

1. TASK NUMBER 981118HCC2075		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8185		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
3. OFFICE CODE 830	4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 98/06/23	5. DATE INITIATED YR MO DAY 99/02/03		
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT UPC A coroner determined a seven month male infant died in a crib due to positional asphyxiation - Face in corner of crib against bumper pad.				
7. LOCATION (Home, School, etc.) HOUSE-BEDROOM [1]		8. CITY JOPLIN		9. STATE MISSOURI
10A. FIRST PRODUCT CRIB [1543]		10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME CHILD LINE		10C. MODEL NUMBER UNKNOWN
10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS CHILD CRAFT INDUSTRIES, SALEM, INDIANA 47167				
11A. SECOND PRODUCT BUMPER PAD [1542]		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME UNKNOWN		11C. MODEL NUMBER UNKNOWN
11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN				
12. AGE OF VICTIM 207	13. SEX MALE [1]	14. DISPOSITION FATALITY [8]		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS ASPHYXIA [65]
16. BODY PART (S) INVOLVED ALL PARTS [85]	17. RESPONDENT POLICE [2]	18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION OTHER [3]		19. TIME SPENT (OPERATIONAL HOURS) 12
20. ATTACHMENT(S) MULTI [9]	21. CASE SOURCE DEATH CERT. [13]		22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER NONE	
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON NEISS CASES ONLY)			NO	
24. REVIEW DATE 3/30/1999	25. REVIEWED BY 9044		26. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR	
27. DISTRIBUTION O: EHDS CC: EHHA, FOCR, EF				

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5-7-03 MFR/PRVLEB NOTIFIED  
 ✓ No comments made  
 ✓ Comments attached  
 9C 25C ✓ Excisions/Revisions  
 ✓ Firm has not requested  
 further notice

PRE-INCIDENT:

The investigated incident involves a seven month old infant found not breathing in a crib. The crib was located in a house occupied by an adult female babysitter.

The victim was a seven month old male infant. His date of birth was 11/4/97. He had reportedly been examined by his pediatrician on 6/18/98, (i.e. five days before the investigated incident which occurred on 6/23/98). The pediatrician found the victim was having some respiratory problems and prescribed Augmenten antibiotic. The victim also had some redness in his eyes for which eye drops were prescribed by the pediatrician.

The victim's crib incident occurred at the home of an adult female babysitter. She reportedly provided care, for the victim, from 0650 – 1545 hours five days per week. However, she had not cared for the victim the week before his crib incident as she had been on vacation.

INCIDENT:

Investigators, from the Joplin Missouri Police Department, determined the following incident scenario.

About 6:30am, on 6/23/98, the victim was brought to the baby sitter's house by his mother. The victim was awake on his arrival. His mother stayed for a few minutes and then left.

After the mother left the baby sitter laid the victim on the living room floor. A few minutes later the victim appeared to be tired so the baby sitter picked him up. She rocked him to sleep and then carried him to a bedroom in which a crib was located. She placed the victim, on his back, in a crib. This was about 7:10am.

Shortly before 8:00am the victim awoke. The baby sitter heard the victim and went to the crib and picked him up. She carried him to the front room where she laid him on the floor. After a few minutes she again rocked him to sleep. Before 9:00am she carried the sleeping victim to and placed him in a crib. She put him on his back in the middle of the crib. She placed a blanket over him and left the room.

Several minutes later the baby sitter went to the door of the bedroom and looked in to check on the victim. He appeared to be sleeping in the same position she had placed him. Several more minutes elapsed and she again went to the bedroom door and looked in. She saw the victim had moved towards a corner of the crib. The victim still was on his back as the baby sitter could tell by the position of his legs. During these initial checks she did not actually go in the bedroom, but just looked from the doorway. From this position she could not see the victim's face, but could see his legs.

After doing some activities, in the home, the baby sitter physically went into the bedroom to check on the victim. She found the victim still on his back. His head was turned to the right and "his face was up into the corner of the bumper pad". His face was pale and his arms and legs had a purple tint. She picked up the victim to check on his breathing. The victim did not appear to be breathing and was unresponsive.

POST-INCIDENT:

The baby sitter attempted to revive the victim, but could not. She then called the 911 operator and re-

requested emergency medical assistance.

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Emergency medical technicians arrived at the house. They attempted to revive the victim using CPR. They then transported the victim to a hospital where a physician pronounced the victim dead. The Newton County Coroner was notified. After an autopsy the Coroner ruled the victim's death was accidental due to positional asphyxiation.

The Coroner did not provide any reports, but referred me to the Joplin Missouri Police Department. I contacted them both via telephone and two investigator letters. Copies of these letters are included as attachments No. 1 and 2.

In response the police department provided a copy of their investigation report which is included as attachment No. 3. Police on-site photos were also provided which are included as attachment No. 4.

#### PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

The incident products are a used crib and a bumper pad located at the home of a baby sitter. The incident crib is identified as a "Child Line" brand. The date of manufacturer is not known. "Child Line" brand cribs are reportedly manufactured and distributed by:

Child Craft Industries  
P.O. Box 444  
Salem, Indiana 47167  
(812) 883-3111

I interviewed a detective who made the post-incident investigation. He stated his opinion the incident crib had not been defective. He did not find a product component failure or improper product design. Neither did spacing, of crib components, appear to contribute directly to the victim's incident. The victim had not been entrapped.

The interviewed detective could not provide any identification information on the bumper pad involved in the victim's incident.

#### STANDARD'S INFORMATION:

No standard's information was obtained during this investigation.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1	Copy of Commission investigator letter dated 2/3/99
Attachment No. 2	Copy of Commission investigator letter dated 2/18/99
Attachment No. 3	Copy of Police Dept. Investigation Report

Attachment No. 4            Police Dept. on-site photos

Attachment No. 5            Copy of Commission Investigation Request Form

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Attachment No. 6            Copy of victim's death certificate

**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**  
KANSAS CITY RESIDENT OFFICE  
P.O. BOX 14784  
SHAWNEE MISSION, KANSAS 66285

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Attach. No. 1

February 3, 1999

Joplin Police Dept.  
Records Division  
Attention: Lori

Per our telephone conversation on 2/3/99 I am sending this correspondence requesting a copy of the police department's investigation report on the following accidental death:

Victim's Name: [REDACTED]  
Mother's Name: [REDACTED]  
Father's Name: [REDACTED]  
Victim's DOD: 6/23/98  
Coroner: Mark Bridges  
Cause of Death: Positional Asphyxiation  
Face in corner of crib

I also talked with coroner Mark Bridges on 2/3/99. He said if you have any question about my request to please contact him.

If the investigation report/s may be faxed, please fax me at: (913) 962-0413.  
If the report copies need to be mailed, please mail to me at:

Consumer Product Safety Commission  
P.O. Box 14784  
Shawnee Mission, KS. 66285

Please reply as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Harold Snyder*  
Harold Snyder  
Senior Investigator  
(913) 962-0322

**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

February 18, 1999

Darrin Gallup  
Police Department  
303 East 3rd  
Joplin, MO. 64802

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Office: 830 Invest: 8185  
Attach. No. 2

Dear Detective Gallup:

I am sending this request to you per our telephone conversation on 2/18/99.

Please send to me copies of the photos we discussed on 2/18/99 involving the accidental death of [REDACTED]. His death occurred on 6/23/98 in a crib at a babysitter's house, [REDACTED].

Additionally, please identify, on the back, what each provided photo purportedly shows.

Please mail to me at:

Harold Snyder  
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
7312 Halsey  
Shawnee, KS. 66216

Any charge, for the provided photos, should also be included.

If you have any question I may be contacted by telephone at (913) 962-0322.

Thank you for your cooperation and timely response.

Sincerely,



Harold Snyder  
Senior Investigator  
Kansas City Office

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Attach. No. 3 (10 Page Report)

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JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Offense Incident #: 1-98-004205

Date of Occurrence: 6/23/98 thru 6/23/98 Time of Occur.: 10:07 thru 10:07  
Date of Report: 6/23/98 Time of Report: 10:07

Day of the Week: TUESDAY Common Name:  
Incident Location: [REDACTED] Apt#:  
Beat Assignment: 201  
Department Classif: DEAD BODY  
UCR Premise Type: RESIDENCE  
Reason For Attack: N/A  
UCR Weapon Type: UNKNOWN  
Entry How/Where: N/A  
State UCR Classif: DEAD BODY  
UCR Classification: ALL OTHER  
Investigator: DARRIN W. GALLUP  
Reporting Officer: MICHAEL K. VANLEAR  
State Disposition:  
UCR Incident Stat: OPEN ACTIVE Date: 6/24/98  
Crimes Special/MO: OTHER  
Evidence Collected: YES Related OFFN #: 01-00-000000

COMPLAINANT / VICTIM INFORMATION

Name: [REDACTED] DOB.:  
Addr: [REDACTED] Sex: MALE  
City: JOPLIN Race: CAUCASIAN/WHITE  
Stat: MO Zip: 64801 Phn#: (417)000-0000  
Occp: Bus#: (417)000-0000  
SS#: ID#:

PERSON REPORTING

Name: [REDACTED] INFORMATION DOB.: 11/08/68  
Addr: [REDACTED] Sex: FEMALE  
City: JOPLIN Race: CAUCASIAN/WHITE  
Stat: MO Zip: 64801 Phn#: [REDACTED]  
SS#: [REDACTED] Bus#: [REDACTED]  
Relationship: REPORTING PERSON

VERIFICATION INFORMATION

Verification Date: 6/25/98 Employee: MICHAEL K. VANLEAR  
Supervisory Date: 6/26/98 Employee: JON L. HUBBARD  
Clerical Date: 6/26/98 Employee: IRENE MARSHALL

UCR REPORTS

Dept Classification: DEAD BODY  
Date of Report: 6/23/98 Time of Report: 10:07  
Reporting Officer: MICHAEL K. VANLEAR  
Investigator: DARRIN W. GALLUP

REPORT NARRATIVE

Original Report: VANLEAR MICHAEL Report: 6/23/98

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I was dispatched to [REDACTED] in reference to an infant that had stopped breathing. Upon arrival I observed the paramedics leaving the scene. I entered the residence and spoke with the baby-sitter of the infant [REDACTED], who reported the incident.

Michael K. Harris/1463

Investigative Report

VANLEAR

MICHAEL

Report: 6/23/98

I was dispatched to [REDACTED] in reference to an infant medical call. Upon arrival I observed the ambulance leaving the scene. I entered the residence and contacted [REDACTED] and Sgt. McCall. I was advised by [REDACTED] that at approximately 0900 she laid [REDACTED] down for a nap. She stated she went in to check on him at approximately 1000 and discovered that he was not breathing. [REDACTED] carried the baby into the dining room and called 911. [REDACTED] attempted to do CPR, at the direction of the 911 operator until the ambulance arrived and took control of the child. [REDACTED] advised she was [REDACTED]'s baby sitter, information on his parents were obtained and they were notified their child was enroute to the hospital.

Under [REDACTED]'s care at the time of the incident were her son and daughter, [REDACTED] age 3 and [REDACTED] age months. Also under her care were [REDACTED] age 2 months, her mother Jodi Gossman was contacted at [REDACTED] and came and picked her up. [REDACTED] age 19 months, his mother Jana Wilson was contacted at [REDACTED] and came and picked him up. [REDACTED] age 2 years, her mother [REDACTED] was contacted at [REDACTED] and came and picked her up. [REDACTED] age 2 years and [REDACTED] age 1, their mother [REDACTED] was contacted at [REDACTED] and came and picked them up.

I was advised by Detective Gallup that the baby was deceased. He also requested that the area near the dining room table where [REDACTED] had attempted CPR and the crib where the baby was sleeping should be secured as soon as possible. I did this as Chaplain Heath explained the situation to [REDACTED].

I observed on [REDACTED]'s shirt what appeared to be an area where the baby had spit up. I also took Beau's diaper bag which contained medication and secured it for Cpl. Gallup. Detective Hobson returned and Richards went to the hospital to speak with him and Gallup. The father and Grandparents of [REDACTED]'s children came and the house was vacated and held as a crime scene until an autopsy could be completed.

Michael K. Harris/1463

Supplemental Report

MCCALL

MARK

Report: 6/23/98

On 6-23-98, shortly after 10:00 a.m., I was at 7th and Maiden Lane when I heard dispatch send fire and ambulance to 813 Jefferson in reference to a child not breathing. I advised

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dispatch where I was at and they stated to be enroute with fire and ambulance also.

On arrival, as I entered the front door of the residence, a female subject was crying and was on the phone. On asking where the child was that needed medical attention, she took me to the dining room area and where a male infant was laying on his back on the floor. On first trying to find a pulse on the child I could not locate a pulse, however, the child was still warm to the touch. She stated that they child had been sleeping and that when she went to check on him he was not breathing. There was a box of baby wipes next to the child and his face around his nose and mouth appeared to be wet. At that point I attempted to breath into the child's mouth and nostrils, however, could not get any air to go in. I attempted to open the airway by leaning the child's head back, however, could still not get any air in. I then attempted to see if the airway was clogged by sticking my finger in his mouth, and at that point noticed that the mouth would not open or close and it was as if the jaws were locked. I also then noticed that on the child's right arm and right side of the head appeared to be biotted with bluish purple spots and at that time METS arrived and immediately took the child to the ambulance to work on him while enroute to the hospital.

After the ambulance arrived, Detective Gallup also arrived with them, and as both paramedics needed to work on the child, Detective Gallup drove the ambulance to the hospital. Myself and Officer Harris then began having dispatch call the female's husband and also began calling the parent's of other children at the house, as the female was a babysitter. A chaplain was also called to the scene to assist.

After the initial phone calls started, I then went to the hospital to contact Detective Gallup. On my arrival, they had declared the child deceased. Newton County Coroner was contacted and came to the hospital.

There is no further information at this time.  
Sgt. Mark McCall #845

ksh

Supplemental

GALLUP

DARRIN

Report: 6/23/98

On 062398 at appx. 1000 hrs I heard a call on the radio of a baby being unresponsive. They gave the address of [REDACTED] In. When I arrived Sgt. McCall had arrived shortly before I did. At the same time METS ambulance with paramedics Merv Warthen and Sam Carpenter took the baby from the dining room floor and asked for someone to drive the ambulance to the hospital.

I drove the ambulance to Freeman Hospital while the paramedics were doing CPR on the baby as well as other resuscitative efforts. Upon our arrival at the hospital Dr. Maningas with the E.R. worked on the baby. There were other nurses and doctors in the room. At 1030 hrs Dr. Maningas pronounced [REDACTED] dead at Freeman Hospital.

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I then found out that Dr. [REDACTED] was his pediatrician. Later he arrived at hospital and told me that he had seen [REDACTED] in his office on Thursday 061898. He stated [REDACTED] had been having some respiratory problems and he had prescribed him some antibiotics. He also told me that [REDACTED] had some redness in his eyes which some eye drops were prescribed. Dr. Grills stated that he had prescribed Augmenten as the antibiotic.

I then had Dispatch notify the Newton County Coroner Office and have them come to the hospital. I also notified the Child Abuse Hotline. At the hospital I took photographs of [REDACTED] while he was in the Trauma Room. I did not see any external signs of injury at that time. I noticed that the baby had a blue outfit on and a diaper which had some greenish colored feces in it.

Mark Bridges with the Coroner's officer arrived and I then turned the body over to him as he had scheduled an autopsy for later in the afternoon at the Freeman Morgue.

Gallup 1314

Follow-up

HOBSON

MICHAEL

Report: 6/23/98  
Review: 6/26/98

On 06-23-98 I was called to 813 Jefferson in reference to a woman who had been babysitting and found one of the children she was caring for unresponsive. This child was transported by METS ambulance to the hospital and was pronounced dead on arrival. Upon arriving at the scene, myself and Detective Stout took measurements of the bedroom. Detective Stout took the measurements and I then photographed the residence. The photographs are as follows:

- 1) Front of the house from the exterior.
- 2) Inside of the front door.
- 3) Down the hallway to the bedroom. This was taken from the livingroom.
- 4) Inside the bedroom taken from the bedroom door. This bedroom is the bedroom the child was found unresponsive in the baby crib.
- 5) Inside of the bedroom from the doorway.
- 6) A close-up of the crib taken from the bottom corner of the crib.
- 7) Close-up of the crib from the top corner.
- 8) Close-up of the crib from the side.
- 9) The crib after I had pulled the blanket back.
- 10) The crib taken from the bottom of the crib.
- 11) Photo taken from the corner, across the room from the crib.
- 12) Photo taken from the corner, near the bottom of the crib, getting an overall picture of the bedroom.
- 13) From the crib, out toward the doorway of the bedroom.
- 14) Crib with the blanket taken out.
- 15) Crib with everything taken out. This photograph was taken from the side.
- 16) The crib with everything taken out and it was taken from the bottom.
- 17) Outside of the bedroom door, through the livingroom, toward the

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kitchen.

18) The kitchen table where I was told C.P.R. had been performed on the child. It should be noted in this photograph there is an open folder with papers in it. These were placed there after the baby was removed. This folder contained pertinent information on all the children the babysitter was watching.

On 06-23-98 at 1205 hours I asked the babysitter, [REDACTED] to come to the Station to speak with me. At this time I spoke with [REDACTED] and her husband was present. [REDACTED] address is [REDACTED], D.O.B. 11-08-68. I then asked her if she watches the child, [REDACTED] part-time or full-time and she stated she watched him full-time, five days a week. I asked her what time during the day she has him from and she stated from about 6:50 a.m. until about 1545 hours. I asked her what time [REDACTED] and her mother got there this morning and she stated they got there around 6:30 this morning. She stated at that time [REDACTED] was awake and [REDACTED]'s mother stayed and talked to her until about 0650 hours. I then asked her if [REDACTED] acted any different this morning than he typically did and she stated, no, except for the fact that their routine was just a little off. She stated their routine was off because they had taken vacation last week and had not had the children last week and she felt since [REDACTED] wasn't there, he had gotten out of the normal routine they usually had. I then asked her what occurred after [REDACTED]'s mother left and she stated she had laid [REDACTED] on the living room floor for a short while and he seemed to get tired. She stated she then rocked him to sleep and took him into the bedroom, which is her daughter's bedroom, where the crib is, and laid him on the blanket. She stated this was somewhere around 7:10 a.m. that she put him down. She stated he slept for about 1/2 hour and she thought he woke up a little before 8:00 a.m. She stated she then took him into the front room and laid him in the floor. She stated he was talking or gooing and was very playfully kicking around on the floor. She stated she then fed her daughter and the other children in the front room. She stated the older children were eating waffles and her baby was in a bouncy seat and she was feeding her.

She stated [REDACTED] then got fussy and she just thought he was tired. She stated he usually sleeps for long periods of times when he normally takes a nap so she thought he had just not got his nap out. She stated she then tried to give him his juice but he did not want his juice. She stated she then rocked him again which both times she rocked him to sleep and she stated that was unusual because he did not like to be rocked to sleep, he just liked to go to sleep. She said it was also unusual that he would take two naps that close together, but again, she said she thought he just didn't get his first nap out.

She stated she believes around 0815 hours or sometime between 8:10 and 8:30 a.m. [REDACTED] went back to sleep and she put him to bed in the crib. She stated at first she was not sure of the time and she thought she told the Officer 9:00 but she now believes it was

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earlier than that. She stated she laid [REDACTED] in the middle of the crib on his back, facing up. She stated she put a blanket over the top of him. She stated she left the room and a short time later she went in and checked on him and he had not moved, he was still laying in the crib in the same position she had put him in. She stated time went by and she checked on him again and she saw he had moved over into the corner of the crib. She stated she did not physically go into the room and look at him, she just opened the door and looked in on him. She said she could not physically see his face up in the corner of the crib but she could see his legs sticking out and she assumed he was up in the corner of the crib. I asked her what corner of the crib and she stated it was the outside top corner which would be the rail corner or toward the rail that goes up and down. She stated again, she could not see his face to see if he was discolored but stated she could see his legs sticking out toward the middle of the bed. She stated she then went back to cleaning house. She stated she does not know how much time elapsed between the times she checked on [REDACTED]. She stated she does not watch the clock and is unsure of the time frames. She stated she usually judges the time on when kids are coming and going.

She then stated she went in and took the comforter, and bedding off of her bed because she was going to wash it. She stated she got a phone call from a friend and was on the phone for a short time and after hanging up with her friend she then went in and checked on [REDACTED]. She stated she noticed he was in the same position as before and this time she physically walked into the room and up to the crib to check on him. She stated at this time he was laying on his back with his face turned toward his right side and up and his face was up into the corner of the bumper pad. She stated she noticed his face was very pale and she noticed his arms and legs were purple. She stated she then picked him up and checked him for breathing and he was not breathing. She stated she then blew into his mouth a few times and then went into the kitchen with him and called 911. She stated the 911 operator was explaining to her how to do C.P.R. on the child and she was attempting to do C.P.R. on him. She stated there was mucous coming out of his nose which got on her shirt and she stated at this time she got a baby wipe and wiped his face clean. She then stated one of the Joplin Police Officer arrived at the scene and began giving the child C.P.R. I then ended my interview with [REDACTED].

On the same date at 1605 hours myself, and Detective Gallup went to the Morgue at Freeman Hospital for an autopsy of this child. The autopsy was performed by Dr. Craig Patterson. At the autopsy Detective Gallup photographed the autopsy and I logged his photographs. All of the blood that was seized was seized by Detective Gallup. The following are photographs taken at the autopsy by Detective Gallup:

Roll of Film Detective Gallup already had in camera

- 1) The body before the autopsy from the top of the head. This photo did not have a flash.

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- 2) The body before the autopsy from above the head with no flash.
  - 3) The body from the feet of the victim with no flash.
  - 4) The body of the victim taken from the feet with no flash.
- Second Roll of Film
- 1) Photo of the back of the body after the body was rolled over. This was taken with no flash.
  - 2) The body from the top of the head with flash.
  - 3) The body from the head as the autopsy was beginning.
  - 4) A close-up of the right lung.
  - 5) A close-up of the right lung, showing petechiae within the lungs, or hemorrhaging within the lungs.
  - 6) Of both lungs.
  - 7) Left lung.
  - 8) Left lung, all showing petechiae in the lungs.
  - 9) The lungs after they had been taken outside the body. Also in this photograph was the Thymus gland and the heart. There was also petechiae noted in the heart.
  - 10) A close-up of the heart with Dr. Patterson pointing to the petechiae in the heart.
  - 11) Petechiae in the back of the heart with the doctor pointing at the petechiae.
  - 12) The same as picture #11.
- Third Roll of Film
- 1) The case cart.
  - 2) Trachea which the doctor stated was normal.
  - 3) The voice box which the doctor stated was normal.
  - 4) The brain which the doctor stated was normal. The doctor stated there was no hemorrhaging in the brain and the membranes were normal.
  - 5) Inside the right lung after it had been cut open showing there was hemorrhaging all the way through the lungs.
  - 6) Inside the left lung also showing hemorrhaging all the way through the lung.

The doctor then attempted to get urine from the victim but the bladder was empty. He examined the bladder and it was normal. The doctor then seized blood from the different chambers of the heart and also seized blood from the body. The doctor stated all the internal organs appeared normal except for the petechiae in the lungs and heart. All other organs were normal. We then asked him about the hyoid bone and the child and he stated in an infant this young, the hyoid is not a bone at this point, just cartilage. He stated it is very hard to remove from the child. He did spend several minutes feeling around the hyoid of the child and stated it was intact and felt normal. The blood that was seized was turned over to Detective Gallup.

Dr. Patterson stated to us that the cause of death at this point to him is unknown, he would have to do more Lab tests and get back with us. He stated he would probably know more by Thursday. He stated the hemorrhaging and the petechiae in the lungs could mean different things. He stated it could possibly be pneumonia

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but he would have to get the specimens of the lungs underneath a microscope and he would be able to tell more than. He said asphyxiation could very well cause petechiae or hemorrhaging in the lungs. He stated petechiae is present in the lungs on SIDS death but normally does not have the hemorrhaging completely through the lungs.

Myself and Detective Gallup at 1845 hours then went back to [REDACTED] and made contact there with [REDACTED]. At this time Detective Gallup spoke with her more and at this time he had her take a baby doll and position the baby doll in different positions in the crib when she first put the child down and then where she saw the child when she first checked on him and then where the child was when she found him. Each position Detective Gallup photographed. We then seized the bedding, the bumper pad and the blanket off the bed. We also seized the baby bottle and juice which she stated she tried to feed him. We also seized the diaper bag, and the babysitter's shirt which had mucous on it from the baby. All items seized by Detective Gallup was taken to the Police Department, sealed by myself, and tagged as evidence by Detective Gallup and placed into Evidence.

On 06-24-98 I was contacted by [REDACTED], a family friend of the mother and who works with the mother. [REDACTED] stated that inside the diaper bag was a hat that they would like to dress the child in for the funeral services. It was decided the hat could be released to her and she came to the Station at 1200 hours and I released the hat to her.

There is no further at this time.

Detective Michael Hobson #0844

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Supplemental

GALLUP

DARRIN

Report: 6/23/98

After leaving the hospital I went to [REDACTED] and spoke with Officer Keith Harris. He pointed out to me the room where [REDACTED] told the officer where she picked [REDACTED] up from. I then looked thru the rest of the house. I noticed several toys throughout the house. I also noticed several pictures of children on the wall.

I then photographed the rooms of the house and then the toys in the back yard. From there I went to the Joplin Police Dept. where Det. Hobson was talking with [REDACTED]. Det. Hobson stated that he had already gotten a statement from here however wanted to clarify a few things.

She had stated that she put [REDACTED] down for a nap at appx. 0700 she then said that he woke up and he drank part of a juice bottle. She then stated that around 0800 he fell asleep again and she laid him down in the crib. She stated that when she laid him down she laid him in the middle of the crib on his back. Appx one hour later she checked on him by looking thru the door. She stated she could see he was laying in the north east corner of the crib. She said that she could

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not see his face however she did notice that he was on his back.  
She then stated that before she called 911 (JPD received the call at 1007 am) she went into the room to check on him. She stated that when she saw him his face was to his right, in the corner of the crib. She stated that the rail of the crib was up and [REDACTED] was on his back. She stated that his face appeared to be buried in the corner of the bumper pad.

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Supplemental:

GALLUP

DARRIN

Report: 6/23/98

At 1600 hrs on 062398 Dr. Craig Patterson with Ferguson Lab did the autopsy of [REDACTED] at Freeman Hospital. Present were Det. Mike Hobson who kept the photo log, Lee Ireland, with the Newton County Coroner's Office, and myself. I photographed the autopsy (for specific photo log see Hobson's report).

Dr. Patterson pointed out ptechieae in the midline of the heart and also on the surface of the lungs. He also pointed out several hemorrhages thruout the lungs. Dr. Patterson did not offer an opinion at that time of what the cause may be.

Gallup 1314

Supplemental

GALLUP

DARRIN

Report: 6/23/98

On 062398 at appx 1800 hrs Det. Hobson and myself went to 813 Jefferson to look at the scene closer. [REDACTED] and her husband met us there. I took several photographs of the crib and the measurements. I also photographed the position of the doll that [REDACTED] placed in the crib when she stated that she put [REDACTED] down for a nap and then when she looked in on him and then when she found him unresponsive.

The Measurements of the crib are as fallows. The inside of the crib legnth is 57 inches, the width inside to inside is 27 inches. The bumper pad with the rail up was 7 inches in the north east corner of the crib. With the rail down the bumper pad was smashed to 4-1/2 inches. The bumper pad was made of a cloth material and tied to the rails of the crib at the top and the bottom of the pad. The rails were 2-1/4 of an inch apart. The mattress appeared to fit snug only being able to fit my open hand between the mattress and the crib itself.

The mattress was covered with a sheet. There was a blanket on top of that then another baby blanket on top of that. These along with the bumper pad, a bottle of juice found in [REDACTED] bedroom, Cindy's shirt, and the diaper bag were taken as evidence.

Gallup 1314

Supplemental

GALLUP

DARRIN

Report: 6/23/98

On 062498 I contacted Richard Easter with the S.T.A.T. team. He later arrived at the Joplin Police Dept. He contacted Dr. Mary Case

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of St. Louis. We explained the case to R. Easter and he reviewed the photographs. We also reviewed the statements from [REDACTED]. He stated that he would like to take a copy of the photographs and requested copies of the medical reports.

Also on 062498 I went to Dr. [REDACTED] office. [REDACTED] is the pediatrician of [REDACTED]. He stated that Beau was a very active 7month old child. He stated that he had been seeing the child for some respiratory problems. He stated he had been treating him with medication ( listed in the medical reports.) [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]s problems did not seem severe enough to cause his death. I then obtained a copy of the medical records from [REDACTED]s Office. I then went to Freeman Hospital and obtained a copy of the medical records.

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Release of property LOGGAINS ANN Report: 7/20/98

On 072098 I released a diaper bag containing medication and clothing, clothing worn by child at time of death and a juice bottle in [REDACTED] bedroom in relation to this case. This release was authorized by Barren Gallup. At this time there is nothing further.

ANN LOGGAINS

Summary GALLUP DARRIN Report: 8/27/98

All reports that I have received to this point shows that the death of [REDACTED] was of natural causes. I request that this case be reclassified as Case Completed.

Gallup 1314

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INCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 9829025725

DATE OF INCIDENT: 6/23/98

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

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

Task number: 981118HCC2075 Date: 11/18/98

Assigned to: CH10 Requested by: DBW

CPSC Form 324A (10/97)

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 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

TYPEPRINT  
 IN  
 PERMANENT  
 BLACK INK.  
 FOR  
 INSTRUCTIONS  
 SEE OTHER SIDE  
 AND HANDBOOK.

REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 145 REGISTRAR'S NUMBER 393 124-98 025725

DECEDENT

VS 200

MO 160-271 (11-87)

NAME OF DECEDENT

PARENTS

INFORMANT

DISPOSITION

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON OTHER SIDE

CAUSE OF DEATH

CERTIFIER

1. DECEDENT'S NAME (First, Middle, Last) [REDACTED] 2. SEX Male 3. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) June 23, 1998

4. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED] 5a. AGE - Last Birthday (Years) 7 5b. UNDER 1 YEAR 7 5c. UNDER 1 DAY 7 6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) Nov. 4, 1997 7. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country) Joplin, Missouri

8. WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES?  Yes  No  Unk. 9a. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one; see instructions on other side)  HOSPITAL:  HOME:  ER/OUTPATIENT:  DOA:  OTHER:  Nursing Home  Residence  Other (Specify)

9b. FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street and number) Freeman Hospital 9c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH Joplin 9d. COUNTY OF DEATH Newton

10. MARITAL STATUS - Married, Never Married, Widowed, Divorced, (Specify) Single 11. SURVIVING SPOUSE'S NAME (If wife, give full maiden name) N/A 12a. DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give and of work done during most of working life. Do not use retired) N/A 12b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY N/A

13a. RESIDENCE - STATE Missouri 13b. COUNTY Newton 13c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Joplin 13d. ZIP CODE 64804

13e. STREET AND NUMBER [REDACTED] 13f. INSIDE CITY LIMITS  Yes  No  Under 5  5-9  10-19  20 or more

14. WAS DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN (Specify No or Yes - if yes, specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.)  No  Yes Specify: 15. RACE - American Indian, Black, White, etc. (Specify) White 16. DECEDENT'S EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed) N/A Elementary/Secondary (10-12) N/A College (1-4 or 5-)

17. FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last) [REDACTED] 18. MOTHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Maiden Surname) [REDACTED]

19a. INFORMANT'S NAME (Type/Print) [REDACTED] 19b. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code) [REDACTED]

20a. BURIAL, CREMATION, OTHER (Specify) Burial 20b. DATE OF DISPOSITION (Month, Day, Year) June 27, 1998 20c. PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory, or other place) Ozark Mem. Park Cemetery 20d. LOCATION - City or Town, State Joplin, Missouri

21. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSEE OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH [REDACTED] 22a. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY 3701 E. 7th Mason-Woodard Mortuary Joplin MO 64801 22b. FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE NUMBER 2309

23. PART I: Enter the disease, injury, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter the mode of dying, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line. (If fatal disease or condition resulting in death) IMMEDIATE CAUSE a. Positional asphyxiation DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF): b. 981118HCC 2075 DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF): c. DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF): d. DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF):

23. PART II: Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I

24. IF DECEASED WAS FEMALE 10-49, WAS SHE PREGNANT IN THE LAST 90 DAYS?  Yes  No  Unk. 25a. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED?  Yes  No  Unk. 25b. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF CAUSE OF DEATH?  Yes  No

26. MANNER OF DEATH  Natural  Pending Investigation  Accident  Suicide  Could not be Determined  Homicide 27a. DATE OF INJURY (Month, Day, Year) 6/23/98 27b. TIME OF INJURY unk M 27c. WAS INJURY ALCOHOL-RELATED? (Enter amount if excessive)  Yes  No  Unk. 27d. INJURY AT WORK?  Yes  No  Unk. 27e. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED Infant's face in corner of crib

27f. PLACE OF INJURY - All home, farm street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify) At home of babysitter 27g. LOCATION (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State) [REDACTED]

28a. (Specify) 28b. To the best of my knowledge death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated 28c. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) 10/9/98 28d. TIME OF DEATH 10:30 A.M.

CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN  MEDICAL EXAMINER/CORONER (Signature and Title) Mark Bridges - Coroner

29a. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (PHYSICIAN, MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER) (Type or Print) Mark Bridges 307 E. Main Neesho MO 29b. LICENSE NUMBER 91300 30. WAS CASE REFERRED TO MEDICAL EXAMINER/CORONER?  Yes  No

31. NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or Print) Genie Wain 32. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE John 9, 1998 33. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (Month, Day, Year)

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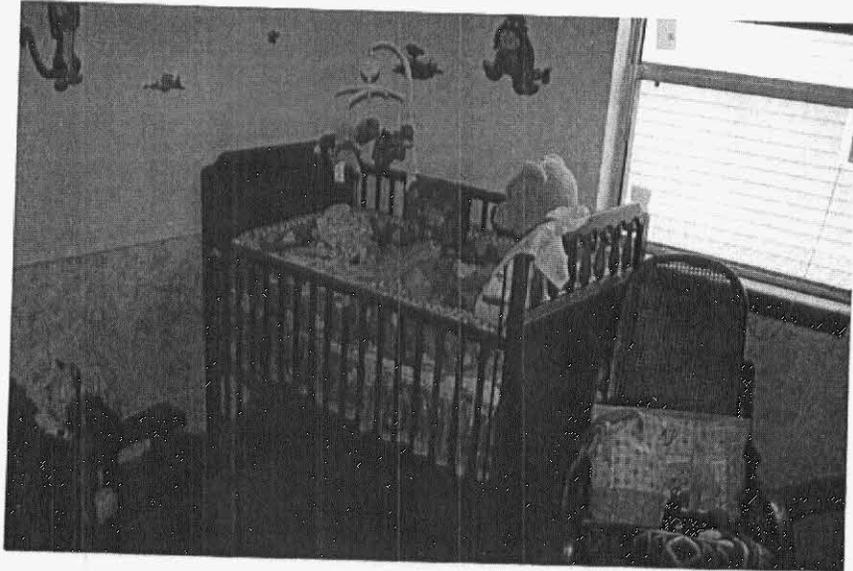
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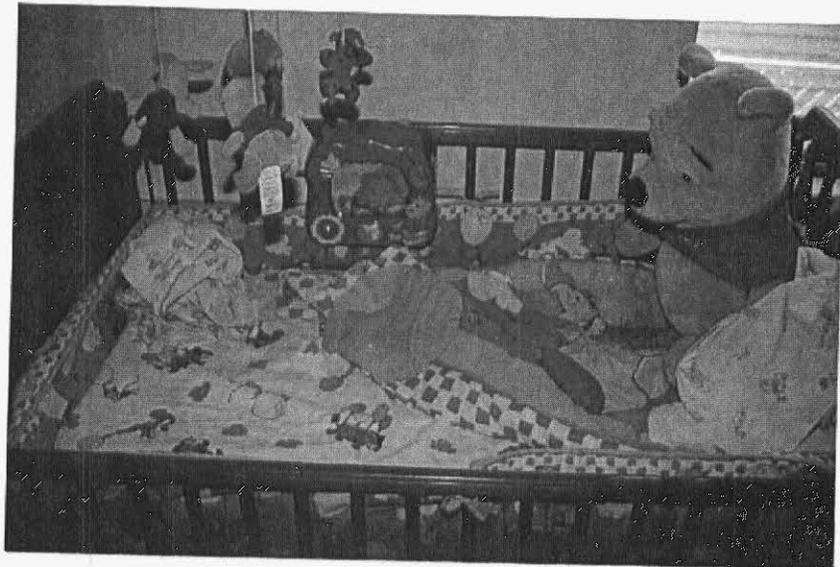
SHOWS BEDROOM WHERE VICTIM'S INCIDENT OCCURRED AND  
CRIB INVOLVED IN HIS INCIDENT ON 6/23/98



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POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO 2

SHOWS INTERIOR OF INCIDENT CRIB



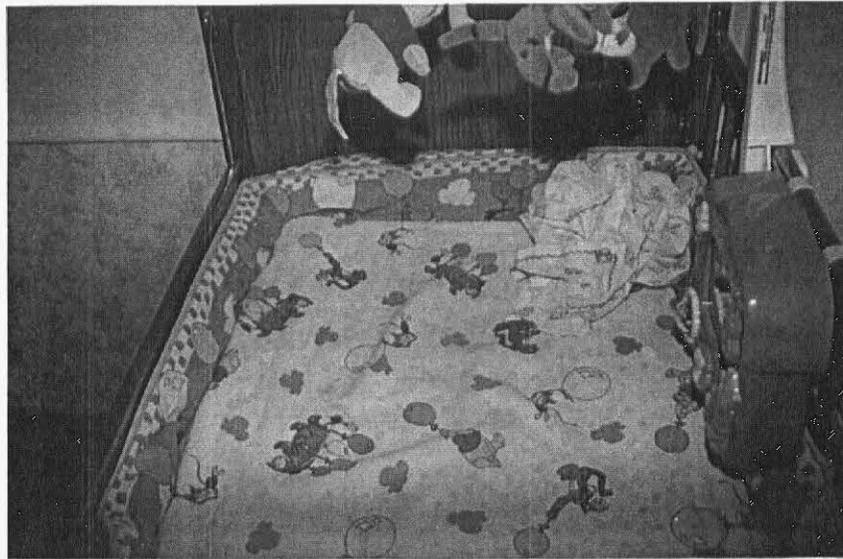
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POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO 3

SHOWS INTERIOR AREA OF CRIB WITH BUMPER PAD WHERE  
VICTIM'S INCIDENT OCCURRED, (CORNER OF CRIB ON  
LEFT SIDE OF PHOTO)



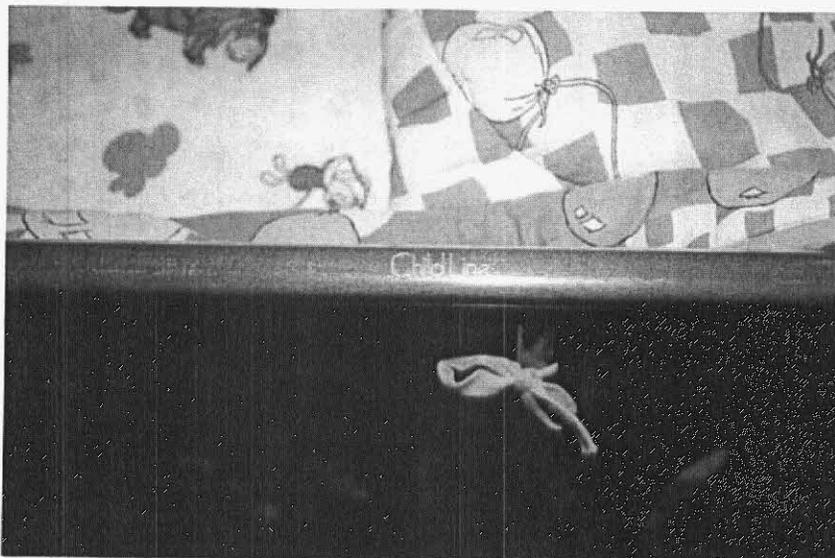
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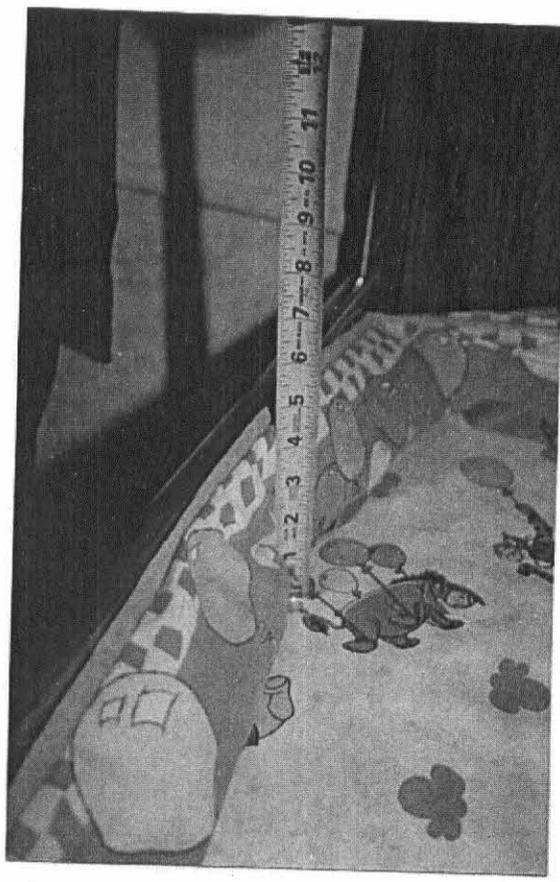
SHOWS INCIDENT CRIB'S BRAND NAME "CHILDLINE"



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POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO 5

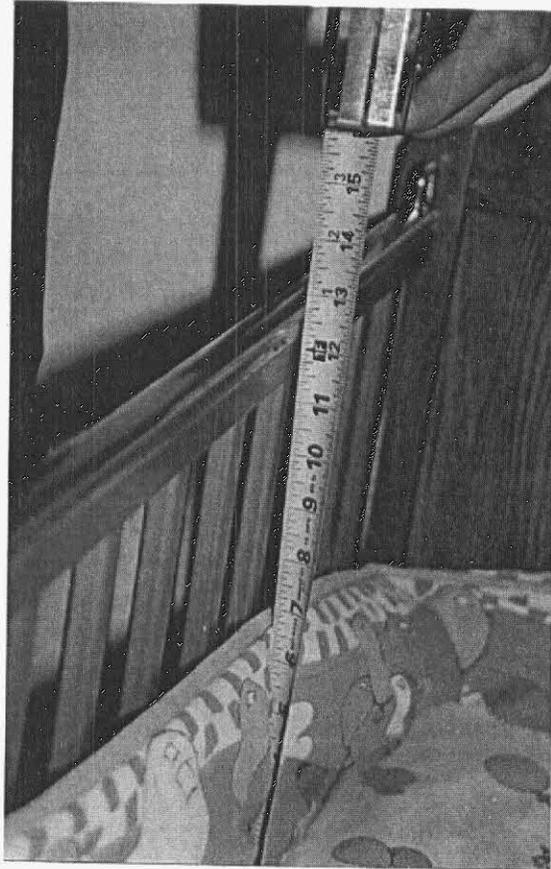
SHOWS POLICE MEASURING HEIGHT OF BUMPER PAD INVOLVED  
IN VICTIM'S INCIDENT



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POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO 6

SHOWS POLICE MEASUREMENT OF HEIGHT OF INCIDENT CRIB'S  
BUMPER PAD AND SIDE RAIL



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POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO 7

POLICE SIMULATION OF PLACEMENT OF VICTIM IN THE CRIB  
BY THE BABYSITTER. SHE REPORTEDLY PLACED VICTIM ON  
HIS BACK. POLICE USED A DOLL TO SIMULATE VICTIM.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO 8

POLICE SIMULATION SHOWING POSITION OF VICTIM AS REPORTED BY THE BABYSITTER. POLICE USED A DOLL TO SIMULATE THE VICTIM. PLEASE SEE POLICE DEPT.'S INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO 9

SECOND PHOTO SHOWING POLICE SIMULATION OF VICTIM'S  
POSITION IN CRIB. SIMULATION BASED ON INFORMATION  
PROVIDED BY BABYSITTER.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO 10

THIRD PHOTO SHOWING POLICE SIMULATION OF VICTIM'S  
POSITION IN THE INCIDENT CRIB. SIMULATION BASED  
ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE BABYSITTER.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO 11

POLICE SIMULATION SHOWING POSITION OF VICTIM AFTER  
BABYSITTER HAD REMOVED HIM FROM THE INCIDENT CRIB.  
VICTIM'S POSITION, ON FLOOR, WHEN EMERGENCY PERSONNEL  
ARRIVED AT HOUSE.

