

1. TASK NUMBER 961213CCC5141		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8189		<b>EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT</b>
3. OFFICE CODE 800	4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 96/10/16	5. DATE INITIATED YR MO DAY 96/01/06		
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT <span style="float: right;">UPC</span> A nine month old female child was placed in a bathtub seat <i>in the tub</i> with her 2 year old sister. There was 2-3 inches of water in the bathtub. The mother left the children alone. The 2 year old alerted her mother that the victim was face down in the water. Death was from anoxic encephalopathy as a result of drowning.				
7. LOCATION (Home, School, etc.) Home 10		8. CITY Greensboro		9. STATE NC
10A. FIRST PRODUCT bathtub seats 1557		10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME unknown		10C. MODEL NUMBER unknown
10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS unknown				
11A. SECOND PRODUCT Bathtub 0611		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME unknown		11C. MODEL NUMBER unknown
11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS unknown				
12. AGE OF VICTIM 209	13. SEX 2 Female	14. DISPOSITION Fatality 8	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Submersion 69	
16. BODY PART (S) INVOLVED APB 85	17. RESPONDENT Police 3	18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION Other 3	19. TIME SPENT (OPERATIONAL HOURS) 11.0	
20. ATTACHMENT(S) Autopsy Report 2	21. CASE SOURCE Mecap 12	22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER None		
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON HEISS CASES ONLY) No				
24. REVIEW DATE 970409	25. REVIEWED BY 8342	26. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR RHS/AM		
27. DISTRIBUTION O:EHDS CC:CECA				

**NOTE:** The primary source of information in this investigation was the investigating officer with the police department. The mother was moving to her mother's residence when she was interviewed several days following the accident by the police. She did not respond to a letter sent to her mother's residence. The police took no photographs and the police and Dept of Social Services were not allowed to release their reports and the Dept. of Social Services could not discuss their investigation. I was allowed to read and take notes from the police report. The medical examiner's report incorrectly identifies the bath ring in use as an inflatable floatation ring. Neither the investigating officer or the social worker remembered the device as an inflatable ring.

**PRE-ACCIDENT:**

The victim in this accident was a 9 month old female child. Her date of birth was 01/01/96. She weighted approximately 16.5 pounds and was 25.5 inches in length. I was not able to obtain her motor skill development or how active she was. She had no known physical handicaps or health problems. The victim lived with her mother and 2 year old female sibling, DOB 12/02/93, in a public housing apartment. The victim was black.

~~At approximately 10:30 pm on 10/16/96 the mother put the two children in the bathtub together. The victim was in a bathtub seat. The height and weight of the victim's sibling was not available. The mother reported that the bathtub contained only 2-3 inches of water. The mother left the two children and went downstairs to get the children t-shirts for their nightwear.~~

**ACCIDENT:**

The two year old sibling came down about 7-10 minutes later and reported the victim was not moving and face down in the water. The mother ran upstairs and removed the infant from the water.

**POST-ACCIDENT:**

The exact chain of events was not known. EMS were called and CPR was initiated before they arrived. The victim was taken to a local hospital and then transferred. The child died on 10/17/96 at 2:25 pm from anoxic encephalopathy as a result of drowning.

The police were not immediately notified and it was several days following the accident when they conducted their investigation.

I could not determine if there was a tip over or the child was able to climb out of the bathtub seat.



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NCBH Path #: **A96-01302**  
Final Report Completed: 11/08/96

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NCBH Unit #: 1302808  
Age: 9 mos Race: B Sex: F  
NCBH Account #: 007952556290  
Admitted: 10/16/96  
Expired: 10/17/96 at 02:25P  
Autopsied: 10/18/96 at 01:00P  
Service: PEDIATRICS

Prosector: H.G. PURSLEY, M.D.  
Consultant: P.E. Lantz, M.D.  
Autopsy Assistant: Edward Spencer  
Autopsy Type: INSIDE MEDICAL EXAMINER

Medical Examiner: P.E. LANTZ, M.D.  
FORSYTH COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER  
NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL, INC.  
WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27157

COPY TO: ROBERT BAUMAN, M.D.; OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

AUTOPSY RESTRICTIONS:

ORGAN DONOR: Autopsy is performed after procurement of the following organs: heart for valves.

FINAL AUTOPSY DIAGNOSES:

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- I. Drowning
  - A. Anoxic encephalopathy
    - 1. Global cerebral edema
    - 2. Ischemic neuronal necrosis
  - B. Pneumonia, bilateral
  - C. Pulmonary edema, combined weight, 190 grams
  - D. Ischemic colon, transverse and descending, 30 x 3 cm
  - E. Petechiae
    - 1. Thymus, diffuse
    - 2. Pleural surfaces, bilaterally and diffuse
  - F. Vocal cord edema, moderate

OPINION/FINAL COMMENT: The cause of death for this 9 month old black female, Caprecia Ritter, was complications of drowning. Major findings at autopsy included cerebral edema, petechial hemorrhages on the thymus and pleural surfaces of both lungs, and ischemic transverse and ascending colon, pulmonary edema and pneumonia involving all lung lobes. No injuries were identified that would have caused or contributed to this child's death.

According to investigative reports, the infant was placed in a bathtub with a 2 year old sibling at approximately 2030 hours on October 16, 1996. The infant was wearing an inflatable flotation ring around her waist. The mother went downstairs for approximately 7-10 minutes. The 2 year old toddler came downstairs and said that the baby had stopped moving. The mother subsequently found the infant face down in the water, unresponsive, without pulse. CPR was initiated and EMS was summoned. The baby was found to be in asystole. She was provided 100% oxygen and then intubated. She had agonal respirations and heart rate. She was supported at Moses Cone Hospital then transferred to North Carolina Baptist Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. Her initial arterial blood gas showed a pH of 6.49, a PCO2 of 154, a HCO3 of 3, and a GCS of 3. She had no oculo-cephalic response and no corneal reflexes as well as no gag reflex. Her condition further deteriorated during hospitalization and she died at 1425 hours on October 17, 1996. The case had not been reported to DDSS

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FINAL AUTOPSY DIAGNOSES (continued):

Guilford County nor GSO-PD. DDSS had no open files-reports on this family. The medial examiner was unable to discuss the case with DSO detective or CPS until after the case was started with procurement of the heart. A skeletal survey was requested to rule out subtle prior trauma.

*PT 12/3/96*  
OCME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

H.G. Pursley, M.D.  
Pathology Resident

*[Signature]*  
P.E. Lantz, M.D. \gth

Additional Tissue Processing:

TOXICOLOGY:

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Blood:

No test - held

Vitreous:

No test - held

Bile:

No test - held

RADIOGRAPHS:

No recent or remote fractures are evident in the skull, ribs, or extremities.

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GROSS DESCRIPTION:

An autopsy is performed on the body of Caprecia Ritter, at the NCBH/BGSM, State of North Carolina, on the 18th day of October, 1996. The postmortem examination is begun at 1:00 p.m. and completed at 2:30 p.m.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is that of a well developed, well nourished black female infant of stated age 9 months, who weighs 7535 grams (18th percentile), has a crown-heel length of 25.5 inches (less than 5th percentile), a crown-rump length of 46 cm, a head circumference of 44.5 cm (50th percentile), a chest circumference of 42 cm, and an abdominal circumference of 41 cm. The body is cool to touch. Rigor is fixed in all extremities and jaw. Partially fixed lividity involves the posterior dependent portions of the body, except in areas exposed to pressure.

The head is normally formed. Scalp hair is abundant, black, and curly. The hair growth pattern is normal. The anterior fontanelle is open and is soft, without depression or bulging. The posterior fontanelle is closed. The eyes are normally formed. The irides are brown. The cornea are cloudy; the conjunctivae are unremarkable. The ears are normally formed and placed, with the appropriate amount of cartilage. The nose and lips are unremarkable. The palate is intact and is neither high nor arched. The mouth is edentulous. The neck is symmetrical without abnormality.

~~The chest is symmetrical. Breast buds are palpable. The abdomen is not protuberant. The extremities are bilaterally symmetrical with all digits present. Palmar creases are unremarkable. The external genitalia are those of a normal infant female. The back and anus are unremarkable.~~

Identifying marks and scars consist of accompanying medical records, a green toe tag on the left great toe, a yellow metallic earring in the right earlobe, and an earring hole in the left earlobe.

Evidence of emergency resuscitation and/or medical therapy includes an endotracheal tube in place; a nasogastric tube in the left nostril; a femoral vascular access catheter in the right inguinal region and a femoral vascular access catheter in the left inguinal region; multiple venipuncture sites in the left antecubital fossa; multiple puncture sites on the left radial aspect of the wrist, and multiple puncture sites on the right radial aspect of the wrist; intraosseous puncture sites on both the right and left anterior tibial surfaces; and a puncture site, 0.1 x 0.1 cm, on the plantar surface of the right great toe. A Foley catheter is in place.

Accompanying the body is a disposable diaper.

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EVIDENCE OF INJURY

HEAD AND NECK: Drowning

The cortical surface of the brain is edematous with flattening of the gyri and narrowing of the sulci diffusely. Leptomeninges at the base of the

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GROSS DESCRIPTION (continued):

brain appear gelatinous. There is laryngeal edema involving the vocal cords bilaterally.

THORAX AND ABDOMEN: Drowning.

Petechial hemorrhages are on the pleural surfaces of the lungs bilaterally and on the thymus. The right middle lobe and the right upper lobe of the lungs have areas of pallor and opacification measuring 2 x 2 cm and 1 x 2 cm, respectively. Both lungs appear congested with diffuse areas of hemorrhage. The lungs together weigh 190 grams.

Areas of coagulated blood and hemorrhage are in the transverse and descending colon, 30 x 3 cm.

UPPER AND LOWER EXTREMITIES: None.

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INTERNAL EXAMINATION

BODY CAVITIES: No adhesions or abnormal collections of fluid are present in any of the body cavities. All body organs are present in normal and anatomical position except for the absence of the heart secondary to procurement by the Organ Procurement Team. The subcutaneous fat layer of the abdominal wall is 0.4 cm thick.

HEAD (CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM): The brain weighs 920 grams (normal, 810 grams). ~~The dura mater and falx cerebri are intact. The leptomeninges are thin, delicate, and transparent except at the base of the brain. The cerebrospinal fluid is clear. Except as mentioned in Evidence of Injury, the external surface and configuration of the brain are not unusual. The structures at the base of the brain, including cranial nerves and blood vessels, are intact. (See separate report by neuropathologist).~~

NECK: Except as mentioned in Evidence of Injury, examination of the soft tissues of the neck, including strap muscles, thyroid gland, and large vessels, reveals no abnormalities. The hyoid bone and larynx are intact.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: The heart was procured by the Organ Procurement Team for recovery of the valves. According to the recovery team, the heart appeared anatomically normal. The descending aorta follows the usual course and is widely patent. The inferior vena cava and its major tributaries are free of thrombi.

~~RESPIRATORY SYSTEM: The right and left lungs weigh 190 grams together (normal, 105 grams). The upper airway is clear of debris and foreign material; the mucosal surfaces are smooth, yellow-tan and unremarkable except as mentioned in Evidence of Injury. As mentioned in Evidence of Injury, the pleural surfaces appear congested and hemorrhagic, with areas of opacification over the right middle lobe and right upper lobe. Except as mentioned in Evidence of Injury, the pulmonary parenchyma is red-tan to red, exuding slight to moderate amounts of blood and frothy fluid. The intraparenchymal pulmonary arteries are normally developed, patent, and without thrombus or embolus.~~

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GROSS DESCRIPTION (continued):

**LIVER AND BILIARY SYSTEM:** The liver weighs 290 grams (normal, 288 grams). The hepatic capsule is smooth, glistening, and intact, covering dark red-brown with areas of tan, firm parenchyma with no focal lesions noted. The gallbladder contains 6 ml of yellow-green-brown, slightly mucoid bile; the mucosa is velvety and unremarkable. The extrahepatic biliary tree is patent. The portal vein and its tributaries are unremarkable.

**ALIMENTARY TRACT:** The esophagus is lined by gray-white, smooth mucosa. The gastric mucosa is arranged in the usual rugal folds, and the lumen contains 12 ml of brown-black, semisolid material. The root and radius of the mesentery bear the usual size-position relationship. Except as mentioned in Evidence of Injury, the small and large bowel are unremarkable. The appendix is unremarkable and present. The pancreas has a normal, gray-white, lobulated appearance, and the ducts are clear.

**GENITOURINARY TRACT:** The right and left kidneys weigh 38.8 and 32.6 grams (combined normal weight, 62 grams), respectively. The cortical surfaces are smooth, red-brown, and lobulated. The cortex is of normal thickness, and sharply delineated from the medullary pyramids which are red-purple to tan and unremarkable. The usual complement of calyces is present without abnormality. The pelves and ureters are unremarkable. The urinary bladder contains no urine; the mucosa is gray-tan and smooth. The uterus, fallopian tubes, ovaries, and vagina are infantile and unremarkable.

**RETICULOENDOTHELIAL SYSTEM:** ~~The spleen weighs 31.1 grams (normal, 18 grams) and has a smooth, intact capsule covering red-purple, moderately firm, parenchyma; the lymphoid follicles are unremarkable. The regional lymph nodes are unremarkable. The mesenteric lymph nodes are prominent, but not unusual for age. The bone marrow is red-purple and homogeneous, without evidence of focal abnormality. The thymus weighs 25.2 grams (normal, 9 grams) and has a normal, lobulated, tan-pink appearance except for petechial hemorrhages as mentioned in Evidence of Injury.~~

**ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:** The thyroid and adrenal glands are unremarkable. The adrenal glands weigh 7.4 grams (normal, 5.4 grams) collectively.

**MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:** Except as mentioned in Evidence of Injury, the axial and appendicular skeletons are unremarkable. The musculature is well developed. The diaphragm is intact and in its proper position.  
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Microscopic Description:

TISSUE EXAMINED:

HEART -	UTERUS - 1	SPINAL CORD -
AORTA - 1	OVARY - 2	THYMUS - 1
LUNGS - 5	THYROID - 2	SEMINAL VESICLES -
SPLEEN - 1	PARATHYROID - 1	BREAST -
LIVER - 1	ESOPHAGUS -	GALLBLADDER - 1
PANCREAS - 1	STOMACH - 1	SKIN - 1
ADRENALS - 2	SMALL INTESTINE - 2	MUSCLE - 1
KIDNEY - 2	LARGE INTESTINE - 1	BONE MARROW - 1
BLADDER - 1	LYMPH NODES - 1	VERTEBRAL -
PROSTATE -	PITUITARY -	FEMORAL -
TESTES -	BRAIN -	COSTAL -
CORONARY ARTERIES -	TRACHEA - 1	STERNAL -
APPENDIX - 1	DIAPHRAGM - 1	
VOCAL CORDS - 2		
NERVE - 1		
FALLOPIAN TUBE - 1		

The left upper lobe, right upper lobe, right middle lobe, left lower lobe, and right lower lobe of the lung show patchy areas of pneumonia with intra-alveolar polymorphonuclear cells, extravasated red blood cells, fibrin deposition, and alveolar wall destruction. There are areas of bacterial overgrowth.

Intercollagenous edema and intercellular edema of the mucosa involves the vocal cords around the arytenoid cartilaga.

The colon is hemorrhagic and has areas of glandular and mucosal necrosis, with bacterial overgrowth.

The thymus has loss of demarcation between the medulla and cortex.

With the exception of autolysis and/or hyperemia, the remaining tissues have no significant histopathologic abnormalities.

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NEUROPATHOLOGY GROSS DESCRIPTION:

The specimen consists of the brain with no dura. The brain weighed 920 grams in the fresh state. The leptomeninges are normal for age. The cerebral hemispheres show flattening of the gyri and compression of the sulci, but are otherwise symmetric, well-formed, and exhibit normal developed of gyri and sulci for age. No focal encephalomalacia, or mass lesions are present. Examination of the base of the brain shows no herniation of the medial temporal lobes or the cerebellar tonsils. The arteries of the circle of Willis are in the usual anatomic configuration and are patent. The cranial nerve stumps are of normal caliber and color. The exterior surfaces of the brainstem and cerebellum are unremarkable. Coronal sections through the cerebral hemispheres show normal development of the cortex, white matter, and central gray nuclei for age. The periventricular white matter and region of the germinal matrix exhibit no abnormalities of texture or color. The lateral and third ventricles are compressed and are lined by smooth, glistening ependyma. Transverse sections through the brainstem show normal architecture of the gray and white matter. The cerebral aqueduct is patent and the fourth ventricle is unremarkable. Sections through the cerebellum show normal cortex, white matter and deep gray nuclei.

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NEUROPATHOLOGY MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION:

Eleven sections are examined including sections of the medulla, pons, midbrain, cerebellum, bilateral basal ganglia, bilateral hippocampal formations, and bilateral cerebral hemispheres. These sections show evidence of global cerebral edema and acute ischemic necrosis of neurons consistent with global cerebral anoxia and the clinical history of drowning. The structures in the brain are well formed and show normal development for age. No intracerebral hemorrhage or evidence of inflammation is identified.

NEUROPATHOLOGY FINAL DIAGNOSIS:

1. Global cerebral edema and acute ischemic necrosis of neurons consistent with global cerebral anoxia.

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: X9600724A

DATE OF INCIDENT: 10/16/96 CATID: ~~SECT 15 1996~~ SECT RR 1997

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED HAZARD ANALYSIS ( ) SECT 15 (X)

TYPE FOLLOW-UP TELEPHONE ( ) ON-SITE (X)

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT: Renae Rauchschalbe 504-0608 x1362  
Marc Schoem 504-0608 x1365

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: Please complete the investigation using the Investigation Guideline. It is very important to establish the detailed sequence of events in these incidents including the infant's position during the incident and the use of any bath rings, seats, or infant bathtubs. Exact age of infant (DOB and date of incident) needs verification and determine length of time between when child was last observed as fine until he/she was discovered submerged.

For fatal incidents, please interview any parents or caregivers for the detailed sequence of events to the extent possible. ~~If the state does not allow contact with the next-of-kin in a fatal incident, collect all official documentation including coroners or medical examiners reports, paramedics report, police investigation, social worker's report, and any medical treatment records.~~

Person(s) to Contact: Officials  
Next of Kin

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Guidelines: 110 Bathtub Incidents Involving Children <18 Months Old

Task Number: Date: 961213

Assigned to: 961213 CCC5141 Requested by: J LANSING  
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BATHUB

Floating RING

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BY INSPECTOR \_\_\_\_\_ INER

USE ONLY  
 7374  
 number  
 1996  
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DECEDENT: [REDACTED] Middle Last Suffix  
 RESIDENCE: [REDACTED] Greensboro, NC Guilford  
 City, State County  
 AGE: 9 mo SEX:  Male  Female  Unknown  
 RACE:  Black  Native American  Oriental  White  Unknown  
 HISPANIC ORIGIN:  Yes  No  Unknown X960 0724

INFORMATION ABOUT OCCURRENCE

	DATE	TIME	ADDRESS OR FACILITY	COUNTY
OF INJURY NECESS	10/16/96	2030	SAA	Guilford
	10/17/96	1925	NCBH BGSN W-5 NC	Forsyth
OF BODY	10/18/96	0930	<input type="checkbox"/> Scene of death <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral home <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Not viewed	
NOTIFIED	10/17/96	1400	LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY: Greensboro PD OFFICER: Det Hedford TELEPHONE: 373-2281	
KNOWN TO LIVE	10/17/96	—	Death occurred while in custody: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	

OPSY:  None  M.E. Authorized  Non-M.E. Autopsy facility: NCBH  
 MOD SAMPLE:  Mailed  Obtained by pathologist  Reason not obtained:  
 ANALICAL ALCOHOL DONE, RESULT: By whom:

ABLE CAUSE OF DEATH:  Pending

Anoxic encephalopathy

Drowning

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CONTRIBUTING CONDITIONS

ANNER OF DEATH:  
 Natural  Accident  Homicide  Suicide  Pending

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CONTRIBUTING CONDITIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined Reviewer: <u>[Signature]</u> Date: 12/3/96 Information in this block supersedes that contained in space at left.		

I hereby certify that after receiving notice of the death described herein I took charge of the body and made inquiries regarding the cause of death in accordance with Article 16 of Chapter 130A of the N.C. General Statutes and the information contained herein regarding such death is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

10/18/96 [Signature] M3402

MEDICAL HISTORY

- Alcoholism, Diabetes, IV drug abuse, Ischemic heart disease, Smoking, Seizure disorder, Cancer, Hypertension, Depression, HIV/AIDS, Other, Attending Physician, City

MEANS OF DEATH

- VEHICLE: Type of vehicle associated with this decedent: Passenger car, Pickup truck, Truck--more than 2 axles, Motorcycle, Bicycle, Farm vehicle, ATV, Moped, Other, Position: Driver, Passenger, Pedestrian, Unknown, Devices: Seat restraints, Air bag, Helmet, Child restraint, None, Unknown, Number of vehicles involved, GUN: Rifle--Caliber, Handgun--Caliber, Shotgun--Gauge, Other, Unknown, INSTRUMENT: Blunt, Sharp, Description, TOXIC AGENT(S) SUSPECTED: Alcohol, Others, DROWNING: Pond, Lake or river, Ocean, Pool, Bathtub, Other, Life preserver: Yes, No, Unknown, Able to swim: Yes, No, Unknown, Activity, FIRE: Suspected cause, Smoke detector: Yes, No, Unknown, FALL: From, to, Approximate distance, feet

ACTIVITY OF DECEDENT AND PREMISES

FATAL INJURY OR ILLNESS: Activity, Type of place SAA, Specific location

Fatal injury or illness occurred on a job: Yes, No, Unknown, If yes, was employment: Primary job, Secondary, Volunteer work, Unknown, Name of this employing firm or agency, Type of business or industry, Decedent's occupation

DEATH: Type of place SAA, Specific location

Examples: Activity: Running, lifting hay bales, eating, typing letter, driving commercial truck, sleeping, bathing, watching television, fighting, etc. Type of place: House, apartment, trailer, school, jail, bar or tavern, hotel, restaurant, store, street, hospital, farm, highway, factory, etc. Specific location: Bathroom, assembly line, kitchen, front yard, office, parking lot, emergency room, roadside, ambulance, car, etc. On a job: Any activity that is income generating regardless of age of decedent including farming or part time work; also include non-income generating volunteer or charity work.

DESCRIPTION OF BODY

- CONDITION: Intact, Decomposition, Skeletonized, Embalmed, Charred, Prolonged immersion, Exhumed, RIGOR: None, 1+, 2+, 3+, LIVOR: None, Anterior, Posterior, Lateral, HEIGHT: inches, Estimate, WEIGHT: pounds, Estimate, BODY TEMPERATURE: Warm, Cool, Cold, HAIR: Color, Beard, Mustache, EYES: Color, Abnormalities, FEETH: Upper, Lower, Natural, Dentures, Abnormalities

CLOTHING: Not clothed

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH

9 mo BF who was placed in bathtub & 2 yo sibling  
@ ~ 2030 on 10/16/96. Infant was wearing inflatable flotation  
ring around waist. Mother went downstairs for about 7-10 min  
Toddler (2yo) came down stairs and said baby had stopped  
moving. Mother found infant face down in water unresponsive  
5 pulses. CPR started and EMS summoned: found baby  
in asystole. Bagged & 100% O<sub>2</sub> then intubated. Had agonal  
resp. & heart rate. Supported @ Moses Cone Hospital then  
transferred to NCBH PICU. Initial ABG: pH: 6.99, pCO<sub>2</sub> 154,  
HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> 3; GCS - 3, ⊖ oculoccephalic response, ⊖ corneal reflex,  
⊖ gag reflex. Condition further deteriorated & died @ 1925.  
Case had not been reported to DSS - Guilford Co or GSO-PD.  
DSS had no open files/reports on family.

Unable to discuss case w GSO det. or CPS until  
after case started & procurement of heart.

Skeletal survey requested to R/O ~~subtle~~ subtle ~~fract~~ fracture  
trauma.

PURPOSE: To document the findings of a medical examiner investigation. When completed, this form constitutes a report to the Chief Medical Examiner as required by G.S. 130A-385(a).

PREPARATION: The investigating medical examiner completes all appropriate information, and signs the certification statement on the front of the form.

DISTRIBUTION: Mail original copy to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7380.

DISPOSITION: This form is maintained by the Chief Medical Examiner in accordance with the current records disposition schedule published by the N.C. Division of Archives and History.

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Name:   
Case Number : 96-07374  
Date Of Report: 10-24-96

TOXICOLOGY REPORT  
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7580

Tox Number: T96-06436

ORIGINAL REPORT  
FOR CASE FOLDER

ME: Dr. Patrick E. Lantz

Path: Dr. Patrick E. Lantz

Other:

Cty: Forsyth

Signature: *Patrick E. Lantz*

ID: SPECIMEN: SOURCE: COND: FROM: ACC.DATE:  
A Blood Aorta Postmort PA 10-23-96  
DATE: ANALYTE: TEST RESULT:  
00-00-00 No Test - Held

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B Vitreous Eye Postmort PA 10-23-96  
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C Bile Gall Bladder Postmort PA 10-23-96  
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COMMENTS:

\*\*\* END OF REPORT \*\*\*

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COMPLETED

29 DEC 1994

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1. CASE NUMBER 941104CBB1051		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 2 0 9		3. OFFICE CODE 8 0 0		<b>EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT</b>	
4. INCIDENT DATE YR MO DAY 9 2 0 7 0 9			5. DATE IDI INITIATED YR MO DAY 9 4 1 1 1 8				
6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT  A 5 month old male, sitting in a bath chair, was left unattended in the bathtub. The victim was discovered upright in the chair, but with his face in the water. He was pronounced dead two hours later.							
7. LOCATION Home 1 0		8. CITY Philadelphia			9. STATE P A		
10A. FIRST PRODUCT  Bath Chair 1 5 5 5				11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS  Unknown			
10B. SECOND PRODUCT  BATHTUB				11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS  <u>0611</u>			
12. AGE OF VICTIM 2 0 5		13. SEX 1		14. DISPOSITION Fatality 8		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Drowning - 6 9-	
16. BODY PART All 8 5		17. RESPONDENT(S) Coroner 3		18. INVESTIGATION TYPE 3		19. TIME SPENT 1 0. 0	
20. ATTACHMENTS Coroner's Report 2		21. CASE SOURCE Coroner 1 2		22. REVIEWED BY 8 1 6 5		YR MO DAY 9 4 1 2 1 9	
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NESS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME ___ CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME -X							
24. NARRATIVE (See instructions on Page 2)				25. REGIONAL DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE			

MFR/PRESIDENT NOTIFIED 12/1/94  
 Community Impact  
 Excisions/Revisions  
 Firm has not  
 further

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

Pre-Accident:

Information in this report was furnished by the Coroner.

The accident occurred on July 9, 1992.

The victim was identified as a 5 month old black male, height: 2'; weight: 18.5 lbs.

According to the Coroner, the victim was being bathed by his mother. The victim was sitting in a Baby Chair, approximately 9" high and 11" wide. Three white suction cups were located on the bottom on the chair. Also in the bathtub was a baby rattle which the victim was playing with by hitting it against the side of the tub.

Information obtained from the mother indicates that while bathing her son, she remembered that the central air was on and she did not want her son to get a chill. The mother decided to lay out the victim's clothes in order to have them ready when she removed him from the bathtub.

Around 2:15 p.m. on July 9, 1992, the mother left the victim unattended in the bathtub while she prepared his clothes.

Accident:

When left alone in a baby bath chair, a 5 month old male toppled over and fell in the bath water.

Post-Accident:

The mother stated that while in the bedroom, she suddenly noticed that she did not hear the victim banging his rattle against the side of the bathtub. She estimated that she had been gone from the bathroom for approximately two minutes.

When the mother returned to the bathroom, she discovered the victim, still sitting in the chair, but with his face in the water.

The mother yelled for her parents, who were also home at the time. The mother stated that she began CPR on the victim, while her parents called for an ambulance. The victim was unresponsive.

EMS attendants continued CPR on the victim until he arrived at the hospital. All attempts to resuscitate the baby were unsuccessful. The victim was officially pronounced dead at 4:05 p.m., that evening.

Post-Accident (Con't):

The autopsy on the victim revealed no trauma to his body and that he appeared to be a well developed infant. The cause of death was listed as "Drowning". Manner of death is noted as "Accident". The Toxicological Report was negative.

The Coroner's office no longer had the chair, nor were photographs taken by that office or by police, which did not file a report.

A copy of the Coroner's Report is attached as Exhibit #1.

Product Identification:

Product: Baby Bath Chair  
Color: Blue  
Height: 9"  
Width: 11"  
Manufacturer: Unknown  
Model Nr: Unknown

Attachment:

Exhibit #1 - Coroner's Report

**FINDINGS OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER**

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
**OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER**  
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

HARESH G. MIRCHANDANI, M.D., MEDICAL EXAMINER

3034 7-9-92



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**IDENTIFYING WITNESS**

NAME	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP
NEXT OF KIN - IF NOT IDENT. WITNESS		

**MEDICAL DATA OF DECEDENT**

APPARENT PLACE OF DEATH	HOSPITALIZATION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	OPERATION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	DATE ADMITTED	TIME	A.M. EST P.M. DST
PLACE OF PRONOUNCEMENT	PRONOUNCED BY		DATE PRONOUNCED	TIME	A.M. EST P.M. DST
BODY BROUGHT TO OME <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES, BY					<input type="checkbox"/> B.V.S.
POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION <input type="checkbox"/> OME by undersigned <input type="checkbox"/> OME by Dr. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> None					
DATE OF POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION	TIME	A.M. P.M.	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	

**PART I**

IMMEDIATE CAUSE  
 DUE TO  
 (B)  
 DUE TO  
 (C)

**PART II** OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS

AUTOPSY  
 YES  
 NO

28 A. Acc., Suicide, Hem., Unident. Or Pending Investigation (Specify) <b>Accidents</b>	28 B. DATE OF INJURY (MO. DAY, YR.) <b>7/9/92</b>	28 C. HOUR OF INJURY <b>2:15 AM</b>	28 D. DESCRIBE INJURY OCCURRED <b>APPARENTLY fell into bathtub</b>
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28 E. INJURY AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	28 F. PLACE OF INJURY (AT HOME, FARM, STREET, ETC.) <b>Residence</b>	LOCATION (STREET OR RFD NO.) (CITY, BORO, OR TWP.) (STATE) <b>802 E. USACE, Ph. Co., PA</b>
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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ M.D. DATE SIGNED **7/9/92**

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

None  Ident.  External  
 Scene  Gross  Other  
 Internal

**REQUIREMENTS**

None  Hosp. Records  FURTHER INVEST. BY:  
 Circ. of Injury  Toxicology  Homicide Unit  
 Identification  Histology  Detective Division

COPIES SENT TO	DATE
District Attorney	7/22/92

**Ex #1**  
**941104, CBB1051**

<b>POSTMORTEM REPORT</b>		CITY OF PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH		CASE NO. 3034-92
NAME (I)		STREET		
AGE	SEX	RACE	MARITAL STATUS	DATE AND HOUR PRONOUNCED DEAD
5 MOS	MALE	BLACK	SINGLE	7-9-92 - 4:07 P.M.
PLACE PRONOUNCED DEAD	DATE AND HOUR OF INJURY		PLACE OF INJURY	
A.E.M.C.	7-9-92 - @2:15 PM		RESIDENCE	
CIRCUMSTANCES OF INJURY APPARENTLY FELL INTO BATHTUB				
<b>IDENTIFYING WITNESSES</b>				
NAME		ADDRESS		RELATIONSHIP
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		AUNT
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	AUTOPSY		DATE AND HOUR OF POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION
ft 2 0 Ins.	18.15.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		7-10-92 - 10:30 A.M.
PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSES				
1. DROWNING				
CAUSE OF DEATH				
Ia. DROWNING				
Ib.				
Ic. (contributory)				
II				
COMMENTS				
MANNER OF DEATH		POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION BY <i>[Signature]</i>		

### INTRODUCTION

This is the case of a 5 months old black infant identified as [REDACTED]. The subject according to available information, was left alone in a baby chair that was in a bathtub and drowned. An autopsy was performed on July 10, 1992 at 10:30 a.m.

### EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is that of a well-developed, well-nourished 5 month old black male measuring 2'0" and weighing 18.5 pounds. Crown rump length is 43 cm. The rump heel length is 24-1/2" cm. and the head circumference is 44 cm. The chest circumference is 41 cm. and the abdominal circumference is 44 cm. The hair is black/brown and curly and the eyes are of a dark brown color with white sclera. There was clear fluid exuding from the nose. There are 2 central incisors on the maxilla. The face is otherwise unremarkable. The chest is unremarkable. The abdomen appears round. The genitalia are that of a normal uncircumcised male with bilaterally descended testes. There is an intravenous line in the left antecubital fossa and recent puncture wounds of the right radial area. There is a femoral intravenous line with stitches present in the left groin. The back reveals a deep brown/blue colored mongolian spot on the buttocks and mild livor mortis. Rigor mortis is present.

### INTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is opened to reveal organs in the correct anatomic positions. The right and left pleural cavities contain physiologic amounts of fluid.

The right lung weighs 95 grams and the left lung weighs 76 grams. Both have slight petechial hemorrhages on the surface. The cut parenchyma is pink/red and unremarkable. The pericardial sac is incised to reveal physiologic amounts of food.

The heart is unremarkable weighing 42 grams. The heart has petechial hemorrhages on the surface.

The thymus is present and weighs 51.5 grams and reveals surface petechial hemorrhage. The peritoneal cavity is filled with 50 cc. of clear yellow peritoneal fluid.

The liver weighs 258 grams and is unremarkable.

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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The spleen weighs 28 grams and is of a dark red color.

The pancreas weighs 23 grams and reveals normal lobulation.

Both adrenals are present and unremarkable. The right kidney weighs 27.5 grams and the left kidney weighs 26.5 grams and both are unremarkable.

The stomach is incised to reveal 10 cc. of sludge-like gastric contents and unremarkable mucosa. The small and large bowel are unremarkable and appendix is present. The gallbladder is present.

The urinary bladder is present but contains no urine.

The brain weighs 1010 grams and is unremarkable.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Drowning

MANNER OF DEATH: Accident.

*Bennett G. Preston M.D.*  
BENNETT G. PRESTON, M.D.  
ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER

BGP:d1  
7-22-92  
per:d1 9-1-92

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA • DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH • VITAL RECORDS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
(Coroner)

ONE 9 3034-92

TYPE PRINT  
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REMARKS  
BLACK INK

STATE OF DECEASED Phil, Helen, Land

DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)

JULY 10, 1992

AGE (Last Birthday)	UNDECEASED 1 YEAR	UNDECEASED 1 DAY	DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)	BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country)	SEX	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)
PHIA	Hours	Minutes	PHIA	ALYCE EUGENIE MEDICAL CENTER	Female		

DECEASED'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life; do not use "retired")	DECEASED'S MARITAL ADDRESS (Street, City/Town, State, Zip Code)	DECEASED'S ACTUAL RESIDENCE (Give residence on date of death)	DECEASED'S PLACE OF BIRTH (City, State, Zip Code)	DECEASED'S EDUCATION (School, College, University, etc.)	DECEASED'S MARRIAGE STATUS (Married, Widowed, Divorced, Single)	DECEASED'S SURNAMING SOURCE (If not given, give nearest family)

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PHYSICIAN'S AND CORONER'S PHYSICIAN certifying cause of death when another physician has pronounced death and completed item 23 to the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated.

On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated.

PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE AND PRINTED NAME: *Harold B. Raetz M.D.*

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS AND ADDRESS OF FIRM WHO QUALIFIED CASE OF DEATH: **321 UNIVERSITY AVE., PHIA, PA.**

DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year): **JULY 10, 1992**

PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE NUMBER: **104**

PHYSICIAN'S TITLE OR CERTIFICATION: **PHYSICIAN**

PHYSICIAN'S SPECIALTY: **INTERNAL MEDICINE**

PHYSICIAN'S HOSPITAL AFFILIATION: **ALYCE EUGENIE MEDICAL CENTER**

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PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE: *Harold B. Raetz M.D.*

PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME: **HAROLD B. RAETZ M.D.**

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MEDICAL EXAMINER'S/CORONER'S REPORTING FORM X284656

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To report a case by telephone, call (toll free) 1-800-638-8095. Say "THIS IS A MECAP REPORT." You will then be placed in contact with the MECAP Project Manager, who will ask for the information noted below.

5mm Male

Date of accident 7/9/92 Date of death 7/9/92

Type of consumer product involved Infant bathing chair

Manufacturer, Model, Brand name, and Serial No. of product  
Made by Safety First, Inc

Is product available for examination?  yes  no. If yes, where? M.E.'s Office

Location of Accident: City Phil. State PA

Brief description of accident sequence: (PLEASE INCLUDE THE AGE AND SEX OF THE VICTIM(S))

Mother was giving the child a bath. She left the room to turn off air conditioning and lay out kids clothing. After about 2 min., she returned to find the child face down in water - still in chair. Child had drowned.

Contact Information: Please include the name, address and telephone number of any state/local personnel who investigated the accident.

Phil Police - N.E. Detective Div - Det Murre 315-686-3153  
Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Case No. 3034-92 Telephone No. 315-823-7482

Reporter's Name Wm Hilbert Date Reported 7/23/92

Reporter's Off. (incl. city, county, and state) Phil. County

Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Name H.A. Michandani, M.D.

For processing at CPSC: Report rcvd. by: J. Jacobson

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# EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. CASE NO. 950926CBB2034 G 9590064			2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 1 6 9			3. OFFICE CODE 8 3 0		
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 9 5 0 8 1 4			5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 9 5 0 9 2 9					

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A nine month old boy drowned in the bathtub in his home. The victim was left in an bath seat in the bathtub with his 5 year old sister. When the baby sitter returned to the bathroom she found the victim lying on his back in the tub under water.

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home		8. CITY Newport		9. STATE I N	
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT Child's Bath seat		11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Safety 1st 210 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill, MA-02167			
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT Bathtub		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS UNKNOWN.			
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12. AGE OF VICTIM 2 0 9		13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE : 1 FEMALE : 2 UNKNOWN : 3 1		14. DISPOSITION Fatality		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Submersion	
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16. BODY PART All		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Parents, police		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE : 1 TELEPHONE : 2 OTHER : 3 1		19. TIME SPENT 0 8 0	
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20. ATTACHMENTS Multiple		21. CASE SOURCE Newspaper		22. REVIEWED BY 8 1 3 0 YR MO DAY 9 6 0 1 0 9			
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-BUSINESS CASES ONLY)  
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24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Other Side)

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1. CASE NO. 950926CBB2034 <i>C 9590064</i>		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 1 6 9		3. OFFICE CODE 8 3 0		<b>EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT</b>
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 9 5 0 8 1 4		5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 9 5 0 9 2 9				

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A nine month old boy drowned in the bathtub in his home. The victim was left in a bath seat in the bathtub with his 5 year old sister. When the baby sitter returned to the bathroom she found the victim lying on his back in the tub under water.

7. LOCATION (Home, street, etc.) Home	8. CITY Newport	9. STATE I N
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT Child's Bath seat	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Safety 1st 210 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill, MA 02167
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT Bathtub	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS UNKNOWN.
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12. AGE OF VICTIM 2 0 9	13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 UNKNOWN - 3 1	14. DISPOSITION Fatality	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Submersion
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16. BODY PART All	17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Parents, police	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE 1 TELEPHONE 2 OTHER 3 1	19. TIME SPENT 0 8 0
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20. ATTACHMENTS Multiple	21. CASE SOURCE Newspaper	22. REVIEWED BY 8 1 3 0	YR MO DAY 9 6 0 1 0 9
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PRE-ACCIDENT:

According to the victim's mother, the victim was a normally healthy active nine month old child and that he was not chronically or acutely ill at the time of the accident. The mother said that the accident occurred at about 4:30 pm, a time at which the victim would have been normally awake and alert. The mother said that the victim and his sisters ages two years and five years had been left in the care of the 14 year old female baby sitter at about 12:30 pm on the day of the accident. The accident occurred at the victim's home. The victim's mother said that the baby sitter had cared for the children on one occasion prior to the time of the accident. The mother said that she had observed the baby sitter on the prior occasion and was convinced that the baby sitter was conscientious and cared well for the children. The mother said she did not specifically recall having given the baby sitter permission to bath the children but that neither had she specifically advised the baby sitter not to bath the children. The mother said that at some point during either the first or second time this baby sitter had been with the children she had shown the bathing seat to the baby sitter.

The mother said that the bathing seat had been purchased for the victim three or four months prior to the accident and since that time had been used almost daily in bathing the victim. She said that she had noticed that for a few weeks prior to the accident, that the victim was able to raise himself practically out of the bathing seat with his hands and feet. The mother said that she did not recall warning the baby sitter about the victim's ability to raise himself practically from the seat.

According to the baby sitter's statement, just prior to the accident the two year old child was asleep on the couch. The mother indicated that the couch was in the living room which was adjacent to the master bedroom. The mother said that the baby sitter had told her that the five year old asked to be bathed in the garden tub in the full bath of the master bedroom. The mother said that the baby sitter had carried the bathing seat from the common bathroom to the master bathroom and put it in the tub of the master bathroom and put in about six inches of water. The baby sitter's statement said that the victim and the five year old sister had been in the bath tub for about five minutes when the two year old on the couch started to wake up. The baby sitter's statement indicates that the baby sitter told the five year old to let the water out and that she (the baby sitter) would be right back. The baby sitter's statement indicates that she went to the two year old and that the two year old started to go back to the bathroom with her but that on the way decided to watch television instead. The baby sitter's statement indicates that she returned to the bathroom, apparently after turning on the television for the two year old child. The statement indicates that as she was going toward the bathroom she heard the five year old yelling " he's

blue, he's blue".

**ACCIDENT:**

The baby sitter's statement indicates that when she entered the bathroom she saw the victim lying face up under water. The statement indicates that the baby sitter picked up the victim and the child seat and carried it into the living room where she used the telephone to call for help.

**POST-ACCIDENT:**

The baby sitter's statement indicated that she telephoned the telephone operator who connected her with local ambulance service. The baby sitter's statement indicates that she just kept pressing the victim's chest. The statement indicates that the five year old child was sent to a neighbor for help. The statement indicates that neighbor came before the ambulance arrived and that the neighbor "took over".

The victim was subsequently taken by ambulance to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Attached as Exhibit #3 is the witness statement of the first to arrive emergency medical technician.

**PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:**

The accident occurred in an approximately four year old permanently installed manufactured home with two bathrooms, one a standard size bathroom located off a central hallway and the other a "garden" bath tub (see photo exhibits) in the master bedroom of the home.

The bathing seat involved in the accident was discarded by the victim's parents shortly subsequent to the accident, according to the victim's mother. The victim's mother said that the bathing seat had been purchased about three or four months prior to the accident at Wal-Mart, Terre Haute, IN. The victim's mother said that the seat involved in the accident was identical to one that was owned by a neighbor and is shown in the attached photo exhibits four through eight. The seat actually involved in the accident is shown in photos taken by the Vermillion County Sheriff's Department which will be forwarded when received.

The seat is approximately 7 1/2 inches high by 11 inches in diameter and has slots to attach four suction cups. The victim's mother said that the suction cups which came with the baby seat "came off" the baby seat very readily. She said that when the baby seat was pressed against the bottom of the bath tub and the baby seat then lifted out of the tub two or three of the suction cups would come off of the seat almost every time. She said that she thought that only one of the suction cups was on the baby's seat at the time of the accident.

The baby seat also has a locking feature which allows the seat to be held stationary or, when unlocked, to allow the base to remain stationary while the seat portion can be rotated by the child. The only labeling found on the baby seat which the mother provided is shown in photo Exhibit #7 & 8. Photo 8 indicates that the unit is manufactured by Safety 1 St. Inc.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Exhibit 1 Copy of Vermillion County Sheriff's Dept. Report.
- Exhibit 2 Copy of baby sitter's statement.
- Exhibit 3 Copy of statement of emergency medical technician.
- Exhibit 4 Photographs.

## Vermillion County Sheriff's Department

Case Number: 95-1730

## Case Report

Page: 1 Of:     Offense: ACCIDENTAL DROWNINGI.C. #:     Name:                     Telephone:                     Address:                     Sex: MRace: WDOB: 10/17/94Age:     SSN:     Place of Treatment: VERMILLION COUNTY HOSPITALDate and Time of Offense:     8/14/95Date and Time Reported:     8/14/95 16:51Reported By: OPERATORRp's Telephone:     RP's Address:     Location:                     City: NEWPORTTownship: VERMILLIONIDACS Entry:     NCIC Entry:     Vehicle Description:     Color:     Year:     Make:     Model:     License Number:     License Year:     State:     VIN:     Name of Owner:     Address of Owner:     Suspect:     Suspect DOB:     Suspect SSN:     Suspect Address:     Instrument, Force, or Weapon:     Person(s) Arrested:     Scene Processing: PICTURES WERE TAKEN AT THE RESIDENCE, HOSPITAL AND AT THE AUTOPSY.Evidence Collected: NONE AT TIME OF REPORT.Motive: NONEMethod of Operation: SUBJECT WAS PLACED IN INFANT SEAT IN BATH TUB. INFANT GOT OUT AND DROWNED.Articles Taken, ID#, Value \$: N/AProperty Recovered, Value \$, Disposition: A REPORT WAS MADE AND AND AUTOPSY WAS PERFORMED.Witness:                     (14)                    (SISTER) (5) IN THE BATH TUB WITH                    Summary: ON 8/14/95 AT 16:51 THE VERMILLION COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A TELEPHONECALL OF A POSSIBLE DROWNING IN NEWPORT, IN. THIS WOULD BE AT THE                    AND                    RESIDENCE ON BRICK ST. AN AMBULANCE WAS DISPATCHED, AS WELL AS THE OFFICER. UPONARRIVAL IT WAS LEARNED THAT THAT                    WAS FOUND IN THE BATH TUB OF THE                    RESIDENCE BY THE BABYSITTER                    S D.O.B. IS 8/7/81.THE BABY WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE VERMILLION COUNTY HOSPITAL BY VERMILLION COUNTYAMBULANCE. THE INFANT DIED AT 18:08. THE INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE BABYSITTERHAD PLACED THE BABY AND HIS 5 YEAR OLD SISTER                    IN THE BATH-TUB.                    WAS PLACEDIN A CHILD'S SEAT. THE BABYSITTER LEFT THE ROOM TO GO CHECK ON ANOTHER CHILD THATWAS WAKING UP IN THE LIVING ROOM FROM A NAP. WHEN THE BABYSITTER STARTED TO RETURN,SHE HEARD THE 5 YEAR OLD YELLING "HE'S BLUE" AND THE BABYSITTER THEN DISCOVERED THAT



STATE OF INDIANA  
VS.

CAUSE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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Rx #2

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

\_\_\_\_\_, having affirmed under the penalty of perjury  
says that:

I was babysitting for Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
three kids on 8/14/95. The two year old  
daughter (\_\_\_\_\_) had been asleep on the couch since  
around 3:00. Around 4:25 \_\_\_\_\_ the 5 year old  
asked me if she could take a bath. Then she  
asked if the 10 month old baby (\_\_\_\_\_) could take  
it with her. I said if he doesn't start crying  
and you put him in his seat. She said \_\_\_\_\_  
liked it so I just stood in there and  
cleaned up their mess. (clothes into the hamper  
or laundry basket). Around five minutes later  
\_\_\_\_\_ started to wake up. I told \_\_\_\_\_ to let  
the water out and that I would be right  
back. \_\_\_\_\_ started to go back to the nestor  
with me and decided to watch television  
instead. On my way back to the nestor  
\_\_\_\_\_ starts yelling he's blue, he's blue. I did  
understand her at first. Then I saw him  
\_\_\_\_\_ space up and picked him up along with the seat

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ 15 day of August \_\_\_\_\_ 19 95

under the  
water.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Aff

I affirm under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Aff

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STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF VERMILION

IN THE VERMILION CIRCUIT COURT

STATE OF INDIANA  
VS.

CAUSE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

\_\_\_\_\_, having affirmed under the penalty of perjury

says that: *A started to scream and ran for the phone in the living room. A told [redacted] to get help and bring a neighbor over. A dialed 911 on the phone and the operator hooked me up with the ambulance. The neighbor came before the ambulance answered and she took us over. A went out and waited for the ambulance till it came.*

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is check*

Signed this: 15 day of August, 19 9

[Redacted Signature]

Signature of Affiant

I affirm under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true.

[Redacted Signature]

Case No: 95-1730  
 Investigating Agency: VERMILLION CO SHERIFFS DEPT  
 Investigating Officer(s): PAUL CURRY

## WITNESS' STATEMENT

I. You are writing a statement which may be used in a criminal prosecution. Therefore, it is extremely important that you write an accurate, complete, and legible statement. It is also important that the police officer(s) and/or the Prosecutor's Office know where to contact you regarding the information in your statement. Please fill in the following information.

Name of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present Address of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Witness: 37  
 Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security Number: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date and Time of this Statement: Aug 11, 1975

II. As you write your statement, please be as accurate and precise as possible. For example, when you first refer to a person, please use both his/her first and last name, and if you know his/her address, list that information as well in your statement. Remember that you are attempting to give us information about Who, What, Where and When. If you have questions as you are writing your statement, please ask the officer in charge.

When I first arrived at approximately 5:00 pm  
the infant was laying in the living room on its right side.  
\_\_\_\_\_ who lives the next home with a Mason it had  
one hand on his chest, the other on his back trying to compress his chest  
to expel the water. The baby was ashen colored and had difficulties  
which indicated that his organs had failed. I asked the babysitter  
how long had he been in the water and she responded that  
she wasn't sure, maybe 5 or 6 minutes. I rolled him over on his  
back and noticed that his stomach was distended approximately 6 to 8 inches  
which indicated that he was full of water. I tried to give him  
a couple of quick breaths and all I got was foam and water and it was  
extremely hard to blow because all it was doing was compressing the water

already went 10-8 and I should see those in 2 to 3 minutes and it  
 wouldn't do any good anyway. Picked the child back on his side  
 and tried to expel more water, got a little more out and tried breathe  
 again but still couldn't get any air to go to his lungs. Balance  
 was critical within the next couple of minutes with [redacted] and  
 [redacted] on board. Helen was first in the door and asked  
 what they had and I told them a possible drowning. She took  
 the baby and took over his care. I asked [redacted] if he had observed  
 he needed or if he needed more and he said he thought he had  
 enough for the moment. They kept working on him and got ready  
 to leave and I got in here and help [redacted] and I continued  
 breathing for him all the way to UCH.

(Use the back of this page if necessary.)

I affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing  
 representations are true and accurate to the best of my  
 knowledge.

[redacted signature]  
 Signature of witness

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G 59-2064

# Baby drowns in bathtub Monday

A nine-and-a-half-month old baby died after slipping into the water of a bathtub at his Newport home Monday.

The infant son of [redacted] and [redacted], died shortly after 6 p.m. Tuesday in the emergency room at Vermillion County Hospital in Clinton. The child had been taken to the hospital after efforts to revive him at his home failed.

Shortly before 5 p.m. Monday, the Vermillion County Sheriff's Department sent an ambulance to the [redacted] residence after receiving a telephone call about a "possible" drowning there.

Sheriff Paul Curry said when he arrived at the home, he learned that a babysitter had placed the child in a child's seat in the bathtub with his five-year-old sister.

Curry said the babysitter left the

room to attend the children's two-year-old sister, [redacted], who was waking from a nap in the living room and was returning to the bathroom when she heard the five-year-old yelling, "he's blue." Somehow, the baby had been able to slip from his seat and fall into the bath water.

After grabbing the baby from the bathtub and calling a telephone operator for help, the 14-year-old babysitter attempted to revive the child. Her efforts, as well as those of ambulance technicians and a neighbor who heard the oldest child's cries for help, were unsuccessful.

An autopsy conducted later by Vermillion County Coroner Rick Giovanni confirmed the child's death was due to drowning.

Funeral services for [redacted] are pending at DeVetter Brothers Funeral Home in Cayuga.



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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number 659 0064  
Date of Incident 8/15/95 Category I.D. SECT RR 1996

Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis Section 15  
Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call On-Site

Headquarters Contact RR Rauchschwallbe

Assignment Message Use bath tub drowning guideline  
Identify mfg. of seat, position of seat,  
product problems, position of child when  
found, length of time left by caregiver,  
how child slipped from seat (per 5yr. old  
witness), length of time before CPR was  
given, etc. Obtain coroner's report, medical  
reports, police / paramedics / social workers  
reports.

Person(s) to Contact Sheriff Curry  
[Redacted]  
3 Babysitter

Guideline \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By RR

Task Number 960924002034

Assigned to CH10 Date 9/24/95

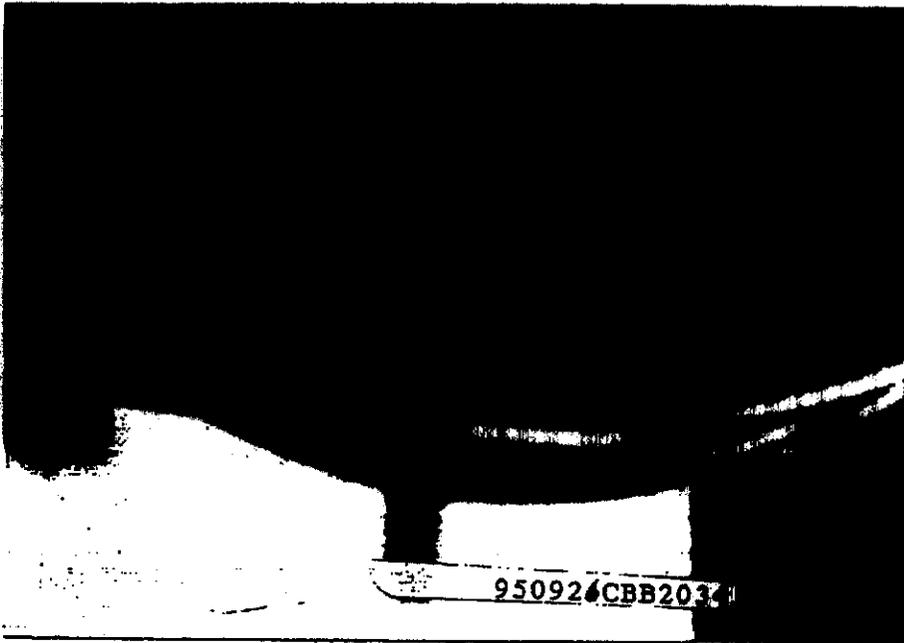


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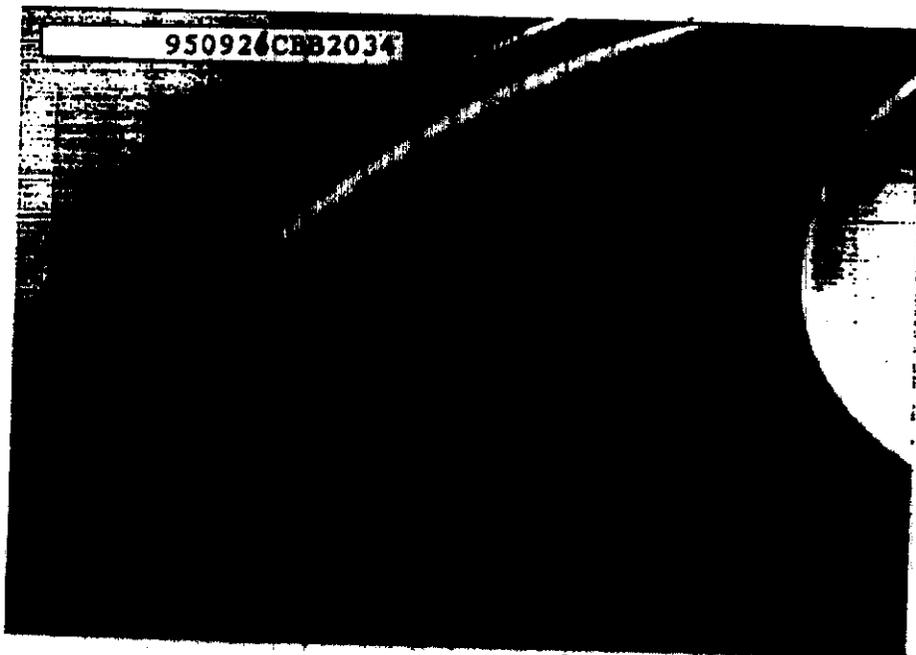


Photo #8 Bath seat  
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Photo #5 Bath seat parent  
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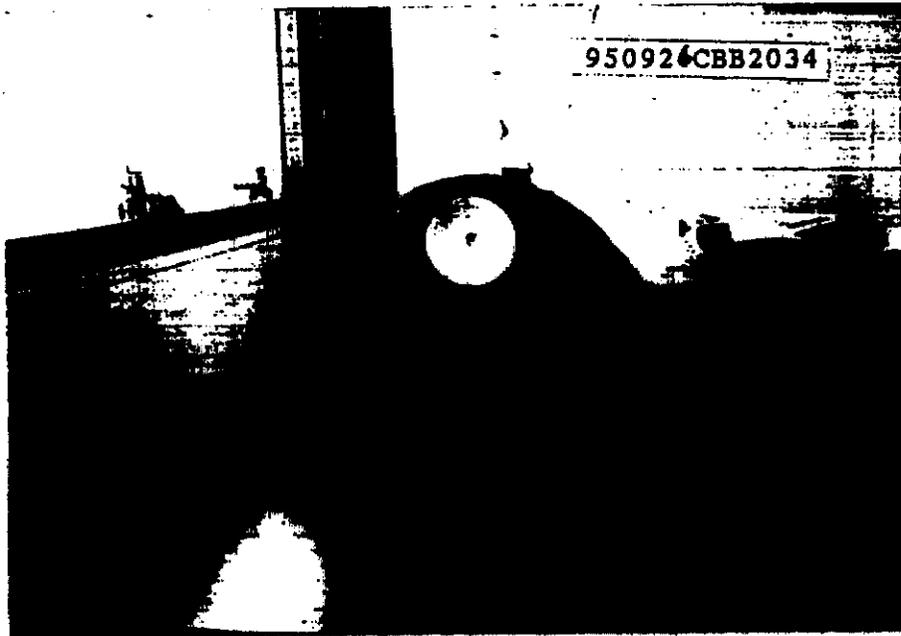


Photo #6 Bath seat with  
one of four suction cups  
and slots for missing cups



Photo #3 View of bathtub

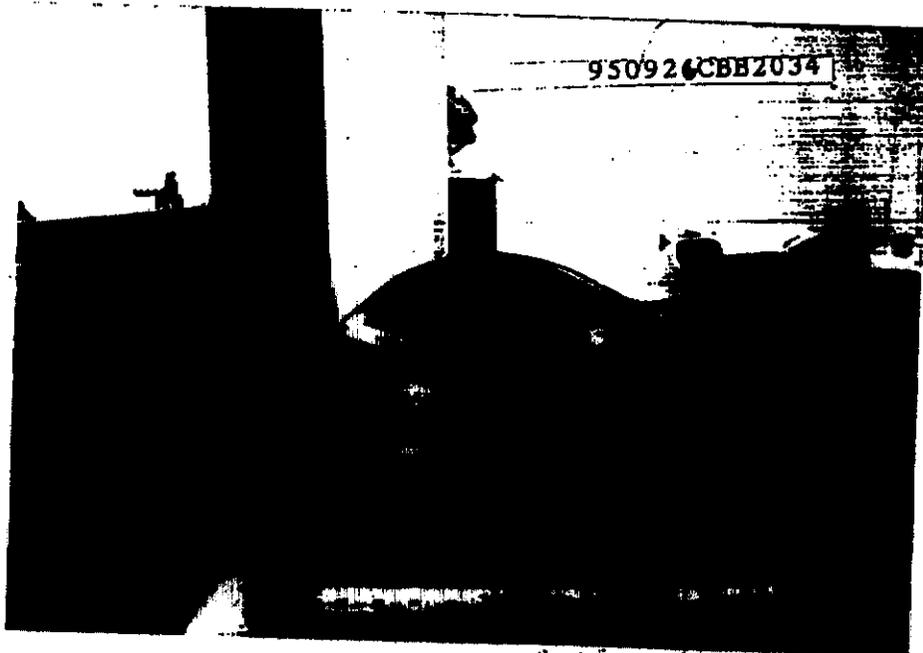
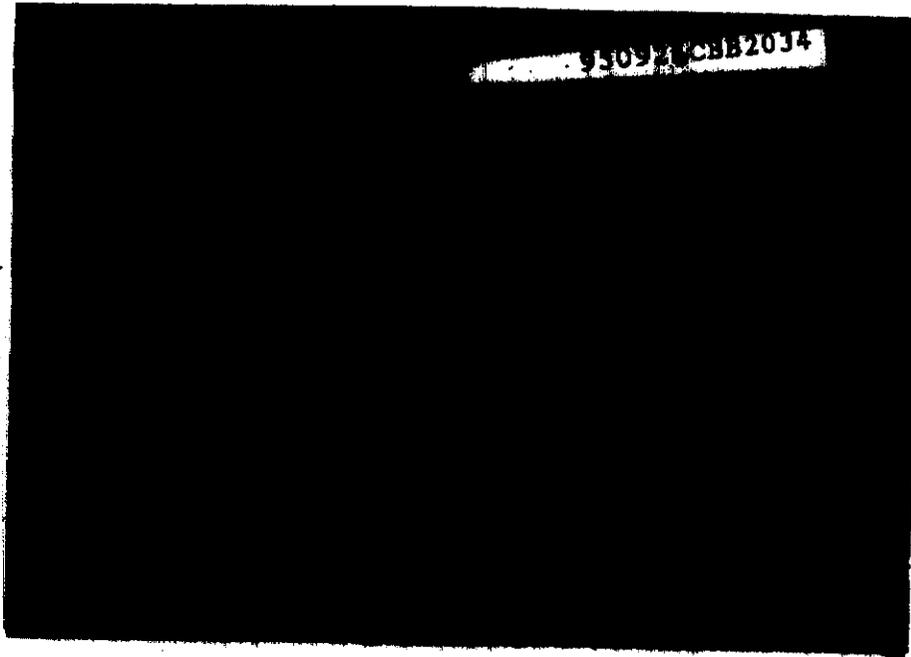


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Photo #1 View of bathtub

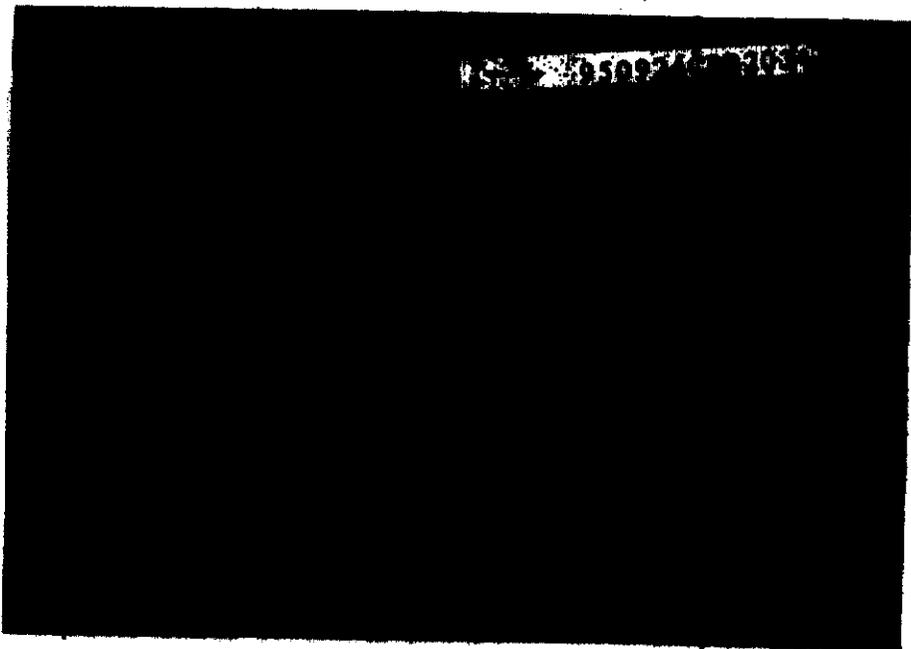


Photo #2 View of bathtub



28 MAR 1997

FIELD ACTIVITY COVER SHEET

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				4 Number 970131CCC5287	
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6 Related firm <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Headquarters <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary <input type="checkbox"/> Other Name _____ City _____ State _____					
7 Products covered <u>bathtub</u>			8 Other consumer products		
9 Establishment Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> Importer <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesaler <input type="checkbox"/> Own label distributor <input type="checkbox"/> Retailer <input type="checkbox"/> Repackager <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			10 Annual production Product covered \$ _____ units _____ Other products \$ _____ units _____		
11 IS business unknown % received _____ % shipped _____		12 Samples collected none		13 MIS code 32626	
				14 Hours Activity <u>4</u> Travel <u>0</u>	
15 Reason for activity In accordance with assignment request 970131CCC5287, received and initiated 02/12/97.					
16 Announced ___ (Rationale for announced inspection) Unannounced ___					
17 Employee's Name Linda C. Rogers		Title Product Safety Investigator		Signature date	
18 ___ Endorsement    ___ Remarks    ___ Summary    ___ Other _____ A 9 month old female drowned after her babysitter left her unattended in a bathtub to answer the phone. The sitter had placed the victim in a bath seat and left only because she thought it would keep the infant upright while she was gone. No product ident. was available on the bath seat.					
F/U: None - Refer to CCA (RR)					
19 Reviser's Name William E. Gentry		Title Supervisory Investigator		Signature <i>W E Gentry</i>	
20 Review Date 03/20/97		21 Distribution O: EPDS, C: FOCR(IDI), CCA (RR), CS: BG, RF, LCR			

**PRE-ACCIDENT:**

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NOTE: According to the family's former babysitter, the family has moved from Moultrie, GA. She stated they felt they had to move due to harrassment, and gossip following the victim's death. Investigating officials had not been in contact with the family since the incident. This report is limited to the information obtain from the babysitter, police and coroner.

The babysitter was identified in the incident report and was contacted. She stated she only wanted to speak briefly about the incident, but reported the following.

The respondent stated that she regularly babysat the 9 month old female infant for the victim's family; and she would visit the family's home to babysit. She stated on the day of the accident, the victim's mother was getting ready to go to a funeral. She stated the victim's mother left the home to take care of an errand.

She stated, at the time, she had prepared the victim's bath. She stated she placed the victim's bath seat inside the bathtub. She stated she plugged the tub with a "wash rag" ~~(she stated the family used a wash rag, since the plug was missing)~~. She ran water in the bath tub until there was about 6" of water; then placed the victim inside the seat.

She stated the victim played and splashed in the water about 10 minutes, until the phone rang. She temporarily left the bathroom to answer the phone. The victim's mother called and asked her to remove clothes from the dryer, which she stated she did. She stated she was gone about five minutes.

**ACCIDENT:**

The respondent stated when she returned to the bathroom, the victim was face down and unconscious. She stated she ~~immediately removed the victim.~~

**POST- ACCIDENT:**

The respondent attempted to resuscitate the victim, then she stated she called "911". She stated she worked on the victim trying to revive her, but she never responded. She stated she loved the victim very much and that she is still haunted by the incident. She stated she believes that when she left to get the phone, the victim reached forward in an attempt to pull on the wash rag used to plug the tub.

**POST-ACCIDENT (cont'd):**

**970131CCC5287**

She stated she could not remember any product identification about the bath seat or bath ring, but had removed it from the box, where the family stored it. She stated it had been used several times by the family and she had used it when she babysat the victim for about 5 or 6 times.

She stated she wanted me to report that the bath seat gave a "false sense of security". She stated the suction cups adhered to the tub, and she felt the victim would be safe. When asked if she had experienced any problem with the bath seat in the past, she responded "no", but that it would sometimes come apart when you attempted to remove it from the tub. The suction cups would be difficult to remove. She stated the family had not reported a problem with the seat.

She stated that even though the police ruled the incident to be accidental, the family was harrassed so much in their neighborhood. She stated she was maligned as well, following the accident. She stated she misses the victim and loved her like she was her own. She stated she did not know where the victim's family had moved.

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According to the police investigator, the victim was found in a bath tub, face down and unconscious by the victim's babysitter. He stated his report was very limited, and he did not record the product identification for the bath seat. He stated the death was an accidental drowning. The medical examiner reported the victim died due to accidental drowning.

**PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:**

1st Product: Bathtub.

NOTE: No additional information available.

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2nd Product: Bath seat or bath ring (babysitter not certain of official name).

NOTE: No additional information available.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Incident Report;
- 2) Medical Examiner's Report;
- 3) Copy of Certificate of Death.

Attachment 1  
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AGENCY : COLQUITT S.O.

INCIDENT REPORT

PAGE: 1  
CASE NO: 95-12-144

I N C I D E N T	INC TYPE: INFANT DEATH INVESTIGATION	CNT: 1	PREMISE:
	INC DATE: 12/07/95 TO DATE: 12/07/95 TIME: 1220 TIME: 1330	STRANGER TO STRANGER: N WEAPON TYPE :	
	INC LOC : [REDACTED]	LOC CODE:	
C O M P	COMP NAME: [REDACTED]	SOC	
	ADDR: [REDACTED] CTY/ST/ZP: [REDACTED] GA 31768	HOME PH	[REDACTED]
V I C T I M	VICT NAME: [REDACTED]	SOC	
	ADDR: [REDACTED] CTY/ST/ZP: [REDACTED] GA 31768	HOME PH:	[REDACTED]
	TYPE: [REDACTED] EMP/OCC: INFANT	WORK PH:	[REDACTED]
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	STOLEN :	FIREARMS CONSUM G.	LVESTOCK
	RECOVD :	OTHER	

Attachment 1  
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ORI : 0350000  
AGENCY : COLQUITT S.O.

INCIDENT REPORT

PAGE: 2  
CASE NO: 95-12-144

ADMIN	WAR:	MISS PER:	VEH:	ARTCL:	BOAT:	SEC:
	DRUG RELATED:					
	CLEAR BY ARREST:	EXCEPTIONAL:		UNFOUNDED:		
	REPORT DATE:	CLEARED DATE:		ADULT:	JUVENILE:	
	REP OFFICER: 69C2	HECTOR RODRIGUEZ				
APP OFFICER: 669C	LT. KAL SURER					

**NARRATIVE:**

ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1995, COLQUITT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATOR HECTOR RODRIGUEZ CONTACTED COLQUITT COUNTY CORONER ROBERT BRYANT AT THE COLQUITT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER EMERGENCY ROOM IN MCDONALD, GEORGIA. BRYANT REPORTED THAT [REDACTED] MOTHER [REDACTED] 2 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM [REDACTED] FOUND IN THE BATH TUB FLOOR DOWN AND UNCONSCIOUS [REDACTED] CHILD'S BAPTIST. THE INITIAL INVESTIGATION OF THE DEATH IS ACCIDENTAL DEATHING. AN AUTOPSY WILL BE PERFORMED ON THE INFANT AT THE GEORGIA STATE CRIME LAB. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE CASE REPORT #35-0397-01-95.

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STATE OF GEORGIA  
GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DIVISION OF FORENSIC SCIENCES  
RECORD OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

CITY: Moultrie		COUNTY: Colquitt		CASE NO. M95-6391	
NAME OF DECEDENT: [REDACTED]					
RESIDENCE OF DECEDENT: [REDACTED] Moultrie, GA					
AGE/DOB: 62-27-95 (9M)		SEX: M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RACE: White	HT. 69.8 cm.	WT. 10.0 kg.
MANNER OF DEATH: NATURAL <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> ACCIDENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDETERMINED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>					
CAUSE OF DEATH: Drowning.					
LAST SEEN: DATE: 12-07-95		HOUR: 1230~		PLACE: Bathtub of Residence	
FOUND: DATE: 12-07-95		HOUR: 1250~		PLACE: Bathtub of Residence	
INJURY: DATE:		HOUR:		PLACE:	
PRONOUNCED: DATE: 12-07-95		HOUR: 1338		PLACE: Colquitt Reg. Med. Center	
NOTIFIED BY: Rodney Bryan, Coroner			DATE: 12-07-95		HOUR: 1550
BODY IDENTIFIED BY: Family				PHOTOGRAPHS: DOFS	
AUTOPSY AUTHORIZED BY: Coroner				CORONER NOTIFIED: Yes	
PRESENT AT AUTOPSY: Rodney Bryan					
INVESTIGATING OFFICER(S): Inv. Hector Rodriguez					
EMPLOYED BY: Colquitt County S.O.					
SUBJECT:					
NAME OF MORGUE: Moultrie DOFS		DATE RECEIVED: 12-07-95		HOUR: 1612	
BODY REMOVED FROM: Colquitt Reg. Med. Center			TRANSPORTED BY: Colquitt Co. EMS		
AUTOPSY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIMITED DISSECTION <input type="checkbox"/>		EXTERNAL EXAM <input type="checkbox"/>		HISTORY REVIEW <input type="checkbox"/>

NOTIFICATION DATE ..... 12/17/95  
 NOTIFICATION TIME ..... 1340 hrs.  
 NOTIFIER'S NAME ..... Paul York  
 NOTIFIER'S TITLE/AGENCY/PHONE ..... RN-ER-890 3400

**State of Georgia**  
 GBI - DIVISION OF FORENSIC SCIENCES  
 P.O. BOX 370804 Decatur, Ga. 30037-0804

CITY WHERE INCIDENT OCCURRED ..... Moultrie  
 COUNTY WHERE INCIDENT OCCURRED ..... County  
 INVESTIGATING OFFICER & AGENCY ..... H. Rodriguez CC50

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CONCERNING THE DECEDENT:  
 FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST NAME ..... ~~████████████████████~~  
 AGE, RACE, AND SEX ..... 1 mths white female  
 HOME ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP ..... 1713 Tallahassee St. Moultrie, GA. 31768  
 DOB + SOCIAL SECURITY # ..... 2/27/95 - 260/91/5439

WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH ..... Erik St. Pierre  
 WHERE PRONOUNCED DEAD ..... CRMC-ER  
 DATE + TIME PRONOUNCED ..... 12/17/95 1338 hrs

TYPE OF DEATH .....  DEATH WITNESSED  PERSON FOUND DEAD  
 ADDRESS WHERE ABOVE OCCURED ..... ~~████████████████████~~ Tallahassee St. Moultrie  
 DATE + TIME OF ABOVE ..... 12/17/95 - between 1230 - 1245 hrs

DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES ..... Infant was put in tub in a bath sink in about 6" of water. The mother went back to check on infant and infant was on floor. Face to side in bottom of tub.  
 PERSONAL DOCTOR'S NAME/PHONE ..... Dr. Mcloy in Tifton  
 KNOWN MEDICATIONS ..... None  
 KNOWN ILLNESSES, COMPLAINTS ..... None

WHO WILL SIGN DEATH CERTIFICATE ..... Coroner  
 CAUSE OF DEATH LISTED ON DIC ..... ~~████████████████████~~

MANNER OF DEATH LISTED ON DIC ..... ~~████████████████████~~  
 COMPLETE IF DECEDENT SUSTAINED INJURIES  
 DATE + TIME OF INJURY ..... 12/17/95 - between 1230 - 1245 hrs.  
 ADDRESS OF INJURY ..... 1713 Tallahassee St. Moultrie, Ga.  
 HOW INJURY OCCURRED ..... found on stomach in bottom of tub.

FINDER'S NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE ..... Carolyn Boyan - 713 5th St. S.E. 72891 320  
 DATE + TIME LAST KNOWN ALIVE ..... 12/17/95 1215 hrs  
 WHERE + HOW LAST KNOWN ALIVE ..... In Tub for Bath and to Play  
 WITNESS'S NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE ..... ~~████████████████████~~

COMPLETE IF CORONER ACCEPTS JURISDICTION  
 WAS CORONER ON SCENE? ..... No - at E.R.  
 BODY IDENTIFIED BY WHOM ..... Parents  
 FINGERPRINTED BY ..... N/A  
 PHOTOGRAPHS BY ..... Crime Lab  
 TRANSPORT BY ..... S.M.S.  
 MEDICAL EXAMINER NAME ..... Anthony Clark

*[Signature]* 12/17/95  
 CORONER'S SIGNATURE AND DATE

DATE + TIME ME NOTIFIED ..... 12/18/95 0915 hrs.  
 EXAM TYPE .....  NONE  AUTOPSY  EXTERNAL ONLY  TOX  
 EXAM PLACE + DATE + TIME ..... Moultrie Lab 12/18/95 1015-1030 hrs.  
 NEXT OF KIN NAME AND ADDRESS ..... Sharon and John Robertson - as above  
 PERSONAL EFFECTS RELEASED TO ..... } N/A  
 PERSONAL EFFECTS RELEASED BY ..... }  
 DATE + TIME OF RELEASE ..... }  
 BODY RELEASED TO ..... Cobb Funeral Hm 985 3704  
 BODY RELEASED BY ..... Crime Lab  
 DATE + TIME OF RELEASE ..... 12/18/95

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*[Signature]*  
 DATE: 1-12-96

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COMMENTS



*CHIO*

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: *9513054194*

DATE OF INCIDENT: *12/7/95* CATID: *SECT RR 19947*  
SECT 15-1996

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED HAZARD ANALYSIS ( ) SECT 15 (X)

TYPE FOLLOW-UP TELEPHONE ( ) ON-SITE (X)

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT: *Renee Rauchschtalbe 504-0608 x1362*  
*Marc Schoem 504-0608 x1365*

**ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE:** Please complete the investigation using the Investigation Guideline. It is very important to establish the detailed sequence of events in these incidents including the infant's position during the incident and the use of any bath rings, seats, or infant bathtubs. Exact age of infant (DOB and date of incident) needs verification and determine length of time between when child was last observed as fine until he/she was discovered submerged.

For fatal incidents, please interview any parents or caregivers for the detailed sequence of events to the extent possible. ~~If the state does not allow contact with the next of kin~~ in a fatal incident, collect all official documentation including coroners or medical examiners reports, paramedics report, police investigation, social worker's report, and any medical treatment records.

Person(s) to Contact: *Officials*  
~~*Next of Kin*~~

**Guidelines: 110 Bathtub Incidents Involving Children <18 Months Old**

Task Number: *9701310005287* Date: *1/31/97*

Assigned to: *CHIO* Requested by: