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Date of accident 4-17-10 Date of Death 4-17-10

Type of consumer product involved pillow & bumper pad

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

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

Cause of Death: ?

Location of Accident: City Panama City State Florida

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

1 ^{MON.} ~~old~~ (W) (M) (F) decendent was placed on top of an adult pillow in a crib baby was wedged between pillow & bumper pad

Contact Information: Please include the name, address and telephone number of any state/local personnel who investigated the accident. Panama City P.D. Det [redacted]

Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Case No. [redacted] Telephone No. [redacted]

Reporter's Name: [redacted] Date Reported 10/07/10

Reporter's Off. (incl. City, county, & state): Panama City, Florida

Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Name Dr. Hunter

Inv.'s: (Majors)

For processing at CPSC: _____ Report received by: [redacted]

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CASE SUMMARY

CASE # [REDACTED]

DECEDENT	[REDACTED]	SEX	Male
ADDRESS	[REDACTED]	RACE	White
DATE	04/17/2010	AGE	1 Month
PLACE	[REDACTED]	DOB	[REDACTED]
MEDICAL EXAMINER	[REDACTED]	DOD	04/17/2010
INVESTIGATOR	Whit Majors	SSN	N/A
		MARITAL STATUS	Never Married
		COUNTY	Bay

SUMMARY:

On April 17, 2010 at 0821 hours, I was contacted by Detective [REDACTED] with the Panama City Police Department in reference to an infant death.

According to witness statements, the baby was last known alive on April 17 at 0130 hours. The mother laid the child down on top of an adult pillow in the crib. The infant was turned on his right side to aid in sleeping. At 0740 hours, the baby was found with its face wedged between the pillow and the bumper pad of the crib. Emergency medical services arrived and confirmed the infant's death.

Upon my arrival at 0907 hours, the scene is secured by law enforcement. The infant is lying supine on top of a white adult pillow in a baby crib. Rigor mortis is firmly established in the larger muscle groups of the upper and lower extremities. Blanching lividity is noted on the anterior portion of both legs and the face. Blanching lividity is noted on the back. There are no signs of trauma noted to the body. Purge is noted on the bumper pad and pillow. The baby is clothed in a multi-colored onesie and a white diaper.

Other items located in the crib include a white cloth-covered wedge and a large amount of clothing. The wooden crib includes a thin cloth bumper pad with a blanket covering a tight fitted sheet over the mattress. Several containers of infant powder formula is located in the room.

The crib was located in the same room as the mother's bed. The room was unorganized and dirty.

* Multiple digital photographs of the baby and the scene were obtained.

The infant was born of [REDACTED] at Gulf Coast Medical Center. The infant's pediatrician was Dr. [REDACTED]. Medical records were obtained.

The investigating officer assigned to this case is Detective [REDACTED]. The case number is [REDACTED].

Jurisdiction was accepted and I transported the body to the District 14 Medical Examiner's Office.

The examination was performed on April 18, 2010.

The body was released to [REDACTED] Funeral Home per the family's request.

* Need parental consent or judge
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CC:
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Detective [Redacted] /Panama City PD

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AUTOPSY REPORT

CASE #

DECEDENT	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SEX	Male
EXAM DATE	4-18-2010	EXAM TIME	0900	RACE	W
COUNTY	Bay			AGE	1 months
MEDICAL EXAMINER	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED], M.D.		DOB	[REDACTED]
				DOD	4-17-2010

Summary of Autopsy Findings:

I. Atraumatic Male Infant

Toxicology:

University of Florida Diagnostic Referral Laboratory:

Vitreous Humor:

Glucose	< 8 mg/dL
Urea Nitrogen	16 mg/dL
Creatinine	< 0.4 mg/dL
Sodium	136 meq/L
Potassium	18.6 meq/L
Chloride	112 meq/L

PerkinElmer Genetics Inc.:

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

Cause of Death: Probable Positional Asphyxia

Manner: Accident

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], M.D.
District Fourteen Medical Examiner

General Description:

The body is that of a 3910-gram white male infant who appears the reported age of 1 month. Additional measurements include a crown-heel length of 84.2 cm, head circumference of 36.0 cm, chest circumference of 35.5 cm, abdominal circumference 36.5 cm, and foot length of 6.8 cm. The decedent is clothed in a one-piece and a fecal soiled diaper. Rigor mortis is established in the larger muscle groups of the upper and lower extremities and the smaller muscle groups of the neck and jaw. Blanching lividity is pink, and in the posterior flank and distributed on the chest. The body is cool to the touch. The body bag is labeled with the decedent name and an identification tag is on the right ankle.

Evidence of Medical Intervention:

None.

External Examination:

The scalp is covered by short thin brown hair and has flat fontanels. The nasal bones and facial bones are intact on palpation. The irides are blue, the conjunctiva and sclera are white without hemorrhages, and the pupils are equal and intermediate in size. The external nose is normally formed and the midline septum is intact. The external ears are normally formed and the auditory canals are normal. The oral mucosa is tan, smooth, and moist; and the upper and lower frenulums are intact. The neck contents are midline. The chest and abdomen are both symmetric. The upper and lower extremities are normally formed with a normal distribution of associated soft tissues. The vertebra is in the midline of the back. The anus and external genitalia are normal.

Evidence of Injury:

None.

Internal Examination:

The soft tissues of the back, anterior chest wall, and abdominal wall are reflected widely and are free of extravasated blood. The abdominal wall fat measures 3 mm in width. The ribs, sternum, and clavicles are intact. The pleural and peritoneal spaces are lined by smooth mesothelium, and contain neither blood nor excessive fluids. The thoracic and abdominal organs are normally positioned and have normal anatomic relationships. The body cavities have no peculiar or aromatic odors.

Cardiovascular System: The 23.8-gram heart has a smooth epicardial surface with a normal distribution of epicardial blood vessels. The myocardium is soft and free of fibrosis or necrosis. The valve leaflets are white, delicate, and free of vegetation. The fossa ovalis is fused and there is no direct communication between either the right or left aspects of the heart.

The aorta, inferior vena cava, pulmonary arteries, and pulmonary veins are normal in course and are unobstructed.

Respiratory System: The right and left lungs are 53.6 and 51.5 grams, respectively. The pleural surfaces are smooth with scattered pleural petechia and the lungs are diffusely crepitant. There is no parenchymal purulence, granulomas, or neoplasms. The trachea and primary bronchi are normal in distribution and are diffusely patent.

Neck Organs: The strap muscles of the anterior neck and the muscles of the posterior neck are free of injury or infiltrates. The thyroid gland is normal in size and symmetric. There is no cervical lymph node prominence.

Gastrointestinal System: The esophagus is lined by smooth tan mucosa and the stomach contains a measured 4 cc of fluid. There are no internal or external abnormalities of the gastrointestinal tract. The small and large intestine contain a normal amount of fecal materials throughout.

Hepatobiliary System: The 184.2-gram liver is intact and has a smooth capsule and a sharp anterior margin. The hepatic parenchyma is brown, soft, and free of any abnormalities. The gallbladder is intact.

Hematopoietic System: The 15.1-gram spleen is intact and has a smooth gray capsule and the parenchyma is red-blue with inconspicuous corpuscles. There is no generalized lymphadenopathy.

Genitourinary System: The right and left kidneys weigh 31.5 grams combined, and have lobular cortical surfaces and well-demarcated cortico-medullary junctions. The collecting systems are lined by smooth, tan mucosa, and the ureters are normal in course and caliber to the urinary bladder. The bladder contains no urine.

Endocrine System: The adrenal glands and pancreas are normal.

Musculoskeletal System: There are no musculoskeletal injuries identified; however multiple lytic lesions involve the posterior parietal and occipital calvarium as described above.

Scalp, Skull, and Central Nervous System: The reflected scalp is free of trauma, and the temporalis muscles are normal. The sutures are freely pliable. The calvarium, base of the skull, and dura mater are intact. The anterior and posterior fontanelles are flat. There is no blood within the epidural, subdural, or subarachnoid spaces. The 531.3-gram brain has symmetric cerebral and cerebellar hemispheres and is covered by thin, transparent leptomeninges. The cerebral cortex is tan and free of contusions, and the cerebral white matter is white, soft, and appears normally myelinated for age. The caudate nuclei, basal ganglia, and thalami are tan, uniform, and symmetric. The lateral ventricles are compressed and contain clear cerebrospinal fluid. The cerebellum, midbrain, pons, and medulla oblongata are free of any internal or external abnormalities. There is no uncal or tonsillar herniation. The blood



vessels about the brainstem and those emanating from the circle of Willis are thin, delicate, and normal in distribution. The proximal cervical spinal cord is tan, firm, and symmetric.

Specimens:

Heart blood and vitreous fluid is retained. Vitreous electrolytes are requested through the University of Florida Toxicology Laboratory, blood cultures are requested through Bay Medical Center Laboratory, and pediatric postmortem genetic screen is requested through PerkinElmer Genetics Inc.

Photographs:

Multiple digital photographs are obtained.

Disposition of evidence:

None.

Microscopic Description:

Thyroid Gland, Adrenal Gland, Intestine, Thymus, Stomach, Kidney, Liver, Lung, Pancreas, Lymph Node, Brain, Heart, and Diaphragm: The numerous sections show no histopathologic abnormalities.



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District Fourteen Medical Examiner