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INVESTIGATOR: ROBERT ENGEL

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DATE September 26, 1991

Name of Deceased <u>                    </u> First-Middle-Last			Date & Time of Death <u>09/26/91 0657</u>		
Sex <u>Female</u>	Race/Ethnicity <u>Caucasian</u>	Birthplace <u>California</u>	Date of Birth <u>                    </u>	Age <u>0 Yrs 8 Mos</u>	Citizenship <u>USA</u>
Marital Status <u>Single</u>	Social Security <u>                    </u>	Current Occupation <u>N/A</u>	Name of Employing Company <u>N/A</u>		
Place of Death <u>Alvarado Hospital &amp; Med. Cnt.</u>			Person Notified <u>                    </u>	Relationship <u>Parents</u>	
Street Address <u>6655 Alvarado Road (ER)</u>			Street Address <u>                    </u>		
City-State-Zip <u>San Diego, CA 92120</u>			City-State-Zip/Phone Number <u>La Mesa, CA 91941</u> <u>                    </u>		
Decedent's Usual Address <u>                    </u>  <u>La Mesa, CA 91941</u>			Next of Kin/Address/Phone Number <u>                    </u> <u>Parents</u> <u>                    </u> <u>La Mesa, CA 91941</u>	Notified? <u>YES</u>	

Place of Injury: Home,                      la Mesa

Date & Time of: Pending Found: 09/26/91 0634

How Occurred: Pending ( Accidental asphxiation in crib)

At Work? NO Employer Notified? NO

Law Enforcement Agency: La Mesa Police Department Report #                     

Officer/Team #: A. D. White, 1099

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Coroner's Case Number: [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY:

Person: This 8 months old caucasian female, lived with her parents in their La Mesa Home.

Medical Examiner's Jurisdiction: Since the death was sudden and unexpected, this office invoked jurisdiction.

Acute Event Leading To The Death: The decedent's father informed the undersigned that at 6:34 a.m., 9-26-91, he awoke and went into the decedent's room. There he saw the decedent prone in her crib. She was pushed up tight against the side rail padding and between the mattress and side rail padding. She was not moving, so he picked her up and noticed that she was unresponsive and absent of life signs. There was evident lividity present and the decedent seemed cold to the touch. He called to his wife and the emergency telephone number was called. While waiting for the arrival of the first emergency vehicle, the mother attempted mouth to mouth resuscitation.

La Mesa Police Officer White, related to the undersigned that they received the call at 6:34 a.m., 9-26-91, as a "death call" (1144) so his arrival time was 6:40 a.m. Upon arrival at the residence, he noticed the family attempting CPR. He and another officer placed the decedent in their patrol unit and took the decedent to the hospital code three with CPR in progress.

Hospital Course: The decedent arrived at the hospital at 6:45 a.m., 9-26-91, pulseless and apneic. Her skin was cold, bluish and pale. CPR was continued

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briefly and after intubation and cardiac medications were given and the decedent not responding, the code was called at 6:57 a.m., 9-26-91, and [REDACTED] M. D, pronounced the decedent expired.

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Tissue Donation: The Eye Bank was informed of the death and I don't think the family was approached regarding the subject.

Body Description: The undersigned viewed the decedent on a gurney in the emergency room at Alvarado Hospital. The cooling body was in beginning rigor mortis, although some the rigor had been broke out during the handling of the body. The infant had been covered with a blanket and the eyes had ice packs covering them. An airway was inplace and there was marked lividity to the anterior surfaces, which displayed pressure marks about the left forehead, nose and left cheek regions. There was unfixed lividity starting to form on the posterior body portions. The decedent was clad only in a diaper. She appeared clean and there were no signs of injuries present.

Family History: The mother stated that she had been born at Coronado Hospital and delivered by [REDACTED] M. D., twentyfour years ago, so it was very important to her that her daughter be born in the same location by the same physician. The birth appeared to be an easy one, a natural vaginal birth to 7 pound 12 ounce, daughter. The decedent was healthy and was brought right home from the hospital. She was breast fed up to six months of age and then placed

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on [REDACTED] Formula. She gained weight and was active and alert for her age. Recently she was able to ambulate with assistance. She never appeared to be in any pain or discomfort. She had a good appetite and never seemed congested. The mother does not drink, smoke or take drugs, now or during her pregnancy, she has never had an abortion or miscarriage. The mother fed the decedent her bottle, and after she was burped and fell asleep at 8:30 p.m., 9-25-91, she was placed prone in the center of her baby bed. The twentynine year old father denied drug or alcohol abuse. He is employed by [REDACTED] Company.

The undersigned went to the residence and found it to be a well maintained, clean single family residence. The decedent had a room of her own, electrical heated and well ventilated, which had a well constructed wooden baby bed in it. In the bed was a waterbed mattress covered with a mattress cover. Cloth padded crib rail protectors were in place. No toys or other items were in the bed. A matching changing table was nearby. The mother and father showed the undersigned where the decedent was found in the crib, with her head down in the corner, between the mattress and rail cover. The mother felt the decedent had "suffocated".

Antemortem Blood: None was drawn at the hospital.

Identification: The parents were present.

Public Administrator: Not involved.

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