

MEDICAL EXAMINER
TRAVIS COUNTY



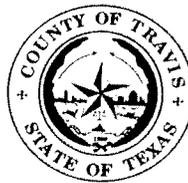
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) SUFFIX AKA		CASE NUMBER	
	INVESTIGATOR Kimberly Powell	REPORTED BY Amanda Porter/Dispat	REPORTING AGENCY Travis County Sheriff's Office	AGENCY NUMBER
	CALL DATE AND TIME 9/2/2009 23:21	ARRIVAL DATE AND TIME 9/3/2009 1:10	DEPARTURE DATE AND TIME 9/3/2009 2:50	
DECEDENT	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH 9/2/2009 23:11	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE 2 Months 21 Days	GENDER Male
	RESIDENCE (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)		COUNTY Travis	RACE Caucasian
	DRIVER LICENSE NO. AND STATE		OCCUPATION	
	MARITAL STATUS Single	HEIGHT 24"	WEIGHT 13.14 lbs.	HAIR COLOR
DEATH	LOCATION OF DEATH Home AT RESIDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
	DATE/TIME 9/2/2009 23:11	AGENCY Austin-Travis County E	FOUND BY	AGENCY
NOTIFICATION	LEGAL NEXT OF KIN		RELATIONSHIP Parents	
	PRESENT		METHOD In Person	DATE AND TIME 9/2/2009 23:11
	NAME OF PERSON NOTIFIED		RELATIONSHIP	
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)		TELEPHONE NO.	
	IDENTIFIED BY		METHOD Visual	DATE AND TIME 9/2/2009 23:11
DISP	TRANSPORTED TO MORGUE BY		TRANSPORTED TO MORTUARY BY	
	FUNERAL HOME		PROPERTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	TYPE OF EXAM Autopsy
	At Work <input type="checkbox"/>			
INCIDENT	LOCATION OF INCIDENT Home			
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
	DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT 9/2/2009 20:00	INVESTIGATING AGENCY Travis County Sheriff's Office		OFFICERS Detective Paul Salo

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MEDICAL HISTORY/MEDS

Birth History: The decedent was born at St. David's Hospital Round Rock on [REDACTED] at 39 weeks gestation. The decedent's mother was induced (due to size) birth was a vaginal delivery without complications. The decedent's birth weight: 8lbs, Sounces and there were no post natal complications.

According to [REDACTED] the decedent was fed [REDACTED] soy formula vs. being breast fed due to the decedent having "gas problems". This formula was recommended by the pediatrician. The decedent was not recently sick. The decedent had been recently gassy and constipated, so his father, [REDACTED] administered OTC liquid [REDACTED] (exact dose, filled to the first line on the dropper) on 09/01/09 in the evening. The decedent has had no major medical problems and has never had to take any chronic prescribed medications. The decedent was current on his vaccinations and his last well baby visit was on 08/11/09 at the ARC. According to [REDACTED] the well baby visit results were all normal. Pediatrician is Dr. [REDACTED]

The decedent's mother, [REDACTED] had a PMH including Epilepsy but was not taking prescription anti-seizure medication and had been seizure free for over 4 years. [REDACTED] was also currently not taking any prescription medications and she had no history of tobacco or ETOH use. The decedent's father does not have any previous medical history and does not take prescription medication. The decedent's father does smoke tobacco but not inside the residence and not around the decedent. The decedent's family had no history of sudden, unexpected infant deaths but there is a history of IUFD on the maternal side [REDACTED] aunt had triplets, two of which were stillborn).

During her pregnancy with the decedent, [REDACTED] had complete PNC and no maternal or fetal complications. OBGYN care and PNC was received through her OBGYN, Dr. [REDACTED] at the Oakwood Women's Center. The decedent has one 19 month old sibling and that sibling is reportedly current on their immunizations and in excellent health, without any recent illnesses. There are no indoor pets. There is no reported CPS involvement.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH

Suspected positional asphyxia

Per Detective Paul Salo, the decedent is a 2 month, 21 day-old Caucasian male that was last seen responsive on this date, 09/02/09, around 2000hrs by his mother, [REDACTED] as she placed the decedent down in his crib to sleep [REDACTED] reportedly fed (exact amount unknown) the decedent soy formula between 1930hrs and 2000hrs and then placed the decedent in his crib [REDACTED] reportedly placed the decedent in a prone position with his head orientated to the left in the center of the crib and covered him to mid-back with a baby blanket. She then turned on the mobile at the end of his crib (near his feet) and the decedent further turned his head toward the mobile and was watching the lights when [REDACTED] left the room. Around 2255hrs, the decedent's father, [REDACTED] went into the bedroom to wake the decedent for his evening feeding per their usual routine [REDACTED] did not turn on the lights because their 19 month-old child sleeps in a separate crib in the same room but left his bedroom door slightly cracked so he could see enough to safely walk into the room. [REDACTED] attempted to wake the decedent to no avail and removed him from the crib. The details of the exact found position was not very clear as [REDACTED] was not wearing his glasses but he stated found the decedent in a prone position against the side of the crib. He was not sure if the decedent's nose or mouth was obstructed but his head/face was against a cloth bumper that is inside the crib. 911 was called and operators instructed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to begin conducting CPR, which they did. EMS arrived on scene around 2311hrs and pronounced the decedent obvious DOS.

Upon my arrival to the scene, the decedent was lying supine on a changing table in the hallway between the bedroom and the parent's bedroom with limited EMS equipment in place. The decedent was wrapped in two baby blankets and clad in a onesie that had been cut by EMS prior to my arrival and disposable infant diaper. Both the blankets and onesie appeared to be unremarkable. The decedent's face, chest and arms were a mottled reddish color, which was consistent with the placed/found position but there were no signs of trauma noted to the decedent in this position. The decedent's body felt cool to the touch and he exhibited moderate rigor mortis. The decedent's eyes were clear and there were no signs of petechial hemorrhaging to the decedent's eyes. The decedent's nose and mouth were also clear of secretions and the oral frenula were intact. The diaper was opened and was dry and unremarkable. The decedent was rolled onto his right side and unfixed red/purple lividity was noted to his back, which was consistent with his current position. There were no apparent signs of trauma to the posterior aspect of the decedent. The crib where the decedent was found unresponsive was located along a wall in the bedroom he shared with a sibling. Inside the room it was cool due to a ceiling fan, which was turned on

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and a oscillating fan, which was turned on but not pointed toward either crib. The inside of the crib was bare except for a bumper around the sides of the crib (against the wood frame), a fitted sheet over the mattress and one baby blanket (approximately 1/8" thick). On the fitted sheet, along the left side of the bed where the bumper intersects with the mattress, was a moderate sized wet area with bloody emesis in the center of the wet spot. This is reportedly the area where the decedent's head was located when he was found. The bumper also appeared to be slightly wet but it was difficult to tell if there were any stains because it was patterned. The mattress the decedent was sleeping on was approximately 6 inches thick and was springy not plush. There was no pocket or depression noted where the decedent was sleeping. The baby blanket that was also inside the crib was dry and free of stains.

After conducting the scene examination, I spoke with both of the decedent's parents regarding the timeline of events of the evening and regarding a doll reenactment. The decedent's mother was very opposed to the idea of doing a doll reenactment and refused to do one. The decedent's father kept repeating he did not know and could not do one and also declined. Both parents were willing to verbally walk through the series of events for the evening but neither wanted to use the doll. I also spoke with them regarding resuscitative measures they conducted and apparently the decedent's mother had been trained in infant CPR in the past but could not remember the breaths to compression ratio and needed instruction from EMS. After finding the decedent unresponsive [REDACTED] called for [REDACTED] and they called 911. They placed the decedent on the hallway floor and EMS instructed them to give 2 rescue breaths and then 30 chest compressions using two fingers, which they did. [REDACTED] noted that prior to beginning CPR, the decedent appeared to have a mucous type discharge in his nares. They continued CPR until EMS arrived on scene. Travis County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident and will attend the autopsy. Please contact Detective Salo in the AM.