



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER  
DISTRICT 21, STATE OF FLORIDA  
LEE-HENDRY-GLADES COUNTIES



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District Medical Examiner

**NAME**

[REDACTED]

CASE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

COUNTY

Lee

AGE

5 weeks old, White Male

DATE OF DEATH

Found Thursday, June 14, 2012, 8:28 AM

DATE OF AUTOPSY

Thursday, June 14, 2012, 2:00 PM

PLACE OF AUTOPSY

District 21 Medical Examiner's Office

PROSECTOR

[REDACTED] M.D.

FUNERAL HOME

[REDACTED]

**MANNER OF DEATH: Accident**

**CAUSE OF DEATH:**

- a. Suffocation by bedding  
DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_  
DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_  
DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS:**

**DATE & TIME OF INJURY:** 6/14/2012 TIME UNKNOWN

**INJURY AT WORK?:** NO **PLACE OF INJURY:** Residence

**LOCATION:** [REDACTED]

**HOW INJURY OCCURRED:** Became wedged between crib padding and adult pillow

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[REDACTED] M.D.

ASSOCIATE MEDICAL EXAMINER

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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## Medical Examiner Case

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Year: 2012

Number: [REDACTED]

Reported: 6/14/2012 11:11:00 AM

By: LEHIGH ACRES FIRE AND RESCUE

Phone: [REDACTED] Informant's name: Paramedic [REDACTED]

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**Decedent:** [REDACTED]

Age: 5 weeks

Race: White

Sex: MALE

Method of ID: ID'ed by parents on scene

Permanent\_address1: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED]

State: [REDACTED]

Zip:

Country: USA

Last\_seen\_alive: 6/14/2012 1:00:00 AM

By\_whom: FATHER-[REDACTED]

In police custody?: NO

Found?: YES

Date\_of\_death: 6/14/2012 8:28:00 AM

Date\_of\_birth: [REDACTED]:

Place\_of\_death: Residence

Specify: [REDACTED]

Died in: [REDACTED]

County: Lee

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Next\_of\_kin: [REDACTED] MOTHER

NOK\_notified: 6/14/2012 12:00:00 PM

NOK\_by\_whom: [REDACTED]

Funeral\_code: GEN

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Concise Description:

INFANT DEATH

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Terminal\_event:

This 5 week old infant was found unresponsive this morning by his father. He last saw the baby alive at 01:00 hours when he removed him from his crib and fed him. The father stated the child ate twice and consumed approximately a total of 5 ounces of formula. He then he walked and patted the baby until he fell asleep. He then stated he placed the baby prone into his crib. He stated he placed the baby on a full size pillow in the crib. The baby was parallel to the sides of the crib with his head turned to the right. The contents of the crib included the adult pillow, bedding, a baby blanket, a stuffed animal, a bumper pads. He then went back to sleep until approximately 08:00 hours. At that time he awoke and found the baby unresponsive. The child was described and stiff and cold to the touch. 9-1-1 was called and paramedics & law enforcement responded. Upon Law enforcement's arrival chest compressions were attempted. Upon paramedics arrival they found the child to be asystole. Rigor and lividity were identified so further resuscitation efforts were not initiated. Upon my arrival I am met Det. Sands, a victim's advocate and two uniformed deputies. The home is a large single family dwelling in a good state of repair. The interior of the home is adequately decorated and is in a fair state of cleanliness. Infant food containers and appropriate baby items are found throughout the kitchen and bedrooms. The specific scene is the living room and master bedroom of the residence. The infant is on the living room floor covered in a blue disposable sheet. Removal of the sheet reveals an infant clad in a "onezee" and a disposable diaper. There is no evidence of medical therapy. The child is cool to the touch in an environment that is comfortable. Rigor has developed and blanching anterior and posterior lividity is present. The lividity is consistent with the described position of the baby while sleeping and during resuscitation. There is marked sparing of lividity on the area of the abdomen and face. Examination reveals red tinged fluid exuding from the nostrils and mouth. Rolling of the infant produces additional reddish fluid from the nose and mouth.

Removal of the diaper reveals fecal matter. No trauma is appreciated. Inspection of the crib in the master bedroom reveals the bedding and items as previously described. A infant bottle with left over formula rests on the night stand. A red tinged stain is identified in the corner of the crib. A SUIDI interview with the mother, father and grandparents reveal a normal pregnancy and delivery except for a caesarian section. The mother attempted but was unable to deliver vaginally requiring non emergency surgical delivery. According to the mother the child was healthy and developing normally. He was a patient of Dr. [REDACTED] and has had three well visits. The child was on no medication but took "[REDACTED]" a OTC supplement for gas. The Lee County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death and foul play is not suspected. A scene "Doll Reenactment" was deferred due to the family's emotional state. Jurisdiction was assumed and the child transported to the medical examiner's facility by Transcon Removal Service. This report is of a preliminary nature and subject to change

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Investigating\_agency: LCSO  
Investigator: Det. Sands  
ME\_Investigator: BEH