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10B. SECOND PRODUCT Bumper Guard 1 5 4 2		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Unknown					
12. AGE OF VICTIM 2 0 9		13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE -1 FEMALE -2 UNKNOWN -3 2		14. DISPOSITION Deceased 8		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Anoxia 6 5	
16. BODY PART All 8 5		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Medical Examiner 3		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE 1 TELEPHONE 2 3 OTHER 3		19. TIME SPENT 8 0	
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SYNOPSIS:

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PRE-INCIDENT:

This IDI was initiated from a coroner's autopsy report. The respondents in this case are the Cook County Coroner's Office and the Chicago Police Department. Attempts to contact the victim's next-of-kin were unsuccessful as phone numbers listed in police reports had been disconnected.

Little information is known about the child involved in this incident. What information is known was obtained from the coroner's autopsy report (Attachment 2). According to the report, the victim involved in this incident was a 9 month old female, born on October 12, 1992. At the time of death the victim was 69 centimeters long and weighed 6069 grams. Coroner's autopsy revealed the victim to be in good physical condition, suffering only from chronic diaper rash. It is not known if the victim was taking any medication at the time of this incident. Vaccination information and additional medical history on the victim are not known.

Discussion with the coroner's investigator who interviewed the victim's mother and visited the accident scene revealed that the 9 month old victim lived in a two story, multi family dwelling apartment building in Chicago, IL with her 21 year old mother, 22 year old father and two other children ages 1-1/2 and 2-1/2. The building where the victim lived was reportedly in good repair and the living area was reported as being clean and well maintained. (Refer to Supplemental case report in Attachment 3.)

According to the coroner's report, on July 12, 1993 at approximately 12:00 noon, the 9 month old infant was placed in her crib for a nap by her mother. Photographs reveal the crib to be located near a wall in the baby's room. Photographs of the crib reveal the crib to be a full sized crib that is white in color. Also located in the crib is a baby crib mattress, a bumper guard. No blanket was pictured in photographs. (Refer to photos of crib in Attachment 5.)

PRE-INCIDENT CONT.:

The coroner's supplemental report states that the victim's mother placed the infant on her stomach in the middle of the mattress. According to this report (Attachment 3), the victim's mother stated that the baby began to cry when placed down to sleep. The mother of victim stated that she decided to let the victim cry herself to sleep.

INCIDENT:

Police and coroner's records indicate that at about 4:00 p.m. on 7/12/94, the mother of the victim entered the victim's room to awaken her to go for a walk in the neighborhood. Police and coroner's reports indicate that when the mother of the victim entered the room and approached the crib, she found her daughter's body hanging on the outside of the crib near the wall with her neck and chin caught in the bumper guard inside the crib. The victim's body was facing the wall next to the crib and the back of the victim's head was against the crib mattress. The bumper guard covered the victim's chin, nose and mouth. (Refer to photos recreating position of victim in crib at time of discovery by mother in Attachment 5). The victim's body was located in an approximately 7" wide gap in the side rail. (Refer to police reports in Attachment 4, and coroner's report Attachment 2, reporting victim's mother's description of position of victim at time of death.

POST INCIDENT:

Police and coroner's reports state that after the victim was discovered by her mother, her mother attempted to perform CPR to no avail. Police and coroner's reports state that the victim's mother summoned a neighbor in the victim's building and the victim and her mother were taken to a hospital by the neighbor. Police reports indicate that on the way to the hospital, the mother spotted a police car and flagged it down. The mother and the victim were then taken to Roseland Community Hospital in Chicago by police personnel. It is not known if the victim was breathing or conscious when transferred to hospital.

Police and coroner's reports state that the 9 month old infant was pronounced dead by an emergency room physician at Roseland Community Hospital at 5:40 p.m. on 12/13/94.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

The product involved in this accidental suffocation is a full sized baby crib of unknown make, age or origin. Discussion with police and coroner's officials failed to produce any manufacturer brand name, date or place of purchase information on the crib in question.

Photographs of the crib taken by medical examiner officials show it to be white in color and in good condition. No manufacturer information, labeling or brand names are present on any photographs. Measurements and dimensions of the crib were not taken by reporting officials and cannot be ascertained from photos.

According to police, an approximately 7" wide space is present in the crib where two slats are missing from the side rail. Photographs of crib taken by the coroner's investigator reveal this space to be located at the far right corner of the side rail near the headboard. (Refer to photo #2, Attachment 4). NOTE: Although police and coroner's reports state that two slats are missing, photographs of crib obtained from medical examiner appear to indicate that only one slat was missing in the 7" space that victim slipped through. A second slat appears to be missing in space between the crib's headboard and first slat. The side of the crib with missing side rails was placed against the wall in the room where the victim was sleeping at the time of the incident.

The victim was found with her body hanging outside of the crib and her neck and chin suspended by the bumper guard inside the crib. The victim's chin, mouth and nose were covered by the bumper guard.

No information is available as to how the slat was removed, when it was removed, how long it had been in this condition and what measures, if any, were taken to correct the problem or prevent the victim from crawling/falling through the space.

The second product involved in this accidental suffocation death is a bumper guard located inside the crib. The bumper guard extends from the top of the mattress to the top of the side rail and has a print design on one side and a white and blue spotted design on the side facing the inside of the crib. Its make, manufacturer, brand name and place of origin is also unknown. From photos it is impossible to determine the fiber content of bumper guard.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION CONT.:

No additional information is known on this accidental crib death. Please note that this death was once regarded as a result of possible child abuse, however the coroner's autopsy report (Attachment 1) rules out any signs of abuse. Official cause of death as listed by the coroner as

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1 - Assignment Document
- Attachment 2 - Coroner's Autopsy and Case Report
- Attachment 3 - Supplemental Case Report
- Attachment 4 - Police Reports
- Attachment 5 - Photographs

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: **X474925A1**  
DATE OF INCIDENT: **930712**  
FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED  
TYPE FOLLOW-UP  
HEADQUARTERS CONTACT

(Nursery Product)  
CATID: **TYNN071994**  
HAZARD ANALYSIS(X) SECT 15 ( )  
TELEPHONE ( ) ON-SITE (X)  
Sue Cassidy 504-0470

**ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE:** Please conduct an investigation of the attached incident involving a nursery product. If product is available for examination, please do an on-site investigation; otherwise, do telephone investigation.

- o Describe scenario and provide product information (e.g., description and age of product, manufacturer, place of purchase, etc.).
- o Determine whether incident resulted from product failure or faulty design (e.g., broken or missing hardware, improper component spacing, inadequate or missing restraints, etc.).
- o If entrapment was involved, provide dimensions of the area of entrapment.

Person(s) to Contact: **NEXT-OF-KIN AND**

OFFICIAL SOURCES

**Guidelines:** Appendix 46 - Nursery Products  
Appendix 83 - High Chairs  
Appendix 84 - Playpens  
Appendix 108- Infant Suffocation

**Tasknumber:** 940818HCC2202 **Date:** 8/18/94

**Assigned to:** CHIO **Requested by:** SVJACKSON

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INTERNAL EXAMINATION: (Continued)

**GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:** The kidneys are of the usual shape and size. They weigh 43 grams together. Their capsules strip easily revealing smooth reddish brown external cortical surfaces. Cut sections of the kidneys reveal well demarcated corticomedullary junctions. The renal calyces, pelves, ureters and bladder are unremarkable. The urinary bladder is empty. The uterus, tubes and ovaries are unremarkable and are of the usual size and shape for her age.

**ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:** Thyroid, adrenals and pancreas are unremarkable.

**CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:** There is no evidence of injury on the scalp. The skull is intact. On entering the cranial cavity there is no evidence of intracranial hemorrhage. Leptomeninges are smooth and translucent. Blood vessels at the base of brain show no pathological changes. Serial coronal sections of the brain fail to reveal any focus of abnormality. The brain weighs 934 grams. The base of the skull is intact.

**MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:** Ribs, long bones and vertebrae are intact to palpation.

DIAGNOSES:

1. Moderate pulmonary edema and congestion.
2. Focal hemorrhage posterior pharyngeal wall.

OPINION:

This 9 month old Black female infant, [REDACTED], died as a result of suffocation due to being trapped between a crib mattress and the crib railing. The bumper guard around the crib was around the neck of the deceased. The crib railing was defective in that two slats were missing forming a gap wide enough for the infant to slip through. The infant was found suspended between the crib and the wall.

The manner of death is accident.

*Mitra Kalelkar, M.D.*

Mitra Kalelkar, M.D.  
Deputy Medical Examiner

MK:bm  
9/10/93

# FORENSIC INSTITUTE

L EXAMINER CASE REPORT COOK COUNTY

CASE NO: [REDACTED] July 93

ED	AGE	SEX	RACE	ADDRESS	Chicago, Il	
[REDACTED]	9 mos	F	B	ZIP: [REDACTED]	APT: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
10/12/92	SSN: [REDACTED]	TYPE OF INVESTIGATION		PHONE		
ICATION: ossible child abuse.				PHOTOS TAKEN _____		
S OF OCCURENCE				SCENE _____ TELEPHONE <u>xxx</u> F.H. _____ HOSP. _____		
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois				TYPE OF PREMISES WHERE FOUND Babybed		
TE FOUND				POLICE AGENCY R.D. #		
15 hours. 7/12/93				X- 314874		
DISCOVERING DECEASED		RELATIONSHIP		ADDRESS		PHONE
[REDACTED]		Mother		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
INTERVIEWED		C.P.D		Area 2 V/C		747-8271
ective McMurray						
UNCEMENT:		PHYSICIAN:		HOSPITAL:		
7/12/93 TIME: 1740 hrs.		[REDACTED]		Roseland Community Hospital.		
NOTIFIED		INSTITUTE NOTIFIED		ARRIVAL:		CLOSED:
7/12/93		DATE: 7/12/93		DATE: 7/12/93		7/13/93
1645 hrs.		TIME: 2045 hrs.		TIME: 2300 hrs.		0530 hrs.

Telephone Investigation: possible child abuse.

ATIVE: DESCRIBE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH-PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, ETC.

I assigned this telephone investigation of a subject found unresponsive by her mother when she went into the bedroom to get the subject ready for a nap in the neighborhood. Detective McMurry said the subjects mother Miss [REDACTED], had placed the subject in bed about twelve noon, and the subject began to cry. The mother let the subject cry herself to sleep. About 1600 hours she was making a premise check on the subject to see if she had awakened. When she arrived at the bedroom The mother noticed the subject hanging from outside the baby bed. The mother grabbed the subject and attempt CPR to no avail. She called a friend and was transporting the subject to the hospital, when they saw a police vehicle. The police was flagged down and they transpported the subject and her mother to Roseland Community Hospital. Dr [REDACTED] who was working the emergency room, noticed scratches around the anus and what looked like the subjects rectum had been penetrated. The subject was DOA, and this office ordered the subject into the institute for further medical examination. Any attempts were made to contact the subjects mother to no avail. A FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION AND GET PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE BED THE SUBJECT WAS FOUND HANGING FROM. Mr [REDACTED] from DCFS made check for priors, there were none on this family. The SCR# on this case is [REDACTED].

ATING INVESTIGATOR

*G. Cantrell* / 1041

NO

*Brenda Turner #42*  
SUPERVISING SIGNATURE

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Attachment 2

Source: [redacted]

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OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER  
COUNTY OF COOK, ILLINOIS

REPORT OF POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION

NAME [redacted] : CASE NO. [redacted] of July, 1993  
 AGE 9 mo RACE Black SEX Female DATE OF DEATH July 12, 1993  
 ADDRESS OF DECEDENT [redacted] DATE EXAMINED July 13, 1993  
 CITY & STATE Chicago, Illinois EXAMINED BY Mitra Kalelkar, M.D.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is received unclothed and it is that of a well developed, well nourished Black female infant weighing 6069 grams, measuring 69 cm. from crown to heel. Crown rump length is 48 cm.; head circumference 45.5 cm.; chest circumference 38.3 cm.; the abdominal circumference is 37.5 cm. Rigor mortis is present equally in all the extremities and postmortem lividity is present in the posterior dependent parts. The deceased appears to be younger than the stated age of 9 months.

The scalp hair is brown in color, it is curly, fine in texture and is braided into multiple braids. The irides are brown and the cornea are clear. The pupils are equal in size and are fixed centrally. The skeleton of the nose is intact. Ears are unremarkable. The mouth is edentulous. Gingival and labial mucosa show no abrasions or contusions.

The neck is not hypermobile and shows no marks. The chest is symmetrical. Electrocardiogram pads are present on the right and left anterior chest walls. The abdomen is moderately distended and the umbilicus is well healed and is everted. The external genitalia is that of a normal female. There is excoriations of the skin in the perianal region due to chronic diaper rash. The anus shows no injuries.

Upper and lower extremities and the back are unremarkable. No gross congenital anomalies are seen.

EVIDENCE OF THERAPY:

1. Six needle puncture marks are present on the left precordium.
2. Two needle puncture marks are present on the anterior tibial margin of the right lower leg.

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INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

**BODY CAVITIES:** The body is entered through a Y-shaped incision. All the organs are placed in their usual anatomic positions and maintain their usual anatomic relationships. Pleural, pericardial and peritoneal cavities contain the usual amount of serous fluids.

**TONGUE AND NECK ORGANS:** Examination of the tongue reveals no evidence of intramural hemorrhages. There are no hemorrhages in the strap muscles of the neck. Hyoid bone, thyroid and cricoid cartilages are intact. There are focal hemorrhages on the posterior pharyngeal wall, externally.

**RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:** On sectioning the larynx and trachea its lumen is clear. Both lungs are aerated. They weigh 120 grams together. Pleural surfaces of the lungs are grayish brown in color and are smooth. Cut sections reveal a moderately congested and edematous parenchyma. No nodules or granulomas are palpable in either lung. Pulmonary arteries are unremarkable. Sparse petechiae are noted on the pleura bilaterally.

**CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:** The heart is of the usual shape and size. It weighs 37 grams. There are sparse petechiae on the epicardium. On sectioning the heart no congenital or valve anomalies are noted. Endocardial surfaces of both ventricles are gray brown in color and the myocardium is uniformly reddish brown in color. Coronary ostia are present in their usual anatomic locations and the coronary arteries pursue their usual anatomic courses. Serial sectioning of the coronary arteries reveal widely patent lumen. Great vessels at the base of heart are unremarkable. Foramen ovale and the ductus arteriosus are closed.

**GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:** Esophagus is unremarkable. The fundus of the stomach has a postmortem rupture in that the ruptured wall is autolytic and there is no peritoneal reaction. The stomach contains about 2 to 3 ml. of brown colored mucous. Mucosa of the stomach has the usual rugosity. Duodenum, small and large intestines are unremarkable. The appendix is present and shows no pathological changes.

**HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM:** The liver is of the usual shape and size. It weighs 243 grams. Its surface is smooth and margins are sharp. Cut sections reveal a uniformly reddish brown parenchyma. The gallbladder contains a few drops of greenish yellow bile. Intra and extra hepatic biliary tracts are unremarkable.

**HEMOLYMPHATIC SYSTEM:** The spleen is of the usual shape and size. It weighs 20 grams. Its capsule is not tense or wrinkled. Cut sections reveal a soft red pulp. No abnormal lymphadenopathy is noted. The thymus weighs 22 grams. Its capsule is smooth. Cut sections reveal a tan colored fleshy parenchyma.

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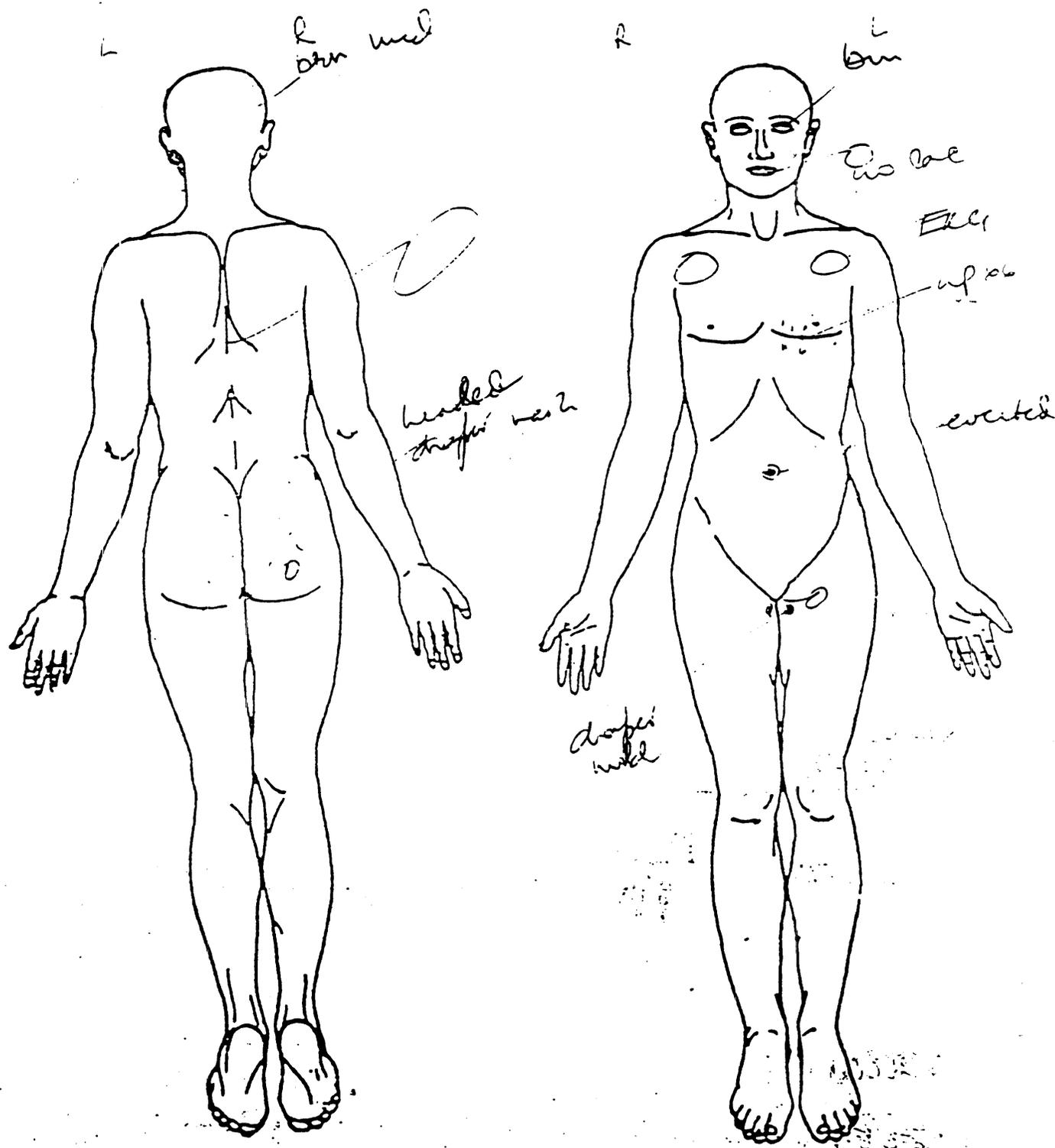
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COUNTY OF COOK

NAME [REDACTED]

CASE NO. [REDACTED] July 93

AGE 9 mos SEX F RACE B TECH \_\_\_\_\_

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Office of the Medical Examiner  
County of Cook

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

Case No. [redacted] 249 93 Pathologist [redacted]

Name [redacted]

Heart:  $\emptyset$

Lung: *med. peribronchial, infiltrate*

Liver:  $\emptyset$

Pancreas:  $\emptyset$

Spleen:  $\emptyset$

Kidney:  $\emptyset$

C.N.S.:  $\emptyset$

Other: *CE Junction  
Esophagus  
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COUNTY OF COOK, ILLINOIS

RESULTS OF TOXICOLOGIC ANALYSES

2. CASE NO. [REDACTED]

JUL 93

TOX. CASE NO. [REDACTED]

DECEASED NAME : [REDACTED]

RACE : BLACK

SEX : FEMALE

AGE : MO OF 34 00

DECEASED DATE 07/13/93

REPORT DATE 07/22/93

PATHOLOGIST : [REDACTED]

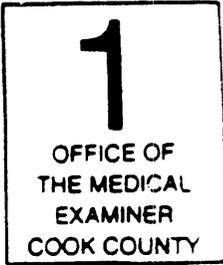
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DRUG/TISSUE	RESULTS	AMOUNT
ENZOYLEGGONINE BLOOD	NEGATIVE	
THANOL BLOOD	NEGATIVE	
PIATES BLOOD	NEGATIVE	

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NANCY B. WU CHEN,  
TOXICOLOGIST



NO: [REDACTED] TIME REC'D: 2045 DATE: 7-12-93

ER: Mitchell 9003 528 PHONE: ( )

REPORT NUMBER: [REDACTED]

SEX: [REDACTED] AGE: 9mos SEX: F RACE: B

CITY: CHICAGO STATE: IL ZIP: -

PHONE: ( ) SSN: SEAL NO:

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: S/A CITY:

REPORTED BY: [REDACTED] RELATIONSHIP: MOTHER PHONE ( )

FOUND: 1645 DATE FOUND: 7 12, 93 AREA FOUND: RESIDENCE

OF KIN: [REDACTED] RELATIONSHIP: MOTHER

PHONE: ( ) ADDRESS:

REPORTED BY: Police HOSPITAL: Roosevelt

ANNOUNCED: 1740 HRS DATE: 7 12, 93 DR: Lee

CAL HISTORY: POSS. CHILD ABUSE

MOTHER CARRIED SUBJECT OUTSIDE - FLAGGED DOWN

POLICE CAR. STATING SUBJECT FOUND UNRESPONSIVE.

F.R. DR. [REDACTED] STATES, POSSIBLE SEVERE RECTUM PENETRATION

SCRATCHES AROUND ANUS.

AZ/UC NOTIFIED

ENDING PHYSICIAN: ADDRESS:

Sign Death Certificate: YES  NO  TELEPHONE:

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CALL MOTHER 0135 - 7/13/93 = TD NO HUMAN

REPORTED TO INSTITUTE BY: MOORMAN STAR: 14852 BEAT 571

AGENCY OTHER THAN POLICE:

RECEIVED BY: Carey DATE: 7 13 1993 TIME: 0030 HRS

INVESTIGATOR ASSIGNED: DATE: 1 1 TIME: HRS

INFORMATION RECEIVED BY: AZ: TMR # 12

(USE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)





REPORT CONTINUATION SHEET

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER  
INVESTIGATION SECTION

PAGE 1 M.E. CASE #                      JUL 93 DECEASED:                      9mos./B/F

R/I conducted a scene investigation at the stated address on 07/13/93 at 10:30am.

Present were Dr. M. Kalelkar, Deputy Medical Examiner, Det. A. Christopherson;

                     (DOB 05/30/72) the subject's mother, and                      (DOB 05/07/71)

the subject's father. In addition to the information in the initial report, Ms.

                     stated the following.

On July 20, Ms.                      fed the subject and put her in her bed about noon for nap.

The subject was put on her stomach in the middle of the mattress. The subject

began to cry and Ms.                      decided to let the subject cry herself to sleep.

At about 4:00pm Ms.                      went to check on the subject and found her with her

head caught in the bumper and her body hanging outside the crib. The crib is missing

two slats in this corner of the crib. (See photos, 1-5)

There are two other children in the home,                      (DOB                     ) and                      (DOB

                    ); both children appeared to be healthy and well cared for. The residence

is located in a brick, multifamily building in good repair. The apartment is

adequately furnished and is fairly clean with no evidence of vermin. The parents

appear to be reacting appropriately; they were cooperative and answered all

questions and agreed that the crib is dangerous and should either be repaired

or thrown out.

*Sharon C. Conner DEFS*  
REPORTING INVESTIGATOR  
7/27/93

SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE

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1. CLASSIFICATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEATH 5084 <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE 5085 <input type="checkbox"/> ATTEMPTED 5086 <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE 5086	INJURY TO <input type="checkbox"/> CITIZEN ON 5087 <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC PROP. 5088	INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> TO CITY 5088 <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE 5089	2. BEAT/UNIT ASSIGN 528	3. BEAT OCCUR 532
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6. ADDRESS OF OCCURRENCE [REDACTED]	APT. NO. [REDACTED]	7. DATE OCCURRED 12 JUL 93	TIME [REDACTED]	8. DATE REPORTING OFFICER ARRIVED 12 JUL 93	TIME 2010
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9. HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]	APT. NO. [REDACTED]	11. HOME PHONE [REDACTED]	12. BUSINESS PHONE DNA
SEX/RACE/AGE F / COPE / 9mo	SEX/RACE F / 1	SEX/RACE F / 1	16. BUSINESS PHONE DNA
SEX/RACE F / 1	SEX/RACE F / 1	SEX/RACE F / 1	20. BUSINESS PHONE DNA
21. NAMES OF WITNESSES [REDACTED]	SEX/RACE [REDACTED]	SEX/RACE [REDACTED]	24. BUSINESS PHONE [REDACTED]

DD AREA 2	DET. FRIEL # 20335	626
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25. TYPE PREMISES WHERE OCCURRED/VICTIM FOUND RESIDENCE	LOCATION CODE 290	26. CAUSE OF INJURY (INSTRUMENT OR MEANS) UNK	27. REASON (ACCIDENT, ILL HEALTH, ETC) UNK
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29. REMOVED TO (MOTHER) ROSELAND COMMUNITY	30. NAME/PERSON AUTHORIZING REMOVAL [REDACTED]
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31. SOBRIETY OF VICTIM (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOBER <input type="checkbox"/> 2 HBD <input type="checkbox"/> 3 INTOX.	32. EXTENT OF INJURIES (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 MINOR <input type="checkbox"/> 2 SERIOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 FATAL	33. FIRST AID GIVEN BY POLICE <input type="checkbox"/> 1 YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 NO	34. MEDICAL AID REFUSED BY VICTIM <input type="checkbox"/>
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35. NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Dr. [REDACTED]	36. PROP. INVENTORY NO. [REDACTED]
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37. NARRATIVE (THE INDICATED SOBRIETY OF VICTIM OR WITNESSES IS THE APPARENT CONDITION, WHEN REPORTED)

In Summary:  
 Notifications: A/2 VC Sgt. Augustine 1000 2030hrs  
 Zone 9: 2040 hrs ; A/2 Youth: HARDY #15680  
 2041 hrs ; 1st DEPUTY FARRELL #13689 2044hrs  
 ME: BRUCCI #61 2050 hrs.

R/o's responded to a call of child abuse at Roseland Hospital. Upon arrival, R/o's learned the victim was deceased. Further investigation revealed that the victim was brought in to the E.R. at 1705 hrs with no visible life signs. E.R. staff made attempts to revive victim to no avail. Victim was pronounced expired at 1740 hrs, by Dr. [REDACTED]. Further examination by Dr. [REDACTED] and staff revealed that the victim sustained

I HAVE READ THIS REPORT AND BY MY SIGNATURE INDICATE THAT IT IS ACCEPTABLE  CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

38. EXTRA COPIES REQUIRED (NO & RECIPIENT)	39. DATE INVESTIGATION COMPLETED 12 JUL 93	TIME 0000	42. SUPERVISOR APPROVING SGT THOMAS	STAR NO 1416
40. REPORTING OFFICER (Print or Type) G. Hampton	STAR NO 3416	41. REPORTING OFFICER (Print or Type) V. MITCHELL	STAR NO 9003	SIGNATURE [Signature]
SIGNATURE [Signature]	SIGNATURE [Signature]	DATE 13	MONTH JUL	TIME 0030

CPD-11.406 (REV. 8/13) RACE CODES: 1 - BLACK, 2 - WHITE, 3 - BLACK-HISP, 4 - WHITE-HISP, 5 - AMER INDIAN/ALASK NAT, 6 - ASIAN/PACIFIC ISL

FILE 8716



Detective Division  
Area 2 Violent Crimes

RD# X-314874

IDENTIFIED BY : ██████████ F/1/21 30 May 72  
██████████ Ph# ██████████  
SS# ██████████  
(Mother of victim)

EVIDENCE : Photos of the scene were taken by E.T. Jachna # 6133, Beat 509.

INTERVIEWED : ██████████ F/1/21 30 May 72  
██████████  
SS# ██████████ Unemployed/Married  
(Mother of victim)

██████████ M/1/22 07 May 71  
██████████  
SS# ██████████ Employed as a truck  
driver, Wk# ██████████  
(Father of victim)

NOTIFICATIONS : Inv. Brucci # 61 of the Medical Examiner's facility. Case # 275 July 93

Jan Behrens of the Department of Children and Family Services.

INVESTIGATION : Reporting Detectives Friel and McMurray were assigned by Sgt. Augustine # 1000 to conduct the follow-up investigation of the reported death of nine month old ██████████ who was dead on arrival at Roseland Community Hospital. R/D's proceeded to the hospital, where the victim's mother was located and interviewed. She related the following in summary.

██████████ related that on the date of this occurrence, she heated a bottle for the victim, and laid the victim down for a nap in her crib around noon. ██████████ then went about her daily activities, and at approximately 1600 hours, she decided to take ██████████ and her other two children outside for some fresh air. ██████████ then entered her daughter's bedroom, and discovered that her daughter ██████████ hanging on the outside of her crib, with her neck caught in the bumper guard from within the crib. ██████████ body was able to fit through the vertical bars of the crib because two of the bars on one side of the crib were missing. ██████████ head was facing toward the ceiling, but her mouth and nose were covered by the bumper guard, which was partially pulled out from the crib, between the vertical bars. ██████████ then removed ██████████ from the crib, and attempted C.P.R., but to no avail. She then obtained the assistance of her neighbor ██████████, and drove the victim in the direction of Roseland Community Hospital. Enroute to the hospital, she flagged down a squad car (Beat 533A), and Officers Cornelius # 5564 and Davis # 5749 assisted her in getting her daughter to the hospital. Dr. ██████████ subsequently pronounced ██████████ at 1740 hours.

Reporting Detectives then interviewed Dr. ██████████ who was the attending emergency room physician on duty (Dr. ██████████ was gone upon R/D's arrival). Dr. ██████████ and R/D's then viewed the body of ██████████. Dr. ██████████ related that the child may have a rectal tear, but stated that the issue of any abuse should be left up to the findings of the Medical Examiner upon a more thorough examination. Dr. ██████████ also pointed out two areas on the buttocks of the deceased that were found to be suspicious, but this later was determined to be diaper rash.



INVESTIGATION (Cont'd) :

The father of the victim, [REDACTED] was then interviewed, and related that he had left for work at approximately 0600 hours, and returned home shortly after 1630 hours. He then learned from neighbors that his wife [REDACTED] were at Roseland Hospital. He then met [REDACTED] at the hospital, where he was informed of the incident.

R/D's and [REDACTED] then returned to her apartment, and examined the scene. The crib was found to be in the condition as previously described by [REDACTED]. A bumper guard from within the crib was observed to be partially protruding through a section of the crib where one of the two vertical bars were missing. This area where the victim slipped through the bars had an approximate 7" opening. An evidence technician was then requested to photograph the scene.

R/D's and the parents of the victim then proceeded to A/2 in furtherance of this investigation. While at A/2, the Department of Children and Family Services was contacted, and a routine check did not reveal any previous or current investigations relating to either parent of the victim. At the conclusion of the interviews with the parents of [REDACTED] they were transported back to their residence.

On 13 July 93, Dr. Kalalkar of the Cook County Medical Examiner's Facility performed an autopsy upon the remains of [REDACTED]. Upon completion of the autopsy, she concluded that the cause of death was suffocation. Dr. Kalalkar did not find any evidence of child abuse, and furthermore there was no evidence of any rectal tearing, as previously alluded to by Dr. [REDACTED] from Roseland Community Hospital.

On 14 July 93, Dr. Kalalkar and members of her investigative staff went to the scene of this incident, and upon viewing the crib and it's contents, she concluded that the manner of death was accidental.

Based on the aforementioned findings of this investigation, and the conclusions by Dr. Kalalkar of the Medical Examiner's facility, R/D's request that this case be closed, non-criminal.

Report of : Det. David Friel # 20335  
Det. John McMurray # 20366

**CRIME SCENE PROCESSING REPORT**  
**CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSE/INCIDENT

IUCR CODE

OTHER NO

RD NO

Death Investigation

0110

X 314 874

ADDRESS OF SERVICE

VICTIM'S NAME

SEX-RACE-AGE  
F/1/9mos

AREA-DIST-BEAT OCCUR  
02/05/532

ASSIGNMENT TYPE  
Crime Scene

REQUESTED BY  
5223

DATE RECEIVED - TIME  
12 Jul 93 2130

UNIT ASSIGNED  
509

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

A O/A building (ID)

D O/A child's room

G O/A windows

B O/A apt door - room 210

E O/A crib

H

C O/A entrance way

F O/C showing opening in crib

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<b>FINGERPRINTS</b>	ELIM PRINTS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IN CUSTODY <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	NAME (LAST FIRST)	SEX RACE	D O B	C B NO	I R NO
MED NEG LIFT	LOCATION FOUND		F N	MED NEG LIFT	LOCATION FOUND		F N
	D.A						

POSSIBLE SUSPECT INFORMATION  
 MALE  FEMALE  ADULT  JUVENILE RACE TOTAL NO OF LIFTS DATE OF TRANSMITTAL

PALMS  IMPRESSIONS  FINGERPRINTS  
 SUITABLE FOR COMPUTER  PRINTS SUITABLE FOR COMPARISON  
 YES  NO  YES  NO INITIALS OF EXAMINER DATE

VEH YEAR MAKE & MODEL COLOR STATE LICENSE NO VIN

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

PROP INVENT NO - UNIT	DESCRIPTION & LOCATION	INITIAL DEST
	NONE	

**DETAILS OF CASE**

N/T met on scene by Detectives McMurray & Friel, Beat 5223. N/T photographed scene as listed above. Mrs. [redacted] on scene. Victim, [redacted] age 9 mos, DOB [redacted], [redacted] had been transported to hospital & resided by mother. Victim pronounced by Dr. Lee at 1740 hrs. Victim has abrasions on bruise to anus and rectum.

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S NAME McMurray, J., #20266 & Friel, D., #20305	STAR NO 602	UNIT 502	BEAT OFFICER'S NAME Mitchell #9003 & Hampton #3416	STAR NO 50	UNIT 50
REPORTING TECHNICIAN JACHNA, JACOB J.	PRINT LAST NAME - FIRST 6133	STAR NO 005	UNIT 12	DATE ARRIVED - TIME 12 Jul 93 2140	TIME COMPLETED 2200
TECHNICIAN'S SIGNATURE <i>Jacob J. Jachna</i>	DATE 12 Jul 93	APPROVING SUPERVISOR (PRINT NAME) <i>[Signature]</i>	STAR NO	SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	

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Identify and describe all property or possible evidence discovered at the end of the Narrative in column form. Show exactly where found, when found, who found it and its description (include Property Inventory numbers). If property taken was scribbled for Operation Identification, indicate I.D. number at end of Narrative. Offender's approximate description, if possible, should include name if known, nickname, sex, race code, age, height, weight, color eyes & hair, complexion, scars, marks, etc. If suspect is arrested, give name, sex, race code, age, C.B. or I.R. number, if known, and state "In Custody"

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**  
**CHICAGO POLICE - FOR USE BY B.I.S. PERSONNEL ONLY**

All descriptions and statements in this entire report are approximations or summarizations unless indicated otherwise.

4 DATE OF ORIG. OCCURRENCE - TIME  
 \* DAY MO. YR.  
 12 July 1993 1645

1. OFFENSE/CLASSIFICATION LAST PREVIOUS REPORT: **DEATH INVESTIGATION**  
 1 UCR OFF. CODE: **5084**  
 2. ADDRESS OF ORIG. INCIDENT/OFFENSE: [REDACTED]  
 1 VERIFIED:  2 CORRECTED:  3 BEAT OF OCCUR: **532**

5. VICTIM'S NAME AS SHOWN ON CASE REPORT: [REDACTED]  
 CORRECT:  1 YES  2 NO  
 IF NO. CORRECT ALL VICTIM INFORMATION IN BOXES 20 THROUGH 27.  
 6. FIRE RELATED:  1 YES  2 NO  
 7. BEAT ASSIGNED: **5055**

8. INCIDENT/OFFENSE OCCURRED: **Residence**  
 LOCATION CODE: **290**  
 9. NO. OF VICTIMS: **1**  
 10. NO. OF OFFENDERS: **D.N.A.**

11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VERIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> UPDATE TO	12. OBJECT WEAPON CODE NOS.	13. FIREARM FEATURES CODE NO.	14. POINT/ENTRY CODE NO.	15. POINT/EXIT CODE NO.	16. BURGLAR ALARM CODE NOS.	17. SAFE BURGLARY METHOD CODE NO.	18. IF RESIDENCE WHERE WERE OCCUR CODE NO.
PROPERTY VERIFIED <b>DNA</b> UPDATE TO	DESCRIBE PROPERTY IN NARRATIVE T = TAKEN; P = RECOVERED	1. MONEY <input type="checkbox"/> T \$ <input type="checkbox"/> R	2. JEWELRY <input type="checkbox"/> T \$ <input type="checkbox"/> R	3. FURS <input type="checkbox"/> T \$ <input type="checkbox"/> R	4. CLOTHING <input type="checkbox"/> T \$ <input type="checkbox"/> R	7. OFFICE EQUIPMENT <input type="checkbox"/> T \$ <input type="checkbox"/> R	8. TV. RADIO. STEREO <input type="checkbox"/> T \$ <input type="checkbox"/> R
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20. NAME (LAST-FIRST-M.I.)	21. UCR OFFENSE CODE	22. HOME ADDRESS (NO., DIR., STREET, APT. NO.)	23. SEX-RACE-AGE CODE	24. HOME PHONE	25. BUSINESS PHONE	26. INJURED YES NO	27. VICTIM REL. CODE
1							
2							
3							

28. OFFENDER'S NAME (OR DESCRIBE CLOTHING, ETC.)	29. HOME ADDRESS	30. SEX-RACE-AGE HEIGHT WEIGHT EYES HAIR COMPL. CODE
1		
2		

31. C.B. NO.	I.R. NO., Y.D. NO. OR J.D.A. NO.	OFFENDER IREL. CODE	C.B. NO.	I.R. NO., Y.D. NO. OR J.D.A. NO.	OFFENDER REL. CODE (ARRESTED/UNIT NO.)
OFF. 1					
OFF. 2					

33. OFF'S. VEHICLE:  USED  STOLEN. YEAR: MAKE: BODY STYLE: COLOR: V.I.N.: STATE LICENSE NO: STATE:

34. SERIAL NOS. OR IDENTIFICATION NOS.  1 DNA  2 VERIFIED  3 CORRECTED. LIST ALL CORRECTIONS & NEW OR ADDITIONAL NOS. OBTAINED IN NARRATIVE.

50. OFFENSE/CLASS. THIS DATE (IF SAME ENTER DNA): **D.N.A.** REV. CODE: 51. METHOD CODF: 52. METHOD ASSIGNED:  1 FIELD  3 SUMMARY. UNIT NO: **622** 53. STATUS:  0 PROGRESS  1 SUSPENDED  UNFOUNDED.

54. IF CASE CLEARED, HOW CLEARED:  1 ARREST & PROSEC.  2 DIRECTED TO JUV. CRT.  3 COMPL. REFUSD. TO PROSECUTE  4 COMMUNITY ADJUSTMENT  5 OTHER EXCEPT  ADULT  JUV.

55.  FOR SUMMARY CASES ONLY - THE ORIGINAL CASE REPORT IS SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT, AND CONTACT WITH THE VICTIM HAS DISCLOSED NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION.

80. NARRATIVE

THIS IS A CAUSE OF DEATH REPORT:  
 [REDACTED] of July 1993  
 MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CASE NUMBER: [REDACTED]  
 DATE OF AUTOPSY: 13 July 1993  
 PATHOLOGIST: Dr. Kalelkar  
 CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH: Deferred pending further investigation.  
 INVESTIGATION: Upon completion of the Autopsy, the Pathologist deferred the cause and manner of death as indicated above.

90. EXTRA COPIES REQUIRED (INC. & RECIPIENT)	91. DATE THIS REPORT SUBMITTED - DAY MO. YR. TIME: 13 July 1993 1445	92. SUPERVISOR APPROVING (PRINT NAME) SIGNATURE: [Signature]
93. REPORTING OFFICER (PRINT NAME) STAR NO.: Det. James Cornelison 20157	94. REPORTING OFFICER (PRINT NAME) STAR NO.:	95. DATE APPROVED (DAY-MO-YR): 15 JUL 93



1. Can you tell me what happened? THE 9 MONTH OLD  
FEMALE VICTIM WAS LAID DOWN IN HER FOR A  
NAP ABOUT 12 NOON. HER MOTHER LAID HER  
ON HER STOMACH IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MATTRESS.  
THE CRIB WAS A STANDARD SIZE WITH A STANDARD  
SIZE MATTRESS AND A BUMPER PAD AROUND THE  
INSIDE. THE CRIB HAD 2 RAILS MISSING ON THE SIDE FACING THE WALL  
INSIDE. THE MOTHER WENT IN TO GET THE BABY  
UP<sup>PER</sup> ABOUT 4:00 PM. SHE FOUND THE VICTIM<sup>DEAD</sup> HANGING  
BY HER NECK. WITH HER HEAD STUCK BETWEEN  
THE MATTRESS AND A RAIL. HER BODY WAS  
HANGING DOWN OUTSIDE THE CRIB<sup>IN THE HOLE CAUSED BY THE MISSING RAILS</sup> BETWEEN THE  
CRIB AND WALL.











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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 317613265

DATE OF INCIDENT: 07/12/93 (Nursery Product)  
CATID: TYNN071994

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED HAZARD ANALYSIS (X) SECT 15 ( )

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

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT Sue Cassidy 504-0470

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: Please conduct an investigation of the attached incident involving a nursery product. If product is available for examination, please do an on-site investigation; otherwise, do telephone investigation.

- o Describe scenario and provide product information (e.g., description and age of product, manufacturer, place of purchase, etc.).
- o Determine whether incident resulted from product failure or faulty design (e.g., broken or missing hardware, improper component spacing, inadequate or missing restraints, etc.).
- o If entrapment was involved, provide dimensions of the area of entrapment.

Person(s) to Contact: Knowledgeable parties  
(IL does not allow next-of-kin contact)

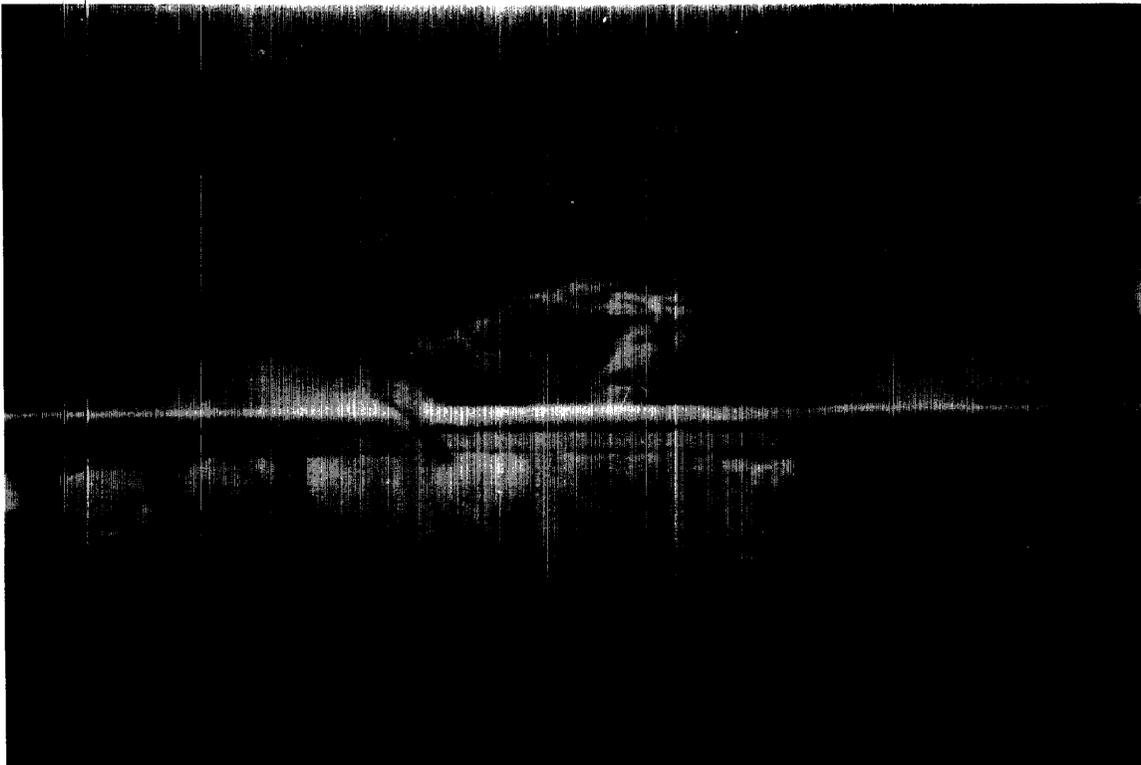
- Guidelines:
- Appendix 46 - Nursery Products
  - Appendix 83 - High Chairs
  - Appendix 84 - Playpens
  - Appendix 108- Infant Suffocation

Tasknumber: [REDACTED] Date: 940517

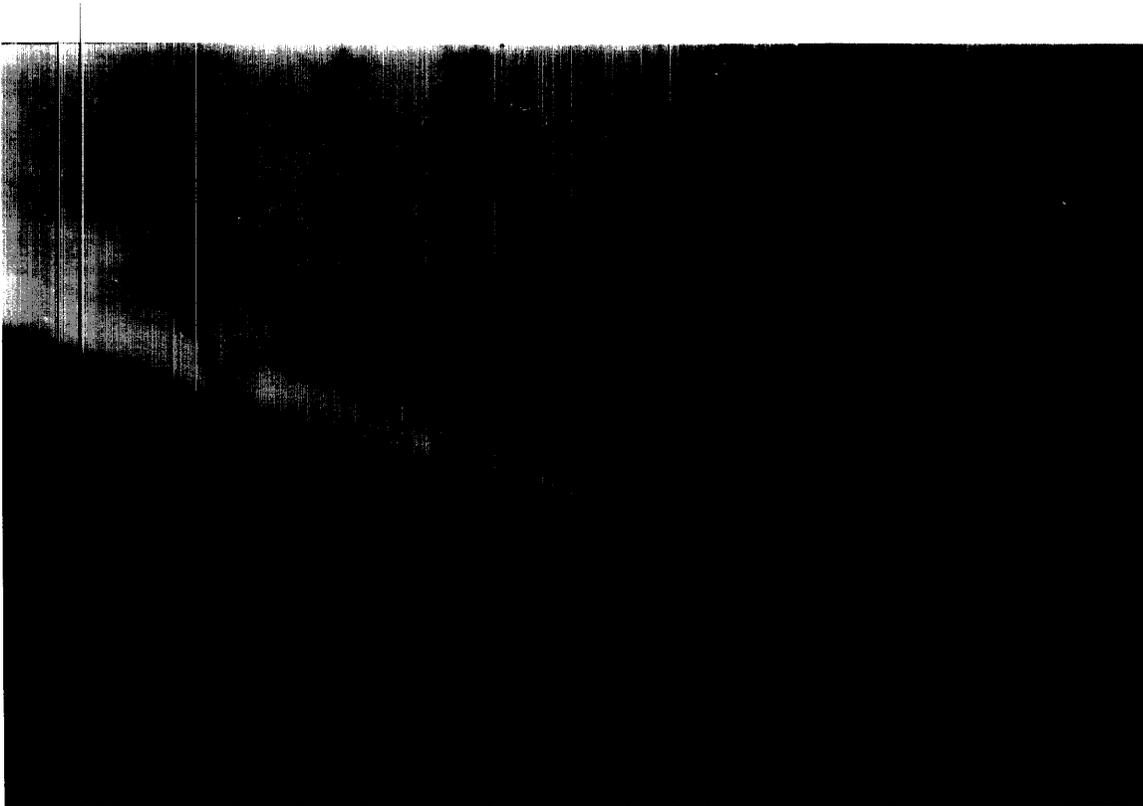
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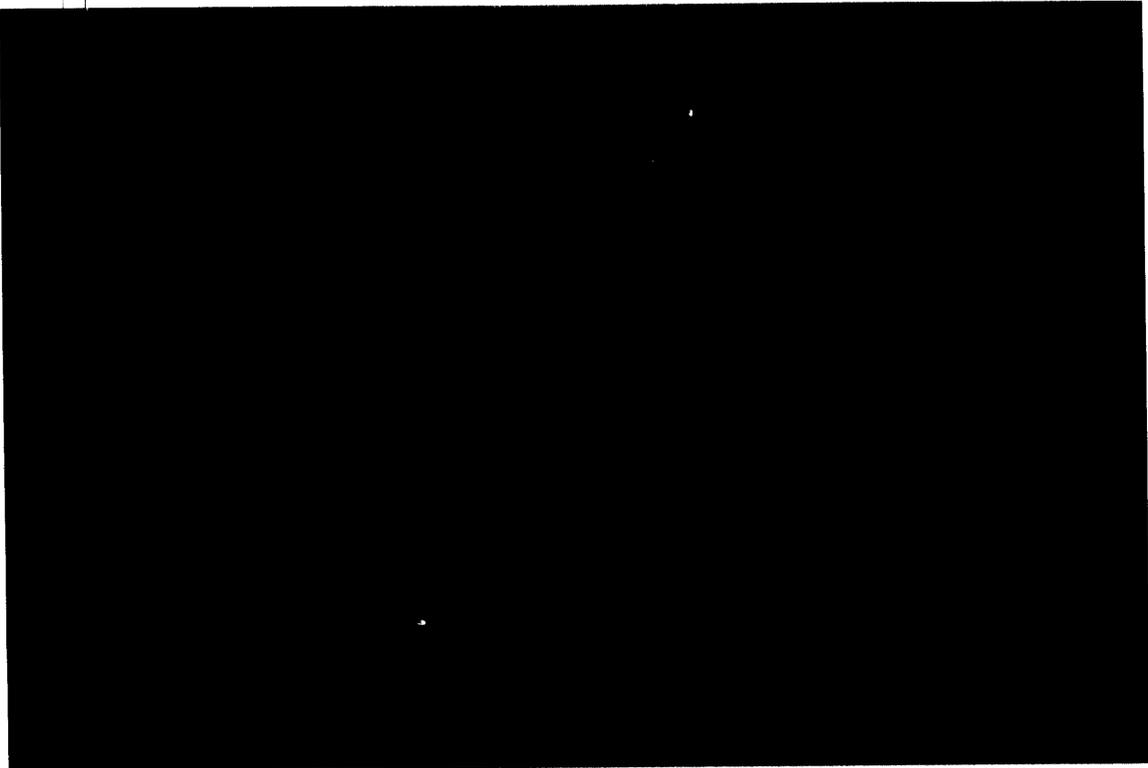
Attachment 5, Photo 1 - Photo showing full size baby crib involved in this incident. (Photos obtained from coroner's office).



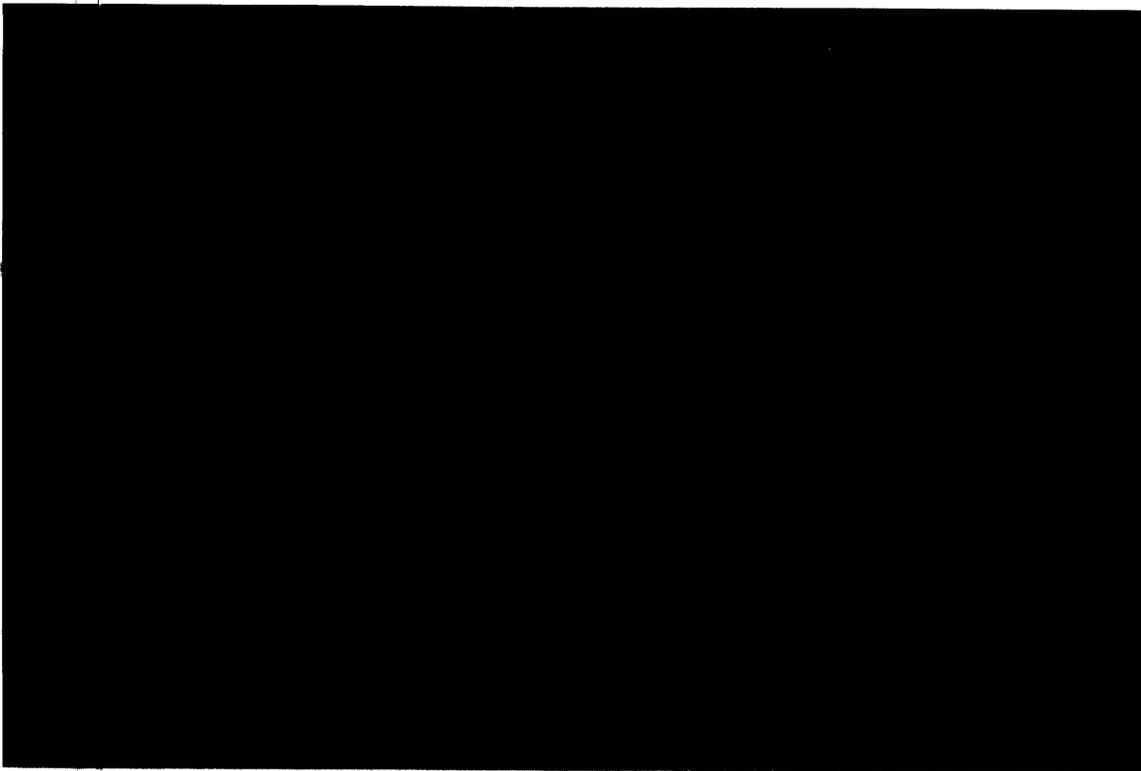
Attachment 5, Photo 2 - Photo showing recreation of victim's sleeping position when placed down for a nap at approximately 12:00 noon on July 12, 1993. Victim reportedly cried when placed down for her nap and was allowed to cry herself to sleep.



Attachment 5, photo 3 - Photograph showing location of victim in crib (recreation) at time of discovery by mother at 4:00 p.m. on 7/12/94.



Attachment 5, Photo 4 - Recreation of position of infant as seen from inside of crib after incident. Victim had slipped between 7" space created by a missing crib slat. Victim was caught by chin and neck by crib's bumper guard.



Attachment 5, Photo 5 - View of crib side rail with what appear to be slats missing in two different locations near crib's headboard. According to photo 4, child slipped through space farthest away from headboard. According to police personnel, this space measured approximately 7" wide.