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1. CASE NUMBER 940602CNE5147 N 9460077		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 2 5 1	3. OFFICE CODE 8 0 0	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4. INCIDENT DATE YR MO DAY 9 4 0 5 0 7		5. DATE IDI INITIATED YR MO DAY 9 4 0 6 0 2		

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT

An 8 month old female, who was left unattended in a bathseat, with two suction cup legs missing which made it unstable, drowned in the 4 inches of water contained in the tub after the seat tipped over immersing her breathing passages under water. The cause of death was ruled as drowning.

7. LOCATION Home	8. CITY 10 Miami	9. STATE FL
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT Baby Bathub Seat	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Safety 1st Bath Seat No. #160 Safety 1st, Inc., 210 Boylston Street Chestnut Hill, MA 02167
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT Bathub	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS 0 6 1 1 Unknown
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12. AGE OF VICTIM 2 0 8	13. SEX 2	14. DISPOSITION Died in Emergency Rm	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Submersion
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16. BODY PART 8 5	17. RESPONDENT(S) Father	18. INVESTIGATION TYPE 2	19. TIME SPENT 1 2 2 0
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20. ATTACHMENTS Multi	21. CASE SOURCE 9 Newspaper	22. REVIEWED BY 8 1 6 5	YR MO DAY 9 4 0 6 2 1
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NESS CASES ONLY)
 CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME

24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)	25. REGIONAL DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE
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MFR/PRVLR NOTIFIED

No Comments made

Comments attached

Excisions/Revisions

Firm has not requested further notice

Jun 4/24/98

MFR/PRVLR NOTIFIED

No comments made

Comments attached

Excisions/Revisions

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1-10-95

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

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PRE-INCIDENT

All the information contained in this report was obtained from the following sources:

1. Victim's Father.
2. Metro-Dade Police Department.
3. Office of the Medical Examiner, Dade County, FL.

According to information obtained from the infant's father during an on-site visit conducted on 6/6/94, the "Safety 1st" brand swivel bath seat was purchased during the later part of 1992 at a K-Mart retail outlet located on 106th Street & Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL. The seat stayed packaged and unused until approximately November, 1993 when it was used for the couple's other daughter. The victim's mother and father do not live together with the victim living with the mother in her apartment while the father lives with his family in an apartment located approximately 1 block away in Miami, FL.

According to the victim's father, his daughter was approximately 21 lbs., and measured approximately 25 inches in length. Born on August 10, 1993, the victim was reportedly a severe asthma sufferer, who required an oxygen machine in the home which was supplied by the hospital.

The father informed me that the seat was first used for the victim in approximately March, 1994 when the victim was approximately 6 months of age.

According to information received, at approximately 0845 hours on May 9, 1994, the victim's mother filled the bathtub with approximately 4 inches of water and placed the plastic bath seat inside. The victim's father informed me that he believes two of the front suction cup legs were missing, and the seat was on a slight tilt. The victim's mother proceeded to place her daughter inside the tub located in the upstairs bedroom of the two story duplex apartment. She reportedly then went about gathering clothes for laundering, periodically checking on the infant. Reportedly during this time, the telephone rang and the victim's mother conversed for approximately 1 minute.

Environment or weather did not appear to play a role in this incident.

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The victim's father informed me that at this time, approximately 0855 hours, he walked into the house, and upon entering the bathroom he checked on his daughter, observed her lying pitched forward, still inside the toppled seat, with her breathing passages under water.

The infant's father immediately removed his daughter from the seat and initiated CPR as the infant's mother contacted fire rescue via 911.

POST-INCIDENT

Fire rescue arrived a few minutes after notification and observed the infant lying on the bed with CPR administered by the father in progress. IV and CPR were administered by rescue personnel, and the infant was transported to North Shore Medical Center.

The infant arrived in asystole rhythm and without any vital signs. CPR continued and medications were administered but to no avail until she was pronounced dead at 1007 hours on May 9, 1994.

Autopsy findings went as follows:

1. Pulmonary Congestion.
2. Conjunctival Petechiae.

The cause of death was listed as drowning.

The infant's father informed me that following the incident, in anger, he picked the seat up and smashed it to the floor, and is unaware of the location of the two remaining suction cup legs, which were reportedly present when the seat was put into the bathtub.

Laser photos supplied by the Office of the Medical Examiner, Dade County, FL were reviewed by this investigator. The seat is currently in evidence, at the Metro Dade Police Department facility. The photos provided show the approximate accident sequence and the product involved. The photographs provided (1-9) show that the seat appeared to be in a worn condition. It appears that the suction cups were contained inside 4 holes contained at the bottom of the product, and appear to be removable.

According to reports, the following seat measurements were given:

Chair: 11 1/2 inch circular bottom
Height: (Seat) 11 1/4 inches
Width: 11 1/2 inches

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Based on information provided in a consultation report #94-1212 by the Medical Examiner with Detective Belyeu, Metro-Dade Police Department, the following ID information on the bath seat was obtained:

The seat consists of a blue plastic chair consisting of a round circular bottom without suction cups present. There are bar like supports where there is sufficient room for an infant to place their legs. No brand name was noted on the seat. A warning label on the top rim of the seat reads "Warning, Prevent Drowning, Never Leave Child Unattended". On the bottom of the seat there is molded in printing which reads as follows: "Made In USA - 1989 Safety 1st, Inc., All Right Reserved, USA Patent 5006057, UKRD1990, 2006813-Canada RD, 1990, Safety 1st, Inc., - Other Foreign Patents Pending". Based on my knowledge of the product, the manufacturer is Safety 1st, Inc., 210 Boylston Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167. As mentioned earlier in this report the product appeared to contain plastic suction cups that appeared removable due to design of the holes that they were contained in on the bottom of the seat.

According to the victim's father, the bath seat was purchased at a K-Mart retail outlet, located on 106th Street & Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL in late 1992.

As a follow-up I visited a Service Merchandise retail outlet located on Grave Road, Boca Raton, FL. Inside the infant's section of the store I observed what appeared to be the product on shelf display. Upon examination of the bath seat, the US Patent Number 500657 as listed in the consultation report with Detective Belyeu of the Metro-Dade Police Department was not present on the seat (See Exhibit 4). Examination of the suction cups contained on the bottom of this seat revealed that they were readily removable. In addition, the display tag, contained in front of the seat apparently referred to a different model as one of the listed items were "3 Suction Cups With Quick Release Tabs" as compared to the one on display containing 4 suction cups (See Exhibit 6).

I proceeded to a Toys-R-Us retail outlet located on State Road 7, Boca Raton, FL and examined one of the "Safety 1st" brand swivel bath seats on the sales floor. This seat examined contained the following features:

1. Contoured back and bottom designed for baby's safety and comfort.
2. Colorful activity wings.
3. Textured non-slip bottom.
4. Safety lock contained on rear of seat to prevent seat from turning.
5. 4 suction cups to be secured to the bottom of the tub.

ID information contained on the shipping carton reads in part: "Safety 1st, Inc., 210 Boylston Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167 USA. Made In USA To Safety 1st Quality Specifications US Patent Nos. 5,010,606 and 5,158,460". (This number differs from the number supplied in the consultation report between the investigating detective and the medical examiner). Additional information contained on the bottom of the shipping carton shows the model number as "160P" (See Photographs 10-13). The examined seat contained (See Photograph 14) the following molded information: "Made In USA Copyright 1989 Safety 1st, Inc. All Rights Reserved US Patent 5,010,606 and 5,158,460****" (See Photograph 15). The seat examined contained a stick-on label on the rear bar reading: "Warning: Prevent Drowning Never Leave Child Unattended In The Tub" (See Photograph 16). An additional warning is contained on the side top bar reading: "Warning: Prevent Drowning Never Leave Child Unattended" (See Photograph 17). A swivel release lock is contained on the rear of the seat section (See Photograph 18). Examination of the 4 white colored plastic suction cups contained on the bottom of the seat revealed that they could not be removed by this investigator (as were the cups at the seat on display at Service Merchandise) and appeared to have an interlocking device preventing removal of these suction cups (See Photographs 19-22). (A later check by this investigator revealed that Service Merchandise had the new design containing interlocking cups in stock which differed from the seat on display).

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1 - Preliminary Police Death Investigation Report for the Medical Examiner, Metro-Dade Police Department.
- Exhibit 2 - Patient Information, North Shore Medical Center.
- Exhibit 3 - Investigation Report, Office of the Medical Examiner, Dade County, FL.
- Exhibit 4 - Consultation: Office of the Medical Examiner/Metro -Dade Police Department.
- Exhibit 5 - Autopsy Report, Office of the Medical Examiner, Dade County, Florida.
- Exhibit 6 - Product Tag (displayed at Service Merchandise).
- Exhibit 7 - Copy: Instruction Sheet included with bath seat.

PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Photograph shows frontal view of the bath seat involved in the incident (Supplied by Medical Examiner).

2. Photograph shows top view of the bath seat involved in the incident (Supplied by Medical Examiner).
3. Photograph shows close-up of warning label contained on side top bar of bath seat (Supplied by Medical Examiner).
4. Photograph shows recreation of deceased infant in her bath seat prior to tipping (Supplied by Medical Examiner).
5. Photograph shows recreation of incident following tipping of seat (Supplied by Medical Examiner).
6. Photograph shows recreation of incident (additional view) (Supplied by Medical Examiner).
7. Photograph shows recreation of incident (additional view) (Supplied by Medical Examiner).
8. Photograph shows bottom of the seat-absence of suction cups/no locking device on cups (Supplied by Medical Examiner).
9. Photograph shows close-up of hole where suction cup would be situated in (Supplied by Medical Examiner).
- 10 & 11. Photographs show the packaging contained with seat examined at retail outlet.
- 12 & 13. Photographs show ID information contained on the packaging carton containing the bath seat examined at the retail outlet.
14. Photograph shows a frontal view of the seat examined from the retail outlet.
15. Photograph shows close-up of ID information contained on the underside of the seat examined from the retail outlet.
- 16 & 17. Photographs show warnings contained on the bath seat examined from the retail outlet.
18. Photograph shows rear/top view of the bath seat showing swivel locking device.
- 19 & 20. Photographs show suction cups (unremovable) contained on the bath seat examined from retail outlet.
- 21 & 22. Photographs show the locking device contained on suction cups keeping them in place (retail examine).

STANDARDS

This investigation was conducted under the CPSA.

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Photograph#1: Photograph shows frontal view of the bath seat involved in the incident. (Supplied by Medical Examiner)

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DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

Photograph#2: Photograph shows top view of the bath seat involved in the incident (Supplied by Medical Examiner).

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Photograph shows close-up of washing label contained on side top bar of bath seat

(Supplied by Medical Examiner)

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Photograph#4: Photograph shows recreation
of deceased infant in her bath seat
prior to tipping.
(Supplied by Medical Examiner)

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Photograph shows repositioning of incident following tipping of seat. (Supplied by Medical Examiner)

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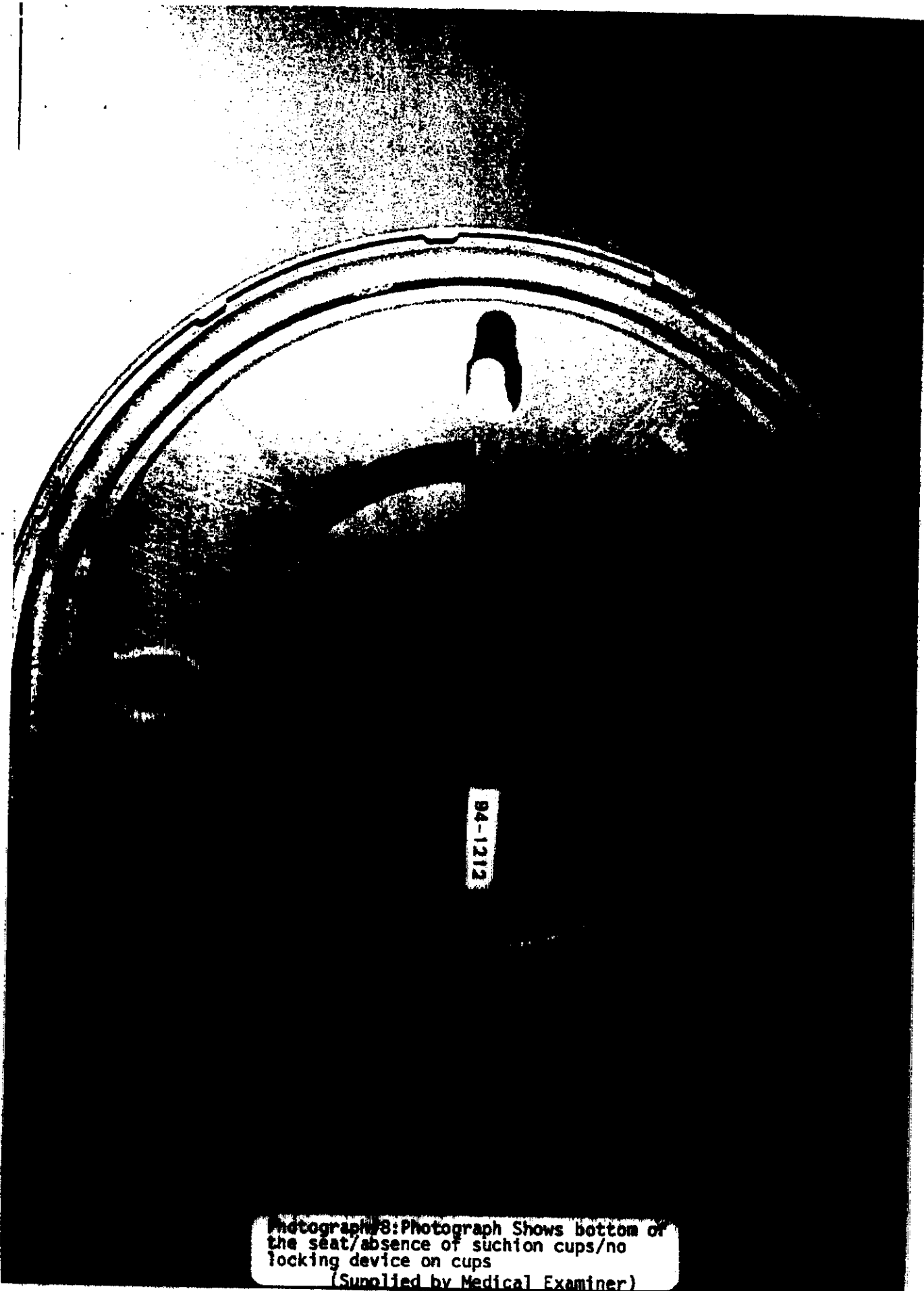
Photograph#6: Photograph shows recreation of incident (additional view).
(Supplied by Medical Examiner)

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Photograph 7: Photograph shows recreation of incident (additional view).
(Supplied by Medical Examiner)

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Photograph 8: Photograph Shows bottom of the seat/absence of suction cups/no locking device on cups
(Supplied by Medical Examiner)

Photograph#9: Photograph shows close-up
of hole where suction cup would be
situated in (Supplied by Medical Examiner)

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Police Agency Meigs Dade
Police Case Number 236075-P

Name of Deceased CARTER, JAMMICA Middle
Age 8 months Sex F D.O.B. 08/10/93 Social Security -
Race B Occupation N/A Employer N/A
Address 405 NW 84 ST.

Next of Kin Notified: Yes No
Name: Henry Isaac
Relationship: Father
Address: 457 NW 84 St.
Miami, FL
Telephone: 758 7940

Place of Death (Hospital, House Address, Etc.): 405 NW 84 ST.
Place of Injury (Address, Location): Henry Isaac
Injury Occurred: 5/9/94 M D Y M Time
TIME OF DEATH:
Occurred: 5/9/94 M D Y M Time 8:55 AM
Found: 5/9/94 M D Y M Time
Pronounced: 5/9/94 M D Y M Time
Found by: Henry Isaac
Address: Henry Isaac
Phone: Henry Isaac
Identified By: Dorothy Carter
Address: 405 NW 84 St
Phone: 751 2895 (MOTHER)

Name and Telephone of Doctors and/or Hospitals That Attended Deceased During Life: St. Luke's

Physical Examination of the Body (Position/Location of Body): Supine on Gurney Northside Hospital
Lividities: No Yes
Trauma: No Yes
Describe Trauma: N/A
Medication to M.E.: Yes No
Possible Contagious Disease: Unknown No Yes
Type of Disease: 5/10/94 M D Y 1:15 P.M. Time
Viewed by Investigator: 5/10/94 M D Y 1:15 P.M. Time
Disposition of Valuables: N/A
Disposition of Clothing: Rape Kit Do not wash
Special Instructions: Do not undress Take body Temp
Other: Do not touch/palm print
6/6/94
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White copy to Medical Examiner Department Yellow copy to Police Department

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
PRELIMINARY POLICE DEATH INVESTIGATION REPORT
FOR THE MEDICAL EXAMINER
 Continuation Sheet

Medical Examiner at Scene? No Yes Name 2/A Body Removal Requested 1:15 P M
 Time Medical Examiner Requested _____ M Body Removal Transport Arrived _____ M
 Time Medical Examiner Arrived 2/A Telephone Number 471-2400 Investigator to be present at Autopsy? No Yes
 The Lead Investigator is L.A. Bobbed

HISTORY (What happened just prior to death?)

Initial reports indicate that the victims mother, DOROTHY CARTER, placed the victim in an infant bathtub seat in approx four inches of water in an upstairs bathroom. Mrs Carter went about gathering clothes to launder periodically checking on the victim as she passed in the hallway. Ms Carter answered a telephone call & was on the telephone for approx one minute when the victim's father, HENRY ISAAC, observes the baby face down in the bathtub in the water. The infant seat was turned over on its side with the victim's mouth close under the water. Mr Isaac immediately initiates CPR as Ms Carter calls 911.

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ORTH SHORE MEDICAL CENTER

PATIENT INFORMATION

ADMISSION INFORMATION

ADM#: 1354641 D/T: 05/09/94 09:44
NAME: CARTER, JAMMICIA
ADDR: 405 NW 84TH ST.
MIAMI, FL 33150
TEL#: 305 751-7895
AGE: 0 SEX: F
DOB: 08/10/93 M/S: S
SS#: 594-35-0162 RELG: OTH
LAST ADMIT DATE: 04/06/94

PHYS: 72 BROWN, FREDERICK, M.D.
P/T: EMERGENCY RO A/T: ER-EMERGENC
FC: MEDICAID
MODE: AUTO MEDICAL RECORD NO./URN
RM#: *****
BY: A-D *
REF PHYS: 0 * 436887 *
PRE ADM#: 2311 *

PATIENT EMPLOYMENT

NEXT OF KIN

EMPLOYER:
ADDRESS:
TEL#: 0
OCCUP.:

NAME: CARTER DOROTHY
ADDR: 405 NW 84TH ST.
MIAMI, FL 33150
TEL#: 305 751-7895 REL: MO

GUARANTOR INFORMATION

NAME: CARTER DOROTHY
ADDR: 405 NW 84TH ST. MIAMI, FL
EMPL: NONE
ADDR:

SS#: 262-59-2503 TEL: 305 751-7895
33150 REL: MO
OCCUP: NONE
TEL: 0

INSURANCE INFORMATION

INS: MEDICAID/CONSULTEC O/P&E/R GR#: POL#: 7504915246
ADDR: P.O. BOX 7072 TALLAHASSEE, FL
SUBS: CARTER JAMMICIA GRN: 32314-7072800 289-7779

REL: SA

ADM DX: DROWNING
2ND DX:

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CONSUMER PROTECT
STATE OF FLORIDA

VENTILATION METHOD	VENTILATION METHOD	CARDIAC DRUGS
MC	VENTURI	IV
BVM	MOUTH	LR
VENTH	NEBULIZER	TR
NRBM	MASK	OTHER

BLADDER CATH	IRRIGATION	MANUAL IMMOB	ATROPINE	HALORONE
BLOOD DRAW	KED	NG TUBE	DSO	NITROGLYCERIN
BURN SHEET	OB/Delivery	RESTRAINTS	EPI 1:1000	NARCOTIC PAIN
	OTHER	SPLINT/TRACT	EPI 1:10000	PUL. AEROSOL
			LIDOCAINE	OTHER CARDIAC

ASYSTOLE	EPI	.1 ml	
ASYSTOLE	ATROPINE	.2 ml	
1- Fib	EPI	.1 ml	DEPNO X3 7/21/11 / S.I
ASYSTOLE	EPI	.1 ml	

ASTHMA	CANCER	CARDIAC	COPD	DIABETIC	HIV	MV	TR
PSYCH	SEIZURES	W/C	SUBSTANCE ABUSE	TS	OTHER		
NONE	UNKNOWN						

DR BROWN
Resp / Cardiac Arrest (CALL RECEIVED AS A DOWNING / UNKNOWN)

FOUND - Pt on bed & ENVI 30 PERFORMING CPR - EMM. HEZ ENGINE 30
Pt on bed fully covered & blood. LIPPE MORTIS IN SACRAL AREA, ONLY PERSON IN
HOUSE. WAS THE SUPERINTENDANT.

EXAM: V/RESP, 0 PULSE, ECG ASYSTOLE, OBVIOUS WOUNDS, DISPERSED FX, SKIN
WARM-PAK & SOME CYANOSIS.

1X - CPR - EMM, O₂ 15 LPM, ET TUBE 4.0 X3 (1st) SUCCESSFUL, SUCTION AIRWAY, IV
10000 LR KVO - IO (2) LEG (2) LEG DISCONTINUED WHILE PACKAGING Pt DEFIB X3,
TRANSPORTED IN ALS mode to Northshore ER.

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LEAD CREW SIGNATURE E. Lopez	LEAD CREW PRINT NAME L. C. FABAL	REVIEWER SIGNATURE
	OXYGEN ADMINISTERED	MILEAGE 2

PATIENT AUTHORIZATION

I authorize any holder of medical or other information about me to release to the Social Security Administration and Health Care Financing Administration or its intermediaries or carriers, or any private insurance company any information needed for this or a related medical claim. I permit a copy of this authorization to be used in place of the original and request payment of medical insurance benefits to the party who accepts assignment. I personally guarantee payment of any charges not covered by health care benefits.

Signature UNABLE

PATIENT REFUSAL OF SERVICE (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

(patient or guardian) have been informed of the reason I should go to a hospital for further medical care, and have been informed of the evaluation and/or treatment that will/may occur when I get to the hospital, and have been informed of the potential consequences and/or complications that may result from my (or my guardian's) refusal to go to the closest hospital for further emergency care; and as a competent adult, fully understand all of the above and am capable of determining a rational decision on my behalf; and have been advised that emergency medical care is necessary, and that refusal of recommended care and transport to a hospital may result in death or impair my/the patient's health by increasing the opportunity for morbidity. Nevertheless, and understanding all of the above, I (or my guardian), refuse to accept emergency medical care or transport to the closest hospital facility, assume all risks and consequences resulting from my (or my guardian's) decision, and release this service from any and all liability resulting from my (or my guardian's) refusal.

Request ERP:

yes no

Pvt. M.D.

On Staff: yes no

Times (Approx)

Arrival:

Triage:

Into Dept.:

Approved for ER Visit:

Agency:

By Whom:

#:

M.D.:

Time:

Requesting ERP:

Police Case #

Name: _____ Pt. #: _____

Allergies: unk. Last T. Tox.: _____

Medications & Dosages: unk.

Chief Complaint:

Drowning.

Time seen by M.D. _____

History and Physical:

9 mo old ♀ B/D FR in cardiac arrest p drowning in bath tub. It had been intubated c #4 ET tube - C/O was in progress. An I-O line was present in Rt tibia but non-functional.

On arrival pt was in asystole. meds were given via ET tube until an I-V line could be secured, in L. femoral v ACCS was continued for ~ 30 minutes p arrival, c several doses of Epi + Atropine given via I-V line. Pt remained in asystole throughout, and efforts were D/C'd at 1007. Mother extremely distraught, wa notified of pt's death.

Nursing Assessment:

Treatment, Orders and Results:

Procedures:

Resp: Tx # 1: _____ Time: _____ Result: _____
Tx # 2: _____ Time: _____ Result: _____
Tx # 3: _____ Time: _____ Result: _____

Monitor Interpretation (Rhythm Strip)

CBC: WBC _____ H/H _____ Other: PT PTT
 SMA6: Na _____ K _____ Cl _____ HCO₃ _____ Glu _____ BUN _____
 Creat _____ Amylase _____ HCG Qual. _____ Quant. _____

Radiology: STAT

CXR _____

FUA _____

UIA: Reg CC Cath-Results: _____

C&S: Urine Throat Wound Cervix Urethra Stool Blood X _____ Other _____

Gram Stain: _____ Result: _____ Strep Screen: _____

Fluid Analysis: CSF Synovial: Cell Count _____ Glu _____ Prot _____

Gram Stain: _____ Latex Agglut: _____ C&S _____ Other: _____

ABG #1: F₁O₂ _____ pH _____ PCO₂ _____ PO₂ _____ HCO₃ _____ Interp.: _____

EKG STAT

ABG #2: F₁O₂ _____ pH _____ PCO₂ _____ PO₂ _____ HCO₃ _____ Interp.: _____

I have received and understand the instructions concerning the following medical conditions and medications:

and the following specific instructions

LAB
STAT

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
NUMBER 1 ON BOB HOPE RD MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136 (305) 545-2400
INVESTIGATION REPORT

M.E. CASE NO. 94-1212 A
DATE MAY/09/94
CATEGORY: 01

CARTER, JAMMICA
8MTH BLACK FEMALE DOB AUG/10/93
405 N.W. 84TH STREET, MIAMI, FLA.

PLACE OF DEATH: NORTH SHORE MEDICAL CENTER, E.R.
TIME OF DEATH: OCCURRED 10:07AM MAY/09/94

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: METRO #236075-P/BELYEU

INCIDENT LOCATION: 405 N.W. 84TH STREET, MIAMI, FLA.
MAY/09/94 8:55AM SCENE M.E.

HISTORY:

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ACCORDING TO INITIAL POLICE INVESTIGATION, ON MAY 9, 1994 DECEASED MOTHER PLACED HER IN AN INFANT BATHTUB SEAT IN ABOUT 4 INCHES OF WATER IN THE UPSTAIRS BATHROOM. SHE THEN WENT GATHERING CLOTHES FOR LAUNDERING - PERIODICALLY CHECKING ON DECEASED. DURING THIS TIME, THE TELEPHONE RANG AND DECEASED MOTHER TALKED FOR ABT. ONE MINUTE WHEN DECEASED FATHER OBSERVED HER FACEDOWN IN THE BATHTUB. THE INFANT'S SEAT WAS TURNED OVER ON ITS SIDE AND SHE WAS LYING WITH HER MOUTH AND NOSE UNDERNEATH THE WATER. FIRE RESCUE WAS SUMMONED AND FOUND HER LYING ON THE BED WITH CPR IN PROGRESS. I.V.'S WERE CONTINUED AND SHE WAS TRANSPORTED TO NORTHSHORE MEDICAL CENTER.

SHE ARRIVED IN ASYSTOLE RHYTHM AND WITHOUT ANY VITAL SIGNS. CPR CONTI- AND MEDICATIONS ADMINISTERED BUT TO NO AVAIL, SHE REMAINED IN ASYSTOLE RHYTHM AND WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT 10:07 A.M.

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FILE _____ DATE 6/4/94
[Signature]
CORONER REC'D
DEPT. COMMISIONER

CAUSE OF DEATH: DROWNING

MANNER: ACCIDENT DATE AUTOPSY MAY/10/94 BY ROGER E. KITTLEMAN MD

MORTUARY: STEPHERSON, THOMPSON

ADU

THIS REPORT MAY CONTAIN NON-VERIFIED INFORMATION AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

Name...CARTER,,Jammicia.....May.10,1994....8:30.am.....CaseNo. 94-1212

CONSULTATION 94-1212

With Detective Larry Belyeu, Metro Dade Police Department

Detective Belyeu informs me that the father encountered the child in the bathtub. The infant was still in the child's seat at the time but was now lying on its side with its legs in the child's seat with its head on its right side. Measurement of the estimated water depth (5 inches) would indicate that the child's airways would be completely underwater. Near the drain there were toys which the child may have been reaching for, thereby overturning the child's seat. The father took the infant out of the seat and is not certain whether or not suction cups were present on the seat's bottom. The mother had left the child seated in the bathtub while she had a short conversation on the telephone. Detective Wilcox has no suspicion of foul play.

Inspection of the child's seat reveals it to be a blue plastic chair consisting of a round, 11-1/2 inch circular bottom without suction cups present. The bottom of this seat is severely scratched where it would have contact with a surface. The seat is 11-1/4 inches high and measures 11-3/4 inches from the low back to the front and 11-1/2 inches in width. There are bar-like supports where there is ample room for the child to place her legs. No brand name is noted on the seat which is in police custody at all times during this examination. There is a warning label on the top rim of the seat in plain view reading "Warning, prevent drowning, never leave child unattended". On the bottom of the seat there is the following "Made in USA-1989 Safety 1ST, Inc., All rights reserved, USA patent 5006057, UKRD 1990, 2006813-Canada RD, 1990, Safety 1st, Inc - other foreign patents pending."

R. E. Mittleman 5/25/94
Roger E. Mittleman, M.D.
Associate Medical Examiner

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J. H. [Signature]
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SAFETY COMMISSION

THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

Name...CARTER, Jammicia.....May.10,1994....8:30.am.....CaseNo. 94-1212

CAUSE OF DEATH:


Drowning



Roger E. Mittleman, M.D.
Associate Medical Examiner

Date 5/27/94

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CORRECTOR PROGRAM
SAFETY COMMISSION

THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

Name...CARTER,,Jammicia.....May.10,1994....8:30.am.....CaseNo. 94-1212

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is that of a well developed, well nourished black female infant weighing 21 pounds and measuring 25 inches in length. The appearance of the deceased is consistent with the stated age of 8 months. The scalp hair is brown and curly. The irides are brown and the conjunctivae are unremarkable except for scattered palpebral petechiae along the lower eyelids, most prominent on the right side. The mouth is edentulous. There is no evidence of tonsillar hypertrophy. The frenula are intact. The external genitalia and anus are unremarkable. There are partially confluent hypopigmented round areas of skin measuring a few centimeters in diameter which are flat in the genital region and also along the buttocks. There is no external evidence of trauma. Mongolian spots are noted on the buttocks. There is no underlying trauma. Total body radiographs fail to reveal evidence of lesions.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION:

There is an endotracheal tube in the mouth which is subsequently noted to be properly inserted above the carina. The stomach and intestinal tract are distended with air. Three electrocardiogram patches are on the anterior aspect of the trunk. There are a few needle puncture marks in the antecubital fossae and also in the right femoral region. There is an intravascular catheter in the left femoral region attached to a bag of 3/4 full, 0.9 percent sodium chloride (500 milliliters). There is an intraosseous catheter in the right tibia. The catheter is attached to a full bag of Ringer's lactate (1000 milliliters). There is a name tag on the left ankle bearing the number 1354641.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

There is no internal evidence of injury. No unusual odors are noted. The chest cavities contain about 50 milliliters of clear fluid on each side. A similar amount is noted in the pericardial sac. The peritoneal cavity is free of fluid.

The 48.21 gram heart is of the usual size and shape. The myocardium is red-brown and without scarring. the cardiac valves are not remarkable. The coronary arteries follow the usual distribution. The ostia from the aorta are patent and in the usual positions. The aorta is unremarkable. The ductus arteriosus and foramen ovale are closed. The great arteries of the neck are in their usual positions. The pulmonary venous return is normal.

The right and left lungs weigh 54.9 and 93.6 grams respectively. The edges of the pulmonary lobes are sharp. The pleural surfaces are smooth and glistening. The lung tissue is red and moist. There is no evidence of consolidation. The medial edges of the pulmonary lobes do not meet or overlap in the midline. The upper air passages are patent.

The 360 gram liver is brown and of the usual consistency. The gallbladder is not remarkable. The 37.1 gram spleen is intact and the parenchyma is dark red with prominent white pulp. There is no evidence of axillary, para-aortic, or parahilar lymphadenopathy.

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The right and left kidneys weigh 35.7 and 33.1 grams respectively. The cortical surfaces are smooth and with the usual fetal lobulations. The corticomedullary junctions are distinct. The parenchyma is brown. The renal pelves, ureters, and urinary bladder are not remarkable.

The right and left adrenals weigh 2.5 and 2.4 grams respectively. They are unremarkable. The thyroid gland and pancreas are unremarkable.

The 34.9 gram thymus gland is unremarkable. It is of the usual size, shape, and consistency. Its coloration is pink.

The tracheobronchial tree and pulmonary arteries are unremarkable. There is no evidence of neck bruising. The thyroid cartilage is intact.

The gastrointestinal tract is unremarkable except for the distention previously mentioned. The stomach contains less than 1 milliliter of tan, creamy, formula-like material.

The ovaries, fallopian tubes, and uterus are not remarkable.

The galeal and subgaleal tissues are free of trauma. The skull is without fracture. The brain is symmetrically swollen and weighs an estimated 800 grams. The cerebral vasculature is not remarkable. There is no evidence of epidural, subdural, or subarachnoid blood extravasation. Coronal examination of the cerebral hemispheres, brain stem and cerebellum fails to reveal abnormalities. The base of the skull is unremarkable. The petrous bones are not remarkable.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS:

1. Pulmonary congestion
2. Conjunctival petechiae



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THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

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MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

HEART: No specific pathologic change.
LIVER: No specific pathologic change.
LUNG: Congestion/intra-alveolar blood.
KIDNEY: Congestion.
SPLEEN: Congestion.
THYMUS: Congestion.



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Infant, ventral, dorsal and left and right lateral views

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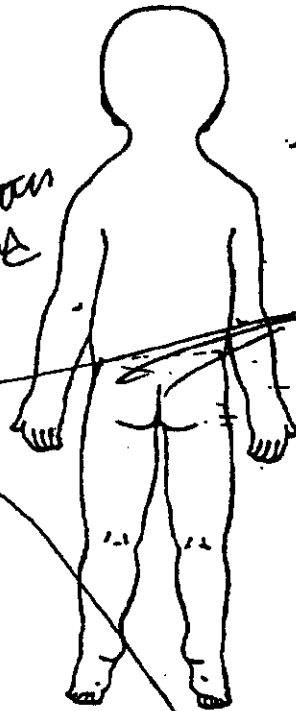
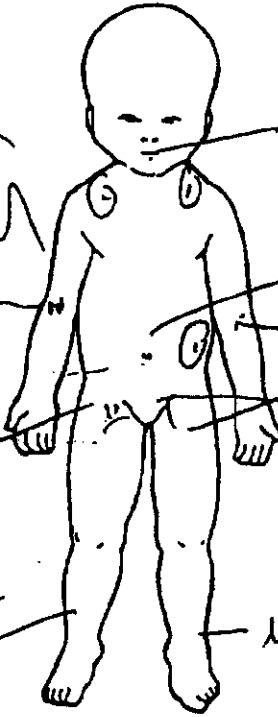
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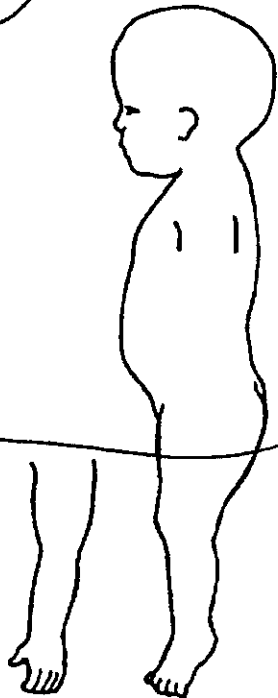
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1. Place your new Swivel Bath Seat in tub so child can not reach faucets and spout.
2. Push down firmly so that all four suction cups adhere to bottom of tub. Lift gently to test - Swivel Bath Seat should not move. See Figure A
3. Lift Safety Lock and pivot seat to face away from tub knobs and spout. See Figure B
4. Re-lock by firmly pushing down Safety Lock. See Figure C. Carefully slide child into your Swivel Bath Seat. To reposition, simply release lock, swivel and re-lock.
5. After bathing, lift child out of your Swivel Bath Seat, and remove seat from the tub.

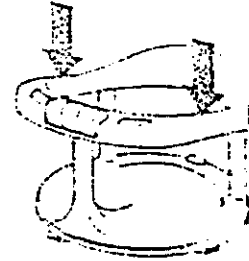


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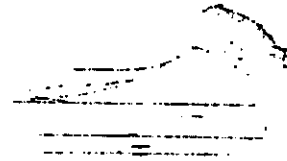


Figure B

NEVER USE SEAT WITH BABY IN PLACE

6. TO REMOVE SEAT, LIFT TABS ON SUCTION CUPS ONE AT A TIME WHILE GENTLY LIFTING SEAT BY CONVENIENT GRIP HANDLE. See Figure C



Figure C

WARNING:
NEVER LEAVE CHILD
UNATTENDED IN SEAT

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INSPECTOR

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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF NAME

Thank you for assisting us in collecting information on a potential product safety problem. The Consumer Product Safety Commission depends on concerned people to share product safety information with us. We maintain a record of this information, and use it to assist us in identifying and resolving product safety problems.

We routinely forward this information to manufacturers and private labelers to inform them of the involvement of their product in an accident situation. We also give the information to others requesting information about specific products. Manufacturers need the individual's name so that they can obtain additional information on the product or accident situation.

Would you please indicate on the bottom of this page whether you will allow us to disclose your name. If you request that your name remain confidential, we will of course, honor that request. After you have indicated your preference, please sign your name and date the document on the lines provided.



You are hereby authorized to disclose my name and address with the information collected on this case.



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IN THE HERALD, TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1994

Island, Ft.

Unattended toddler drowns in tub

By **TRISTRAM WHEAT**
Special Staff Writer

A momentary distraction — a ringing phone — led to tragedy Monday when an 8-month-old girl, left unattended in a bathtub by her mother, drowned in four inches of water, Metro-Dade police said.

Dorealy Carter, 31, had placed her daughter, Jamaica, in a baby bath, said — a small, blue plastic device anchored to the bottom of the tub by four suction cups — when the phone rang. Carter went to answer it, leaving the baby alone.

The bath seat tipped over, police said, dumping the baby face down in the water.

That's how Isaac James, 24, Carter's boyfriend and Jamaica's father, found the child when he came home just before 9 a.m. He had taken the couple's other child, a twin, including Jamaica's twin sister, to child care.

"I heard them squeaking out the bathroom windows and saw the sheet flying," said Darice Bell, a neighbor in Larchmont Gardens, who witnessed the father's grief from her apartment next door.

"The baby screaming. This is for Daddy's baby. Daddy's doing this for you. He was jumping and hollering and screaming and came out repeating through the front door with a gun in his hand and bleeding."

Bell said James cursed his girlfriend and shot into the air twice. But police did not find a gun in the public housing apartment at 405 NW 84th St.

"They are good parents, they are really good parents," said Bell, who would sometimes baby-sit the couple's children.

Assistant Ramsey said, hearing chief clerk Jackson Memorial Hospital, had some advice on how to avoid this type of tragedy:

"Put it in capital letters: Babies should not be unattended any- way, but in water — never, never," Ramsey said. "A lot of people get shocked because they think it's just a little bit of water, but babies can drown in just two inches of water."

A big mistake, Ramsey said, is to be unprepared before bathing the baby. Parents should have everything ready — the wash-cloth, towel, change of clothes — in the bathroom before the baby is placed in the tub. The parent's constant distraction should be taken off the hook.

"You can run to get it or whatever and come back and have a dead baby," Ramsey said. "It happens that quickly."

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ADDENDUM

Upon request of Renae Rauchschalbe, CECA, a sample of a display Model#160P, Infant Bath Seat, Manufactured by Safety 1st, Incorporated, 210 Boylston Street, Chestnut Hill, Mass.02167, was collected at Service Merchandise Co., Inc., 8210 Glades Rd., Boca Raton, Florida 33433. The unit collected contained two missing suction cups on the underside.

Exhibits

1. CR#S-800-2123 (COPY)
2. Notice of Inspection (Copy)
3. Receipt for Sample (Copy)

U. S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
SAMPLE COLLECTION REPORT

1. Flag		2. Date Collected		3. Sample type & number	
Attn:Rena Rauchschalbe		9/13/94		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical S-800-2123 <input type="checkbox"/> Documentary	
4a. Product name		4b. Model		5. Assignment ref.	
Baby Bathtub Seat		160P		1557 940602CNE5147	
6. Complete for import samples		7. MIS:		8. Hours	
Port of Entry		32721		4	
Entry # & date				Activity 3	
Country of Origin				Travel 1	
HSUSA code				9a. Home RO	
Customs Contact				FOER	
10. Sample Cost		11. Invoice value of lot		9b. Collecting RO	
\$12.65 CASH		Unavailable-see remarks		FLL-RP/FOER	
13. Manufacturer/Importer		14. Shipper/Foreign Mfr.		12. Size of lot	
Safety 1st, Incorporated		Unavailable-see remarks		Unavailable-see remarks	
210 Boylston Street				15. Dealer/Import Broker	
Chestnut Hill, Mass.02167				Service Merchandise Co., Inc.	
ID #		ID#		8210 Glades Rd.	
				Boca raton, Florida 33433	
				ID#	
16. Supporting documents attached:					
Invoice # & date: Info Unavailable-see remarks					
Shipping record # & date: Info Unavailable-see remarks					
Affidavit signer's name, title & date: Refusal					
17. Product Identification: The product is a blue colored plastic constructed infant bath seat. The unit contains only 2 of an original 4 suction cups on its underside and was used as a loose product store display. Molded lettering contained on the underside of the unit reads: "Made In U.S.A. (c) 1989 Safety 1st, Inc. All Rights Reserved Patent Pending". The unit has 3 donut shaped spinning objects on the front frame, green, red, and yellow in color.					
18. Reason for collection & analysis needed FHSA ___ CPSC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FPA ___ PPPA ___ RSA ___					
Request:CECA, Check possible removal of suction cups; instability.					
19. Summary of Field Screening:					
None					
20. Sample Size, Method of Collection: 1 unit of the item, used as a store display, was collected (Item collected does not represent models in stock with non-removable suction cups). The unit was transported to the FLL-RP, where it was identified as in Box#21, and officially sealed as in box#22 in a brown cardboard carton.					
21. Identification on sample:			22. Identification on seal:		
"S-800-2123 JAS 9/13/94"			"S-800-2123 9/14/94 Jeffrey A. Simon"		
23a. Sample delivered to:			23b. Date:		24. Orig. report/records sent to
United Parcel Service, Ft. Laud, Fl.			9/14/94		FOER
25. Laboratory/Office: ESEL <input type="checkbox"/> HSHL <input type="checkbox"/> CERM <input type="checkbox"/> CECA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>					
26. Remarks: Sample kept under lock and key from day of collection to day of submission. Continued from Boxes#14, #16, #11, #12: No documentation could be provided as item was a display model, with no shipping carton, and was an old design of product.					
Attachments: Receipt for Sample, Notice of Inspection, store receipt.					
27. Related Samples: None					
28a. Collector's name & title:			28b. Collector's signature & date:		
Jeffrey A. Simon, PSI			Jeffrey A. Simon 9/14/94		
29a. Reviewer's name & title:			29b. Reviewer's signature & date:		
Raymond Benson, SPSI					
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**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
NOTICE OF INSPECTION**

1. DATE 9/13/94	3. FROM (Area Office and Address)
2. TIME A.M. 12:30 P.M.	

4. TO	A. NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL Robert J. Lynn, Store Manager
	B. FIRM NAME Services Merchandise
	C. NUMBER AND STREET ADDRESS 8210 Glades Rd.
	D. CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE Boca Raton, Florida 33343

Notice of Inspection is hereby given pursuant to:

- Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1191 *et seq.*);
- Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*);
- Sections 16, 19 and 27 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2065, 2068 and 2076)
- Section 704(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 374(a)) [Authority for inspections in connection with the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1471 *et seq.*)] and/or
- Section 11(b) of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act as Amended (15 U.S.C. 1270(b)).

Refer to the back of this form for a discussion of inspectional authority and for pertinent statutory language.

5. PURPOSES OF INSPECTION AND NATURE OF INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED AND/OR COPIED.

management of any person, partnership, or corporation engaged in or whose business affects commerce, excepting banks and common carriers subject to the Act to regulate commerce, and its relation to other persons, partnerships, and corporations.

Section 9 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, (15 U.S.C. 49):

That for the purposes of this Act, the Commission, or its duly authorized agent or agents, shall at all reasonable times have access to, for the purpose of examination, and the right to copy any documentary evidence of any person, partnership, or corporation being investigated or proceeded against.

(a) For purposes of implementing this Act, or rules or orders prescribed under this Act, officers or employees duly designated by the Commission, upon presenting appropriate credentials and a written notice from the Commission to the owner, operator, or agent in charge, are authorized

U.S.C. 2065(a) and (b)); 15 U.S.C. 2074(d); and (b)) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2065, 2068 and 2076) applicable to products regulated under the Flammable Fabrics Act.

... The term "Secretary" in the Federal Hazardous Substances Act section and in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act section should be substituted by the "Consumer Product Safety Commission".

The functions of the Federal Trade Commission in the administration and enforcement of the Flammable Fabrics Act were transferred to the Consumer Product Safety Commission pursuant to Section 20(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2074(b)).

Pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2074(d)), the Commission by rule (16 CFR 1605.1(d)) supplemented the authority granted to it under the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1191 *et seq.*) and the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*) by making Sections 16 and 27 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2065 and 2076) applicable to products regulated under the Flammable Fabrics Act.

notice shall not be required for each entry made during the period covered by the inspection. Each such inspection shall be commenced and completed with reasonable promptness.

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT
SAFETY COMMISSION

1. AREA OFFICE ADDRESS

2. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL

Robert Lynn

3. TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL

Store Manager

4. DATE

9/13/94

5. FIRM NAME

Source Merchandise

6. SAMPLE NUMBER

7. NUMBER AND STREET

8216 Glades Rd.

8. CITY AND STATE (Include Zip Code)

Boon Raton Florida 33433

9. SAMPLES COLLECTED (Describe fully. List lot, serial, model numbers and other positive identification)

The following samples were collected by the Consumer Product Safety Commission pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2078(f) and/or Section 11(b) of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1270(b) and/or Sections 5(c) and (d) of the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1194(c) and (d) and/or Section 704(c) of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 374(c)). [Authority for sample collections made in connection with the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.)], and receipt for said samples is hereby acknowledged. Sections cited are quoted on the reverse side of this form.

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(Safety 1st, Incorporated)
(2 Suction cups Missing)

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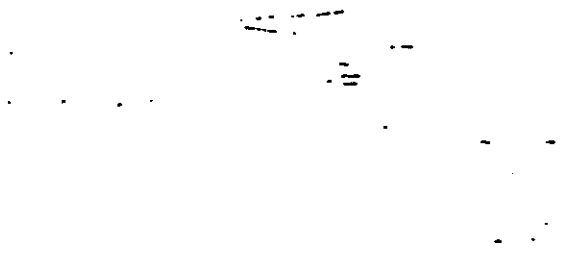
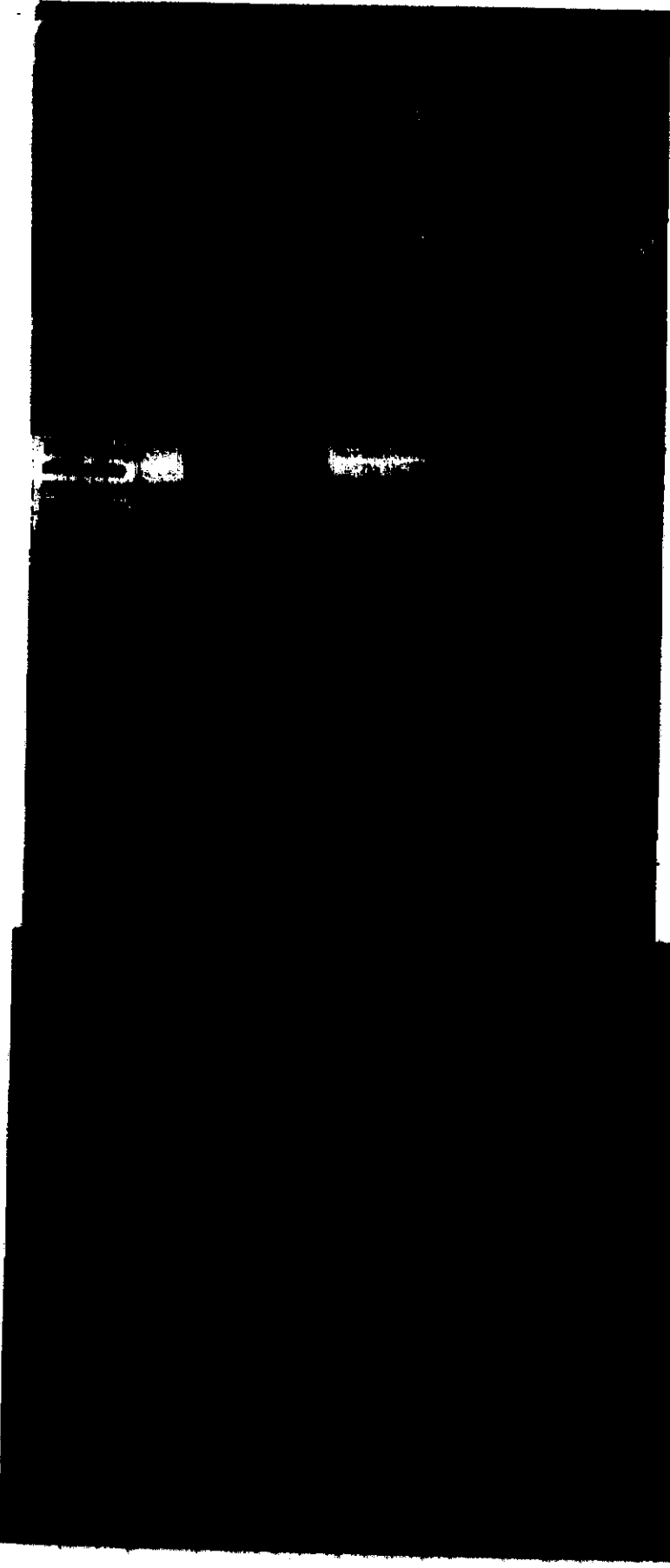
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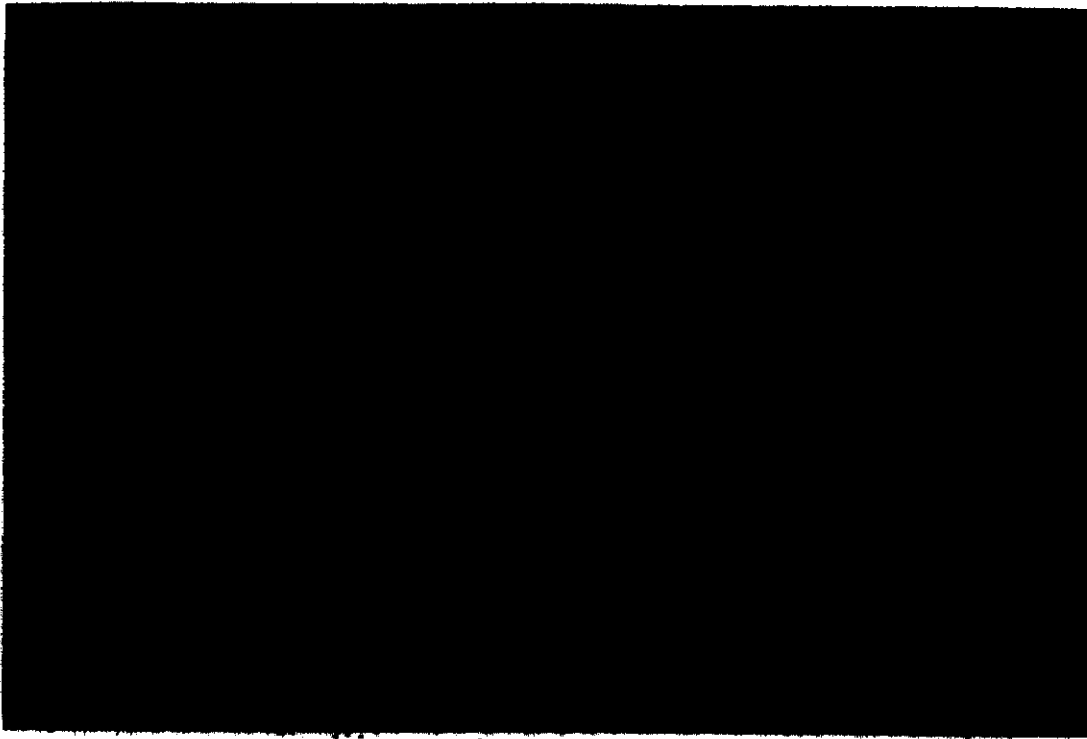
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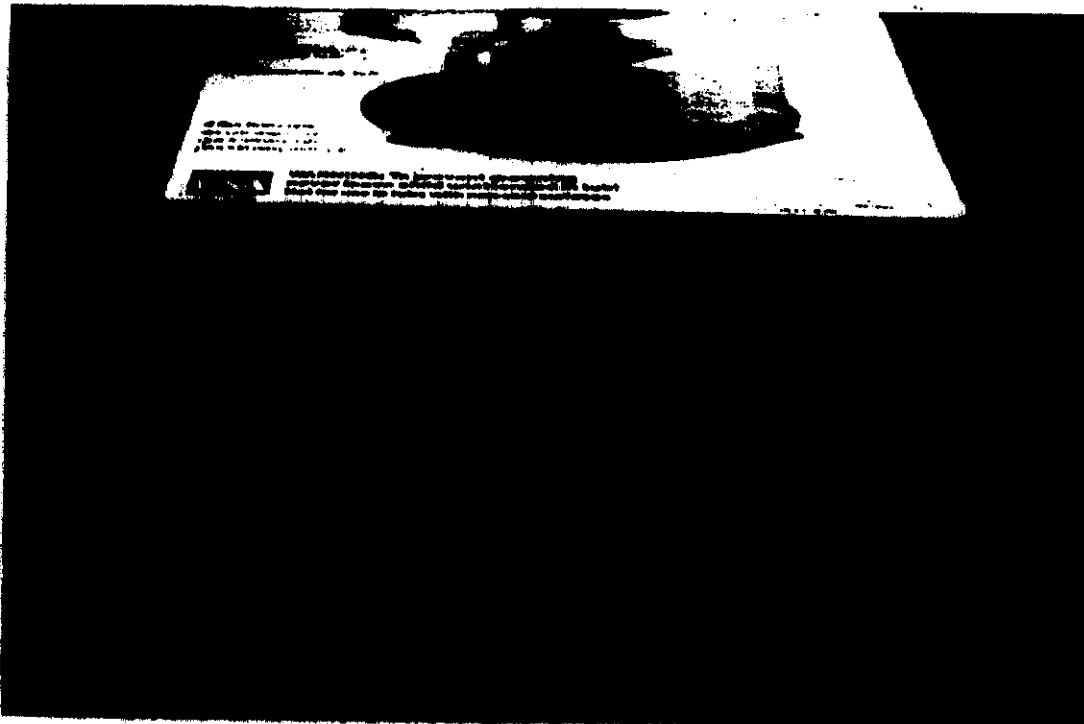
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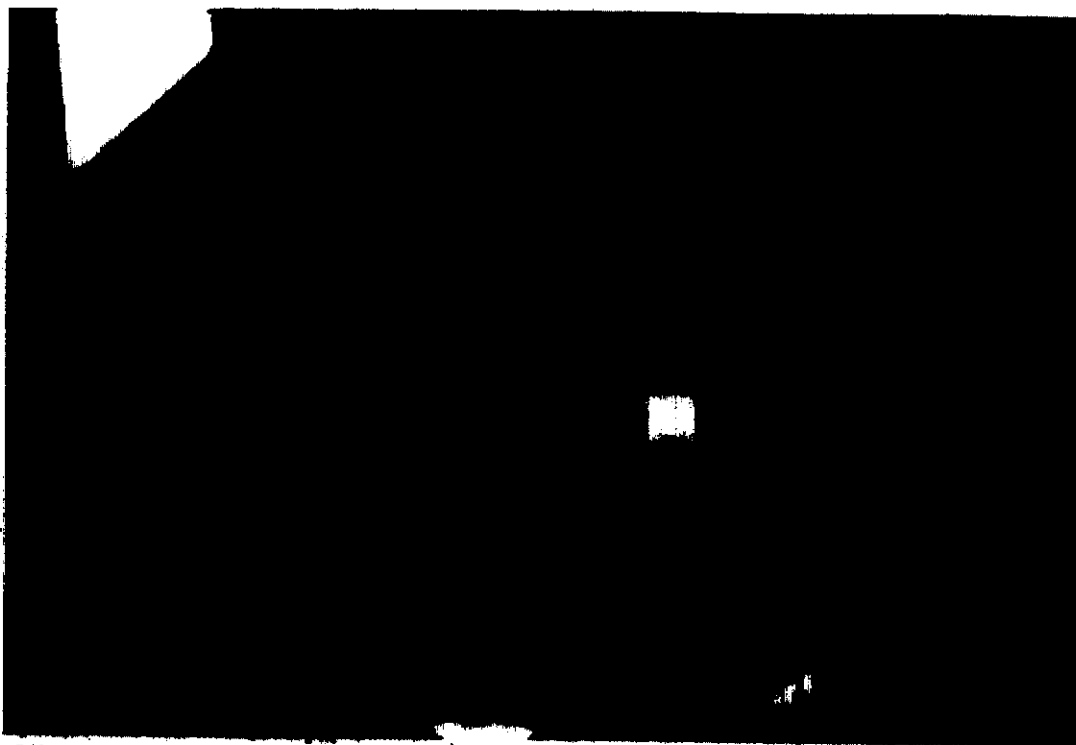




Photographs#12/#13: The photographs above and below show ID info contained on the packaging carton containing the bath seat examined at the retail outlet.

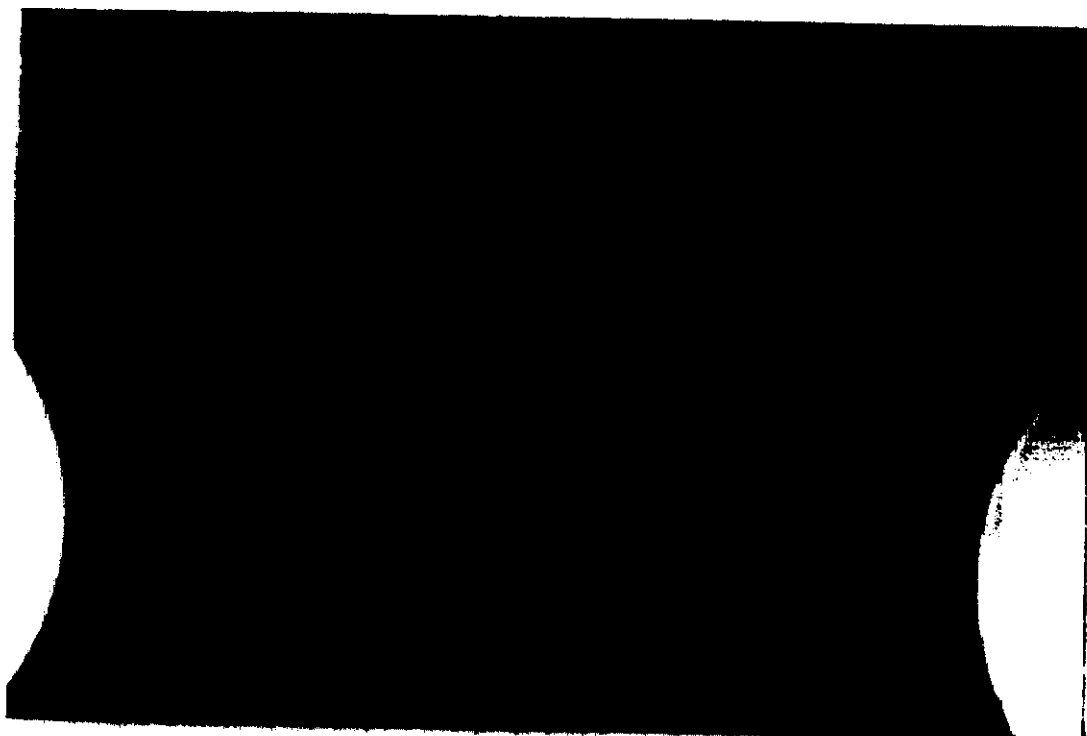


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Photograph#14: The above photograph shows a frontal view of the seat examined from the retail outlet.

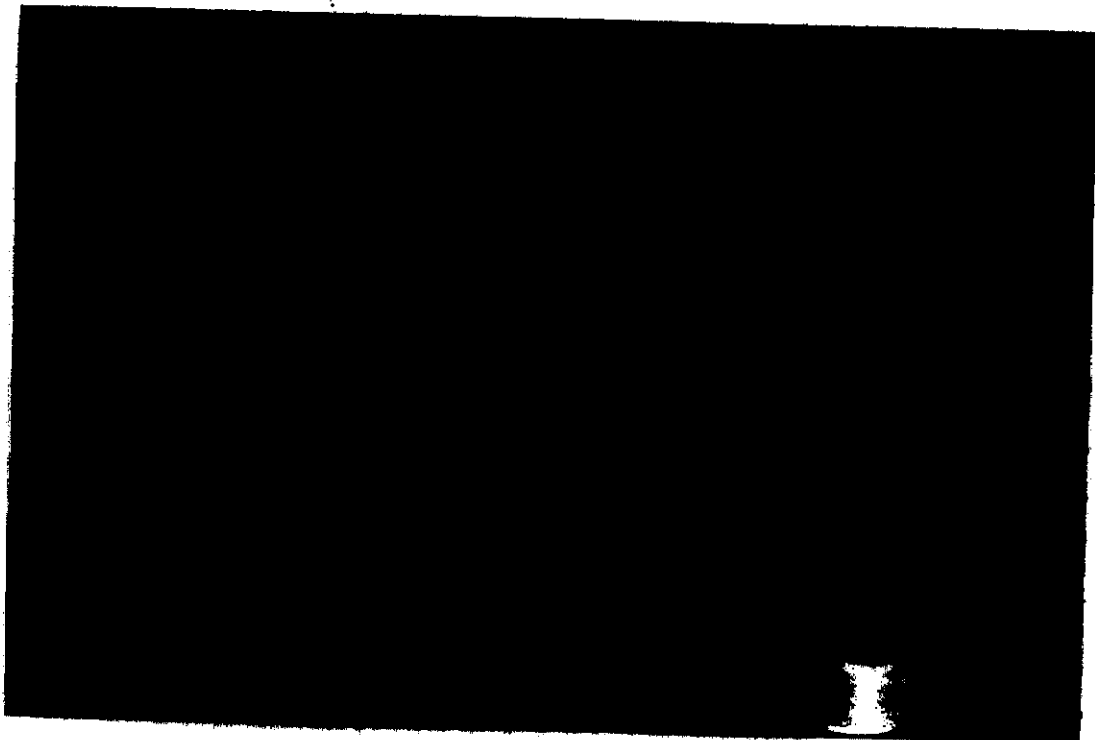
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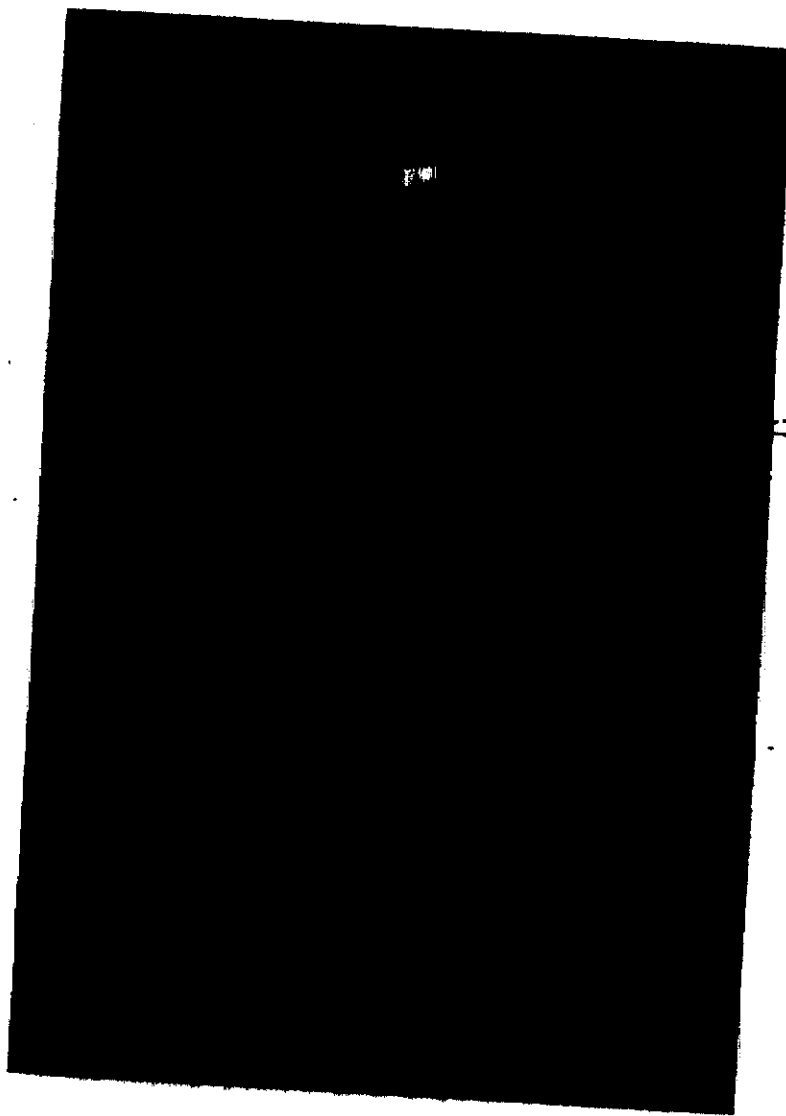
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Photographs#16/#17:Photographs above and below show warnings contained on the bath seat examined from the retail outlet.



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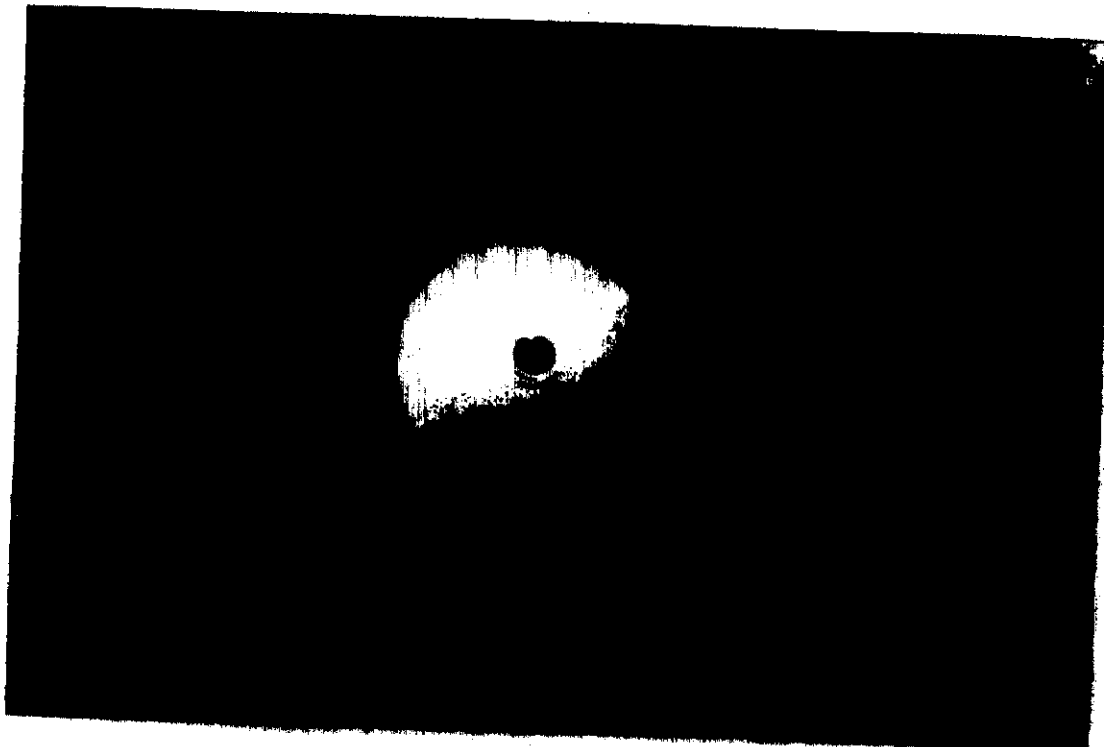


Photograph#18: The above photograph show rear/top view of the bath seat showing swival locking device.

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Photographs#19/#20:Photographs above and below show suction cups (Unremovable) contained on the bath seat examined from retail outlet.



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1. TASK NUMBER 960910CCC5610		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 0585		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
3. OFFICE CODE 896	4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 01-29-95	5. DATE INITIATED YR MO DAY 10-08-96			
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A six-month old male, who was left sitting in a bath seat in a tub with approximately 6-8 inches of water, drowned when left unattended by his mother. The amount of time that he was unattended was not determined.					
7. LOCATION (Home, School, etc.) Home 10		8. CITY Mitchell		9. STATE Indiana	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT Bath seat 1557		10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME Unknown		10C. MODEL NUMBER	
10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS					
11A. SECOND PRODUCT None 0000		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME Unknown		11C. MODEL NUMBER	
11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS 25(C) A					
12. AGE OF VICTIM 206	13. SEX 1	14. DISPOSITION DOA 8		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Drowning 69	
16. BODY PART (S) INVOLVED All parts 85	17. RESPONDENT Sheriff's Department	18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION On-site 1		19. TIME SPENT (OPERATIONAL HOURS) 8 hours, 8 hours travel	
20. ATTACHMENT (S) Investigation, Autopsy 9	21. CASE SOURCE Death Certificate Coroner		22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER		
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON MEISS CASES ONLY) No					
24. REVIEW DATE 961104 11-4-96	25. REVIEWED BY 8311		26. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR		
27. DISTRIBUTION O:EHDS CC:					

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SUMMARY:

A six month old male, who was left sitting in a bath seat in a tub with approximately 6-8 inches of water, drowned when left unattended by his mother. The amount of time that he was unattended was not determined.

PRE-INCIDENT:

The child was a white, six-month old male, and was 25" in length and weighed approximately 25 pounds. He was apparently in good health except for a history of breathing problems that was being treated with medication. The autopsy stated that the child was a "large size for age". The incident happened at the child's home, a single family home. Socio-economic information cannot be determined.

On the evening of the incident, the child's mother had gone out to dinner with her boyfriend before picking up the child at her ex-husband's home. She had, according to reports, approximately three beers, two during dinner, and one at a friend's house. After picking the child up at her ex-husband's home, she took the child to her home, fed him, gave him his medication for breathing problems, and proceeded to give him a bath. She placed the child in a bath seat. There was approximately 6-8 inches of water in the tub. According to her statement to the Sheriff's Department, she believed she left him to go and get his "Nebulizer", a machine used in his breathing treatments.

INCIDENT:

When the mother of the child returned to the bathroom (length of time the child was left alone is unknown) she found the child face down in the bathtub.

POST INCIDENT:

She removed him from the water, took him into his bedroom, laid him on the floor, and tried to revive him with CPR. She yelled for her boyfriend, who was asleep in another room, to come into the bedroom. He then took over and gave CPR to the child. The mother of the child called 911, and met the ambulance outside of the home. The ambulance attendants attempted to revive the child, but stated that the child appeared to have been in the water for a long time, and the child's mother stated several times that she had "passed out" and did not remember how long the child had been left alone. The child was taken to the hospital, and after further attempts were made to revive the child, he was pronounced dead. The time CPR was given by the parent and the time from the incident until emergency room treatment was administered was not determined.

In other statements given to the Sheriff's Department, the mother's father stated that his daughter was very disoriented after the incident, and had told him that she went to change her clothes and start to do the laundry. He noticed that a suction cup was missing from the bath seat, and asked his daughter about it. She said that it had been missing for some time, which indicated that the bath seat had been used before. Place of purchase was not determined.

There was an investigation concerning child abuse by the mother, but, according to autopsy findings and statements from others, no charges were filed, and the incident was ruled as an accident.

DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT:

The incident happened in a regular bathtub. Length, width, depth, and surface of the tub could not be determined since it was not noted in the report by the Sheriff's office. The bath seat used was blue in color, and had three suction cups attached to the bottom. The fourth suction cup was missing.

NOTE: Photographs of the bath seat have been requested from the Sheriff's department. The investigating officer went on vacation before he had time to have the photographs developed. He contacted me by phone on 10-28-96, and said he would get the prints developed and forward them to me. When they are received, I will forward them to be attached to this investigation. He believes he may have a photograph that will determine the manufacturer of this product.

PERSONS CONTACTED:

Investigating Officers, Sheriff's Department

ATTACHMENTS:

Investigation done by Sheriff's Department

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Case# 47C95-069

Date: Feb 6th, 1995

CASE REPORT

SUBJECT: Death Investigation.

DATE & TIME: January 28th 1995, approx 1130 hrs.

DATE & TIME REPORTED: January 29th, 1995, at approx 0145 hrs.

LOCATION: Incident occurred, at the Grow residence, Addt off of Woodsville road, 1st rd rt, off SR 37 So. last house on left.

VICTIM: [REDACTED] 6 mths of age, white male-DOB 7-23-94
[REDACTED] Ind. 47446

INJURIES: Death, by Drowning.

ACCUSED: Review for possible charges of Neglect on victims mother
[REDACTED] 29 YOA white female. DOB 3-17-65
[REDACTED]
Mitchell In 47446 Tx 849-6863

VEHICLE: None used, in incident.

DAMAGES: None occurred.

WITNESSES: [REDACTED], mother of Victim
[REDACTED]
Mitchell Mitchell In 47446 Tx 849-6863
[REDACTED], father of the victim.
[REDACTED]
Mitchell Ind. 47446 Tx 849-6817

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WITNESSES CON, T:

[REDACTED] Family Physician

2520B Q st Bedford Ind.

Tx 279-0021 Office

Dr. James Jacobi, Pathologist.

Dunn Memorial Hospital,

Bedford Ind 47421

Tx 275-3331

Dr. L. E. Benham, Coroner.

Dunn Memorial Hospital

Bedford In 47421

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ATTACHMENTS:

Statement, from **[REDACTED]**, EMT who responded to 911 call.

Statement, from **[REDACTED]**, EMT who responded to 911 call.

Statement, from **[REDACTED]**, who was at the scene when the incident occurred.

Statement, from **[REDACTED]**, mother of the victim who was also at the scene.

Consent form, signed by Denise Grow, for a Blood sample, taken at Dunn ER

Copy of News paper artical, printed by the Times mail concerning Infants Death.

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WITNESSES CON, T:

[REDACTED] Cassidy, EMT Dunn Hospital

[REDACTED]

Mitchell Ind 47446

Tx [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], EMT Dunn Hospital

[REDACTED]

Mitchell In 47446

Tx 849-6425

[REDACTED], Boyfriend to mother.

[REDACTED]

Bedford Ind 47421

Tx 849-5388

[REDACTED], ER Physicians who obtained blood sample

[REDACTED] Dunn Memorial Hospital

Bedford Ind. 47421

Tx 275-3331

[REDACTED] father of victims mother

[REDACTED]

Indianapolis Ind. 46234

[REDACTED]

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Copy of Receipt for Certified mail
reference Blood sample sent to State lab.
Statement, from victims father [REDACTED]
information on victims mother.

Copy, of Medical records release form, on the
Victim, and signed by victims father.

Statement, from Victims Grandfather, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Concerning what he had observed at
the scene, after incident occurred.

Copy of the Autopsy report, submitted by
Dr. James Jacobi.

OFFICERS REQUEST:

That a copy of this report, be reviewed by the
Office of the Prosecutor, for any possible
Charges of Neglect.

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SUMMARY:

On January, the 29, at 0149, the undersigned was dispatched to Dunn Hospital at the request of Lawrence County Coroner, Dr L. E. Benham. Upon arriving at the E.R., the undersigned talked with Dr. Michael Schulz. Dr. Schulz, who was the attending physician at the E.R., reported that the Victim had been brought to the ER by ambulance, as a reported Drowning victim. further advised, that attempts were made to revive this child, but were unable to do so. After all attempts were made, the Hospital then contact Dr Benham, to report this death. That Dr Benham, due to the childs age of 6 mths, requested that the police be informed and an investigation done. It should be noted, that Dr Schulz, is the victim,s physician, and could testify to the child health history.

After talking with the above, the undersigned then interviewed the responding medical personal, with Dunn ambulance sevice.

The first subject interviewed, was a Ms Sherry Hansome. Ms Hansome, is currently employed with Dunn Ambulance sevice as an EMT. The witness related, how they had recieved a call, at approx midnight of the 28th, that there was a child not breathing. Upon arrivin they were met by a female subject who identified herself as the victims mother. This subject, who was later found to be Denise Grow, told them (the medical personal) that her baby was not breathing. She was asked how long it had been, but she could not answer the question. She stated that she did not know. Ms Grow was asked, what had happen, and she talk that she didn,t know, that the baby was in the bathtub, and she had

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SUMMARY CON,T: passed out. Ms Hansome, then asked her, when she had put him in the bathtub. [redacted] again stated, that she did not know. She had put the baby in the tub, and had passed out. When she had awoke, the baby was not breathing. During this time, the Medical personal were taken to the location of the victim. This would be a bedroom, in the victims home. They noted, there was a man there, that was giving the victim CPR. This subject was later identified, as [redacted], the boyfriend of [redacted]. Ms Hasome, advised, that when she examined the baby, it appeared to her, that the child had been in the water for some time. That his skin, appeared to be wrinkled, and his body was cold to the touch. They also noted, that his arms and chest area was blue in color. They, the medical personal, attempted to revive the child, and transported him to Dunn Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, by Dr Schulz. This witness, advised, that she knew they could not help the child, due to his condition, that he was extremely cold to touch, his lungs were full of water and his stomach was extended, due to the water he has aspirated. This witness, advised, that [redacted] had repeat that she had passed out a number of times. A written statement was obtained, from this witness and is attached for review.

The second witness interviewed, was Mr Fred Cassidy. Mr Cassidy, is also employed by Dunn ambulance service, and was on duty the night this incident occurred. During this interview, it was learned, that Mr Cassidy had responded on this call as well. It was further learned, that he had witness, the answers Ms Grow gave Ms Hanson, on their arrival. This witness, further observed the victim

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SUMMARY CON,T: Body and observed the same conditions as the first witness. The witness, further advised, that when they had transported the victim to Dunn Hospital, that the mother rode in the front with him. That while she was there, that he noticed, what he believed to be the odor of a alcoholic beverage on her breath. This witness, will also testify, if neede, that he had heard the victims mother [redacted] state that she had passed out. That he had heard this stated, a number of times. A copy of this witnesses statement, is attached to this report for review.

While the undersigned, interviewed the above listed witnesses, Det Phil Wigley, spoke with a Mr Greg Inman. Mr Inman, who is the boyfriend of [redacted] was at the victims home, at the time the incident occured. A copy, of the statement, that Det Wigley had obtained is attached to this report for review. Mr Inman, was stayinf over night and reported to be sleeping, when the incident occured. He was awaken, by Ms Grow, and attempted to give CPR, to the victim.

The next interview, was with the mother of the victim [redacted]. Detective Wigley, was preasent during this interview. [redacted] was in an exam room at Dunn, was extremely upset and difficult to interview. She had related, how she had went to Bloomington, to eat out, with [redacted]. She reported, that they had a few drinks (beer) with their diner. She further related, that they had went to a friend of [redacted] home afterwards. She told, th she had drank one beer, while she was there. After leaving there, she went to the home of her ex-hu [redacted] and picked up her son Blake. From this location, they then went to her home. When they had

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SUMMARY CONT: reached her home, she then fed [redacted] and gave him his medication. (victim has a history of breathing problems) [redacted], then gave the victim a bath. She advised, that she had placed him, in a seat that went into the bathtub. She related, that there was no more water, than 6 to 8 inches, in the tub. The witness, [redacted] advised, that she then left the room. She thought, that she had left, to get his Nebulizer. This is a machine, the victim receives breathing treatments with. The witness, then returned, to find the victim face down in the bathtub. She could not remember, how long he was in the tub. The witness, could not remember much of anything, prior to finding the victim. After she had found the victim, She removed him from the water, and took him to his bedroom, where she attempted to revive him with CPR. She had yelled for Mr Mr Inman, who then took over and gave CPR. The witness, advised, that she got dressed and flagged down the Ambulance down. As stated earlier, The witness advised, that she could not remember the events prior to finding the victim.

After talking with this witness, the undersigned obtained a consent to give a blood sample. A copy of the consent form is attached to this report, and signed [redacted]. At the time of this report, the sample has been sent to the Indiana Department of Toxicology, and the undersigned is awaiting its results.

An Autopsy, was done that same morning, a Dunn Hospital. The undersigned, along with Detective Phjil Wigley, attended this. During this Autopsy, the undersigned noted, that the victim appeared to be a health child. This child, seem to be well developed

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SUPPLEMENT CONT: Child. The undersigned, could not see any signs of injuries or any recent injuries on the body. The child had no clothing on, or with the body. Photographs, were taken, during the Autopsy, by Detective Wigley, and are in his custody, at the time of this report. A copy of the Autopsy report, prepared by Dr. James Jacobi, is attached to this report for review.

After the Autopsy, both the undersigned and Detective Wigley went to the victims home to examine the scene. Upon entering the home, we were met by the victims babysetter. She, a Ms Karan Cassidy, told us that the bothroom and bedroom had been clean up. She stated, that the victims grandfather had come there, and cleaned both rooms. We were then shown the location of the bathroom and the victims bedroom. Both the undersigned, and Detective Wigley, noticed there was what appeared to be a baby seat, used to hold a child in a bathtub. There was suction cups on the bottom of this seat, and there appeared to be one missing. Photographs, were taken of this seat, the bathroom, and victims bedroom. Also obtained, is a video, of the location as well. Both sets of film, are in the custody, of Detective, Phil Wigley. As the photographs will show, the victim lived in a well kept home. The undersigned, noted, that the home was clean and that there were plenty of food in the icebox and cabinets.

It should be noted, that there was a news article printed in the Times mail, that went into detail about this investigation. No information, was released by this department, to the press at any time. A copy of this article, has been attached for review as well.

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The next interview, given, was with the ex-husband of [redacted] who is the victims father. During this interview, it was learned, that [redacted] had picked the victim up at his home on the night the incident occurred. That she had come to his home, at approx 10:00 pm that Saturday night. That he had observed [redacted] and that she did not seem drunk, that she appeared normal to him. He did state, that one of the kids had noted beer on her breath, and that she said she had some with her diner. This witness, further stated, that [redacted] had always been a good mother to the children. See attached statement for details of his knowledge.

The last person, to be interviewed, was Mr. [redacted] ty. This witness, is the father of [redacted] and Grandfather to the victim. [redacted] advised, he had cleaned the bathroom, on the night the incident occurred. He had done so, because he did not want her to have to see where the EMT,s had worked with the victim. He advised, that he did learn from [redacted] that she had went down stairs, to change her cloths and started to do laundry, when the incident occurred. He further advised, that she would then withdraw and could no longer tlk about the matter. He further advised, that when he was at the home, he had noticed, that it appeared as if someone had been doing the laundry at the time. This witness, had also noticed the suction cup was missing from the babyseat, and had asked [redacted] about it. She had advised, that it had been missing for some time. A written statement was obtained from this witness, and is attached to this report for review..

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SUMMARY CON.T:

At the time of this report, the results from the blood test, have not returned. It was noted, at the scene, as well as from the statement of the Grandfather, that the Baby seat was defective at the time of its use. It is further noted, that the mother was either not present at the time the incident occurred, or unattentive to the events. This is found, from a number of the witnesses statements.

[REDACTED] was allowed to come into the department, for a second statement, but has been unable to come at this time, due to medical reasons. She is currently under the care of a Physician, and has been admitted to the Crises care unit of the Bloomington hospital.

The undersigned, has no request in this matter, other than review by the officer of the Prosecutor. For any further action, or possible charges of neglect, of a dependent.

REPORTED BY: Gerald G McGee 47-5

Detective Div
Lawrence County Police Dept.

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1-29-95 RESPONDED TO DUNN HOSPITAL E.R. ON A REPORT OF THE DROWNING OF 6 MONTH OLD GROW. DET. GERALD MCGEE ALSO RESPONDED TO THIS CALL. UPON MY ARRIVAL MCGEE AND I WERE BRIEFED BY AMBULANCE PERSONNEL. I TOOK A STATEMENT FROM GREG INMAN, BOYFRIEND OF GROW WHO WAS AT THE RESIDENCE IN BED AT THE TIME THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE. (SEE STATEMENT OF GREG INMAN.)

1-29-95 MCGEE AND I WENT TO THE AUTOPSY OF THE VICTIM PERFORMED BY DR. JAMES JACOBI M.D. UPON OUR EXAMINATION OF THE VICTIM I NEVER SAW ANY PHYSICAL INJURY TO THE BODY OF THE VICTIM, NO BRUISES, ECT. APPEARED TO BE A WELL NOURISHED 6 MONTH OLD BABY. I TOOK A NUMBER OF 35MM COLOR PHOTOS OF THE VICTIM DURING THE AUTOPSY. PHOTOS WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. 1-29-95 MCGEE AND I WENT TO THE RESIDENCE LOCATED ON R.R.#3 BOX 320 MITCHELL WHERE WE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE GROW RESIDENCE BY KAREN CASSIDY, BABYSITTER OF THE FAMILY. MCGEE AND I ENTERED THE RESIDENCE, MRS. CASSIDY TOOK US TO THE AREA OF THE BATHROOM LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE RESIDENCE WHERE I NOTICED A PLASTIC TYPE SEAT IN THE BATHROOM WITH ONE OF THE SUCTION CUPS MISSING FROM THE BOTTOM. NO WATER WAS IN THE BATHTUB AT THE TIME WE WERE AT THE RESIDENCE. MRS. CASSIDY INDICATED THE FATHER OF DENISE GROW HAD ALREADY BEEN TO THE RESIDENCE AND CLEANED UP THE HOUSE. I NOTICED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A WET SPOT IN THE BEDROOM OF THE VICTIM. THIS WAS APPARENTLY THE AREA WHERE THE AMBULANCE PERSONNEL HAD WORKED WITH THE VICTIM THE INSIDE OF THE GROW RESIDENCE APPEARED TO ME TO BE VERY WELL KEPT AND WAS IMMACULATELY CLEAN. WHILE AT THE RESIDENCE I TOOK A NUMBER OF 35MM COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE RESIDENCE AND VIDEO TAPED THE AREA OF THE RESIDENCE ALSO. PHOTOS AND VIDEO TAPE WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

STATUS: FILING A COPY OF THIS SUPPLEMENT WITH CASE REPORT
REQUEST: PROSECUTOR REVIEW THIS CASE AND TAKE WHATEVER
MEASURES HE DEEMS NECESSARY IN THIS CASE.

NOTES: MOTHER OF THE VICTIM IS STILL IN BLOOMINGTON HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT. THE UNDERSIGNED OFFICER WAS ALSO PRESENT WHEN GROW GAVE CONSENT TO OBTAIN A BLOOD AND URINE SAMPLE TO DET. MCGEE. I ALSO WITNESSED DENISE GROW GIVE DET. MCGEE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THIS INCIDENT. GROW APPEARED TO BE VERY UPSET AT THE TIME OF THE STATEMENT. THE STATEMENT WAS OBTAINED IN THE E.R. OF DUNN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

REPORT BY: DET. PHIL WIGLEY 47-3 L.C.P.D.

ATTACHMENTS:
STATEMENT OF GREG INMAN

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NAME: [REDACTED]

DATE OF DEATH:

TIME OF DEATH:

PHYSICIAN:

MEDICAL RECORD #:

AGE: 6 months

DATE OF AUTOPSY: 1-29-95

TIME OF AUTOPSY: 9:30 a.m.

AUTOPSY AUTHORIZED BY:

L.E. Benham, M.D., Coroner

PLACE: Dunn Hospital

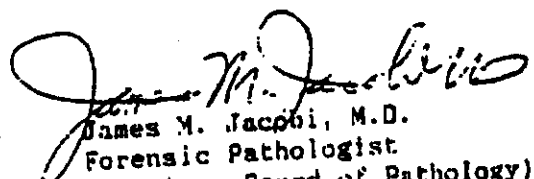
RESTRICTIONS: None

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FINAL PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS:

1. No anatomic cause of death.
2. History of bathtub drowning.
3. Focal aspiration of foreign material.
4. Mild chronic-bronchiolitis.
5. Absence of traumatic abnormalities.
6. Normal development (large size for age).
7. Status post cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

OPINION: Death in this 6 month old male infant is consistent with the history of bathtub drowning.


James M. Jacobi, M.D.
Forensic Pathologist
(American Board of Pathology)

2/1/95

JMJ/la

D/T: 2-1-95

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The body is that of a well developed, well nourished white male infant who appears older than the stated age of 6 months. The length is measured at 25 inches, and the weight is estimated at 25 lbs. The scalp hair is light brown. The ears, eyes, and nares are normally developed. The teeth have not erupted. There is no foreign material in the mouth. The neck is unremarkable. The chest and abdomen are symmetric, and free of scars and masses. The penis appears uncircumcised, and both testes are palpable in the scrotum. There is no edema or deformity of the extremities. The anus is unremarkable.

The body is received unclothed.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT: An endotracheal tube is in place.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY: None.

INTERIOR OF THE BODY: The body is opened with the usual Y-shaped incision through well developed abdominal musculature. The thickness of the abdominal panniculus is 0.4 cm. Both lungs are well aerated. The heart appears of normal size. There are no pleural, pericardial, or peritoneal effusions or hemorrhages. Inspection of the abdomen reveals the presence of the vermiform appendix. The urinary bladder is empty.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: The weight of the heart is 40 grams. The epicardial surface is smooth, glistening and unremarkable. The coronary arteries are normally placed. No abnormalities are noted. Both ventricles are of normal thickness. There are no atrial or ventricular septal defects. Serial sections through the myocardium reveal the usual red-brown color and consistency. There are no focal lesions. The aorta is of normal caliber.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM: The larynx and trachea are of normal caliber. No hemorrhages or lesions are noted. There is no foreign material in the trachea.

The weight of each lung is estimated at 30 grams. The pleural surfaces are glistening. No abnormalities are noted in the major arteries or bronchi. On section, the parenchyma is well aerated throughout all lobes. There are no focal lesions. Scattered petechial hemorrhages are noted on the pleural surface. There are no abnormalities of the parenchyma.

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM: The esophagus is of normal caliber. The stomach is distended with air, but is free of contents. No mucosal lesions are noted. The jejunum, ileum, cecum, vermiform appendix and colon are unremarkable.

The weight of the liver is estimated at 400 grams. The capsular surface is smooth and glistening. On section, the usual brown parenchyma is noted. There are no focal lesions. The gallbladder is free of stones. The pancreas is of normal size, and displays the usual parenchyma on section.

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GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM: The combined weight of the kidneys is estimated at 60 grams. The capsules strip with ease to reveal a smooth subcapsular surface. On section, the cortex is of normal thickness, and can easily be differentiated from the medulla. There are no abnormalities of the pelvis. The urinary bladder is empty.

The penis is uncircumcised. Both testes are palpable in the scrotum.

LYMPHATIC SYSTEM: The weight of the spleen is 30 grams. The capsule is intact. On section, the usual red-black parenchyma is noted. There are no focal lesions. No abnormalities are noted in the major lymphatic chains.

The weight of the thymus is 20 grams. The capsular surface contains scattered petechiae. On section, the usual lobulated grey-tan parenchyma is present.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: The thyroid gland is of normal size. On serial section, no cysts or nodules can be identified. Both adrenal glands are of normal size, and free of hemorrhage. The pituitary gland appears of normal size.

HEAD: The head is normocephalic. There are no hemorrhages or lesions involving the eyes, or mouth, including the frenulum. Upon reflection of the scalp, the calvarium is intact. There are no scalp, epidural, subdural, or subarachnoid hemorrhages. The weight of the brain is 880 grams.

Serial sections through the cerebrum reveal unremarkable cortex, deep white matter, ventricles, basal ganglia, and thalamus. Serial sections through the brain stem and cerebellum are likewise unremarkable. The white matter appears completely myelinated.

Examination of the skull following removal of the brain and dura fails to reveal skull fractures.

MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM: The extremities are normally developed and symmetric. The bony thorax and sternum are intact.

SKIN: No skin lesions can be identified. There is no diaper rash.

TOXICOLOGY: A sample of heart blood is retained for possible studies.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Autopsy photography is provided by Lawrence County Police Department Captain Phillip Wigley, assisted by Gerald McGee.

SCENE INVESTIGATION: According to Dunn Memorial Hospital Emergency Department record, the infant was brought by ambulance at 12:20 a.m. 1-29-95. The infant was found in the bathtub, cold, clammy, and without respirations or heart sounds. Resuscitation was in progress. Epinephrine was given through the endotracheal tube x2. No response was obtained after 20 minutes. Death was pronounced at 12:40 a.m.

HOSPITAL

(812) 275-3331
20 13RD ST. BEDFORD, INDIANA 47421

EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIAN: **K. A. AR** (Middle) MAIDEN
FAMILY PHYS. NOTIFIED: YES NO
ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____
M.B. REC. NO.: _____

ADMISSION DATE: **1/25/95** AM/PM: **0020**
BIRTH DATE: **1/1/65** AGE: **30** SEX: **M**
RELATIONSHIP: **mother** TELEPHONE: **819-65**

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Denise Grow**
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: **unknown**
BROUGHT BY: SELF POLICE OTHER

RESponsible for bill: _____
Address of party responsible for bill: _____
Policy No.: **96091ACC540**

PATIENT ASSESSMENT

ALLERGIES: _____
MUCUS MEMBRANE: _____
APPETITE: _____
VOIDING: _____
SNG: _____
MONITOR: _____
TRAUMA MEDICAL: _____
SPOORIAL UP: _____

Wt: **150**
Lungs: _____
ABG: _____
LOC/GLASGOW COMA SCALE: _____
LMP: _____
AMBULANCE VITALS: _____
IV ESTABLISHED: Field ER

Temp: **36.0**
Pulse: _____
Resp: _____
Blood Press: _____
Tet. Result: _____

Code 99 pt by ER via DMS medic unit 2 Dress
Drowning pt found in father's arms CPR in progress

Signature: *[Signature]* See Nurses Notes

D. ASSESSMENT

Approx. drowned in bath tub. Ofc. baby is pale, cold and clammy. P heavy sounds. Crv in progress. No response to 1st line. Resp. bilateral crackles. BS ↓ @ 10:00. Pupils - Dilated, fixed. Intubated and attached to resp. Crv continued. Epi given. Chvls Estab F2. Crv continued for 20 mins. No head response. No heavy sounds, P neg. He has been pronounced 12:40 AM.

DIAGNOSTIC ORDERS

THERAPEUTIC ORDERS

GNOSIS **Drowning - Cardiorespiratory arrest**

SEEN BY PHYSICIAN: **0020** AM/PM: **PM** MINUTES SEEN: **20** DEPOSITION TIME: **0130** AM/PM: **PM** DEPOSITION: HPT ADM OPC ADM TRANSFER HOME NDI DCN

PERMISSION FOR TREATMENT AND FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

I hereby authorize the release of information necessary to substantiate any insurance claim. This does not include the release of information to news media.

In consideration of services rendered, or to be rendered, I agree to pay all uncompensated services not covered by insurance. In the event of default on said payment, I hereby authorize that reasonable attorney's fees for the collection of the above amount may be added.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PATIENT

Belar 1/29/95

PATIENT OR RESPONSIBLE PARTY

WITNESS SIGNATURE

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Investigating officers Wigley and McGee report that the mother was giving the infant a bath. It was believed she passed out for an unknown length of time.

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GROSS PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS:

1. Consistent with bathtub drowning.
2. Absence of traumatic abnormalities.
3. Normal development (large size for age).
4. Status post cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

MICROSCOPIC:

HEART (4 SECTIONS): The myocardial fibers are intact, and display the usual cross striations. No inflammation, necrosis, or hemorrhages are present.

LUNG (4 SECTIONS): The alveoli are normally expanded. The bronchioles contain significant amounts of mucous and neutrophils. A vegetable fiber is present in one of the bronchioles. The bronchioles feature inflammatory cell infiltrates composed chiefly of lymphocytes, but contain scattered plasma cells and eosinophils. A bronchiole contains refractile material which appear to represent clot fibers. No acute inflammatory cell infiltrates are present in the alveoli. Scattered hemorrhage and proteinaceous fluid are noted in the alveoli.

LIVER: The hepatic architecture is normally preserved. There are no abnormalities of the portal tracts or central veins. No steatosis is present. Extra medullary hematopoiesis is not a feature.

SPLEEN: The lymphoid follicles are prominent, and contain active germinal centers. The sinusoids are somewhat congested.

THYMUS: The cortex is of normal thickness. Hassal's corpuscles are easily identified. There is no fatty infiltration.

KIDNEY: The glomeruli and tubules are normally developed. Acute congestion is noted.

THYROID: The usual colloid filled follicles are present. No inflammation or fibrosis is evident. The attached portion of parathyroid gland is unremarkable.

BRAIN: The cortical neurons are well preserved. Mild congestion is noted. No hemorrhages or additional features are noted.

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 9518001675

DATE OF INCIDENT: 1/29/96

CATID: SECT15 1996

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED

HAZARD ANALYSIS () SECT 15 (X)

TYPE FOLLOW-UP

TELEPHONE () ON-SITE (X)

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT: Rense 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: SEE ATTACHED (P)

Guidelines: 110 Bathtub Incidents Involving Children <18 Months Old

Task Number: 960910CCC5610

Date: 9/10/96

Assigned to: CHIO

Requested by:

INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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State No.

Local No. 33

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PARENTS

INFORMANT

DISPOSITION

CAUSE OF DEATH

CERTIFIER

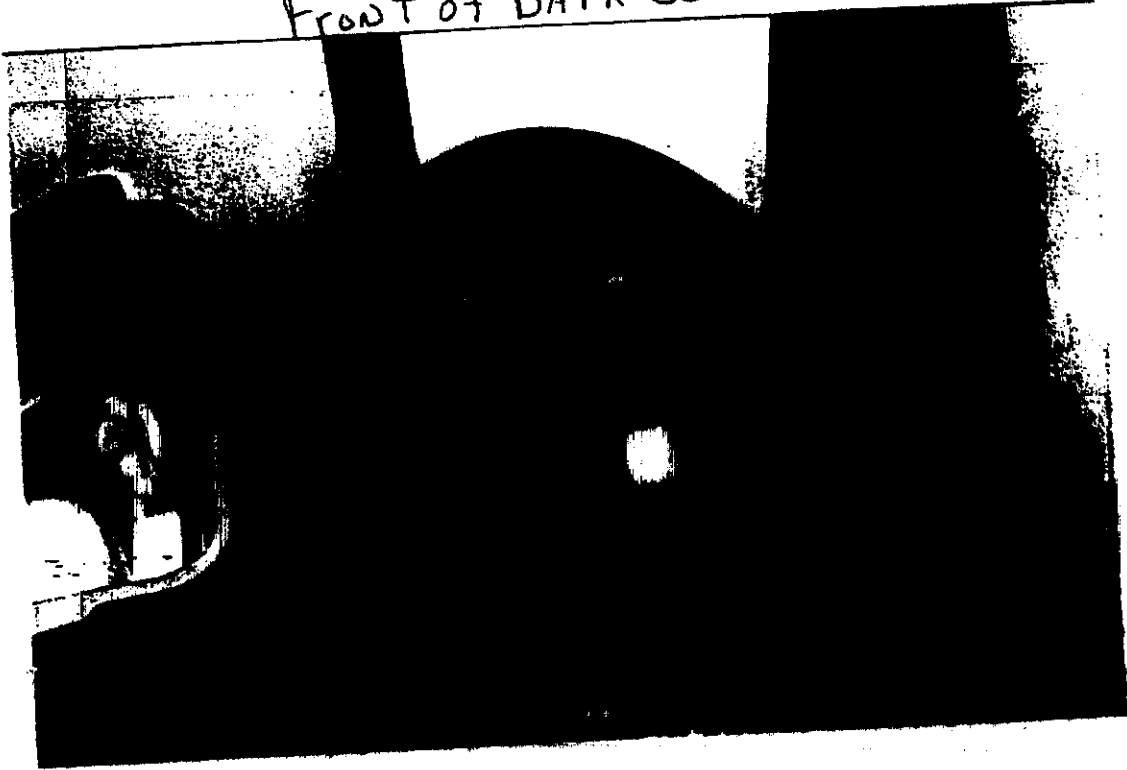
HEALTH OFFICER

1. DECEASED—NAME (Print, Middle Initial) [REDACTED]		2. SEX Male	3a. TIME OF DEATH 12:40 AM	3b. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Yr) January 29, 1995
4. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 310 15 4880		5a. AGE—Last Birthday (Years) 66	5b. UNDER 1 YEAR Months 6 Days 6	5c. UNDER 1 DAY Hours Minutes
6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Yr) July 23, 1994		7. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country) Bedford, Indiana		
8a. WAS DECEDENT A U.S. VETERAN? NO		8b. YEAR LAST SERVED IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? None		9. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one. See instructions) HOSPITAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> DOA OTHER: <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
10. FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street and number) Dunn Memorial Hospital		11. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH Bedford		12. COUNTY OF DEATH Lawrence
13. MARRITAL STATUS (Specify) Never Married		14. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) N/A		15. DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life. Do not use retired) N/A
16. RESIDENCE—STATE Indiana		17. COUNTY Lawrence		18. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Mitchell
19. ZIP CODE 47446		20. STREET AND NUMBER Route 3 Box 320		21. DECEDENT'S EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed) Elementary/Secondary (8-12) 0 College (1-4 or 5 +) 0
22. INSIDE CITY LIMITS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		23. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA		24. WAS DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If yes, specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc)
25. ON A FARM? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		26. RACE—American Indian, Black, White, etc. (Specify) White		27. MOTHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Maiden Surname) [REDACTED]
28. FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last) [REDACTED]		29. MARRIAGE (Date, City or Town, State, Zip Code) [REDACTED] Indiana 47446		30. Relationship Father
31. METHOD OF DISPOSITION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burial <input type="checkbox"/> Cremation <input type="checkbox"/> Removal from State <input type="checkbox"/> Donation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		32. DATE AND PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Month, day, year, or other place) January 31, 1995 Lawrenceport Cemetery		33. LOCATION—City or Town, State Lawrence Co., IN Lawrenceport, Indiana
34. EMBALMER'S NAME Gary Pruett		35. EMBALMER'S LICENSE NO. FDE 01010583		36. WAS DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
37. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR <i>[Signature]</i>		38. LICENSE NUMBER (of Licensee) FDE 01013840		39. NAME, ADDRESS, AND LICENSE NUMBER OF FUNERAL HOME Chaetain Funeral Home FH 88604698 705 West Warren Street, Mitchell, Indiana
28. PART I. Enter the disease, injuries, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter nonspecific terms, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause in each line. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death) a. <u>Struck — bath tub — 984</u> b. DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF): c. DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF): d. DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF):				
PART II. Other significant conditions - Conditions contributing to death but not previously stated in Part I. <u>960910CCC5610</u>				
29. CERTIFIER (Check only one) <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) as stated. <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH OFFICER 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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CORONER 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.				
30. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER <i>[Signature]</i> M.D. Coroner		31. MEDICAL LICENSE NO. 15701		32. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Yr) January 30, 1995
33. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO COMPLETED CAUSE OF DEATH (ITEM 28) (Type/print) Lawrence E. Benham, M.D., 2424 Q Street, Bedford, Indiana 47421				34. DATE FILED (Month, Day, Yr) FEB 03 1995
35. HEALTH OFFICER'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>				
36. MANNER OF DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> Natural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Could not be determined		37. DATE OF INJURY (Month, Day, Year)	38. TIME OF INJURY	39. INJURY AT WORK? (Yes or no)
36. PLACE OF INJURY—At home, farm, street, factory, office, building, etc. (Specify)		40. LOCATION (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State)		
36. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT? (Yes or no) If yes, specify driver, passenger, pedestrian, etc.				

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Front of Bath Seat



Side View of Bath seat.



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Bottom of Bathseat - Missing Suction Cup

