerebral ANOXEMIA AND ANOXIA, MINUTES, DUE TO LIGATURE COMPRESSION OF NECK VESSELS, MINUTES										
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TOXICOLOGICAL ANALYSIS RESULTS:										
NEAREST RELATIVE	RELATIONSHIP	STREET	ADDRESS	CITY OR TOWN	STATE	PHONE				
WHO NOTIFIED OF DEATH		HOW NOTIFIED	NOTIFIED BY	TIME	DATE					
SAME		IN PERSON	HOSPITAL STAFF	UNK	7-31-87					
<input type="checkbox"/> NO PROPERTY	TOTAL CASH	OTHER PROPERTY								
		SLEEPER - SEE PROPERTY RECEIPT								
PROPERTY DATA	PROPERTY ENVELOPE	NUMBER, TYPE OF CONTAINERS AND CONTENTS								
	PROPERTY ROOM									
	VEHICLE	YEAR	MODEL AND BODY TYPE	LICENSE NO.	KEYS	LOCATION OF VEHICLE				
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DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY	RELEASED TO		ADDRESS							
RELEASED BY				DATE AND TIME OF RELEASE			<input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY STILL HELD PENDING RELEASE TO LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE			

*Men*

INVESTIGATION SUMMARY      DETAILS DESCRIBE SCENE, FACTS, CONDITIONS AND SUMMARIZE

This 7 month old Caucasian female infant was discovered by her mother, [REDACTED], unconscious in her crib at the family home, [REDACTED] 7/31/87 at approximately 1310 hours.

As a result of the discovery, [REDACTED] had contacted the ambulance and fire personnel who responded and ultimately transported the infant to the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula where resuscitation attempts failed. The child was pronounced deceased at 1415 hours. It was reported to the Coroner as a accidental strangulation.

I responded to the hospital and examined the infant. The body was cool to the touch with no rigor present. Slight livor mortis was noted on the back. I noted a ligature mark around the neck of the child which extended from below the right ear, around and past the mid line of the neck. This ligature mark measured 7" in length and was approximately 1/4" in width. I also noted petechial hemorrhages in the neck above the ligature mark and in the cheeks. No other evidence of trauma recent or past were noted.

The child had been dressed in a cotton sleeper top and bottom. The top was collarless with cotton piping around the top edge of the collar. It was equipped with snap fasteners. The top had a substance appearing to be milk which had been vomitted upon it.

The clothing was taken for further examination. The deceased was photographed.

I was met at the hospital by Detective Mark Puskaric of Seaside Police Department who told me that his agency had responded to the scene also. Consequently he had seized a cloth bumperpad equipped with ribbon ties used to suspend the bumper pad from the top of the crib rails. The deceased's mother had found one of the ties untied and around the child's neck.

At 1710 hours, I contacted [REDACTED] and his wife [REDACTED] the father and mother of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told me that she had put [REDACTED] in the crib at approximately 0900 hours for a nap. At approximately 1000 hours she put her second daughter [REDACTED] in the room also for the purpose of playing until she went to sleep. [REDACTED] told me that this was common practice and [REDACTED] would always go to the crib to play with [REDACTED] for awhile. She stated that she did this on this date. She also told me that on occasion she noted that [REDACTED] would untie the ties on the bumper pad. 1145 hours, [REDACTED] checked on the children and found [REDACTED] sitting in the middle of the room about ready to go asleep. [REDACTED] was still lying in her crib watching [REDACTED]. At 1230 hours, [REDACTED] awoke [REDACTED] and took her downstairs to eat and play. She also looked in on [REDACTED] who appeared to be okay. She stated she did not go to the crib to check her, but noticed that when she walked into the room [REDACTED] had turned her head due to the noise. At approximately 1310 hours, [REDACTED] went to the room to check on [REDACTED] and discovered her lips blue and that she was not breathing. She recalls that two of the ties were around [REDACTED] neck. She believes one was around one side and the other went around the other side, but she was not sure. She told me that she immediately picked up the child and tried to give her CPR, however being not familiar with the technique, stopped the procedure and immediately called 911. As a result the ambulance crew and fire personnel and police arrived and [REDACTED] was transported to the Community

*William A. [REDACTED]*

Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

[REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] was sleeping at the head of the crib and across the mattress. She told me that her child was on her stomach with her head turned to the left. She was not covered by a blanket, but was sleeping merely on the bare sheet. [REDACTED] further told me that she recalls that the child's head was under the bottom edge of the bumper pad.

The crib was manufactured by [REDACTED] and was of wood and plastic construction. It measured 27 5/8" x 52 1/2". The rail tops are 13 3/4" above the top of the mattress.

The bumper pad was not present, as it had been secured by the police department, however upon examination the following date, it was noted to be of cloth construction, easily collapsible with two 10" 1/4" x 10" ribbons used as ties. These are placed approximately 18" apart around the circumference of the pad. It should be noted that this pad is not rigid in any way and collapses quite easily.

An autopsy was performed pursuant to Section 27491 of the Government Code on August 1, 1987 by Doctor [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED]. As a result of that autopsy, it was concluded the death of [REDACTED] was due to cerebral anoxemia and anoxia due to a ligature compression of neck vessels.

It should be noted that prior to the autopsy, myself, Doctor [REDACTED] and Detective Puskaric attempted to reconstruct the incident using the gurney as the crib and placing the bumper pad around the edge. Because of the collapsing nature of the bumper pad itself, and the 10" length of the ties, it was found that it would be quite easy for an infant to get the ties caught around its neck and by rolling, turning, moving within the crib caused a tightening of the ligature and thus a compression of the neck vessels. This was demonstrated and photographs were taken.

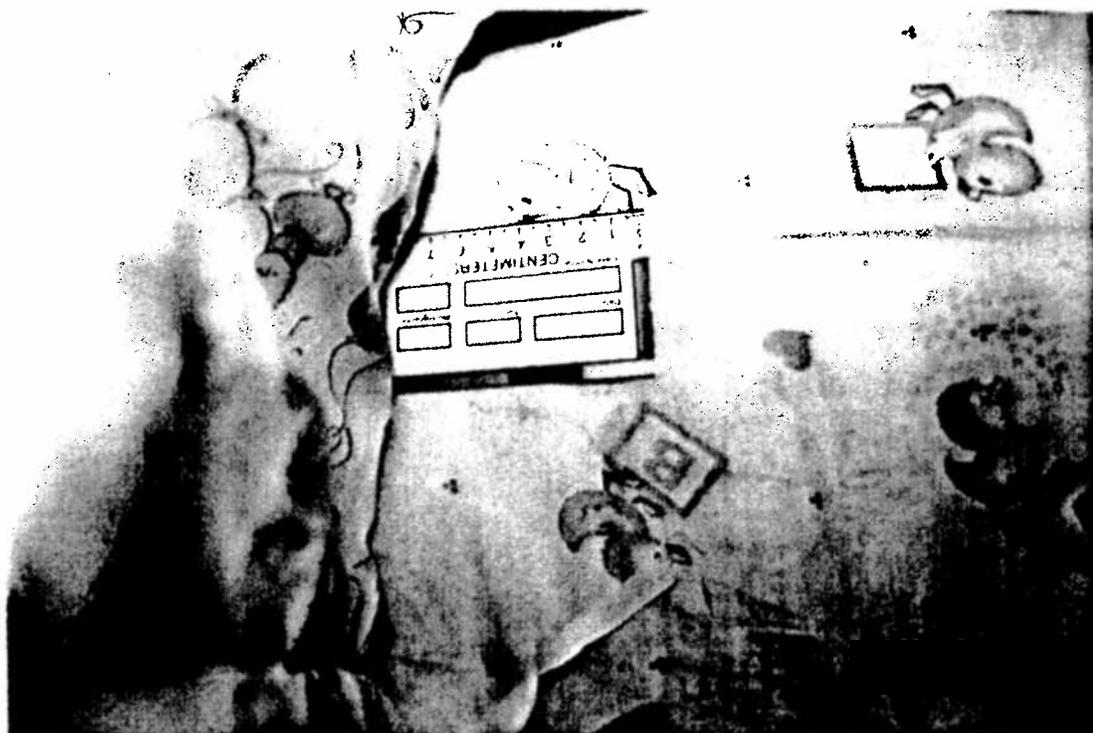
In conclusion in view of the above information including the investigation, as well as the autopsy report, it is determined that the death of [REDACTED] is of accidental cause and origin and no further investigation is required by this office.

CASE CLOSED.

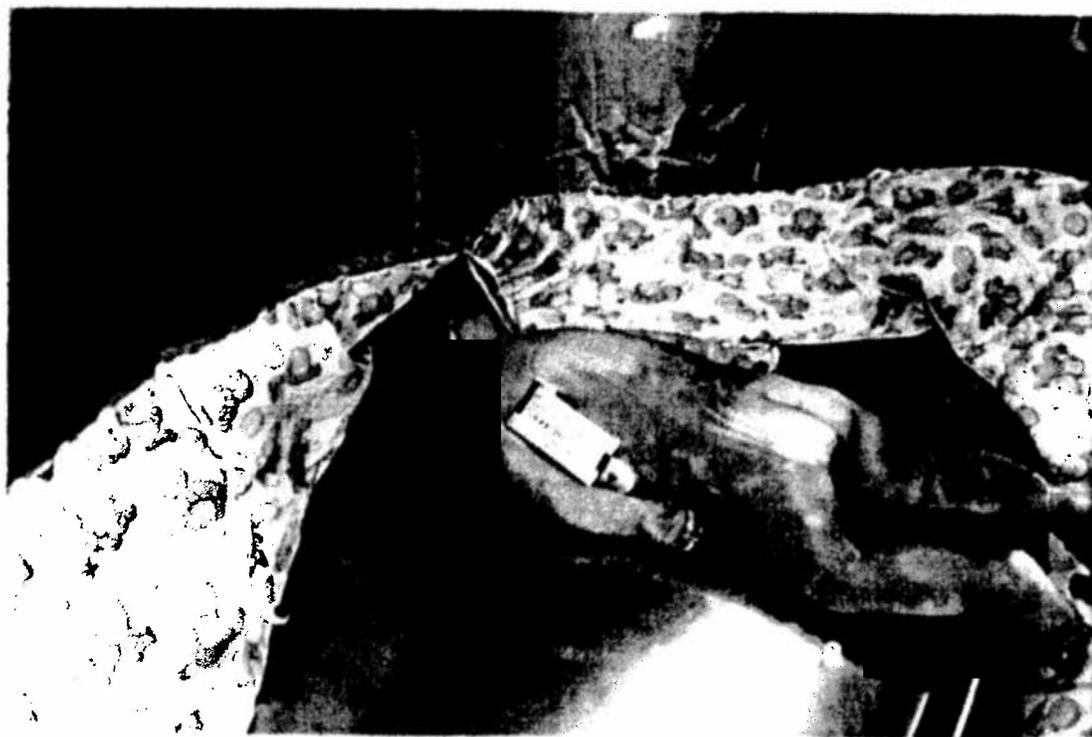
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Photograph #9: Close-up view of tie around victim's neck.



Photograph #7: Location on the mattress where the child was found laying on her stomach.



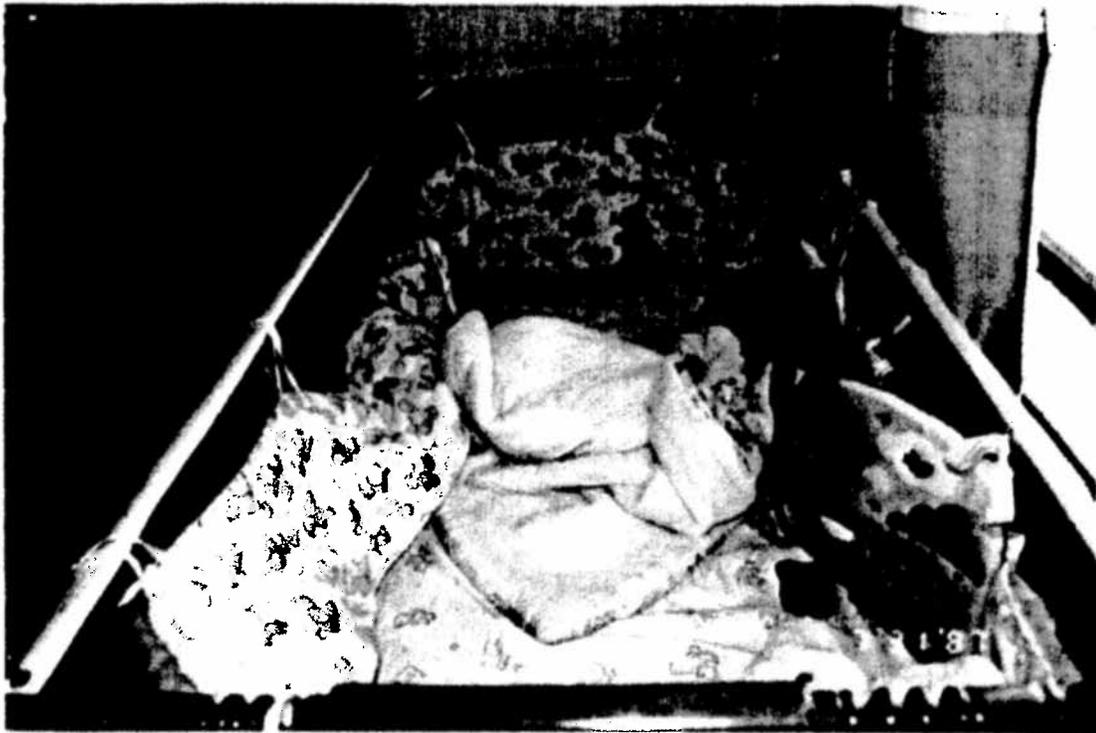
Photograph #8: Recreation during autopsy of how accident happened. Unattached bumper pad tie loops around and under child's neck.



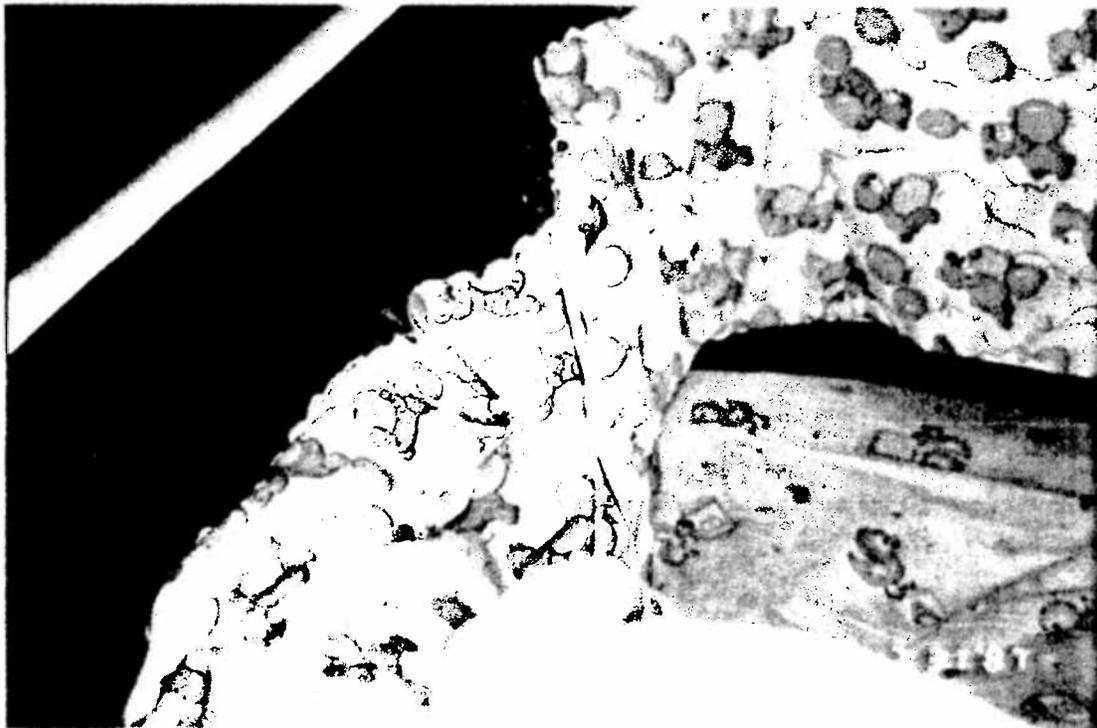
Photograph #5: Another view of photograph #4.



Photograph #6: A close-up view of the unattached tie.



Photograph #3: View of these bumper pads looking toward head of crib. Child was found in the front left corner of the crib.



Photograph #4: Close-up view of the corner in which the child was found. Note the unattached bumper pad tie.



Photograph #1: Scene of the accident. Victim was in crib up againstst far wall. Brown crib bumper pad is visible. It is very loose and sagging.



Photograph #2: Closer view of crib bumper pad. It is attached to the top of the side rails and end panels with ribbon ties. A second short bumper pad is also present. It also is attached with ribbon ties, one of which is not secured to the crib.

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MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

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TYPE OF CASE					BY					
ACCIDENTAL					[REDACTED]					
NAME		LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	DECEDENT SOC SEC NO.	OPER LIC NO.				
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	NONE	[REDACTED]				
ADDRESS					OCCUPATION					
[REDACTED]					[REDACTED]					
COLOR OR RACE	BIRTHPLACE	DATE OF BIRTH		AGE	WEIGHT	HEIGHT	EYES	HAIR	MARITAL STATUS	
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CA			U.S. MEDICAL RECORDS - FAMILY							
PLACE OF DEATH					EXAMINED BODY	DATE AND TIME				
CHOMP					[REDACTED]	7-31-87 1445				
TIME OF DEATH		NAME OF INFORMANT		DATE	TIME					
7-31-87		1415		[REDACTED]	7-31-87 1445					
MORTUARY SELECTED			BY WHOM SENT		MORTUARY SELECTED BY					
[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]		AREA DESIGNATION					
DISCOVERED	BY NAME	ADDRESS		TIME	DATE					
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	7-31-87					
	LAST SEEN	BY NAME	TIME	DATE	WHERE					
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1230	7-31-87	ASLEEP IN CRIB IN BEDROOM					
METHOD USED										
APPARENT REASON										
WEAPON										
WEAPON USED		WEAPON FOUND		WHERE FOUND		BY		DISPOSITION		
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[REDACTED]							[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	
PREVIOUS ILLNESS OR INJURY, WHERE, DATES AND TIMES								PHYSICIAN		
TWO WEEKS AGO SNIFFLES								[REDACTED]		
DESCRIBE					AIR	ROOM OR OUTSIDE				
LIGATURE MARKS AROUND NECK					WARM	E. R.				
REPORT AGENCY	INVESTIGATING OFFICER	BODY TEMP.	COND. PREMISES	CONDITION OF BODY	RIGOR-DEGREE	P.M.M.				
CASIDE PD	RANDY MARR	COOL	HOSP ER	FRESH	NONE	BACK				
OPSY	WHERE PERFORMED	PATHOLOGIST		DATE	TIME					
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]	DR. [REDACTED]		8-1-87	0900					
CAUSE OF DEATH										
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[REDACTED]		FATHER	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			
NOTIFIED OF DEATH		HOW NOTIFIED	NOTIFIED BY		TIME	DATE				
SAME		IN PERSON	HOSPITAL STAFF		UNK	7-31-87				
NO PROPERTY		TOTAL CASH	OTHER PROPERTY							
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	SLEEPER - SEE PROPERTY RECEIPT							
PROPERTY ENVELOPE		NUMBER, TYPE OF CONTAINERS AND CONTENTS								
PROPERTY ROOM		[REDACTED]								

This 7 month old Caucasian female infant was discovered by her mother, [REDACTED], unconscious in her crib at the family home, [REDACTED] 7/31/87 at approximately 1310 hours. As a result of the discovery, [REDACTED] had contacted the ambulance and fire personnel who responded and ultimately transported the infant to the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula where resuscitation attempts failed. The child was pronounced deceased at 1415 hours. It was reported to the Coroner as a accidental strangulation.

I responded to the hospital and examined the infant. The body was cool to the touch with no rigor present. Slight livor mortis was noted on the back. I noted a ligature mark around the neck of the child which extended from below the right ear, around and past the mid line of the neck. This ligature mark measured 7" in length and was approximately 1/4" in width. I also noted petechial hemorrhages in the neck above the ligature mark and in the cheeks. No other evidence of trauma recent or past were noted.

The child had been dressed in a cotton sleeper top and bottom. The top was collarless with cotton piping around the top edge of the collar. It was equipped with snap fasteners. The top had a substance appearing to be milk which had been vomitted upon it.

The clothing was taken for further examination. The deceased was photographed.

I was met at the hospital by Detective Mark Puskaric of Seaside Police Department who told me that his agency had responded to the scene also. Consequently he had seized a cloth bumperpad equipped with ribbon ties used to suspend the bumper pad from the top of the crib rails. The deceased's mother had found one of the ties untied and around the child's neck.

At 1710 hours, I contacted [REDACTED] and his wife [REDACTED] the father and mother of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told me that she had put [REDACTED] in the crib at approximately 0900 hours for a nap. At approximately 1000 hours she put her second daughter [REDACTED] also for the purpose of playing until she went to sleep. [REDACTED] told me that this was common practice and [REDACTED] would always go to the crib to play with [REDACTED] for awhile. She stated that she did this on this date. She also told me that on occasion she noted that [REDACTED] would untie the ties on the bumper pad. 1145 hours, [REDACTED] checked on the children and found [REDACTED] sitting in the middle of the room about ready to go asleep. [REDACTED] was still lying in her crib watching [REDACTED]. At 1230 hours, [REDACTED] awoke [REDACTED] and took her downstairs to eat and play. She also looked in on [REDACTED] who appeared to be okay. She stated she did not go to the crib to check her, but noticed that when she walked into the room [REDACTED] had turned her head due to the noise. At approximately 1310 hours, [REDACTED] went to the room to check on [REDACTED] and discovered her lips blue and that she was not breathing. She recalls that two of the ties were around [REDACTED] neck. She believes one was around one side and the other went around the other side, but she was not sure. She told me that she immediately picked up the child and tried to give her CPR, however being not familiar with the technique, stopped the procedure and immediately called 911. As a result the ambulance crew and Fire personnel and police arrived and [REDACTED] was transported to the Community-

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██████████ told me that ██████████ was sleeping at the head of the crib and across the mattress. She told me that her child was on her stomach with her head turned to the left. She was not covered by a blanket, but was sleeping merely on the bare sheet. ██████████ further told me that she recalls that the child's head was under the bottom edge of the bumper pad.

The crib was manufactured by ██████████ and was of wood and plastic construction. It measured 27 5/8" x 52 1/2". The rail tops are 13 3/4" above the top of the mattress.

The bumper pad was not present, as it had been secured by the police department, however upon examination the following date, it was noted to be of cloth construction, easily collapsible with two 10" 1/4" x 10" ribbons used as ties. These are placed approximately 18" apart around the circumference of the pad. It should be noted that this pad is not rigid in any way and collapses quite easily.

An autopsy was performed pursuant to Section 27491 of the Government Code on August 1, 1987 by Doctor ██████████ at the ██████████. As a result of that autopsy, it was concluded the death of ██████████ was due to cerebral anoxemia and anoxia due to a ligature compression of neck vessels.

It should be noted that prior to the autopsy, myself, Doctor ██████████ and Detective Puskaric attempted to reconstruct the incident using the gurney as the crib and placing the bumper pad around the edge. Because of the collapsing nature of the bumper pad itself, and the 10" length of the ties, it was found that it would be quite easy for an infant to get the ties caught around its neck and by rolling, turning, moving within the crib caused a tightening of the ligature and thus a compression of the neck vessels. This was demonstrated and photographs were taken.

In conclusion in view of the above information including the investigation, as well as the autopsy report, it is determined that the death of ██████████ is of accidental cause and origin and no further investigation is required by this office.

CASE CLOSED.

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