

1. TASK NUMBER 980107HCC3504		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8026		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
3. OFFICE CODE 860	4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 98 01 02		5. DATE INITIATED YR MO DAY 98 01 19		
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT The victim was an 11 months old infant boy with a history of severe asthma attacks. He went to sleep at night in a full-size crib with a bumper pad. The victim was later found lifeless in the crib with the loose bumper pad around his waist. The Coroner's investigation and autopsy reports revealed this death was "natural" due to an asthma attack causing cardiac arrest. The bumper pad was determined not to be the cause the victim's death.					
7. LOCATION (Home, School, etc.) Home, indoors. [1]		8. CITY Bakersfield		9. STATE CA	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT Crib bumper pad. [1542]		10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME [REDACTED]		10C. MODEL NUMBER Unknown.	
10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS [REDACTED]					
11A. SECOND PRODUCT Full-size baby crib. [1543]		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME Unknown.		11C. MODEL NUMBER Unknown.	
11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS Unknown.					
12. AGE 11 months. [211]		13. SEX Male. [1]		14. DISPOSITION DOA, fatality. [8]	
15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Anoxia. [65]		16. BODY PART (S) All parts of body. [85]		17. RESPONDENT Investigator. [3]	
18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION Other. [3]		19. TIME SPENT (OPERATIONAL HOURS) Hours. [12.0]		20. ATTACHMENT(S) Multiple. [9]	
21. CASE SOURCE MECAP - Coroner. [12]		22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER None.		23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON NEISS CASES ONLY) "No!" Do not release the victim's name or address.	
24. REVIEW DATE March 20, 1998		25. REVIEWED BY Keven J. Barton, Supervisor		26. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR Larry Cornell, Acting Director	
27. DISTRIBUTION O: EHDS (M. McDonald) cc: EHHA (D. Tinsworth), RCD (L. Saltzman), FO (P. Weddle), FOWR (K. Barton).					

SYNOPSIS

The victim was an 11 months old infant boy with a history of severe asthma attacks. The evening before this incident, the victim suffered a severe asthma attack. He received medical treatment for the asthma attack in a hospital emergency room. The victim went to sleep that night at home in a full-size crib with a bumper pad. The victim was found lifeless in the middle of the night in the crib with a loose bumper pad around his abdomen. He was pronounced dead at a local hospital. The Coroner's investigation and autopsy reports stated the victim's death was "natural" due to an asthma attack causing cardiac arrest. The bumper pad was determined not to be the cause of the victim's death.

PRE-INCIDENT

The victim was an 11 months old infant boy at the time of the incident. He had severe asthma attacks for several months prior to this incident. The victim was being given Hydramine and Albuterol medications for his asthma. He lived with his step-parents, step-brother, and step-sisters in a residential home. The victim had a severe asthma attack on the evening before the incident. He was taken to a local hospital and received treatment and asthma medications. The victim was then taken home. He went to bed later that evening in his full-size baby crib. His mother heard the victim crying in his crib around 12:30 am. She went into the victim's bedroom and said she observed nothing wrong. The victim went back to sleep lying on his back. The mother left the victim and went to her bedroom.

INCIDENT

The Coroner's report stated the victim suffered an severe asthma attack in his crib which caused cardiac arrest. He was lying face down in his crib. The time was sometimes before 2:20 in the morning.

POST-INCIDENT

The mother went back into the victim's bedroom at 2:20 am. She found the victim lifeless lying face-down on the crib mattress with the (loose) bumper pad wrapped around his waist. His face was near the folded part of the bumper pad, but there were no obstructions to his face. The mother called the 9-1-1 emergency number. Paramedics arrived, gave the victim CPR, and transported him to a nearby hospital. The hospital medical staff could not revive the victim. He was pronounced dead at 3:12 am.

The Coroner's investigator found that the full-size crib was in good condition with no defects. The victim's house was clean and well maintained. This investigator examined the bumper pad and said it was old, soiled, and had missing tie-down straps on the side opposite the drop-rail. The Coroner's autopsy report stated the cause of the victim's death was "cardiac arrest caused by asthma (months)". There were no bruises or trauma found on the victim's body. (Exhibit 3). During this investigation, the

Coroner's investigator said the victim's death was natural due to asthma and the bumper pad did not cause the victim's death. The victim's parents were not interviewed, only "officials" were contacted (Exhibits 1 and 2). There were no samples collected during this investigation. The victim's name and address should not be released to the public.

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PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

The crib bumper pad involved in this incident was manufactured by [REDACTED]. The brand name is [REDACTED]. This bumper pad was old and soiled. It lacked tie-down straps on the side opposite the crib's drop-rail. The missing or pulled-off tie-down straps allowed the bumper pad to pull away from the side of the crib and wrap around the victim's waist.

The full-size wooden baby crib involved in this incident was painted white. The Coroner's investigator examined this crib and found it to be in good operating condition. The crib's manufacturer and model number are unknown.

STANDARDS INFORMATION

The full-size baby crib involved in this incident is subject to the Requirements for Full-Size Cribs, 16 CFR 1508. The crib bumper pad involved in this incident is subject to the R.N. identification requirements of the Federal Trade Commission. There are no CPSC regulations for crib bumper pads.

ATTACHMENTS

- Exhibit 1: MECAP report from Kern Co. Coroner's Office about victim's fatality.
- Exhibit 2: EHHA investigation assignment request, 1/7/98.
- Exhibit 3: Kern Co. Coroner's autopsy report and investigation report, 9 pages.
- Exhibit 4: FOWR investigation assignment request, 1/9/98.

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EXHIBIT 1

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MEDICAL EXAMINER'S/CORONER'S REPORTING FORM

To report a case by telephone, call (toll free) 1-800-638-8095. Say "THIS IS A MECAP REPORT." You will then be placed in contact with the MECAP Project Manager, who will ask for the information noted below.

Date of accident 1/2/98 Date of Death 1/2/98 Time unknown

Type of consumer product involved mattress rail cover for crib

Manufacturer, Model, Brand name, and Serial No. of product _____

Is product available for examination? Yes No. If Yes, where? _____

Coroner Bakersville

ISSUE 15

Cause of Death: haven't done investigation

Location of Accident: City _____ State Calif

Brief description of accident sequence: (Please include the AGE and SEX of the VICTIM(S)) JAN 6 1996

Can 11 m/p caucasian mal
item rapped around the abdomen
face buried down, faced into
mattress & padding

Officials Only

Contact Information: Please include the name, address and telephone number of any state/local personnel who investigated the accident.

Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Case No. _____ Telephone No. 805 861-2606

Reporter's Name Jeff Cameron Deputy Coroner Date Reported _____

Reporter's Off. (incl. city, county, & state) Bakersville Kern Cty Sheriff Coroner

Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Name Jeff Cameron, Deputy Coroner

For processing at CPSC: Report received by: Yolanda Henry

Chief Med. Exam. Rpt () Copy for MECAP News ()
Regular MECAP () Document No. _____

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EXHIBIT 2

INCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: X9811449A

DATE OF INCIDENT: 1/2/98

CATID: TYNN31 1998

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED

HAZARD ANALYSIS(X) SECT 15 ()

TYPE FOLLOW-UP

TELEPHONE () ON-SITE (X)

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT: Debbie Tinsworth 504-0470 x1276
Backup: John Preston 504-0494 x1315

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: Information on serious incidents involving nursery equipment is important in evaluating the need for revisions to voluntary or mandatory standards for these products. All deaths and serious injuries to children associated with these products need to be investigated.

Determine product description, brand name, model; photograph product if possible. Determine age of product, manufacturer, place of purchase.

Determine sequence/scenario of events, treatment administered, and patient disposition. If more than one person involved, explain how others were involved. Collect all official documentation (paramedics, police, and coroner reports, medical records, death certificate).

Determine if product failure or faulty product design were a factor. Determine if spacing of equipment, or any protrusions played a role. If entrapment take dimension measurements.

Person(s) to Contact: SEE ATTACHED

Officials Only

Guidelines: Appendix 35 - Structural Entrapment
Appendix 46 - Nursery Products
Appendix 83 - High Chairs
Appendix 84 - Playpens

Task number: 980107HCC 3504 Date:

Assigned to: Requested by:

CPSC Form 324A (10/97)

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ORIGINAL
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CORONER DIVISION

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REPORT OF AUTOPSY

DECEDENT

DATE OF BIRTH:

DATE/TIME OF DEATH:

PLACE OF DEATH:

DATE/TIME OF AUTOPSY:

ASSISTING:

FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST:

JANUARY 2, 1998, 0312 HOURS

MERCY HOSPITAL ER

JANUARY 2, 1998, 1300 HOURS

TRISH ITURRIRIA, ASSISTING

CAUSE OF DEATH:

A. CARDIAC ARREST (MINUTES) DUE TO

B. ASTHMA (MONTHS).

MANNER:

NATURAL

FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST

THE SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE
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BUREAU OF FORENSIC PATHOLOGY
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ATTEST

BY

Vicki Ferral
DEPUTY

REPORTED DEATH CIRCUMSTANCES

The decedent was last seen alive at 12:30 AM on January 2, 1998. The foster mother went into the bedroom to find the child crying. The room was shared with a 9 year old male foster child as this child also was. Nothing wrong was observed. The decedent had a history of asthma and was to be placed on his back on a pillow to sleep. At about 2:20 in the morning, he was found face down and unresponsive once again by the foster mother. Admittance to the hospital via ambulance, resuscitative procedures and methods were totally unsuccessful. There were no noted crib defects. There was some wrapping about the abdomen and face when the foster mother was asked to duplicate with a doll, the body position when discovered. The child became a foster child the biological mother did not take care of the child adequately. He was on medications to include Hydramine and Albuteral with a nebulizer. He was not given the evening of the terminal event. Treatment had occurred locally at a hospital. The home was clean, well maintained. This decedent child shared the home with three other foster child, 1 other male and 2 females.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The unembalmed body is that of a 27.2 inch (68 cm), 11 month 6 day old Caucasoid appearing who weighs 21 pounds (9.55 kg). The crown-rump length is 47.5 cm, head circumference 48 cm, thoracic circumference 46 cm and abdomen 44 cm. Fontanelles are closing.

1. Head hair is short brown and eyes also are brown.
2. Upper and lower jaws have no erupted teeth.
3. Clothing consists of a blue trim forest green body suit with an underlying white tee shirt. On the abdominal area are two outer and inner clean white diapers.
4. Marks, scars and tattoos are absent.
5. Recent medical artifacts area as follows:
 - a. Extending from the left external naris is a Levine tube.
 - b. Extending from the right corner of the mouth is a taped endotracheal tube at the 15 cm mark.
 - c. Needle puncture marks are present in the left front bend of the elbow, left groin (4) and right inner wrist.
 - d. Below the left knee is an interosseous, left tibial infusion device.
 - e. In the left front shoulder area is an intravascular catheter taped to the skin.

6. Injuries and external abnormalities:

a. The body is cold and lividity is present in all four extremities. Lividity is on the right side of face and torso and the body is pale anteriorly. Coloration is diffuse. There are no pressure marks on the mouth or nose. The frenulum is intact. Eyes show no cloudiness and there are no external petechiae. Trauma to the back is nowhere noted. Trauma elsewhere is likewise not seen.

7. Identification devices:

a. About the right ankle are two Kern County Mortuary tags stating the name [REDACTED] and numbers [REDACTED]

b. About the left ankle is the Coroner's investigator tag stating [REDACTED]

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is opened using the Y-shaped incision. The head is opened using a transverse coronal incision extending from mastoid to mastoid. The head is opened widely, posteriorly to the base of the skull to reveal any contusions or trauma. Significant internal findings disclose:

1. Organ weights in grams:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| a. Brain 1050 grams. | h. Left kidney 30 grams. |
| b. Heart 42 grams. | i. Right adrenal 5 grams. |
| c. Right lung 80 grams. | j. Left adrenal 5 grams. |
| d. Left lung 68 grams. | k. Pancreas 26 grams. |
| e. Liver 298 grams. | l. Thymus 46 grams |
| f. Spleen 52 grams. | m. Thyroid 2.5 grams. |
| g. Right kidney 24 grams. | n. Prostate 3.0 grams. |

2. Anterior frontal subgale petechiae and contusions are absent. The brain is intensely edematous and congested. Cerebral spinal fluid is clear. Sectioning through the brain shows no unusual anatomical findings.

3. The heart is acutely dilated with liquid blood. Cardiac valves appear unremarkable, non edematous and the vessels show a normal passage over the heart. On the posterior epicardial surface are a few punctate petechiae. The pericardial sac also has a few petechiae.

4. Lungs are diffusely atelectatic. Sectioning shows focal congestion which is diffuse and irregular. Foam is not present in the trachea and main stem bronchi. The endotracheal tube is above the carina and non occluding. There are no petechiae on the pleura.

5. Liver, spleen and kidneys are congested. The spleen shows well demarcated white pulp.

SYSTEMIC DESCRIPTION

A. CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM- The calvarium is unremarkable. Separating the dura shows no underlying fractures. Mastoid air sinus hemorrhages are not noted. Serial sectioning through the brain reveals clear demarcation between gray and white matter and bilaterally symmetrical anatomical landmarks. Vessels are unremarkable and anomalous malformations are not present. The cerebellar hemispheres and brain main stem are unremarkable except for congestion.

B. CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM- Pericardial surfaces are smooth and show approximately 12 ml of pericardial fluid. This is yellow, clear. The heart has the normal configuration and is dilated with the liquid blood. The myocardium on sectioning is grossly unremarkable. Valves show no obvious peculiarities and the measurements are as follows: tricuspid 5.5 cm, pulmonic 2.7 cm, mitral 4.5 cm, aortic 2.8 cm. The aorta is intact and follows the normal path. Coronary vessels likewise are unremarkable. Great vessels to include pulmonary arteries, superior and inferior vena cavae also show liquid blood.

C. RESPIRATORY SYSTEM- Bruising and injury of the soft tissues of the tongues, lips, hyoid bone and trachea are not noted. The larynx is patent with intact walls. Trachea and bronchi are free of lesions and obstruction. Pleural surfaces are smooth. There is the diffuse irregular patchy atelectasis. Serosanguineous fluid can be extruded, however. The lungs on sectioning show diffusely congested finding. Pulmonary vessels have neither lesions nor obstructions.

D. GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM- The esophagus is unremarkable. The stomach has a small amount of tan fluid on the surface. Ulcers are not noted. Gastric rugae are unremarkable. Small and large intestines are unremarkable and the appendix is present.

E. HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM- The liver is congested. Sectioning shows drainage of fluid. The gall bladder is filled with green bile.

F. SPLEEN AND LYMPHATICS- The spleen has a congested capsule. Well demarcated white pulp is noted. Lymph node bearing areas show no adenopathy. Thymic tissue is abundant and petechiae are infrequently seen in the membranous surface.

G. URINARY SYSTEM- Kidneys bilaterally have fetal lobulations. Cortical medullary are well demarcated and symmetrical ureters enter a bladder collapsed, free of urine.

H. GENITAL SYSTEM- Testes bilaterally are descended within the scrotal sac. The penis appears circumcised. The prostate is soft tan.

I. ENDOCRINE SYSTEM- Pituitary, thyroid and adrenals have neither masses, hemorrhage nor other abnormalities. The pancreatic tissue is congested, tan-pink and multilobulated.

J. MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM- Axial and appendicular systems show chondro-osseous formation, symmetrical skeletal muscles and no peculiarities. Fractures are elucidated.

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

Selected tissue samples are processed for microscopic analysis.

Microscopic tissue samples are retained at the Coroner's Division for a period of one (1) year from the date of autopsy.

TOXICOLOGY SPECIMENS

Blood, vitreous and pericardial fluids are obtained and submitted.

X-RAY EXAMINATION

Total body radiographs are obtained by Investigator Cameron.

SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE FINDINGS

The significant negative findings disclose:

- a. No clearly discernable convincing evidence of trauma or violence at the hand or hands of another that would account for or contribute to death.
- b. No apparent obviously discernable septic process that would alert the Health Department.

MICROSCOPIC STUDIES

A. Central Nervous System: Multiple sections of the brain to include cerebellum, frontal lobe, brain stem with upper cord show acute congestion and no other significant findings.

B. Cardiovascular System: Myocardial tissue has neither wear or tear changes on the valve, inflammatory infiltrates or infarction changes.

C. Respiratory System: Multiple lung tissues and sections of cartilage of the trachea show acute congestion, focal peribronchial chronic inflammation and in some areas hypertrophy of the

respiratory glands with slightly excessive mucus production. There is the hint of irregular thickening of peribronchial smooth muscles. Focal intrabronchial Polymorphonuclear leukocytic infiltrates are noted. There is no lipogranuloma infiltration throughout any of the lung tissues. Pleura shows numerous subpleural blebs.

D. Gastrointestinal System: Multiple sections of the esophagus through to include the colon show no unusual findings.

E. Hepatobiliary System: Liver tissue is unremarkable microscopically.

F. Spleen and Lymphatics: Spleen is unremarkable. Thymic tissue shows no unusual increase in the number of Hassall's corpuscles. Lymph node tissue from various regions of the body show no unusual changes.

G. Urinary System: Kidney is unremarkable. Bladder likewise shows no unusual changes.

H. Genital System: A section of testes is unremarkable.

I. Endocrine System: Thyroid, adrenals and pancreas show no unusual changes. There are no inflammatory infiltrates and there are no areas of fibrosis, inspissated mucus.

J. Musculoskeletal System: Skeletal muscle is unremarkable in both the diaphragm and psoas muscle area of the abdomen. Rib and vertebral tissue to include trachea with ring shows no unusual changes. Chondro-osseous tissue appears normal.

ANATOMICAL DIAGNOSES

- I. Asthma with:
 - a. Mucus plugs.
 - b. Focal bronchopneumonia.
 - c. Subpleural blebs.
 - d. Focal hypertrophied peribronchial smooth muscle.
- II. Acute congestion, lungs, liver, spleen, brain.
- III. Petechiae, heart, pericardial surface and thymus.

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January 20, 1998

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TOXICOLOGY REPORT
FAX REPORT

Name: [REDACTED]
CORONERS BOTTLE BLOOD

Submitting Agency: KERN COUNTY CORONER

Date Collected: 1/02/98
Time Collected: 13:00
Case Number: [REDACTED]

Date Received: 1/05/98
Time Received: 10:00
Collected By: ITURRI

RESULTS	INTERPRETATION
DRUG SCREEN	
BLOOD	
OPIATES	Negative > 75 ng/ml
BENZODIAZEPINES	Negative > 25 ng/ml
COCAINE (METABOLITE)	Negative > 75 ng/ml
PHENCYCLIDINE	Negative > 6.25 ng/ml
AMPHETAMINES	Negative > 250 ng/ml
BARBITURATES	Negative > 50 ng/ml
CANNABINOIDS	Negative > 25 ng/ml

CONFIRMATION

BLOOD ALCOHOL = 0.00 % >0.08% BY GC

PROCEDURE

COMMENTS

BLOOD ALCOHOL ALCOHOL PRESENT AT GREATER THAN 0.02%
LEGAL LIMIT 0.08% FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION

RECEIVED
CORONERS BOTTLE BLOOD
98 JAN 9 13:34

I CERTIFY, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT THE ATTACHED BLOOD/URINE ANALYSIS WAS PERFORMED DURING THE REGULAR COURSE OF MY DUTIES, AND IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY THEREOF. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM QUALIFIED TO PERFORM THESE ANALYSIS PURSUANT TO TITLE 17 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATION, AND THAT THE EQUIPMENT USED IN ARRIVING AT THE RESULTS WAS IN PROPER WORKING ORDER AT THE TIME I PERFORMED THIS ANALYSIS.

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

ATTEST

Certifying Scientist: ROGER PETERSON, M.T. Report Date: 01/09/98

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FAX REPORT

Name: [REDACTED]
CORONERS 1 GRAY, 1 RED VITREOUS

Submitting Agency: KERN COUNTY CORONER

Date Collected: 1/02/98
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RESULTS

INTERPRETATION

OTHER TESTING
ELECTROLYTES
CHLORIDE
POTASSIUM
SODIUM

125 meq/l
>10 meq/l
>200 meq/l

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RECEIVED
LABORATORY

Certifying Scientist: ROGER PETERSON, M.T.

Report Date: 01/07/98

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INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

On January 2, 1998 at 0333 hours, a call was received from Mercy Hospital-ER to report the unexpected death of an 11 month old male infant. I responded to the hospital arriving at 0352 hours where I viewed the decedent identified as [REDACTED]. Aside from the medical artifacts, no obvious signs of trauma were apparent. The clothing the decedent had been wearing had been removed along with a slightly soiled diaper. The clothing was collected and placed with the decedent.

Investigation revealed that on January 2, 1998 the decedent who was in the care of foster parents, [REDACTED] had last been seen at 0030 hours when [REDACTED] heard the decedent crying and went into the bedroom that the decedent shares with another, 9 year old male foster child. She observed nothing wrong and after a short time, went back to bed. The decedent has a history of asthma and was to be placed on his back on a pillow to sleep. When [REDACTED] left the room, the decedent was in the above described position. At about 0220 hours [REDACTED] once again entered the decedent's room and discovered him face down and unresponsive. [REDACTED] called 9-1-1 and Kern County Fire Department personnel arrived at the scene [REDACTED] had started cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) which was continued by the Fire Department until Hall Ambulance Paramedics arrived. The paramedics were met in front with the decedent at the residence [REDACTED], and transported the decedent to the hospital. After all advance life saving procedures failed, death was pronounced by Dr. [REDACTED] at 0312 hours. It was noted at the hospital that upon arrival at 0250 hours, the decedent's temperature was 98.2. Prior to arrival at the County Morgue, the decedent was transported to Kern Medical Center for complete x-rays which were unremarkable.

I drove to the decedent's residence and observed the white wooden crib the decedent had been found in. There were no apparent defects to the crib. [REDACTED] placed a doll in the position she discovered the decedent. She advised the crib rail padding had been wrapped around the decedent's abdomen and his face had been between the folded rail padding but could not remember how the padding had been wrapped around the decedent. Photographs were taken and the [REDACTED] padding was removed from the crib and taken to the County Morgue.

Further investigation revealed the decedent had been in the care of the [REDACTED] since July 30, 1997. [REDACTED] stated the decedent's mother had been addicted to illicit drugs throughout the pregnancy. The decedent's medical history with the [REDACTED] consisted of the asthma problem which was treated by Dr. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Medication included Hydramine and an Albuteral used with a Nebulizer which was not given on the night of the terminal event. The home was clean and well maintained. Three other foster children were also in the home. A 9 year old male and two females, 6 and 9 years old.

After completing an investigation, the death of [REDACTED] has been determined to be of natural causes.

TYPE OF DEATH: Natural

Date: FEB. 2, 1998
By: J.E. Cameron
J.E. Cameron, DEPUTY CORONER

Date: Feb. 2, 1998
By: James A. Malouf
CARL SPARKS, SHERIFF-CORONER
By: James A. Malouf, Chief Coroner Investigator

February 2, 1998
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EXHIBIT 4

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
ASSIGNMENT REPORT

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Assign No 980107HCC3504	MIS Code 12165	Status Open	Assign Type In-Depth Investigation	Region FOWR
Investigator [REDACTED]	Supervisor [REDACTED]	Firm		

Assign Date	1/9/98
Target Date	2/23/98
Revised Target Date	
Complete Date	

VICTIM INFORMATION	
City	BAKERSVILLE
State/Zip	CA
Product Description	MATTRESS RAIL/CRIB
Document Number	X9811449A
HIA No.	TYNN31

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Assignment