

*Washing*

*FOAM CUSHION  
BUMPER PAD  
MATTRESS*

**TC-32 SOURCE 39**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
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REPORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATION - COUNTY **APR 1 1993**

DECEDENT: **(b)(3):CPSA Section 25(c)** Age: 2mos Sex: F Race: W

ADDRESS: General Delivery West Hamlin Lincoln WV  
Number and Street City County State

NATURE OF DEATH (check only one):  
Sudden in apparent health  Inmate of public institution  Violent   
Unattended by physician  or in police custody  (Accident, Suicide, Homicide)  
Suspicious  Therapeutic misadventure

|                 | DATE   | TIME   | Place:  |
|-----------------|--------|--------|---|
| INJURY          |        |        |   |
| M. E. NOTIFIED  | 6/3/92 | 9:20am | By Whom: <u>Dr. Smith CME</u> Agency: <u>Lincoln CME</u>          |
| PRONOUNCED DEAD | 6/3/92 | 9:11am | By Whom: <u>Lincoln Emergency Service</u> Place: <u>Residence</u> |
| BODY EXAMINED   |        |        | Place:  |

POLICE INVESTIGATION BY: None Name Agency Phone 1545

SYNOPSIS OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH:

**MECAP**

The decedent was discovered laying face down, on the mattress of her crib, by her mother. The decedent was last known to be alive at 2:00am this morning, when she was checked on by her mother. EMS was summoned and pronounced the decedent at the scene. The decedent was reported to have been put to sleep on cushions that were placed in the crib. The decedent was placed on her back. It is felt that the decedent rolled off the cushion onto the crib mattress face down, between 2:00am and when she was discovered at 9:00am this morning. The decedent was a twin with a brother surviving. The brother was asleep in the same crib. The decedent was 3 weeks premature, but with no other complications or medical history. The decedent's mother received no prenatal care, only seeing a physician 1 day prior to delivery. The decedent was last feed late pm on 6/2. The residence was found to be in order. No other suspicions are noted at this time. The body will be released to Koontz Funeral Home, in Hamlin.

*6/3/92: Paramedic Kidd responded to 911 call from scene. Mother distraught. Babies had been in bed on foam cushion, but had rolled face down off cushion with little cushion & head wedged between cushion, crib bumper & mattress. Premium blonde hair. 1 eye noted. Told Mr. Kidd (who is also a state trooper & neighbor) to advise law of COD from autopsy + to remove cushions so same problem wouldn't occur & brother IUS*

*920909HCC/843 Already Assigned*  
(Use back of sheet if more space desired)

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| Cause of Death:<br><br>Pending | Manner of Death: (check one only)  | Autopsy: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                                | Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/><br>Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Underdetermined <input type="checkbox"/><br>Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> | Place: OCME<br><br>By: I.M. Sopher M.D.                                      |

I hereby declare that after receiving notice of the death described herein, I took charge of the body and made inquiries regarding the cause and manner of death in accordance with West Virginia Code, 61-12-8; and that the information contained herein regarding such death is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: 6/3/92 County of Appointment: Lincoln (No Pay) Signed: [Signature] Medical Examiner  
OCME-1 Chief Investigator