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1. CASE NO. 831020H3A1014	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 1 7 3	3. OFFICE CODE 8 0 5	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 8 3 1 0 1 9	5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 8 3 1 0 2 1		

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A 4 month old male was suffocated by the face of a doll as he slept in his crib. The face became detached from a homemade doll and acted as a mask over the victim's nose and mouth.

*CRSA 6 (b)(1) Cleared*  
*No Mfrs/Problrs or Products Identified*  
*Excepted by*  
*Firms Notified,*  
*Comments Processed.*

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home	8. CITY Kittanning	9. STATE PA
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT Doll Face	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS 
10B. SECOND PRODUCT None	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS N/A

12. AGE OF VICTIM 2 0 4	13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE -1 FEMALE -2 UNKNOWN -3 1	14. DISPOSITION Dead at Scene 7	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Suffocation 6 5
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16. BODY PART All Parts 8 5	17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Victim's Parents, Police; Coroner 2	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE 1 TELEPHONE 2 OTHER 3 1	19. TIME SPENT 1 2 0
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20. ATTACHMENTS Multi 9	21. CASE SOURCE MECAP 1 2	22. REVIEWED BY 8 1 6 5 YR MO DAY 8 3 1 1 0 3
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23. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Other Side)

PRE-ACCIDENT

The victim was born on 6/14/83. He was the only child of a young couple. The family shared a single family house with another couple who also have an infant. No other persons lived in the house. The victim had his own bedroom.

According to the parents, the victim was a normal healthy child. During a routine check-up on 10/17/83, the victim was 24½ inches long and weighed 12 lbs. 7½ ozs.

The doll involved in this accident was received by the victim's mother as a baby shower gift from her aunt. The doll is a crochet doll made by the aunt. The hands and face of the doll are vinyl parts which the aunt purchased from an arts and crafts store.

The parents said the doll was kept in the crib with the victim. They said the doll was in the crib ever since the child was born. The face of the doll is retained to the head by a drawstring around the perimeter of the face area. The drawstring was pulled tight and tied in a bow under the chin to retain the face to the doll

(USE OTHER SIDE AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

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body. The victim's mother said occasionally the drawstring would loosen and the face would detach from the doll. She said she found the face lying in the crib on a few occasions and reattached the face by retightening and tying the drawstring. She said the victim never pulled the face off of the doll. She said whenever the face was detached the victim never played with the face and there were no incidents involving the face prior to the accident.

The parents said the child had DPT shots on the day before the accident, 10/18/83, and was reacting to the shots that night and during the early morning hours of 10/19/83. They said the child would not sleep and they were up with the child all night. They said the effects of the shots subsided and the child finally went to sleep at approximately 0500 hours. The child was sleeping in his crib alone in his bedroom. The victim's mother said she returned to the room at approximately 0530 hours to check on the child before going to sleep. She said the room was dark and she did not turn on a light but the child was breathing and there was nothing covering the child's face. The parents said since they were up all night with the child they went to sleep at approximately 0530 hours and remained sleeping until they were awakened at approximately 1300 hours.

The victim's mother said her friend who shares the house also checks the infant when the infant is sleeping. She said on the morning of the accident, the friend was out shopping with her infant and the friend's husband was at work. No one checked on the victim between 0530 and the time the accident was discovered.

ACCIDENT

The victim's parents said they were awakened at approximately 1300 hours by the female friend who shares the house. She said the friend carried the victim into their bedroom and informed them that the victim was not breathing. The victim's body was blue.

According to the police and coroner, the friend returned home from shopping shortly before 1300 hours. She went into the bedroom to check on the victim and found the victim in the crib laying on his stomach. The victim's head was tilted to one side and the face from the doll was positioned over the victim's face like a mask, covering the victim's nose and mouth. The victim was covered by blankets but the blankets were not over the victim's head. The friend immediately removed the doll face from the victim and carried the victim to the parents bedroom.

POST-ACCIDENT

The victim's father said he had CPR training and carries a CPR card. He said he administered CPR to the victim while his wife telephoned for help. She said she telephoned the emergency 911 number and reported the incident. The father said he continued to administer CPR until an ambulance arrived at the scene.

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Neither the father nor the ambulance crew were able to revive the victim. The ambulance crew determined the victim was dead and notified the local police and the coroner. The police report indicates the police were notified at 1317 hours.

The coroner arrived at the scene and pronounced the victim dead. The coroner determined that death was due to suffocation. The suffocation was due to the face of the doll which accident became attached to the victim's face. The doll's face acted as a mask and covered the victim's nose and mouth preventing the victim from breathing. There was a mark on the victim's face outlining the area covered by the doll face. The encircled area started immediately below the victim's eyes and extended to the chin.

The coroner estimated death occurred at approximately 1100 hours. The death was ruled accidental and it is not known when the face became detached from the doll or how the doll face became attached to the child's face.

The victim's mother said she was told by her aunt that the doll face involved in this accident was purchased from an arts and crafts store. She purchases items from several stores and did not know the exact store where the face was purchased because the stores all sell the same or similar merchandise. She identified a local store as one of the possible sources. As a follow-up, the local store was visited on the day of this investigation, 10/25/83, and the aunt was reached by telephone on 10/27/83.

According to the aunt, she crocheted the doll involved in this accident and purchased available doll parts (hands and face) to complete the doll. She said crochet dolls are normally made in this manner and the doll parts are available in any hobby or craft store. She said she made three of the dolls involved in this accident. Two of the dolls were given to friends and one was given to the victim. She said she made the dolls according to the instructions in a pattern book which she purchased from a hobby shop. She said she attached the faces to the dolls using the drawstring method as instructed in the pattern.

The pattern book was obtained from the aunt and copied. A copy of that book is attached to this report as Exhibit #3. The type of doll involved in this accident is pictured on Page 4 of the pattern book and is identified as a [REDACTED] pin cushion. Instructions on making the doll are on Page 6 of the book. Page 2 of the book recommends that hands, feet and head be sewn in place if the doll is to be played with by children, but this statement is not in the form of a safety warning or caution. The book is titled "[REDACTED]". The book is copy righted by [REDACTED].

The aunt did not recall the specific retail store where she purchased the pattern book or the doll parts involved in this accident. She said both are readily available at any hobby or craft shop. She said the doll parts sold at

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doll shops are essentially the same. She said the parts are not sold as a doll kit and do not come with any instructions. She said the hands and face of the doll involved in this accident were purchased as a set. She said they were sold in an plastic package without instructions or labeling.

The aunt stated that after the accident, she attempted to recover the other two dolls from her friends. She said the friends were aware of the accident but refused to return their dolls.

DEALER FOLLOW-UP

Jean's Craft Shop, 1400 4th Ave., Ford City, PA was the local retail shop identified as a possible source of the doll parts involved in this accident. I visited the store on 10/25/83 and interviewed [REDACTED] the owner.

[REDACTED] said she was aware of the accident involving the death of the infant with the doll face. She said she did not know if the faces were purchased at her shop. She said doll parts consisting of faces, heads, hands and feet are a common item and are readily available to hobby shops, craft shops and any retail store with a craft department. She said there are several suppliers of doll parts and all parts are similar. She said the parts can be used in many different ways and are not sold for any specific application. She said the parts are sold without any labeling or instructions.

[REDACTED] said instructions on making dolls using the doll parts are available in pattern books and magazines. She said to the best of her knowledge, it is common practice to sew the doll parts to the doll.

The store had various craft books for sale. Four books with instructions on making dolls were reviewed. The books reviewed showed the use of plastic doll parts. The instructions showed to attached the parts to the doll by sewing.

The firm's stock of doll parts consisted of heads, faces, hands and feet in various sizes. The firm had faces packaged with hands similar to the set involved in the accident. One set similar to the set involved in the accident was found on the retail shelf. It was the only face observed with "Korea" imprinted on the face. The other faces and heads were imprinted with "Hong Kong". All faces were similar in appearance.

The set with the face imprinted "Korea" was collected as a sample (F-805-5474) for exhibit purposes. This face measures approximately 3 inches long by 3 inches wide and appears identical to the face involved in the accident except for the hair color. The face involved in the accident has blond hair and the sample has brown hair. The hands are 1½ inches long.

DEALER FOLLOW-UP (CON'T)

Ms. [REDACTED] said all parts sold at her store are normally purchased from [REDACTED]. She said her orders are placed through the firm's McKees Rocks, PA office. [REDACTED] had a copy of the firm's catalog. This was a catalog of doll parts. The face and hands set collected as a sample was pictured in this catalog as item [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] said there are several suppliers which supply doll parts to craft shops. She identified one supplier as [REDACTED]. She said she could not specifically recall the names of the other suppliers.

PRODUCT EXAMINATION

The doll involved in this accident is in possession of the Kittanning Police Department. The police chief allowed an examination of the doll but declined to allow the doll to be taken as a sample. The police chief stated he wanted to retain the doll in the event of a lawsuit or other legal complications.

The doll involved in this accident is a stuffed crochet doll. The doll measures approximately 11 inches long. The doll has a pliable vinyl face and hands. Photographs of the doll are attached to this report as Exhibit #4.

The face of the doll is molded vinyl and measures approximately 3 in. long by 3 in. wide. The mouth of the doll is molded in an open position to receive the end of a nipple bottle attached to the hand. The mouth forms a closed cavity and there are no openings through the face. The face is retained on the doll by a drawstring on the crochet body which tightens around the perimeter of the doll face.

The hands are molded vinyl. The left hand is molded in an open position. The right hand is molded clutching a baby bottle. Both hands are approximately 1½ inches long. The hands are attached to the doll by inserting in the doll's arm sleeves and are retained by drawstring around the sleeves.

The hands were tested as small parts by using the small parts cylinder (16CFR-1501). The left hand fit entirely inside the cylinder. The baby bottle molded into the right hand prevented the right from fitting entirely within the cylinder.

SAMPLE COLLECTION

A doll face and hands which appeared identical to the set involved in this accident was collected from a retail store. The sample was submitted to EPHA for analysis as sample #F-805-5474. The left hand in this sample failed the small parts test.

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit #1 - A copy of the police report
- Exhibit #2 - A copy of the coroner's report
- Exhibit #3 - A copy of the pattern book used to construct the doll involved in this accident.
- Exhibit #4 - Photographs of the doll involved in this accident.

BUREAU OF POLICE

INCIDENT #

RECORD OF COMPLAINT AND/OR ARREST

4. 10-19-83 1317

RECEIVING OFFICER

2. INVESTIGATING OFFICER

DATE & TIME RECEIVED

5. OFFENSE/COMPLAINT

6. C.C. SECT. #:

7. DATE & DAY OCCURRED:

8. TIME OCCURRED:

ASSIST CORONER

9. COMPLAINANT'S NAME:

ADDRESS

PHONE:

10. VICTIM'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

11. RACE, SEX, AGE, DOB

12. EMPLOYER OR SCHOOL

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

13. ACCUSED'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

14. SOCIAL SECURITY #:

15. RACE, SEX, AGE, DOB

16. HT.

17. WT.

18. COMPL.

19. HR.

20. EYES

21. CLOTHING

22. PARENT'S NAME & ADDRESS:

23. DATE & TIME NOTIFIED

24. SCHOOL & GRADE

25. DATE & TIME OF ARREST

26. DATE & TIME OF ARRAIGNMENT

27. MAGISTRATE

28. CONFESSION OR ADMISSION:  YES  NO

29. NUMBER OF ACCUSED:

VEHICLE:  
30 YR.

31. MAKE

32. MODEL

33. TYPE

34. COLOR

35. REGISTRATION # & STATE

36. IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS.

VIN #

37. NARRATIVE (1) LIST ALL DAMAGED PROPERTY & VALUE. (2) LIST ALL STOLEN PROPERTY & VALUE. (3) DESCRIBE THE DETAILS THAT OCCURRED AND ANY OTHER PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED. (4) CONFIDENTIAL POLICE INFORMATION ONLY (POSSIBLE SUSPECTS, VICTIM & WITNESS STATEMENTS)

38. ASSISTED COUNTY CORONER AT

DEATH DUE TO ASPHYXIATION. W/M/4months

DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE COUNTY CORONERS OFFICE.

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CHECK 39  UNFOUNDED  CHECK IF SUPPLEMENTAL  41 : TIAL  42 REFERRED TO  43 CRIM. PRV ZONE  44 UCF



Date and Time of Call: Oct 19, 1983

Called by: EOC #6 Ambulance Serv.

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Name of Decedent:

Age: 1983

Race: white

Sex: male

Address:

Place of Death (Address):

Type of Premises: bedroom home.

Date and Time of Scene Investigation: Oct 19, 1983

Location of Scene Investigation: same.

Time of Accident:

Type of Death (e. g., Homicide, Accident, etc.): Accident

Body Identified By: Parents - mother / Father

- Circumstances of Death:
1. Past Medical History: Had DPT shot on Monday - Ov.
  2. Events Leading to Death: Sleeping in crib. Found laying on stomach with head turned to side. A face only baby doll was found over his face. Baby had been sleeping from 5:00 A.M.
  3. Time and Date Decedent last seen alive:
  4. Time and Date Body Found:  
By Whom: 10/19/83 1:17 P.M.

- Description of Body:
1. Approximate Height and Weight:
  2. Clothing:
  3. Injuries - fatal and non fatal:
  4. Livor:
  5. Rigor:
  6. Body Temperature (Rectal Temperature):

Probable Cause of Death: Asphyxia

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Approximate Time of Death: 11:00 A.M. Oct 19, 1983

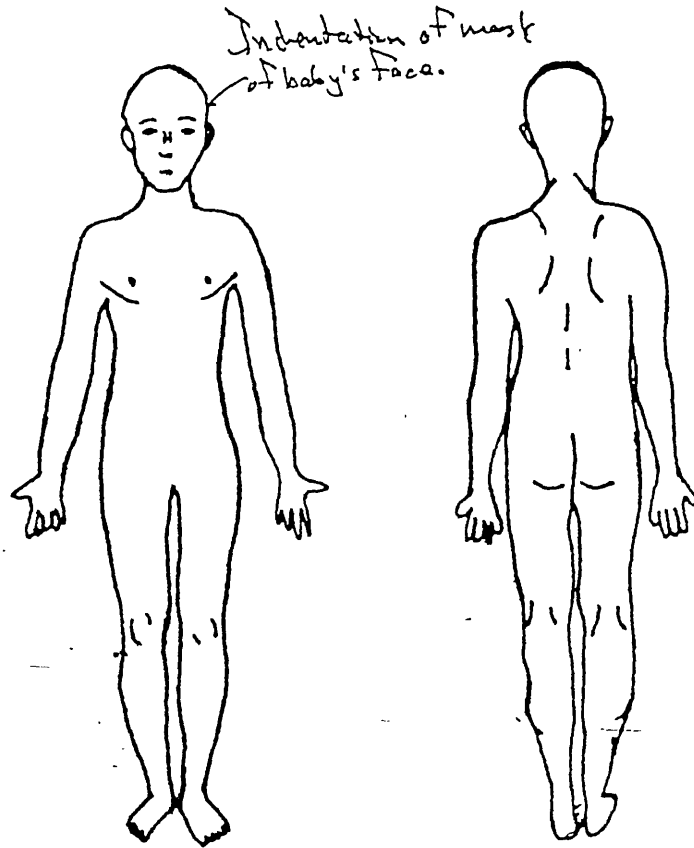
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Probable Manner of Death:

Name of Person Authorized to Move the Body:

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Description of Injuries (Fatal and Non-Fatal)



Other Pertinent Facts

The P. Face of the baby doll came from a knitted baby doll (hame made). It was in the crib with the baby. - Looked like a mask.

The was dark aspirated material found in the face of doll.

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10 PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DOLL INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT.

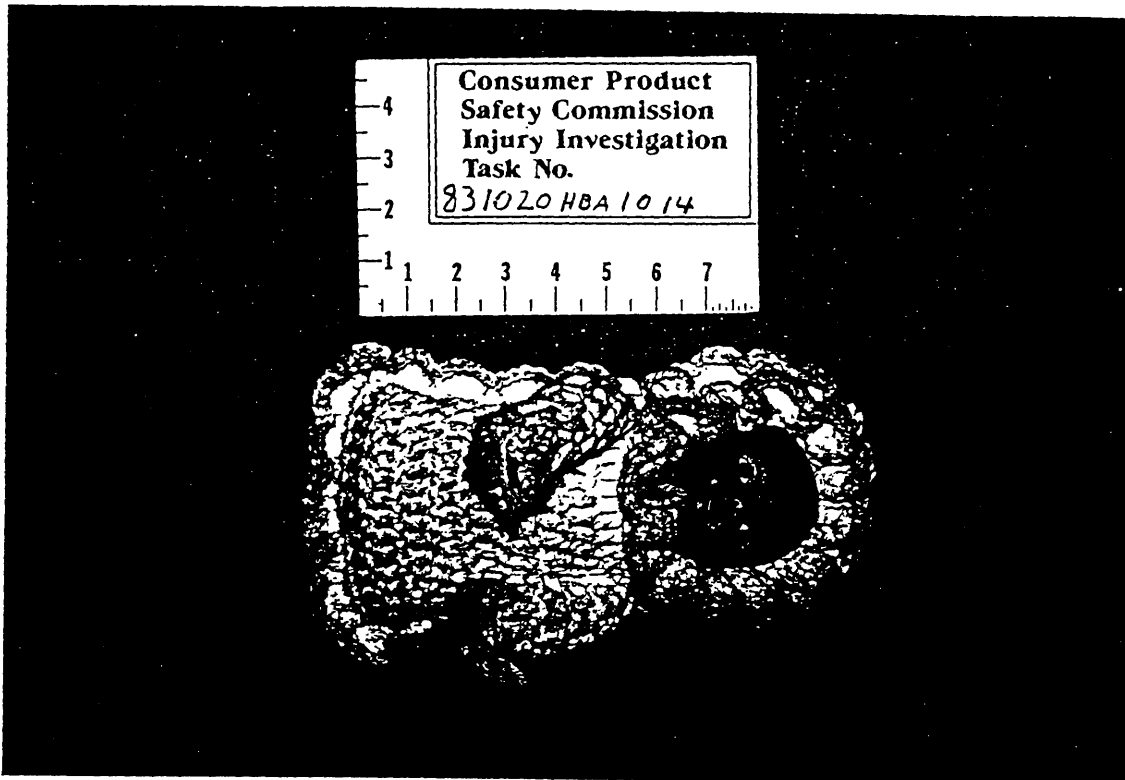


PHOTO #1: Overall front view of the doll.

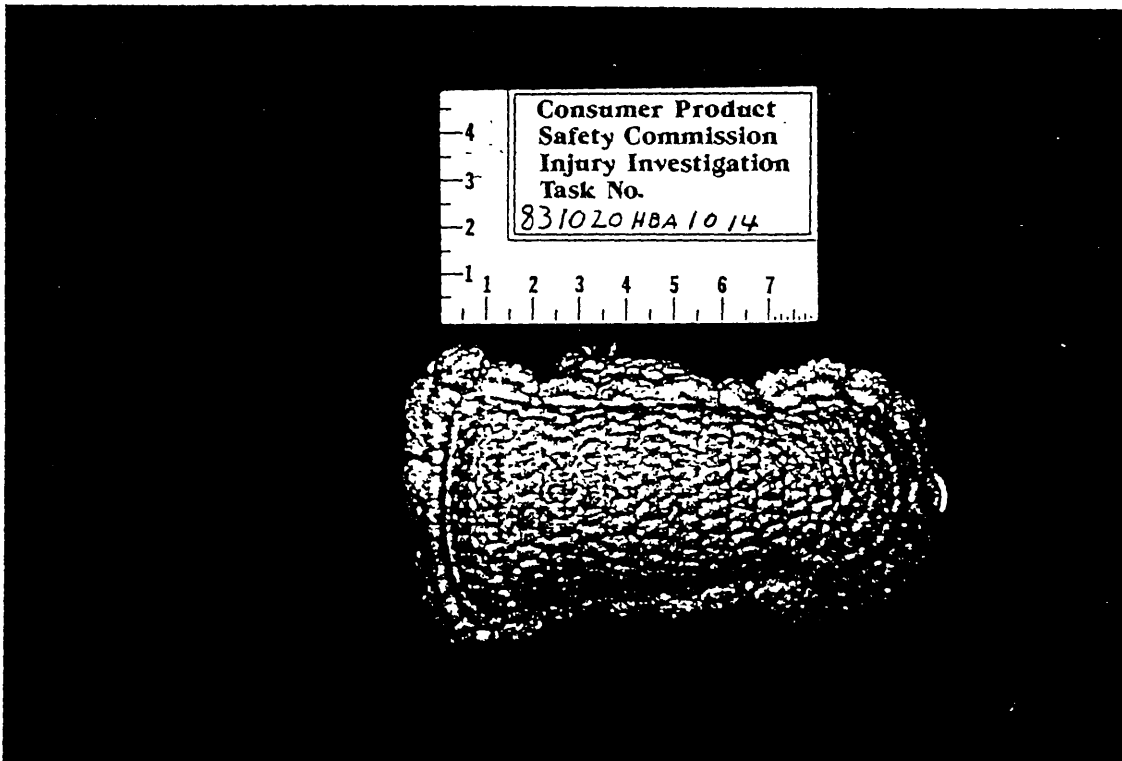


PHOTO #2: Rear view of the doll.

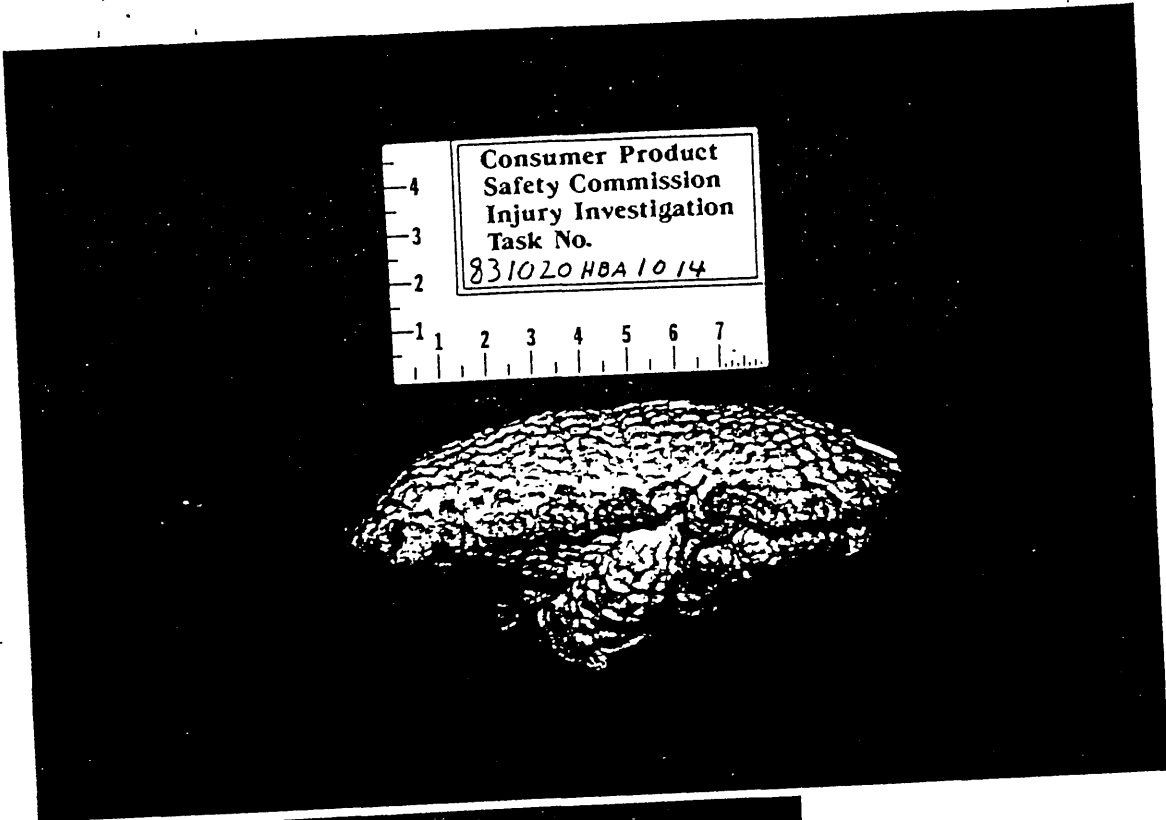


PHOTO #3: Side view of the doll.



PHOTO #4: Close-up front view of the doll.

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PHOTO #5: Front view with the face removed.

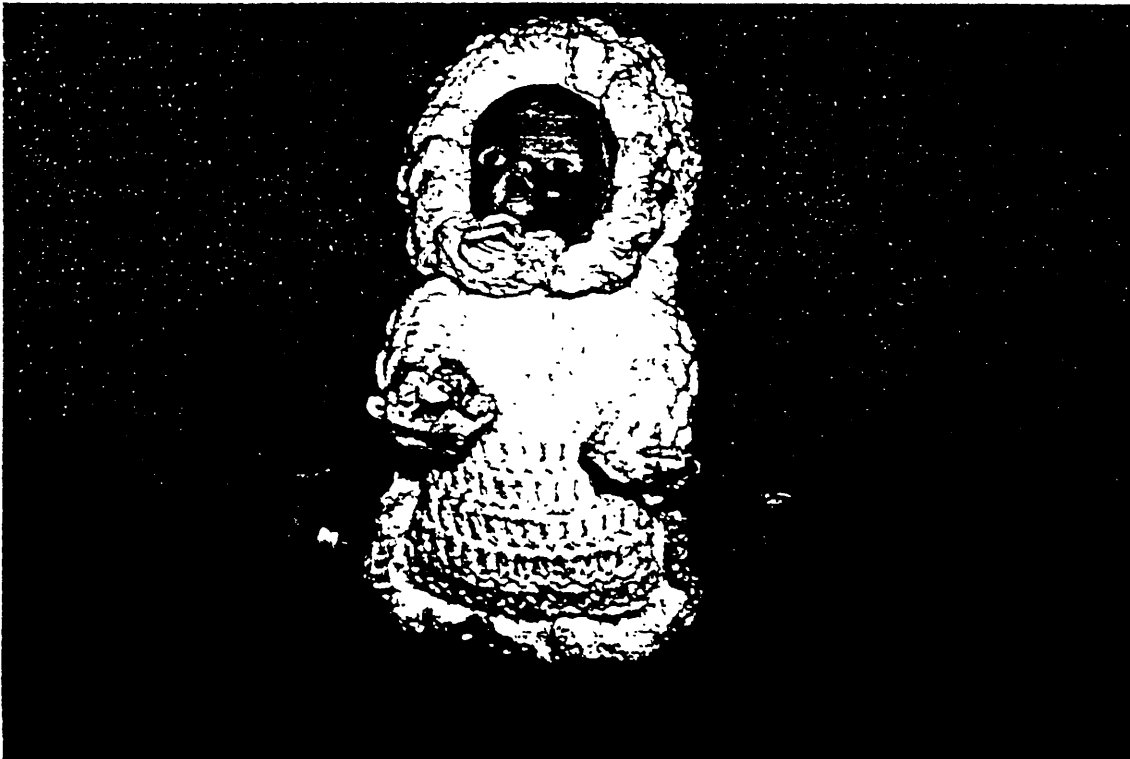


PHOTO #6: View with the hands removed.

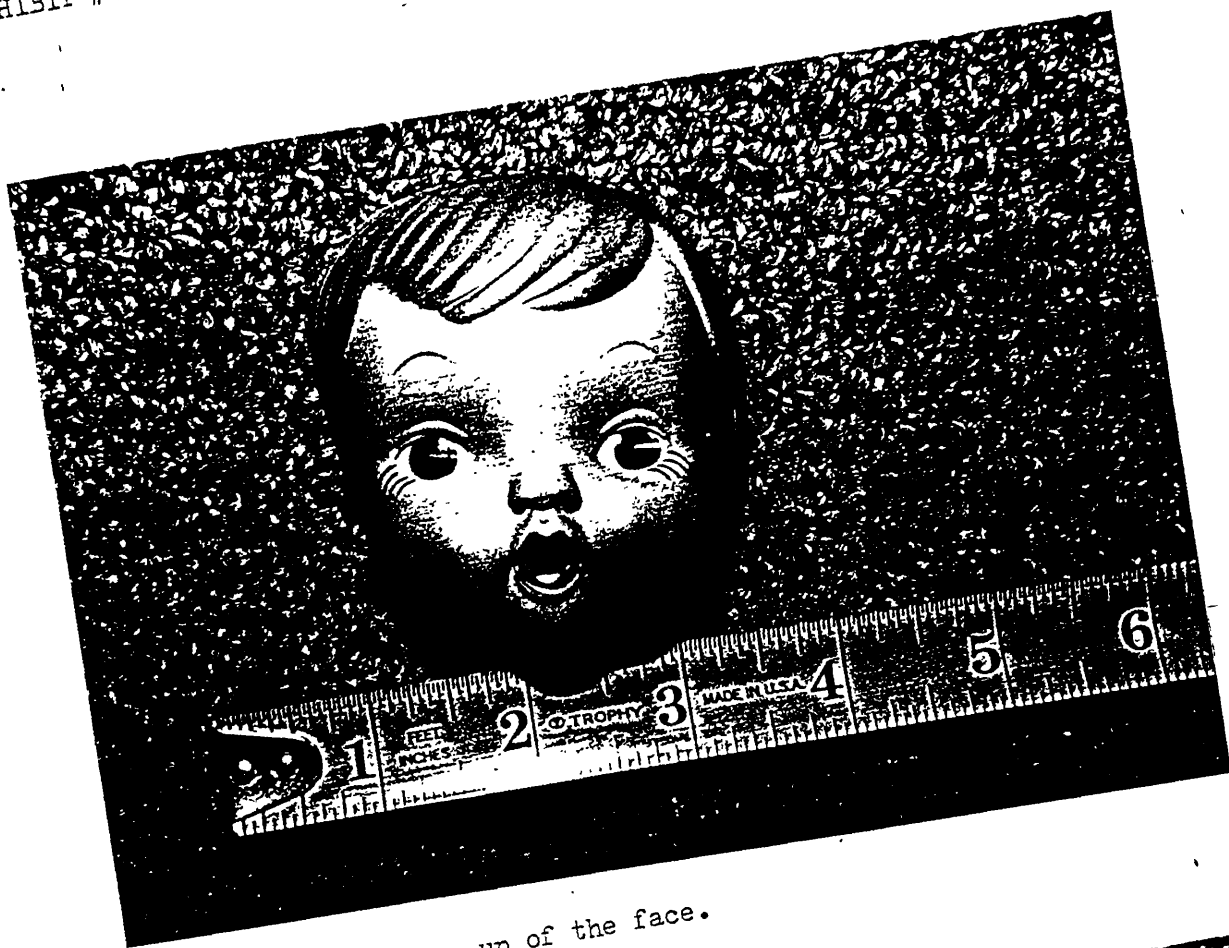


PHOTO #7: Close-up of the face.

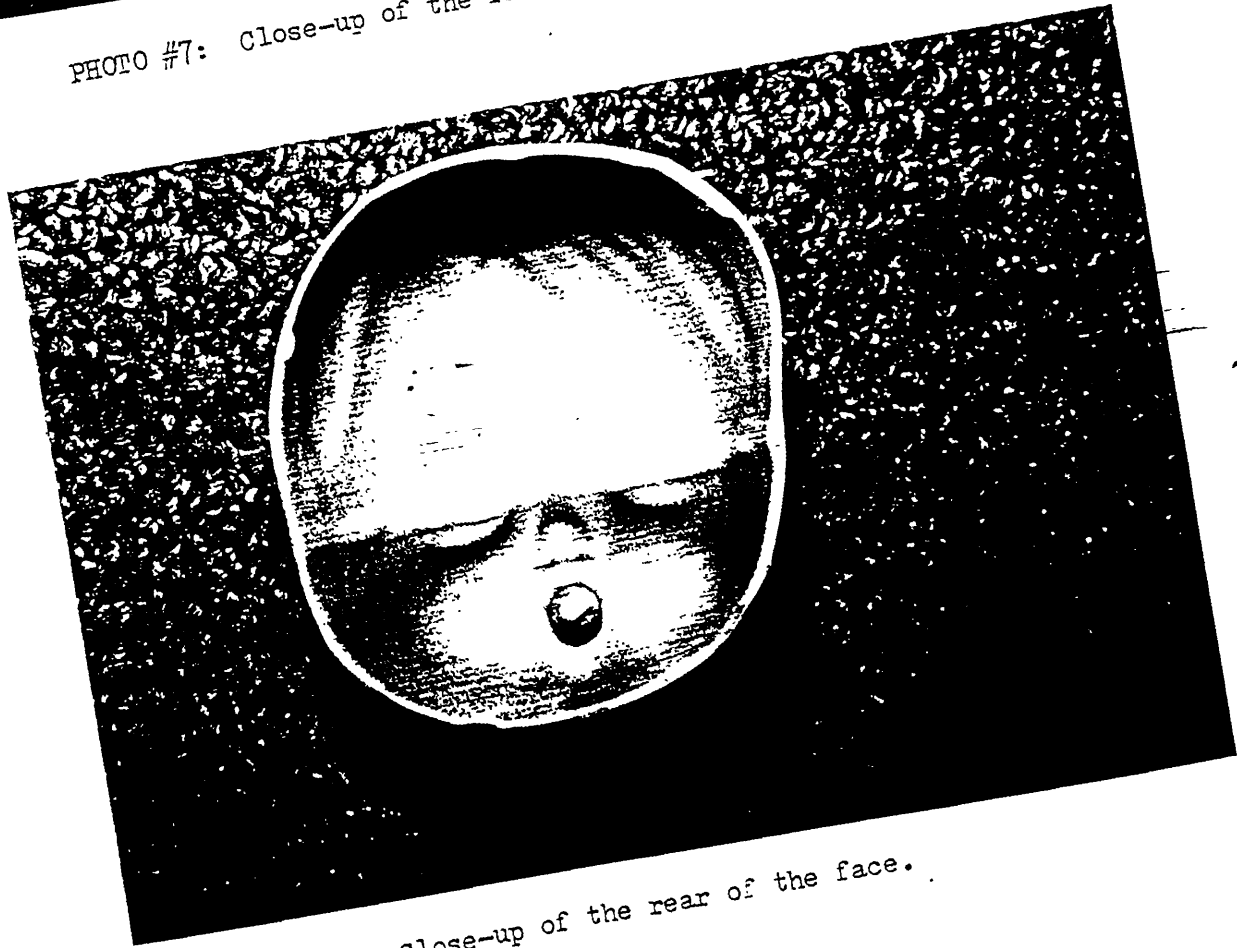


PHOTO #8: Close-up of the rear of the face.

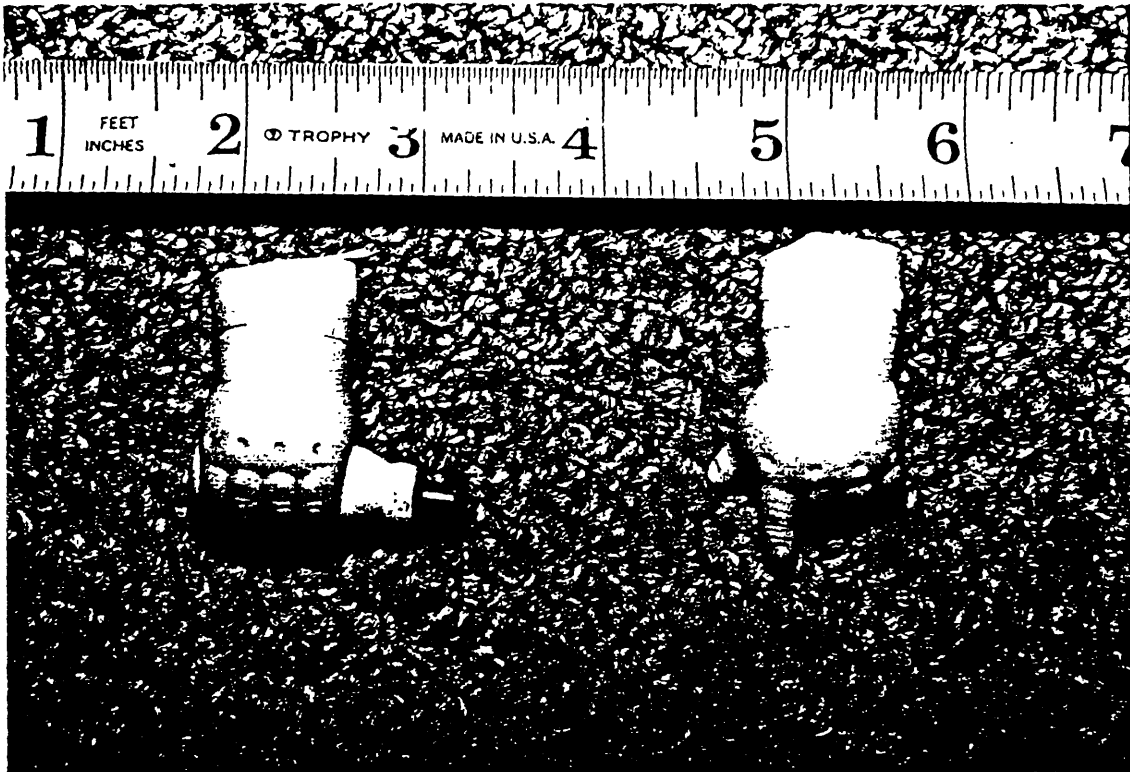


PHOTO #9: Close-up of the hands.



PHOTO #10: Close-up of the "KOREA" label on the face.

## Meet the Designer

is a master of a wide range of crafts. She has worked with them in a variety of professional capacities over many years, and got her nickname during the years she owned and operated a craft store and mail order company.

currently a free-lance designer, designs for craft manufacturers, and authors project books. (This is her 18th book.)



## Special Thanks

I have several people that I would like to thank for helping me with this book. has been crocheting most of her life. She owns a craft shop.

She makes up her own patterns and loves to share them. One of the patterns she shared with me is the Pilgrim John pattern plus the other dolls (Clown, Bunny, Santa) that can be made, using this pattern. I would also like to thank who works in

likes to crochet and like does lots of other craft

is a "putterer" like me. She helped me test the directions and used some good ideas of her own. All of us hope we have come up with enough good ideas to help you fill your gift list and raise money for your favorite charity.

Happy Puttering

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## General Directions

Everyone crochets a little differently. In a few of the instructions I have mentioned two sizes of hooks. If you crochet tightly, your finished item will be smaller than if you crochet loosely. You can adjust the size by changing the size of your hook. After you have made one item, you can judge the size hook you should use.

Knitting worsted yarn, 4-ply, was used in the projects throughout this book. There are so many colors and styles of 4-ply yarn available that I don't want you to feel limited to using what I have used. Please feel free to pick your own style and colors.

### Heads, Hands, Feet

If any of the crochet dolls that you make are to be played with by youngsters, it is better to sew the hands, feet, and head in place. Simply poke 3 or 4 holes into the bases of the plastic parts then sew them to the body, going in and out of the holes. If these parts don't fit tightly, sew a gathering stitch around the body opening and tie tightly after you have inserted the plastic parts. You can glue the body parts in place if they are not going to be played with. Sew or glue hats to the dolls heads in the same way.

There are so many heads and masks to choose from. However the types available differ throughout the country. I always try to stress

substitution if you can't find the same style as I have used. Any of the masks that have a drawstring ruffle around their heads can be changed. Simply draw up the ruffle tighter if the head is smaller, or looser if the head is larger. The bottle doll that I used comes with the head and a pair of hands holding a bottle. Another set has the head and thumb sucker hands. If neither of these are available to you, pick a head with a baby face and use a small pair of hands.

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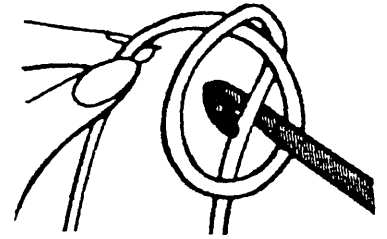
## CROCHET STITCHES

### Misc. Abbreviations

st = stitch  
 rnd = round  
 inc = increase

### Slip Stitch (sl st)

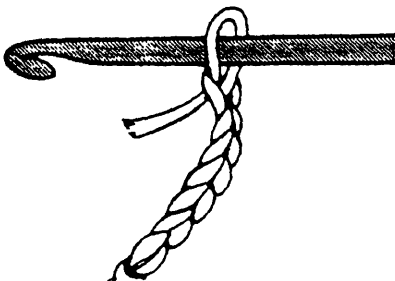
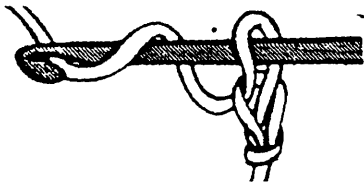
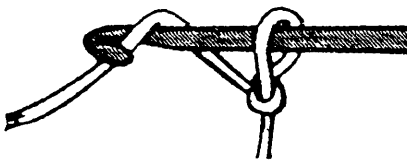
One of the main uses of the slip stitch is to form a chain into a ring. Insert hook into a stitch, place the yarn over the hook and draw the yarn through both the stitch and the loop on your hook.



### Chain Stitch (ch)

There is already a loop on your hook, either from a slip knot or from previous crochet.

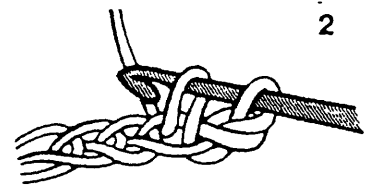
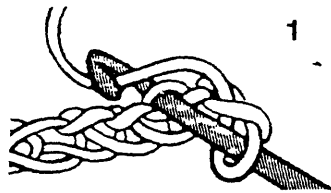
Pass the hook under the yarn, letting the yarn lie across the top of hook. Catch the yarn with the hook and draw it through the loop on hook. The previous loop on hook slips off in this process and another one is formed on the hook. The next chain stitch is pulled through the new loop. Repeat this process for the number of chain stitches indicated in directions.



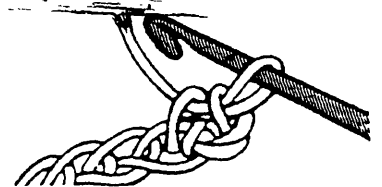
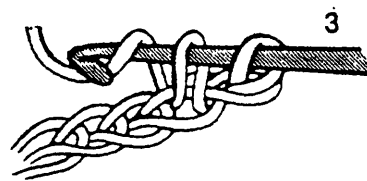
### Single Crochet (sc)

1. Insert hook under the 2 loops in second chain or stitch from hook.
2. Place the yarn over the hook, catch the yarn with hook and draw it through the chain stitch, putting 2 loops on hook.
3. Place the yarn over hook again, catch it and draw it through both loops. This completes one single crochet.

For additional stitches, repeat above process, going into next st. At end of row, chain 1 and turn. Then work back in the other direction, starting this row by inserting hook through the stitch second from end in previous row. On further rows, work the last sc of the row in the "turning chain 1" of previous row, then chain 1, turn, etc.



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Ch 4, then sl st through base of chain.

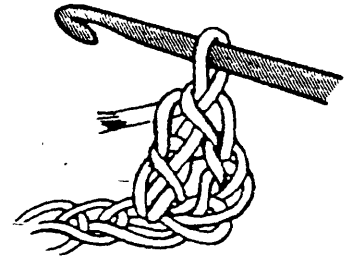
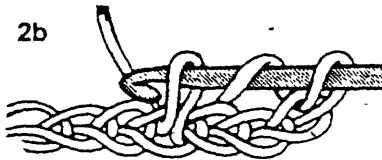
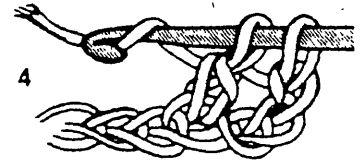
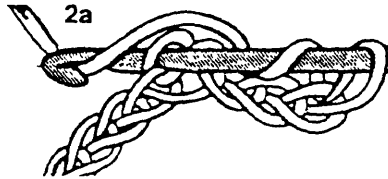
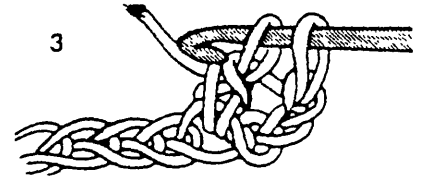
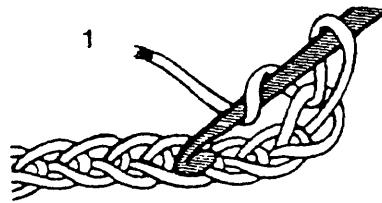


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## Double Crochet (dc)

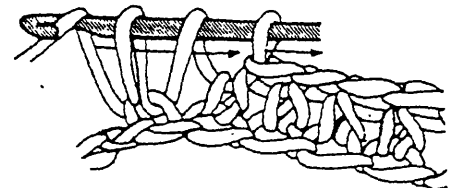
1. Place the yarn over your hook and insert hook into the fourth chain (or stitch) from the hook.
2. Place the yarn over your hook a second time, catch it with hook and draw it through the stitch through which hook was inserted, putting 3 loops on the hook.
3. Place the yarn over your hook again and draw it through the first 2 loops on hook, leaving 2 loops on the hook.
4. Place the yarn over your hook once more and draw it through the 2 loops on hook. This completes one double crochet.



## Half Double Crochet (hdc)

You will eliminate one step of the double crochet to make this stitch. Chain an even number of stitches. Place yarn over hook. Insert the hook into the 3rd chain from hook and draw a loop

through. You will have three loops on the hook. Hook the yarn and draw it through all 3 loops on hook. This completes one half double crochet.



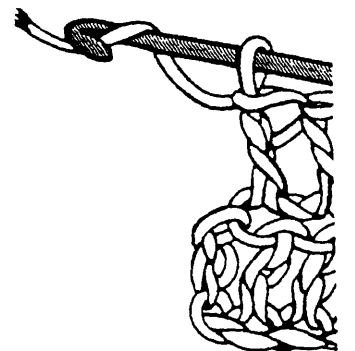
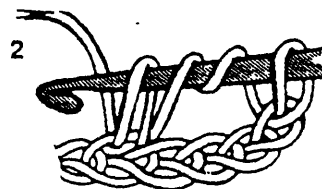
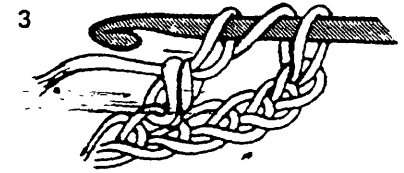
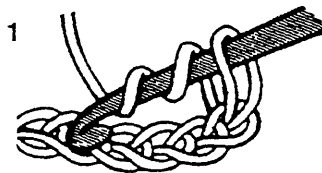
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## Triple (or Treble) Crochet (trc)

1. Place the yarn over your hook twice, then insert hook into the fifth chain or stitch.
2. Place the yarn over the hook a second time and draw the yarn through one loop. There are now 3 loops on your hook.
3. Place the yarn over hook and draw it through 2 of the 3 loops on hook, leaving 2 loops on the hook.
4. Place the yarn over the hook and draw it through both loops on the hook. This completes one triple crochet.



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## Bottle Holder or Pincushion

If you sew a plastic ring on the top of this doll it can be hung on the wall for a pin cushion, or kept in the crib for a bottle prop. It is made in 2 separate pieces — back and front. The face ruffle is crocheted to the front piece. Both pieces are joined together with a shell stitch.

### Materials

4-ply "main color" knitting yarn (white shown)  
4-ply "contrasting color" knitting yarn (blue shown)  
3" vinyl thumb sucker or baby bottle doll mask  
1 pr. 1½" baby hands (one with bottle)  
3/8"-wide baby blue picoted satin ribbon  
Polyfil  
Size H crochet hook

### Front Piece

With main color (white) ch 5, join, ch 3, ring is made.

Row 1: 11 dc in the ring, join, ch 3.

Row 2: 1 dc in 1st space, 2 dc in each space (24 dc), ch 3.

Row 3: 2 dc in 1st space, \*1 dc in next space, 2 dc in next space; repeat from \* around; ch 3.

Row 4: 1 dc in the next 2 spaces, \*2 dc in next space, 1 dc in next 3 spaces; repeat from \* around; ch 3.

Row 5: 1 dc in the next 15 spaces, ch 3, turn.

Rows 6-14: Repeat row 5. Tie off (Fig. 1).

Make another piece for the back.

### Front Section (Ruffle)

Row 1: On top of the 3rd row of the circle at bottom of face area, pick up the front st of the dc of the 3rd row by inserting your hook under the dc

of the 4th row. Sc in this stitch. Repeat all around. Join. Ch 3.

Row 2: 2 dc in next space, 3 dc in each space all around to form the ruffle. Join. Fasten off.

Row 3: With contrasting color (blue) ch 1, sc in each space around, join. Fasten off.

### Joining Pieces

Lay the body pieces together. Starting at the bottom right corner (Fig. 2), join them together with a shell stitch (5 dc in each shell). Stop at the bottom left corner. Lightly stuff the body with polyfil. Continue across the bottom with the shell stitch. Fasten off. With contrasting color, ch 1, sc in each space around, join. Fasten off.

### Arms

With main color ch 10, join, ch 3.

Row 1: Dc in each space around, join, ch 3.

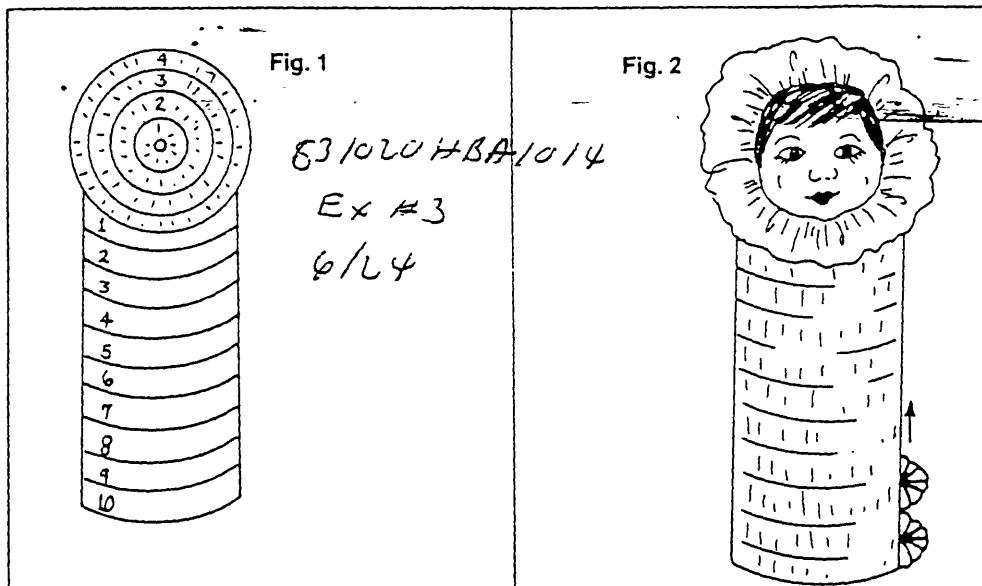
Rows 2-5: Repeat row 1, ending where you join.

Row 6: (Ruffle) With contrasting color (blue) ch 3, 2 dc in next space, 3 dc in each space, join. Fasten off.

Run yarn through the bottom of the ruffle. Insert the hand. Tie yarn tightly around the hand. Lightly stuff with polyfil. Sew to the body. Repeat for the other arm. Tack the ruffles to the front of the body.

### Finishing

1. Run yarn through the 1st row of the face ruffle. Insert mask. Tie yarn tightly around the mask.
2. Run satin ribbon in and out from center-front under the chin through row 4 of the back, bringing it around over the ruffle. Tie in a bow under chin.



## Tissue Box Holder

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### Materials

3½ oz. 4-ply "main color" knitting yarn (baby blue shown)

"Contrasting color" knitting yarn (white shown) for trim

Size F hook

4" vinyl doll mask

Lg. (1¾") baby hands

2, 1¼" white pom-poms

1½ yds. ¼"-wide white satin ribbon

Polyfil

Starting at back of bonnet with main color (blue) ch 6 and sl st to join, forming ring; ch 3 and turn.

Rnd 1: (Ch 3 acts as first dc); dc 13 in ring, then sl st to join (14 dc made); ch 3 and turn.

Rnd 2: 1 dc in back loop in same loop as join; 2 dc in back loop of top of each dc in rnd 1 (28 dc), ch 3 and turn.

Rnd 3: Working in back loop of top of each dc, dc in next dc, \*2 dc in next dc, 1 dc in next 2 dc\*; repeat between \* around, ending rnd with sl st to join, ch 3 (38 dc).

Rnd 4: Repeat between \* in rnd 3 (52 dc). End each row with sl st and ch 3 and turn.

Rnd 5: Repeat rnd 4 (69 dc).

Rnd 6: Repeat rnd 5, ending with 92 dc. Cut yarn with 3" allowance, pull through last stitch and end off by weaving several stitches at back of work. This completes the base for the head and cap.

### Body of Baby

Rows 1-13: Continue from where you ended at the back of the bonnet. Attach yarn. Ch 3, \*dc in back loops of previous row, making 29 dc. (First ch 3 counts as 1 dc.) You have a total of 30 dc. Ch 3 and turn at end of row. Repeat from \* for 12 more rows.

Row 14: For tissue opening dc in back loops of the next 6 dc, ch 3 and join with sl st in top of eighth dc of row 13 (equal to 8 dc); sl st in top of next 15 dc of previous row; ch 3, 7 dc to end of row; ch 3 and turn.

Row 15: 7 dc in back loop of next 7 dc of previous row; ch 14 (be sure to keep chain straight), dc in top of ch 3 of previous row and dc in next 7 dc to end of row; ch 3 and turn.

Row 16: Dc in top of 7 dc of previous row; dc in back loop of each of ch 14 and in next 8 dc to end of row (30 dc); ch 3 and turn.

Rows 17 & 18: 29 dc in back loops of dc of previous row (30 dc in each row, counting ch 3 as 1 dc). There are 3 rows above opening. Fasten off.

### Arms

Ch 13 and join to make circle, making sure ch is straight, ch 3 for first dc, then using back loop of ch, make 13 dc in chain and join with sl st. Ch 3 and

\*make 13 dc in back loops of previous row, joining with sl st (14 dc, counting ch 3 as first dc), ch 3 and turn. Repeat from \* 7 more times for a total of 9 rows. Fasten off.

With contrasting color ch 3, 1 dc in each dc of previous row, making pc every fifth dc, ending with sl st. Fasten off. This forms a cuff. Make two arms. Stuff with polyfil and attach arms to back of body by sewing at 2nd and 3rd rows about 2 dc in from pc edging. Bring arms forward, catch st them to front of body so that the arms lay across front of body. (Refer to photo.) Weave a 12" piece of ¼" wide satin ribbon through the cuff, going through every other dc of the cuff. Place end of hands under ribbon, pull tight, and tie with a bow to hold hands in place.

### Finishing

Cut two pieces of ¼" wide satin ribbon, each 12" long. Attach a piece of ribbon to each side of top row of pocket in the first and the 30th dc in row, just behind the top row of the pocket. Weave ribbons through every other dc of top row so that the two ends meet at the center. Place a travel-size box of tissues in pocket (size of box is 6⅝" x 4½" x 1⅜"). Pull ribbons tight at top of tissue box and tie with a bow at center.

### Contrasting Border Trim

Attach contrasting yarn (white) to the 1st dc of row 18. Ch 1, sc in 4 sts, picot (pc) at top of 4th st, making 5 sc. Continue across row. Hold the last loop on your hook. To form the pocket, fold work forward to the top of row 3 of the beginning of the body. Sl st through the top of 1st dc. Always catching one st from each side, continue with 5 sc and 1 pc around the whole piece, going down the side, across the bottom, up the other side, and around the bonnet, and down to the beginning. Sl st into beginning of the round and fasten off.

### Ruffle Around Face

Attach main color yarn in top of ch 3 of fourth rnd of the back of the bonnet. Dc in front loop of each dc in fourth row; join with sl st, ch 3, turn. Dc in each dc from previous row, at end sl st, ch 1. 1 sc in each dc around, join by sl st. Fasten off. (To make a shell: 2 dc, 1 trc, 2 dc in st.) Using contrasting color, ch 3, 1 dc, 1 trc, 2 dc in next st, \*skip 1 sc, sc in next sc, skip 1 sc, make a shell in next sc; repeat from \* around. Fasten off.

Make a chain of 100 ch for the tie. On the inside of the bonnet, pick up each sc and weave the chain through each one. The chain will be in front of each shell and behind each sc.

Place face in opening, draw chain tight and tie with a bow to hold the face in place. Attach pom-pom to each end of chain as trimming.

## Carry-All

### Materials

3 skeins variegated knitting worsted (pastel colors shown)

White knitting worsted for trim

Size G hook

3" or 3½" vinyl baby doll mask

2, ¾" white pom-poms

9" sq. pc. cardboard

9"x18" pc. contrasting color felt

### Bottom of Bag

Rnd 1: ch 3, sl st to join, 8 sc in ring, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc, sl st in 1st sc. Always end each rnd with a sl st in 1st sc

Rnd 3: 2 sc in each sc.

Rnd 4: Sc in each sc.

Rnd 5: Sc in 1st sc, 2 sc in next sc, repeat around.

Rnd 6: Sc in each sc.

Rnd 7: Inc in every 6th st.

Rnd 8: Sc in each sc.

Rnd 9: Inc in every 7th st.

Rnd 10: Inc in every 4th st.

Rnd 11: Sc in each sc.

Rnd 12: Inc in every 10th st.

Rnd 13: Inc in every 11th st.

Rnd 14: Sc in each sc.

Rnd 15: Inc. in every 12th st.

Rnd 16: Sc in each sc.

Rnd 17: Inc in every 13th st.

Rnd 18: Sc in each sc. Fasten off.

### Side of Bag

With right side down, attach yarn in back loop of a sc st. Ch 3, dc in back of each loop around, sl st in ch 3, ch 3 and dc in each dc. Continue each row until piece measures about 14" long; then ch 4, 1 dc in first dc, \*ch 1, skip 1 dc, 1 dc in next 2 dc; repeat from \* all around. This is where you will lace the drawstrings.

Work 2 more rows with a dc in every dc, join.

Last row: Ch 1, sc in next 3 dc, \*skip 2 dc, 5 dc in next dc, skip 2 dc, sc in next 4 dc; repeat from \* around. Fasten off.

### Drawstrings

Make 2 chains of 130 stitches for the drawstrings. Starting at the left of the bag, weave one drawstring through the row you made for this. Starting at the right side of the bag, weave the 2nd drawstring through the same row. Tie the 2 left strings together. Tie the 2 right strings together. Make pom-pom and attach to each string.

### Shaping Bottom

Cut a round piece of cardboard to fit in bottom of bag. Cover both sides with contrasting-color felt. Tuck into the bottom of the bag.

### Baby Bonnet

Starting at back of bonnet with main color (variegated), ch 6 and sl st to join, forming ring, ch 3 and turn.

Rnd 1: (Ch 3 acts as 1st dc.) Dc 13 in ring, sl st to join (14 dc made); ch 3 and turn.

Rnd 2: 1 dc in back loop in same loop as join; 2 dc in back loop of top of each dc in rnd 1 (28 dc), ch 3 and turn.

Rnd 3: Working in back loop of top of each dc, dc in next dc, \*2 dc in next dc, 1 dc in next 2 dc; repeat from \* around, ending rnd with sl st to join, ch 3 (38 dc).

Rnd 4: Repeat \* in rnd 3 (52 dc). End each row with sl st and ch 3 and turn.

Rnd 5: Repeat rnd 4 (69 dc).

Rnd 6: Repeat rnd 5, ending with 92 dc. Fasten off.

### Trim

With white, attach in top of a dc, ch 4 and sl st in base of ch to form a picot st, 4 sc in each of next 4 dc, picot st, repeat around and sl st to join. Fasten off.

### Ruffle Around Face

Attach yarn in top of ch 3 of 4th rnd of the back of the bonnet. Dc in front loop of each dc in 4th row; join with sl st, ch 3 and turn. Dc in each dc of previous row, sl st to join. Fasten off.

### Ruffle Trim

With white, attach and ch 3, (1 dc, 1 trc, 2 dc) in next st, \*skip 1 st, sc in next st, skip 1 st, (2 dc, 1 trc, 2 dc — shell made) in next st; repeat from \* around. Fasten off.

Make a ch of 100. Weave through shell sts and sc sts. Place face in opening, draw ch tight and tie in bow. Attach white pom-poms to end of ch. Center bonnet on bag and sew to bag.

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## Pillow

Pictured on Page 9

### Materials

4-ply "main color" knitting worsted (mint green shown)  
4-ply white knitting worsted for contrasting trim  
2 3/4"-3" Bottle Baby doll mask  
Baby hands — size and type to go with mask  
14" round pillow form  
Size H crochet hook

### Pillow Back

Row 1: Ch 3, join to form a ring, ch 3, 12 dc in ring, join, ch 3.

Row 2: 2 dc in each dc, join, ch 3.

Row 3: 1 dc in next dc, \*2 dc in next dc, 1 dc in each of next 2 dc; repeat from \* around. Join and ch 3 at the end of each row.

Repeat from \* for 6 more rows (9 rows total). Repeat for the front.

### White Trim for Pillow Front and Bonnet

Row 1: Attach white yarn to the top of a dc st of the 6th row. Ch 3, dc in same space, \*ch 3, skip 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from \* around. Join.

Row 2: Sc in between the 2 dc, \*(1 sc, 3 dc, 1 sc) in ch 3 space, sc in between dc; repeat from \* around. Fasten off.

For Bonnet: Attach yarn to top of a dc st of the 3rd row. Repeat Rows 1 and 2 of trim.

### Arms

Make 2 arms, following arm directions for [redacted]. Set aside.

### Assembly

1. Make a chain with 125 sts. Lace through the trim around the 3rd row. Insert doll head. Tie tightly. Make 2 pom-poms and attach to each end.
2. Sew arms at shoulder position (see photo).
3. Sew or single crochet the 2 pillow pieces together, enclosing the pillow form.
4. Repeat the 1st and 2nd rows of trim all around the outside edge.

## General Directions—continued from Pg. 2

### Stuffing

Use dacron or polyfil for stuffing. Use the opposite end of the crochet hook to poke the stuffing into the doll. Insert little bits at a time until the form is firm, but still soft.

### Sewing Seams & Fastening Off


Use a blunt end needle to finish up seams. To "fasten off" leave a piece of yarn at least 3" long. Pretend you are going to make a single crochet at the end. Draw the yarn

straight thru and pull it tightly. If this is the end, pull at least 2" in and out of your work with your hook to hide the yarn and secure your work. This is so important! I have seen many crocheted table cloths and afghans that have started to come apart because the "tail" that was woven thru was not long enough. If you are at a seam that needs to be sewn, thread the 3" (or longer) piece onto the needle. Whipstitch the seam. Then run at least 2" in and out of your work.

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The pilgrim is the basic pattern for the girl bunny, the clown, and Santa. Once you have made him you will be able to make the others in this book and then go on to create your own. Each one is firmly stuffed with polyfil. Heads and masks are available in most craft departments and stores. If the ones shown here are not available, these projects would look equally nice with a substitute. Pick your own colors, too, if desired.

### Materials

4-ply grey knitting worsted  
4-ply white knitting worsted  
1 black hat  
1 pr. boots (2½" Santa boots)  
½" x 10½" (minimum) pc. black felt for belt and bow tie  
1 pr. 1¾" hands  
3" grandpa head  
F or G hook  
Polyfil

**Body** (starting at the neck and working downward with grey). NOTE: Count carefully as you work so as not to pick up any extra stitches.

Ch 15, join; ch 2.

Row 1: 1 hdc in each st, join, ch 2 (15 hdc).

Row 2: 1 hdc in first hdc, 2 hdc in each hdc, sl st into top of ch 2 (do this at the end of each row). (30 hdc) Ch 2.

Row 3: 1 hdc in each hdc, join, ch 2. (30 hdc).

Row 4: Repeat Row 2, join (60 hdc). Ch 2.

Row 5: 1 hdc in first 20 hdc, skip 15 hdc, in next 10 hdc, skip 15 hdc, join. Ch 2. Openings are for the arms. You will pick these stitches up later.

Rows 6-9: 1 hdc in each hdc, join.

Row 10: 1 hdc in each hdc, but picking up the back loop only. You will pick up these loops later to make the bottom of his coat. The row endings will form a line diagonally down the back.

Rows 11-13: 1 hdc in each hdc, join, ch 2 (there are 30 hdc).

Row 14: 1 hdc in 15 hdc, join to the top of the ch 2; this is for the leg. When you hold the body piece with the front facing you, the armholes will be facing left and right. The 15 hdc that you just completed should circle from center-front to center-back; if not, sl st to center.

Rows 15-23: 1 hdc in each hdc, join and ch 2 after each row. Fasten off. One leg is completed. Attach yarn to the remaining 15 stitches. Crochet as for leg just finished to work other leg.

### Arm

Row 1: Attach yarn to armhole. Ch 2, 15 hdc in each hdc, join, ch 2.

Rows 2-8: Repeat Row 1.  
Repeat for the other arm.

### Cuff

Row 1: Attach alternating color (white). Ch 2. Work 1 hdc in every other hdc, join, ch 2.

Row 2: 2 hdc in each hdc, join, ch 2.

Row 3: 1 hdc in each hdc, join, ch 2.

Row 4: Sc in each hdc, sl st to join. Fasten off. Turn cuff up. Glue hands in each arm.

### Collar

Row 1: Starting at center neck front, attach alternating color (white). Ch 2, 2 hdc in each stitch, ch 2, turn.

Rows 2 & 3: 1 hdc in each hdc, ch 2 and turn after each row.

Row 4: 1 sc in each hdc. Fasten off.

### Coat Bottom

Row 1: Attach main color (grey) to a center-front loop of row 10. Ch 2, 1 hdc in each loop, increasing by putting 2 hdc in every 5th loop, ch 2, turn.

Rows 2 & 3: 1 hdc in each hdc. Fasten off.

### Finishing

1. Cut a ½" wide piece of black felt for a belt and glue around waist (after stuffing).
2. Firmly stuff the arms, legs and body with cotton or polyfil.
3. Glue the head into the neck opening. Glue a black hat to his head. Glue black boots on his legs.
4. Cut two 1" long x ¼" wide pieces of black felt and glue to his collar front for a bow tie.

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## Mrs. Claus

### Materials

Red 4-ply knitting worsted  
White 4-ply knitting worsted  
Size F or 5 aluminum hook  
4" dimpled doll mask  
1 white button  
2, 1" green or white pom-poms (green shown)  
Optional: #2 green velvet ribbon and holly sprig

### Hat

Row 1: With red, ch 6, sl st to form ring. Ch 1, 12 sc in ring, join. Ch 3, turn.  
Row 2: 1 dc in same st, 2 dc in each sc around, sl st in top of ch 3 (24 dc); ch 3, turn.  
Row 3: 1 dc in same st, 1 dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, 2 dc in each dc to last dc; 1 dc in last dc, sl st in top of ch 3 (48 dc); ch 3, turn.  
Row 4: Skip next dc, 1 dc in next dc, \*ch 1, skip next dc, 1 dc in next dc; repeat from \* around, ch 1, join. Fasten off.  
Row 5: Using white, sl st to any ch 1 space, ch 4, 1 dc in same space, \*ch 1, 2 dc in next ch 1 space; repeat from \* around, ch 1, sl st in 3rd ch of ch 4.  
Row 6: Sl st to ch 1 space, ch 3, (1 dc, 1 trc, 2 dc) in same ch 1 space (shell made), sc in next ch 1 space, \* (2 dc, 1 trc, 2 dc) in next ch 1 space, 1 sc in next ch 1 space; repeat from \* around (12 shells total). Fasten off in top st of beginning ch 3. Work ends in.

### Inside of Hat

Row 1: Join red in ch 1 space of 4th round, ch 4, skip 1 st, 1 dc in next st, \*skip 1 st, 1 dc in next st; repeat from \* around, ch 1, sl st in 3rd ch of ch 4. Fasten off.  
Row 2: Join white in top of ch 3, ch 1, 1 sc in next ch 1 space, (2 dc, 1 trc, 2 dc) in next ch 1 space, repeat around, join. Fasten off.

### Drawstring

With white, ch 110 for drawstring. Lace through in front of sc and in back of the shell. Attach a 1" pom-pom on ends, tie. (Optional: Use a #2 green ribbon instead of chain. Tie it in a bow after attaching 2 green pom-poms to ends of ribbon.) Insert mask. Tie drawstring tightly under her chin. Sew a button under the bow.

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### Pot Holders (Make Two)

Row 1: With red, ch 11, 1 dc in 4th ch, 1 dc in next 3 ch's, ch 1, skip 1 ch, 1 dc in each of next 4 ch's, ch 3, turn.  
Row 2: 1 dc in next 3 dc, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in next ch 1 space, 1 dc in next 3 dc, 1 dc in top of turning ch, ch 3, turn.  
Rows 3-7: Same as last row. Each row will have 2 additional sts. Row 7 will have 20 sts.  
Row 8: Join white in top of last dc. Ch 3, 1 dc in next 9 dc, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch 1 space, 1 dc in next 8 dc. 1 dc in top of ch 3, ch 3, turn.  
Row 9: Repeat last row.  
Row 10: Join red, ch 3, 1 dc to ch 1 space, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch 1 space, 1 dc in next 10 dc, 1 dc in top of ch 3, ch 3 and turn.  
Row 11: 1 dc in next 11 dc, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch 1 space, 1 dc in next 11 dc, 1 dc in top of ch 3, ch 3 and turn.  
Rows 12 & 13: Join white and repeat row 10 with 2 dc added to each row, ending with 1 dc in top of ch 3.

### Edging

Start the border along the side. Attach white in top of last dc. Working along side, ch 1, 3 sc in top space, 1 sc in bottom of dc made. 1 sc in next space, (1 sc in bottom of next dc, 1 sc in dc space, 1 sc in top of dc space). Repeat across to last space at top, 3 sc in last space. Work across top of pot holder, 1 sc in each dc to next corner, 3 sc in corner space. Do this same as other side. 1 sc in each dc across bottom, sl st in 1st sc.

Sl st in next 2 sc, ch 1, (1 dc, 2 trc, 1 dc) in next st, 1 sc in next sc, (1 dc, 2 trc, 1 dc) between next 2 sc, \*skip 1 sc, sc in next sc, skip 1 sc, (1 dc, 2 trc, 1 dc) in next sc. Repeat from \* to end of side. Repeat across top to corner, complete corner as last corner, work side same as last side to bottom of holder (do not-skip ch's at corner), work bottom same as sides, sl st at bottom of ch 3. Fasten off.

### Finishing

Attach pot holders by buttoning onto button. If desired, tie sprig of holly onto front pot holder with a piece of #2 green ribbon.



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## Mr. Claus

### Materials

Red 4-ply knitting worsted  
White 4-ply knitting worsted  
Size F hook  
3 1/4" Santa mask  
1 white button  
1, 1 1/4" white pom-pom  
2, 1" green or white pom-poms (green shown)

### Hat

With red, ch 6, join, ch 3.  
Row 1: 13 dc in ring, join.  
Row 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in each dc, join.  
Row 3: Ch 3, \*1 dc in first dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from \* around, join.  
Row 4: Ch 3, \*1 dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from \* around, join.  
Row 5: Ch 3, 1 dc in next 14 dc, ch 3, turn.  
Row 6: 1 dc in next 2 dc, skip 1 dc, 1 dc across to 4th dc from the end, skip that dc, 1 dc in each dc to the end, ch 3, turn. You made 2 decreases in this row. Continue for 6 more rows, decreasing 2 dc on each row. There will be 4 dc on the last row. Fasten off. Sew or glue the white pom-pom to the tip.

### White Around Santa's Face

Repeat rows 1 and 2 of inside of hat for Mrs. Clause. Do not fasten off. Make another row of shells as in row 2. Fasten off.

### Bottom Tab for Button

Attach red yarn and crochet 6 dc at the center bottom of the hat, ch 3, turn. Crochet 6 more dc, ch 3, turn. Crochet 6 more dc, making 3 rows of 6 dc in each row. Fasten off. Sew on a button.

### Drawstring

With white ch 110. Lace through 1st row of white shells. Insert mask. Tie tightly around his face. Glue or sew 1" pom-poms to the tie ends.

### Pot Holders (Make Two)

These can be the same as Mrs. Clause or they can be as I have made them. Follow the pot holder directions for Mrs. Clause except make only 1 white row in center and make last 2 rows red. Trim as for Mrs. Clause.

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### Materials

Red 4-ply knitting worsted  
Size G hook  
2 1/2" Santa head  
1 pr. 1 3/4" plastic hands  
1 pr. 2 1/4" black plastic boots  
Fake fur for beard  
Craft fur for trim (or fake fur can be used here also)  
1/2" x 7 1/2" pc. black felt for belt  
1" white pom-pom for hat  
Cotton or polyfil for stuffing

1. Follow directions for the Pilgrim (pg. 11), omitting row 10. Follow General Directions for attaching hands and boots. Stuff with polyfil. Attach head.

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2. Cut a piece of fake fur in a bib shape to fit the face for a beard. Lay the piece on the face with the fur side facing the face. Pin and glue edge of fur all around chin and up in front of the ears. Turn beard down so that fur faces outward. Glue a strip of fur all around his head for hair.
3. Hat: Crochet a hat as in the clown pattern (pg. 20), omitting the ruffle. Hat is 12 rows in sample. Glue a 1/2" wide strip of short craft or fake fur to the bottom edge of the hat. Glue a white pom-pom to the tip. Follow General Directions and attach hat to his head.
4. Glue 3/4" strips of craft fur or fake fur around boots, around sleeves for cuffs, around lower waist, and down the front (see photo). Glue on his belt.

  
**Materials**

Color A knitting worsted (lilac shown)  
Color B knitting worsted (white shown)  
Size H hook  
2 3/4" bottle baby or thumb sucker baby doll head  
1 pr. 1" baby hands

NOTE: Ch 3 counts as 1 dc.

**Bonnet**

With color B (white) ch 23.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc in each ch st, ch 1 turn (22 sc).

Rows 2-8: Sc in each sc across row, ch 1, turn. Repeat row-2 until 8 rows are completed.

Row 9: Fold in half and sc 8th row together. Fasten off, making the seam down the back of head.

**Body**

Row 1: With color A (lilac) and right side toward you, attach yarn in 4th row from face edge, ch 1 and in same place sc, 3 more sc over right side (toward front) of piece, 1 sc in first and last ch st of beginning ch (which acts as 1 st), 4 sc in 4 rows of left side of piece. Ch 1, turn (9 sc) thereby pulling the two front points together.

Rows 2-9: Sc in each 9 sc across Row 1 to make body panel. Ch 1, turn. Continue until 9 rows have been completed. Fasten off.

**Sleeve**

Row 1: With color A (lilac) and right side facing you, attach yarn in 2nd row from head and sc in same place, 1 sc in next 3 rows, ch 4, join to 1st sc, making a circle. This allows for finger holes.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in same place, 1 sc in next 3 sc and in the 4 ch sts, join (8 sc).

Rows 3-7: Ch 1, sc in same place and in each st around, join. Continue until 7 rows are completed. Fasten off.

Make other sleeve to correspond, attaching yarn in 5th row from head on the opposite side.

Insert hands into end of sleeve and tie tightly, or glue in place.

**Legs**

Row 1: With color A (lilac) and right side facing you, attach yarn in corner st of last row of body. Ch 1, sc in same place, 1 sc in each of next 3 sts (4 sts), ch 5 and join (9 sts), making a circle. This allows for finger holes.

Rows 2-5: Ch 1, sc in same place, 1 sc in each of next 8 sc, join. Repeat this row 3 more times. Fasten off.

Rows 6 & 7: Attach color B (white) in first st and sc in same place and repeat row 2.

Row 8: Fold 2 sides of leg together and sc in the back loops only, 4 sc across row, ch 1, turn.

Row 9: 1 sc in each sc. Fasten off.

Make another leg to correspond, attaching yarn in 4th st from other side of body.

**Blanket**

Row 1: With color B (white) and right side facing you, attach yarn at center back of head, ch 1 and sc in same place, 5 sc over half of the head, 1 sc in corner space, 4 sc along ch of sleeve and 4 sc in rows of body, 1 sc in corner space, 11 sc across legs to other side of body (5 sc in each ch 5 of legs and 1 sc between legs), 1 sc in corner space, 4 sc over body side, 4 sc in ch of sleeve, 1 sc in corner space, 5 sc over other half of head, join, ch 3 and turn.

Row 2: 5 dc in next 5 sc, (corner space: 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc), 8 dc to next corner, repeat corner space, 11 dc in next 11 sc, repeat corner space, 8 dc in next 8 sc, repeat corner space, 5 dc in next 5 sc, join ch 3, turn.

Row 3: Dc in each st to corner, repeat corner space, repeat to ch 3, join, ch 3, turn.

Rows 4 & 5: Repeat row 3.

Row 6: With color A (lilac) attach at any corner, ch 4, pc in 4th ch, sc in next 3 dc, ch 4, pc, repeat around and join. Fasten off.

**Brim of Hat**

With color A (lilac) and with right side facing you, attach yarn in 2nd row from edge of cap.

Sc in 1st st, 2 dc in next st, sc in next st, repeat to other side. Fasten off.

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This doll is very simple to make. The arms, legs, and body are made separately, stuffed lightly with polyfil or cotton, and sewn together. The size of the doll can be changed by reducing the length of the chain to make the doll smaller or increasing the chain to make her longer. This baby can lay on her back by sewing the arms on the side of the body at shoulder position and attaching her head to the top of the body.

### Materials

4-ply "main color" knitting worsted (white shown)  
4-ply "contrasting color" knitting worsted (aqua shown)  
3½" bottle baby doll mask or thumb sucker doll mask  
1 pr. 1½" baby hands (with bottle in one)  
Cotton or polyfil  
White craft glue  
Size H crochet hook

### Body

Row 1: With main color (white) ch 30, sl st to join, ch 1, sc in each ch, join, ch 1. Continue sc in each st and joining each row. Ch 1 at the beginning of each row for 15 more rows. Sew up one end. Lightly stuff with cotton. Sew up the other end.

### Legs & Arms

Row 1: Ch 12, sl st to join, ch 1, sc in each ch, join, ch 1. Continue as in the body for a total of 10 rows for the arms and 12 rows for the legs.

### Assembly

1. Legs: Sew up one end; stuff lightly; sew up the other end.
2. Arms: Sew up one end; stuff lightly. Insert hands and glue securely.
3. Sew 2 legs to the back of the body. Sew the two arms to the front.

### Hat

Row 1: Ch 40, sl st to join, ch 1, sc in each ch, join, ch 1.  
Rows 2-8: Sc in each sc, join, ch 1. Continue for a total of 8 rows.  
Row 9: Sc in every other sc to decrease.  
Row 10: Sc in every sc.

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Rows 11, 12, 13: Repeat row 10.

Row 14: Fasten off, leaving a 5" piece of yarn. Thread onto a needle. Sew in and out of stitches of last row. Gather thread tightly and tie. Fasten off.

With contrasting color (aqua) make a pom-pom (approx. 1") and sew or glue to the back of the hat (at center of crown)

### Hat Ruffle

With contrasting color (aqua) on the 2nd row of the right side of hat, pick up the top stitch of a sc. Attach yarn. Skip 1 sc, shell (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next sc, \*sc in next sc, shell in next sc, repeat from \* around. Fasten off.

Fill hat with cotton or polyfil. Insert doll mask. Secure to head by taking a few stitches right through the mask. Sew hat tightly under her chin. Sew hat to the top of her body over the arms. Make 2 small pom-poms (aqua) and sew onto hat under her chin.

### Blanket

Row 1: With contrasting color (aqua) ch 11, dc in 2nd chain from hook, dc in each ch, ch 3, turn.

Row 2: Dc in each dc, ch 3, turn.

Rows 3-5: Repeat row 2. Ch 3. Do not turn.

Row 6: In same space as ch 3, 2 dc, ch 1, 3 dc, 2 dc in next space (side of a dc), \*2 dc in next space, 2 dc in next space, 2 dc in next space, shell (3 dc ch 1, 3 dc) in the corner of the piece, 1 dc in each dc, shell in corner of the piece, repeat from \*, join.

Row 7: Sl st into ch 1 of shell, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 1, 3 dc, \*dc in each ch, shell in top of next shell, repeat from \* around.

Rows 8-12: Repeat row 7.

Attach main color (white). Sc all around for a border. Fasten off.

To make ties: as you sc to make borders, at opposite corners make 2 sc then chain 25. Come back down chain, sl st into each st beginning with 2nd st, sc into shell corner.

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**Materials**

4-ply "main color" knitting worsted (white shown)  
4-ply "contrasting color" knitting worsted (pink shown)  
Size F or G hook  
Yarn needle  
3" doll head\*  
1 pr. 1 1/2" hands  
1 yd. 1/2"-wide ribbon for trim (pink satin picot shown)  
3" x 3" pc. pink felt for ears  
1 "main color" chenille stem  
Cotton or polyfil for stuffing  
White craft glue  
\*If doll head does not have hair, you will need a 6" x 1/2" strip of fake fur

Follow directions for Pilgrim (pg. 11), omitting the 10th row. When you get to the bottom of the legs start the feet.

**Feet**

Row 1: Ch 5, 1 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 hdc in each ch st, 1 hdc in each 15 hdc of the leg, 1 hdc in the other side of the ch 5; ch 2, turn.

Rows 2, 3, 4: 1 hdc in each hdc; ch 2, turn at end of each row.

Row 5: Fasten off, leaving a 6" piece of yarn. With a yarn needle, sew up the foot.

**Collar**

Row 1: Crochet approximately 20 sc around the neck opening, starting in front. Ch 3, turn.

Row 2: 2 dc in each sc, ch 3, turn.

Row 3: 1 dc then 2 dc in each dc around. Ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Sc all around. Fasten off.

**Hat**

Make a hat as for the clown (pg. 20). Start with one row of contrasting color (pink). Attach main color (white) on 2nd row and continue.

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**Ears**

1. Cut the chenille stem in half. Attach yarn to one end. Completely cover with hdc (approx. 33). Repeat for the other ear.
2. Bend stems in half and sew to the top of the hat.
3. Cut the felt into 2 oval pieces to fit over the openings in the ears. Glue on. Set aside.

**Begin Assembly**

1. Stuff doll firmly with cotton or polyfil.
2. Attach hands and head by gluing or sewing into place.
3. Stuff hat lightly with polyfil. Glue or stitch it to her head.

**Skirt**

Row 1: Ch 32, 1 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 hdc in each chain stitch, join, ch 3.

Row 2: 2 dc in each hdc, join, ch 3.

Rows 3, 4, 5: 1 dc in each dc. Fasten off.

**Finishing**

1. Make a chain long enough to weave through the top of the skirt. Place skirt on doll and gather on chain. Tie ends of chain in the back, into a bow.
2. Chain 2 chains and attach to skirt for straps over each shoulder.
3. Weave a pink ribbon thru top of collar and tie into bow. Tie ribbon into a bow around each ankle.

  
**Materials**

4-ply variegated knitting worsted (pastel colors shown)

Size F hook

7" Kewpie doll

(shell st. = 3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc in same stitch)

**Skirt**

Row 1: Ch 36, join; ch 1, sc in each ch, join, ch 1.

Row 2: Skip 1 sc, 3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc (shell st) in next sc, \*skip 1 sc, sc in next sc, skip 1 sc, shell in next sc, repeat from \* (9 shells made), ch 3, turn.

Row 3: 2 dc in same space, \*sc in ch 1 of the shell, shell st in sc between shells, repeat from \*, 3 dc in same space as first 3 dc, ch 1, join, turn.

Row 4: \*Shell st in sc between shells, sc in top of next shell using the back thread of the sc, repeat from \* around; ch 3, turn.

Row 5: Repeat row 3. Fasten off.

**Straps**

Row 1: Ch 16, sc in each ch st, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sl st into next 4 sc, skip 3 sc, 4 trc, ch 1, 4 trc in next sc, sl st to the end. Fasten off.

Repeat for second strap.

Place skirt around doll's waist. If it's loose, run yarn in and out of first row. Tie tightly together around doll's waist. Position straps. Sew onto skirt at back and front.

**Hat**

Row 1: Ch 41, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc across, turn.

Row 2: Sl st into first 2 sc, sc across up to last 2 sc, turn.

Rows 3, 4, 5: Repeat row 2.

Row 6: Skip 2 sc, \*shell (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next sc, skip 2 sc, repeat from \* (4 shells made), turn.

Row 7: Sl st up to ch in first shell, \*shell in between the 2 shells, sl st into ch in next shell, repeat from \* (3 shells made), turn.

Row 8: Repeat row 7 (2 shells made).

Row 9: Sl st into ch 1 in next shell, 3 trc; ch 1, 3 trc in between 2 shells; sl st into top of next shell. Fasten off.

Attach yarn at one end of beginning chain, ch 15 for a tie. Fasten off. Repeat at the other end.

Tie the hat at the back of the doll's head. Push straight pin thru hat to hold it in place on head.

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**Pictured on Back Cover****Materials**

4-ply "main color" knitting worsted (white shown)

4-ply "contrasting color" knitting worsted (red shown)

4-ply "trim color" knitting worsted (blue shown)

Size G hook

1 pr. 2½" clown hands

1 pr. 2½" clown feet

3" hobo head

9, ½" "trim color" pom-poms (blue shown)

Polyfil

Follow all the crochet directions for the Pilgrim (pg. 11), except for Row 10. (Skip this row. It's not necessary to have those loops since you won't be adding a coat bottom.)

**Collar**

Row 1: Attach contrasting color (red) and pick up approximately 20 sts by single crocheting around neck edge. Amount of sts is not crucial. Join. Ch 4.

Row 2: 3 trc in each sc. Fasten off.

Row 3: Attach trim color (blue) and sc all around outside edge. Fasten off.

Repeat collar directions for sleeve and leg ruffles.

**Hat**

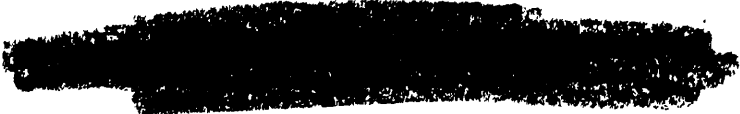
Row 1: Make a chain the length needed to go around the head, join, ch 2.

Row 2: 1 hdc in each chain, join, ch 2.

Row 3: Continue repeating row 2 for desired length. Mine is 10 rows. Next to last row skip every other st; join. Last row repeat above row. Gather end closed and fasten off.

**Finishing**

1. Glue or sew hands and feet into place.
  2. Firmly stuff the whole body with cotton or polyfil.
  3. Insert neck of head into body and glue or tie with cord.
  4. Glue a pom-pom to the top of the hat. Glue a pom-pom to each cuff, each leg ruffle, and 4 down the front for buttons.
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This clown can be made in many color combinations. To change his size add more discs to make his arms, legs, and body longer. There are also lots of different clown heads available. The overall length of this clown is 9".

**Materials**

- 4-ply knitting worsted in 3 colors (black, white, and yellow shown)
- Size H hook
- 4, 1½" pom-poms (white shown) — buy ready-made or make your own
- 3" clown head
- Jingle bell
- String

**Disc.**

- Row 1: Ch 6, join to form a ring, ch 3.
  - Row 2: 16 dc in ring. Sl st to join. Fasten off.
- Make 10 discs for each leg, 8 for each arm, and 10 for the body. Use the 3 different colors you have chosen equally. Alternate colors when you string the discs.

**Stringing**

1. Legs: Cut two 12" pieces of string. Tie a pom-pom to one end of each piece. String 10 discs on each string for legs.
2. Body: Thread the same two strings through 10 discs for the body. Poke holes through the front and back of the clown head along the bottom edge. Tie the strings into these holes.
3. Cut 2 more pieces of string for the arms. Tie a pom-pom to one end of each piece. String 8 discs to each string. Tie the end of each string to the strings that are attached to head.

**Ruffle**

- Row 1: Ch 18, dc in 3rd ch from hook; dc in each ch stitch (16 dc made).
  - Row 2: Ch 3, turn; 2 dc in each dc.
  - Row 3: Ch 3, turn; 4 dc in each dc. Fasten off.
  - Row 4: Attach a contrasting color, ch 1, sc in each dc all around. Fasten off.
- Sew ruffle around the clown's neck. Sew up the seam

**Hat**

- Row 1: Ch 11, dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in each ch.
- Row 2: Ch 3, turn; 1 dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc, 1 dc in next 2 dc.
- Row 3: Ch 3, turn; 1 dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, 1 dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc to the end.
- Row 4: Ch 3, turn; 1 dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc, 1 dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc to the end.
- Row 5: Ch 3, turn; dc across but work 2 dc in every 3rd dc.
- Row 6: Ch 3, turn; dc across but work 2 dc in every other dc. Fasten off. Attach contrasting yarn and work 3 dc in each dc. Fasten off. Sew up seam. Attach jingle bell to tip. Glue hat to head.

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1. TASK NUMBER 000209CCN0094		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8185		<b>EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT</b>
3. OFFICE CODE 830	4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 99/12/21	5. DATE INITIATED YR MO DAY 00/03/07		
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT UPC  An 18 month old girl purportedly nearly suffocated when a ball-half from a fast food restaurant kids meal covered her nose and mouth. On his second attempt, the girl's father pulled the ball-half from her face. She was examined by a physician and released.				
7. LOCATION (Home, School, etc.) Home [1]		8. CITY Leavenworth		9. STATE Kansas [KS]
10A. FIRST PRODUCT [REDACTED] Ball [5004]		10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME [REDACTED]		10C. MODEL NUMBER Red And White
10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS [REDACTED]				
11A. SECOND PRODUCT N/A		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME N/A		11C. MODEL NUMBER N/A
11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS N/A				
12. AGE OF VICTIM 218	13. SEX Female [2]	14. DISPOSITION t & r (1)	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS anoxia(65)	
16. BODY PART (S) INVOLVED All Pts. Body [85]	17. RESPONDENT Parent [2]	18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION On-Site [1]	19. TIME SPENT (OPERATIONAL HOURS) 10	
20. ATTACHMENT(S) Photos [1]	21. CASE SOURCE Headquarter's Compl. [13]		22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER None	
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON NEISS CASES ONLY)				No
24. REVIEW DATE 3/9/00	25. REVIEWED BY 8631		26. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR	
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PRE-INCIDENT:

The victim is an 18 month old girl. Her birth date is 6/26/98. On the incident day she weighed about 21 pounds. Just a few days before her [REDACTED] Ball incident a physician had given her a "well baby examination". She reportedly had good general health except for a cold.

The victim lived with her father-age 35, mother-age 34 and older sister-age 6 in a single-family dwelling. The victim's incident occurred in a bedroom at the family home.

INCIDENT:

The day before the incident the father had bought a "small kids meal" for the victim. His purchase was made at a [REDACTED] restaurant. Inside was a ball/round shaped container. Inside of this container was a [REDACTED] toy.

The container and toy were taken home. However, the father did not allow the victim to play with the toy as he thought it might present a possible choking hazard. He did allow the victim to play with the round container as it did not appear to present a hazard.

About 1:00pm, the next day, the father was alone, in the family home, with the victim. In a second floor bedroom he changed the victim's diaper. He put her on the floor and gave her the red portion of the [REDACTED] Ball/Container. He turned around and started putting clothes away.

A short time later he felt the victim brush against his leg. He looked at the victim and saw the red portion of the [REDACTED] Ball/Container was covering her nose and mouth. She was not making a sound. However, her mother knew the victim was in trouble.

POST-INCIDENT:

He pulled on this red component with his fingers, but could not remove it from the victim's face. He then placed his fingers under edge of the red component and with a "hard tug" pulled it off of her face. Once the red component was pulled off her face she reportedly let out a loud gasp.

He checked the victim. Her lips appeared blue and an indentation could be seen around her nose and mouth. He took the victim to a doctor where she was examined and released. He then returned home with the victim. The victim appeared sleepy after returning home, but no other symptoms were reported.

The father stated he does not know how long the red component covered the victim's nose and mouth. He said the cut-out portion of the red component fit neatly over the victim's nose. He stated his opinion this created a "sealing effect". With each breath the victim tried to take the red component was pulled tighter against her face. He also stated his belief that the victim could not have removed the red component by herself. He thinks the victim would have suffocated had he not pulled the red component off her face.

The father telephoned the [REDACTED] restaurant at which the [REDACTED] Ball/Container had been purchased. He reported the victim's incident to a manager. Subsequently, he also reportedly talked with a manager at [REDACTED] Corporate office about the victim's incident. He stated he has not received any correspondence from [REDACTED].

The victim's family is now represented by legal counsel.

#### PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

The incident product is a red and white round/ball shaped hard plastic-like container. Inside of this container was a [REDACTED] toy. This item had come in a "small kids meal" purchased at a [REDACTED] restaurant.

The father does not recall any suffocation warnings on the incident container or its packaging.

Two photos, of the incident container, are included as attachment No. 1.

Per instructions, from the Director-Recalls and Compliance Division, a sample was not collected.

#### STANDARD'S INFORMATION:

No standard's information was obtained during this investigation.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1

Two investigator photos showing the incident container as identified by the victim's father


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INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE:

The victim's family is represented by the following legal counsel:



The victim's father stated his attorney had placed  "Legal Notice".

I gave the victim's father a Commission Authorization For Release Of Name form during my on-site investigation. He declined to sign this form before discussing with his legal counsel. If his legal counsel has no objection, he will sign and mail the form to me at a later date.

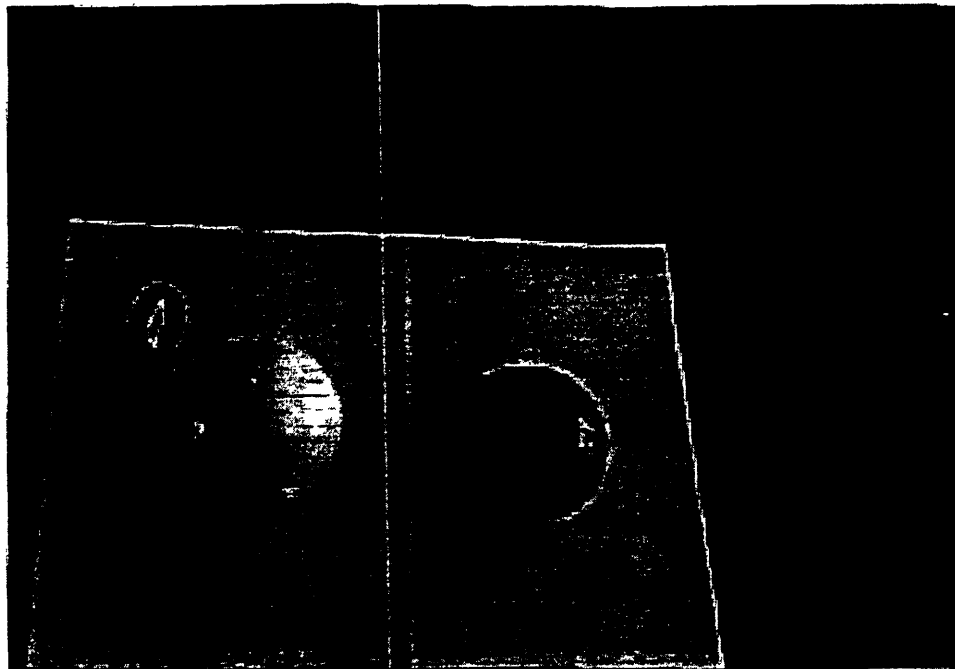
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Attachment No. 1

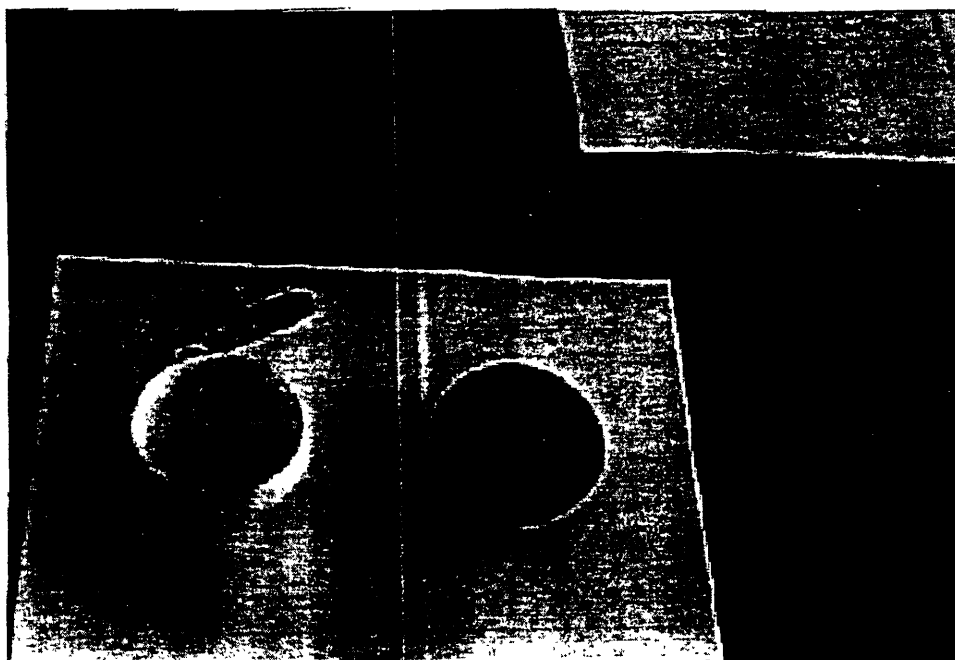
Investigator Photo 1

Shows incident [redacted] Toy container as identified by the victim's father. He stated she put the red portion over her nose and mouth.



Investigator Photo 2

Surround view showing the incident [redacted] Toy container as identified by the victim's father.



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ADDENDUM:

The victim's father measured the diameter of the incident red and white ball/round shaped container. He provided the following measurements:

Red Component      About 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter

White Component    About 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter

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1. TASK NUMBER 991215CWE6001		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8090		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
3. OFFICE CODE 8400.00	4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 99 12 11	5. DATE INITIATED YR MO DAY 99 12 15		
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT UPC According to local officials, the victim's mother found the victim, a 13-month-old baby girl, laying (unresponsive) in the child's playpen. A white plastic piece, having the shape of a half ball, was found covering the child's nose, mouth and chin. Emergency medical personnel transported the victim to a local emergency room. Efforts to revive the victim were not successful and the victim was pronounced dead on arrival.				
7. LOCATION (Home, School, etc.) Apartment 1		8. CITY Sonora		9. STATE CA
10A. FIRST PRODUCT Suspect: Container 5004		10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME [REDACTED]		10C. MODEL NUMBER part #59-349
10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS [REDACTED]				
11A. SECOND PRODUCT None known		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME - N/A -		11C. MODEL NUMBER - N/A -
11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS				
12. AGE OF VICTIM 213	13. SEX Female 2	14. DISPOSITION Fatal 8	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Anoxia, 65	
16. BODY PART (S) INVOLVED All Body Prts 85	17. RESPONDENT Sheriff Dept. 3	18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION On-Site/Sheriff 1	19. TIME SPENT (OPERATIONAL HOURS) 25.0	
20. ATTACHMENT(S) Multiple, 9	21. CASE SOURCE Sheriff Rpt 1- (#H99C0179A)		22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER 00-860-6131 (Exemplar)	
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON NEISS CASES ONLY) NO				
24. REVIEW DATE 991230	25. REVIEWED BY 8101		26. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR [Signature]	
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Some information was obtained from an interview with the Sheriff-Coroner official, who alerted CPSC about this incident. Additional information was also obtained from review of the CPSC Incident Report, newspaper articles and also through an interview (by a CPSC attorney) with the County Counsel.

PRE-INCIDENT:

The Sheriff-Coroner official said during a 12-16-99 interview that the Sheriff Department's investigation of this incident so far has not revealed any family history involving child abuse. He added that their investigation indicates that the victim had no known history of medical problems. During this interview he did not have information regarding the victim's exact weight, but indicated that the victim was big for her age. The Sheriff-Coroner indicated that their investigation is not yet complete and it is continuing. The victim's family consists of: a husband, a wife and their 3 children. The oldest child is 5-years-old and the victim is the youngest child, age 13-months-old. The age of the other child is not known.

The Sheriff-Coroner official did not know when the toy novelty item and its container (which was allegedly found covering the victim's nose, mouth and chin at the time of this incident) had been acquired. These items are included with the purchase of the [REDACTED] Meal. The Sheriff-Coroner official thought that it was most likely obtained from the [REDACTED] outlet in Sonora, California. The local telephone book actually lists two [REDACTED] outlets in Sonora, California. It is not know for certain at this time, if the toy novelty and its container were acquired from either of the two [REDACTED] outlets in Sonora, California, or acquired from some other, B [REDACTED] outlet. The two [REDACTED] outlets are:

[REDACTED]  
S [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



Included inside the plastic ball of this [REDACTED] novelty are: a [REDACTED] toy/key ring; a [REDACTED] card; and a [REDACTED] application form. This form shows illustrations of the various Pokemon novelty toys/key rings.

INCIDENT:

This incident occurred on December 11, 1999 at or near 12:00 o'clock Noon. The victim's mother placed the victim inside a playpen and also placed toys in the playpen, for the victim to play with. The victim's mother took a shower. When she came out of the shower, she found the victim lying unresponsive on his stomach in the playpen, and with his head tilted to the left.

A doll and an exemplar [REDACTED] half-ball (white) were used to illustrate their relative positions. The doll represents the victim. The Sheriff-Coroner official reports that the victim is actually much larger than this doll. The white half of a [REDACTED] ball (from a white and red ball) was allegedly positioned next to and covering the victim's nose, mouth and chin (held in this place by suction). The victim's mother was able to pull this white plastic half-ball off of the victim's face. She called "911", as the victim was not breathing.

Emergency personnel responded to the scene of this incident and began CPR on the victim. They then transported the victim to a local emergency room, and continued CPR on the victim. Efforts to revive the victim were not successful. The victim was pronounced dead, upon arrival at the emergency room.

POST INCIDENT:

A Sheriff's Department Press Release, dated December 15, 1999, indicates that the preliminary autopsy findings are consistent with suffocation. But the official Manner of Death and Cause of Death are still pending, at this time.

The Sheriff-Coroner official stated that the Sheriff's Department's Investigating Officer saw "blood-pooling" type marks going around the victim's face (enclosing the victim's nose, mouth and chin). He added that these marks did match the shape of the white plastic [REDACTED] half-ball. The Sheriff-Coroner official also stated that the "blood-pooling" mark disappear, when the victim is moved. He added that no bruises were found on the victim's face, where the "blood-pooling" marks had been observed. The Sheriff-Coroner official said that if anyone had purposely held the plastic half-ball in position, next to the victim's nose and mouth (during this incident), that there definitely would be easily detected bruise marks on the baby's face, where the plastic half-ball made contact with the face.

The Sheriff-Coroner official stated that the Sheriff's Department is still waiting for the Toxicity tests to be completed. He added that it would take several more weeks (perhaps up to six weeks), before a final Cause of Death can be determined.

STANDARDS INFORMATION:

The Sheriff-Coroner official reports that a label on the plastic bag (package for the [REDACTED] novelty toy and ball container) states in-part: This product has been tested and is safe for all ages. A copy of the plastic bag label on the exemplar sample states in-part: "THIS BAG IS NOT A TOY. PLEASE DISCARD."; and "Safety tested and recommended for children of all ages".

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

The Sheriff-Coroner official said that the white plastic half-ball part of the container (which was alleged to be next to the victim's face, at the time of the incident) was not available, during the CPSC visit to the Sheriff-Coroner's office (on 12-16-99). He added that CPSC's exemplar sample's white plastic half-ball part (which is under CPSC Sample No. 00-860-6131) looks exactly the same as the actual unit. He added that he did see the actual white plastic half-ball part, which is alleged to have been next to the victim's face.

Information provided by the CPSC attorney indicates that the County Counsel reported that the part number found on the plastic part (which was stuck to the victim's face) is: 59-349. The Sheriff-Coroner official's Incident Report indicates that the [REDACTED] brand novelty item is marked as being made in China. He also reports that it is marked in-part: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Marks found on the exemplar sample are as follows:

Pokemon novelty toy/key ring: [REDACTED]

Made in China

White plastic half-ball: [REDACTED]

Red plastic half-ball: [REDACTED]

China

The white plastic half-ball also has a small white hook (about 1/2 inch in diameter). Attached to this small white hook is a red plastic part that is about 2-7/8 inches long. The Sheriff-Coroner official reports that the actual white plastic unit, also had the same red part attached to a small white hook.

A photocopy of the plastic bag is shown in EXHIBIT II. It states in-part: "[REDACTED]"

EXHIBITS:

- I - CPSC Photographs (PHOTOS #1 to #4)
- II - Photocopy of exemplar sample's plastic bag's label.
- III - Newspaper article
- IV - Sheriff's Department's News Release (12-15-99)
- V & VI - Coroner's Report and Autopsy
- LETTER TO COUNTY EMT, DATED 12-20-99

# The Union Democrat



LEADING NEWSPAPER OF THE MOTHER LODE  
Sonora, California, Thursday, Dec. 16, 1999  
146th Year, Number 117

## Infant's death linked to [redacted] toy

By KATHE WATERBURY

A 13-month-old Sonora girl died Saturday of possible suffocation after her mother found her in a playpen with half of [redacted] over her mouth and nose.

Unable to get a response from the tot, she called 911. Fire and ambulance crews tried to revive the girl, who was pronounced dead on arrival in the Tuolumne General Hospital emergency department.

A Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department news release says preliminary autopsy findings "are consistent with suffocation," but the cause of death is still under investigation.

"We always have a full investigation into the death of a child," said Sheriff's [redacted]

The child's name has not been released due to the investigation. [redacted] said he could give no estimate when the probe might be complete.

[redacted] was contained in [redacted] deal. The promotional toy is a red and white plastic ball, from 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 inches in diameter, that splits opens to reveal a small [redacted] pocket monster toy.

The sheriff's department notified [redacted] and the Consumer Products Safety Commission of the incident and issued a press release "intended to notify consumers of a potential danger for infants" associated with the balls.

Packaging on the balls reads, "Safety tested and recommended for children of all ages."

A statement released by [redacted] reads, "Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of the small child at this very difficult time."

The statement also says that [redacted] toys, "including this specific toy and its con-

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tainer, meet and exceed all U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission requirements and all international safety standards."

"The toys featured in [redacted] meals have never before been linked with any death," reads the statement.

"There are tens and tens of millions" of the toys in distribution through the promotion, said [redacted]

[redacted] spokeswoman [redacted] and we have never had a death even implied because the toys undergo such extensive testing. This is very sad."

"We take this very seriously," said [redacted]. We are working closely with the sheriff's department and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. We will need more information to see if further action needs to be taken."

The [redacted] promotion has been the "biggest ever" for the fast food corporation, said [redacted]



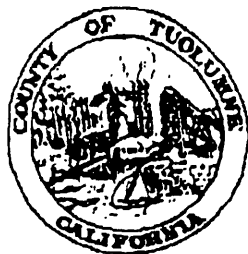
Union Democrat photo

[redacted] ALLS, similar in size to an apple, hold plastic [redacted] figures and have become hugely popular with kids.

The largest previous promotions were last holiday season's "Rugrats" promotion four years ago, both, amounting to 70 million toys distributed, she said.

AHN: Terri Rogers 301 504 0359  
Mel Kramer 301 929 1910  
**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**Richard L. Rogers**  
Sheriff-Coroner



Lee Sanford  
Assistant Sheriff

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Date: December 15, 1999  
Time of Release: 2:00 P.M. PST

CONTACT: Kary Hubbard, Tuolumne  
County Public Information  
Officer, (209)533-5501

## PRESS RELEASE

SONORA, CA - On December 11, 1999, at 12:00 noon, a thirteen (13) month old female infant was transported to the emergency room at Tuolumne General Hospital. The female infant was pronounced dead upon arrival to the emergency room. The Tuolumne County Coroner's Office responded to the emergency room to conduct a death investigation. The initial cause of death was reported to be suffocation. The preliminary autopsy findings are consistent with suffocation. The investigation into the cause of death is continuing.

It was reported by the infant's mother that the infant was found in a playpen with one-half of a [redacted] covering her mouth and nose. The infant was unresponsive and 911 was called. Resuscitation efforts were started and continued during transportation to the emergency room. The infant was pronounced dead upon arrival at the emergency room. The mother's statement that the infant was found in a playpen with one-half of [redacted] covering her mouth and nose is consistent with the reported initial cause of death of suffocation which was confirmed by preliminary autopsy results. The [redacted] was obtained in [redacted] purchased at [redacted]. The [redacted] is a promotional toy distributed by [redacted] in all of its [redacted]. The [redacted] is a red and white plastic ball containing a [redacted] action figure.

Tuolumne County Sheriff/Coroner Richard Rogers stated that "This press release is intended to notify consumers of a potential danger for infants associated with the red and white [redacted]. The public is reminded that this is an open coroner's case with an on-going investigation. The cause of death is still preliminary pending further investigation and autopsy findings. [redacted] and the California Consumer Products Safety Commission have been notified.

DUE TO THE ON-GOING INVESTIGATION INTO THE CAUSE OF DEATH, NO FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED UNTIL THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE HAS COMPLETED ITS INVESTIGATION.

###END###

EXHIBIT VI

Indepth No. 991215CWE 6001

TYPE OF DEATH: ACCIDENTAL  
CAUSE: ASPHYXIATION

EVENT #: 99-15948  
CASE #: 99-3351

DECEDENT INFORMATION

NAME: [REDACTED]  
RESIDENCE: [REDACTED] SONORA, CA 95370  
BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION: NONE SOCIAL SECURITY: [REDACTED]  
RACE: W SEX: F D.O.B.: 11/20/1998 AGE: 1 MARITAL: NEVER MARR  
PLACE OF BIRTH: SONORA, CA

CONTROLLED DOCUMENT

NEXT OF KIN

NAME: [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] CA  
RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT: FATHER  
NOTIFIED BY: [REDACTED] DATE/TIME: 12/11/99

DUPLICATION OR REISSUANCE  
CONTROLLED BY LAW  
RELEASED TO: [REDACTED]  
BY: [REDACTED] DATE: 12/25/00  
PHONE #: [REDACTED]

CHRONOLOGY

LAST SEEN ALIVE BY: [REDACTED] DATE: 12/11/1999 TIME: 1100  
PLACE OF DEATH: [REDACTED] DATE: 12/11/1999 TIME: 1150  
PRONOUNCED OR FOUND BY: [REDACTED] DATE: 12/11/1999 TIME: 1150  
CORONER NOTIFIED BY: TUOLUMNE GENERAL STAFF DATE: 12/11/1999 TIME: 1336  
IDENTIFIED BY: [REDACTED] DATE: 12/11/1999 TIME: 1355

PROPERTY

PROPERTY DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOUSE SEALED: No VEHICLE SEALED: No

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

AGENCY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION: TUOLUMNE COUNTY SHERIFF  
INVESTIGATOR: [REDACTED] CASE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
CRIME SCENE RELEASED TO: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CORONER: [REDACTED] ID #: 1296 DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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MORTUARY - PATHOLOGY

MORTUARY: TERZICH & WILSON REQUEST/ROTATION: ROTATION

REMOVED FROM SCENE BY MORTUARY: 12/11/99

AUTOPSY PERFORMED: YES DATE: 12/14/1999 TIME: 1100

TOXICOLOGY ORDERED (Y/N): YES

PATHOLOGIST CONDUCTING AUTOPSY: [REDACTED]

LOCATION OF AUTOPSY: STANISLAUS COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

DENTAL CHART ORDERED (Y/N):

HOSPITAL - PHYSICIAN

HOSPITAL: TUOLUMNE GENERAL HOSPITAL

EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIAN: [REDACTED]

ADMITTING DIAGNOSIS: RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

ATTENDING OR FAMILY PHYSICIAN: DATE LAST SEEN:

MEDICAL RECORDS OBTAINED:

ACCIDENT INFORMATION

LOCATION OF ACCIDENT:

TYPE OF ACCIDENT: TOY COVERING MOUTH AND NOSE

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: CASE #:

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AT CRIME SCENE

- 1: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY CORONER: HUNT

CONTROLLED BY [REDACTED]

DATE 1/25/00

ID# [REDACTED]

[Handwritten signature]



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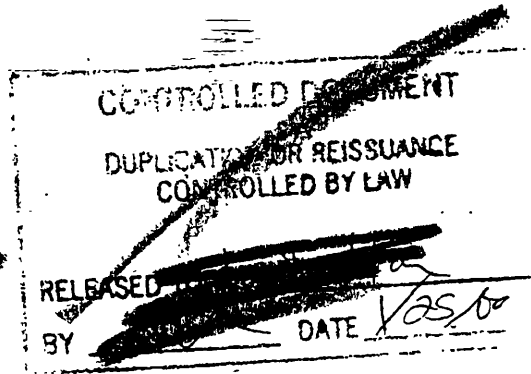
DECEASED: [REDACTED] Sonora, Ca.

NEXT OF KIN: [REDACTED] Phone [REDACTED] Sonora, Ca.

NEXT OF KIN: [REDACTED] Phone [REDACTED] Sonora, Ca.

SISTER: [REDACTED] Phone [REDACTED] Sonora, Ca.

SISTER: [REDACTED] Phone [REDACTED] Sonora, Ca.



INVESTIGATION:

On 12-11-99, at about 1336 Hrs., I drove to Tuolumne General Hospital for a reported death. Upon my arrival Reverend [REDACTED] was on scene speaking with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is the mother of the decedent. [REDACTED] has been living with Jill for the last year and a half.

The decedent was in the emergency room in a supine position on an emergency room bed. The decedent was [REDACTED] D.O.B. 11-20-98, female. She was covered by a white blanket and was wearing a diaper. There were two E.K.G. tabs on her chest, an I.V. in her right leg and another in her right foot, a breather tube was taped in her mouth and another breather tube was taped in her nose. There were three puncture marks on her left foot. There was also a faint red curved mark on her right cheek that matched the [REDACTED]'s opening. I placed the [REDACTED] Ball's opening as close to her cheek as I could without touching the mark to see if it matched. When the edge of the opening was matched to the line, the rest of the opening was over the decedent's mouth and nose. The mark was about one inch from the edge of the decedent's mouth and about two inches long. The admitting diagnoses to the emergency room was cardiac arrest. The half of the [REDACTED] ball was on the emergency room bed when I arrived.

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EXHIBIT IV

Indepth No. 7712150142 JLV

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I took three photographs of the decedent on the emergency room bed. I took a full set of finger prints from both the right and left hand of the decedent. I checked the body for other signs of trauma and I did not find any other signs of trauma. There were no signs of rigor and lividity was present on the decedent's back and upper legs.

I spoke with [redacted] and she told me the following: She lives with [redacted] and she has three kids with [redacted] being the youngest at about one year old. On 12-11-99, at about 1100 Hrs., [redacted] was home with their kids [redacted] was at work. She needed to take a shower, so she put [redacted] in her play pen. When she [redacted] in the playpen she also puts toys in the playpen which are kept in a basket. The toys which were in the basket included a half of a [redacted] Ball she purchased from [redacted] Sonora. She had at least 10 of these [redacted] balls throughout her house. [redacted] and one of [redacted] friends were in the livingroom with [redacted] [redacted] was the only one in the playpen. The other child in the livingroom was a friend [redacted] who was at the house to play with [redacted] and was also about five years old.

About 20 to 30 minutes later [redacted] finished her shower, drying her hair and putting on her makeup. [redacted] was with [redacted] in her bedroom while she dried her hair and put on her makeup. She walked into the living room and saw that [redacted] and her friend were playing and [redacted] was laying down in the playpen. [redacted] was on her stomach with her head to the right. She looked closer at [redacted] check her and saw that there was a white thing on her face. She rolled [redacted] over and saw that a half of [redacted] Ball was covering her mouth and nose. She removed the ball and noticed that the ball was stuck to [redacted] face as if there was suction holding it on. She tried to wake up [redacted] with no success. [redacted] lips were turning blue and there was a small amount of blood in her nose. She took [redacted] out of the playpen and put her on her couch. [redacted] called 911 and told her kids to get help from the neighbors.

While she was on the phone an elderly man and woman walked into her apartment and asked how they could help. The elderly man put [redacted] on the floor and began C.P.R. He continued C.P.R. until the ambulance arrived. One of the ambulance people asked her what had choked [redacted] took the half of the [redacted] Ball out of the playpen and gave it to her. The ambulance transported [redacted] to Tuolumne General Hospital. [redacted] arrived at home from work and they both went to the hospital. After their arrival at the hospital [redacted] advised them that [redacted] had been pronounced dead. [redacted] was the emergency room doctor that day.

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This statement is a culmination of when I spoke with [REDACTED] at the hospital on 12-11-99 and also from when I spoke with her at her house on 12-13-99. The only difference in the two statements was that in the first statement she did not tell me that she found [REDACTED] on her stomach and rolled her over. Everything else was consistent in both statements. [REDACTED] was very emotional during both statements. She was crying at times, angry at times and confused at times during both statements.

On 12-13-99, at about 0800 Hrs. I phoned Investigator [REDACTED] and advised him of the coroner case and the circumstances of the case. I met with Investigator [REDACTED] at their office. I phoned [REDACTED] who was the ambulance driver and he agreed to meet me for an interview. At about 1100 Hrs. Brian arrived at the office and he spoke with Investigator [REDACTED] myself about what happened at 12810 Chukar Circle on 12-11-99. Refer to Investigator [REDACTED]'s report for Brian's statement.

On 12-13-99, at about 1400 Hrs., Investigator [REDACTED] and myself went to 12810 Chukar Circle Apt [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] invited us into the apartment and I introduced him to Investigator [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] arrived about five minutes later and I introduced her to the investigators also. Investigators [REDACTED] went into a bedroom where the playpen was with [REDACTED]. I stayed in the livingroom with [REDACTED] two daughters.

While I waited for [REDACTED], I observed Jeff and how he deals with the other two children. I saw no signs of any type of abuse. Both children were playful, happy, outgoing and appeared to be well nourished. I saw no injuries of any type on either child.

On 12-14-99, at about 0800 Hrs. I [REDACTED] and I went to Terzich & Wilson and had [REDACTED] (works for Terzich & Wilson) transport the decedent to Tuolumne General Hospital for x-rays. While the x-rays were taken I went to Tuolumne General Hospital records office and received a copy of the emergency room medical records for when the decedent was in the emergency room on 12-11-99. I [REDACTED] stayed with the decedent while I was in the records office.

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After the x-rays were completed, John transported the decedent to Stanislas County Coroner's Office and Inv. [REDACTED] and I followed him. We met [REDACTED] Forensic Pathologist at Stanislas County Coroner's Office for the autopsy. She performed the autopsy with an initial cause of death as PENDING. She told me that she will not have an official cause of death until the toxicology and micro tests are finished. After the autopsy was complete John transported the decedent back to their facility. During the autopsy I took three more polaroid photographs.

On 12-15-99, at about 1000 Hrs. [REDACTED] and I went to [REDACTED] apartment and I spoke with [REDACTED] (was not home), who told me the following: Her mother [REDACTED] the playpen so that she could take a shower. While her mother was in the shower she played with [REDACTED] he was unable to tell me how she was playing with [REDACTED]. She did tell me that [REDACTED] was chewing on the edge of the white plastic thing. I asked her what the white plastic thing was. She told me it was what the [REDACTED] came in from [REDACTED]. While [REDACTED] was chewing on the plastic thing she went into her mother's bedroom and talked to her because she was out of the shower then [REDACTED] was playing with her friend during this time on the other side of the livingroom [REDACTED] and her friend were not playing with [REDACTED].

After I spoke with [REDACTED], Inv. [REDACTED] and I walked around the neighborhood and spoke with five residents who live near [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] refer to [REDACTED] report for their statements.

On 12-18-99, at about 1300 Hrs., I drove [REDACTED] apartment to speak with [REDACTED] told me the following: Her friend was at her house and they were playing in the livingroom. They were in a corner of the livingroom pretending that they were puppies. [REDACTED] was in the playpen and [REDACTED] was playing with [REDACTED] was not in the playpen with her. [REDACTED] does not know what [REDACTED] was playing with because she was playing with her friend.

After I finished speaking with [REDACTED] was talking to me about [REDACTED] and she mentioned how she could not get the picture of [REDACTED] with the [REDACTED] Ball over her mouth and nose out of her head. When she told me this she referred to the ball as being red. I let her finish talking and then asked her about the color of the [REDACTED] ball. She told me that the ball was red. I advised her that she told me before that the ball was white. She told me again that the ball that was over [REDACTED] mouth was red. I asked her where the other balls were. She told me that after she got home from the hospital on 12-11-99 she threw them all away to make sure her other kids are safe. She also said "I can't stand to see them."

[REDACTED]  
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EXHIBIT VI

Indepth No. 991215CWE6001

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

OTHER:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] d., Sonora, Ca.

On 12-22-99, at about 1300 Hrs., I phoned Nurse Practitioner [REDACTED], who told me the following;

[REDACTED] a Nurse Practitioner at Tuolumne County Public Health Department. She had seen [REDACTED] on three different occasions for "well baby checkups". The last checkup was on 09-29-99. During all three checkups [REDACTED] was above average in her development [REDACTED] was walking and starting to form words during the last checkup which [REDACTED] told me was above average for her age group. [REDACTED] never saw any signs of child abuse and/or neglect. Rohn does not remember anything about the parents of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
BY [REDACTED] 12/25/00

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EXHIBIT V

Indepth No. 99/215CWE 600/

Case# 99- 3351/ Event# 99-15948

11-44 CORONER'S CASE  
TUOLUMNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

INFANT [REDACTED] (DOB 11-0-98)

[REDACTED]  
Sonora, Ca. 95370  
[REDACTED]

12/13/99, 0930 hrs, I was contacted by Coroner [REDACTED] that a 13 month old baby had died over the weekend. [REDACTED] came to my office and we went over the information that had been gathered at this point. We decided at this time to background the parents. Through checking local agencies we were able to get the father and mother's identification.

Father [REDACTED], DOB 7/17/64, Idaho License # [REDACTED]  
Mother [REDACTED], DOB 10/23/72, DL# [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]

The local Child Welfare Service was contacted to see if there had ever been any contacts with this family. There was nothing. CWS was asked to check their state wide system. They did and found nothing. The Sonora Police Department was contacted. They checked their computer system which showed that they also have never had any contact with this family. The state of Idaho was contacted and the only information found was [REDACTED] had a DUI in 1990.

12/13/99, 1030hrs, I talked with [REDACTED] Sheriff's dispatcher that handled the original call. [REDACTED] told me that the original call came in on 12/1/99 at 1153hrs. [REDACTED] spoke with a lady that identified herself as the baby's mother. The mother was hysterical talking about finding the baby face down and not breathing. The mother was screaming about a [REDACTED] baby. She then described blood and some type of discharge coming out of the baby's nose.

[REDACTED] dispatched the medical call and Medic 10 responded. In the background [REDACTED] said that she could hear other children screaming. [REDACTED] said that she could hear that there were other neighbors there trying to help.

[REDACTED] called and informed Chaplain [REDACTED] of the situation.

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 DUBLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
 CONTROLLED BY LAW  
 RELEASED TO [REDACTED]  
 BY [REDACTED] DATE 1/25/00

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EMT, [REDACTED] DOB 9/6/77 [REDACTED] ONORA, CA.

12/13/99, 1045hrs, I had [REDACTED] EMT that was on this call come to my office. I asked [REDACTED] to go over what he could remember. [REDACTED] told me that he was working Medic 10 and did respond to the [REDACTED] Apartments address [REDACTED]. The apartment was to the left on the ground floor. The door was open when they arrived and it was fairly quiet. Once the people inside knew they were there they began call out to them to hurry. [REDACTED] said that the mother was hysterical. CPR was in progress. [REDACTED] said he and the other paramedic took over. [REDACTED] remembered seeing blood and an orange colored discharge coming from the baby's nose.

[REDACTED] said that they tried to intubate the baby but it was hard getting the tube down to the lungs. They continued CPR as they drove code 3 to the hospital.

I asked [REDACTED] if he saw the baby in the playpen. [REDACTED] told me that the baby had been moved by the time they arrived. [REDACTED] was told by his partner that the baby was found by the mother in the playpen face down. [REDACTED] also heard that the mother had been in the bathroom for about 20 minutes prior to finding her baby.

12/13/99, 1400hrs, I had one of our investigators contact Ridgecrest California. The mother Jill [REDACTED] had lived in that area at one time. A check was done and nothing suspicious was found.

12/13/99, 1500hrs, I went with Coroner [REDACTED]. This was the [REDACTED] residence. I met with both the parents [REDACTED] was also introduced to their two daughters. The parents and the children were both clean and polite. The apartment was clean and organized.

I explained to the parents that I needed to take photographs of both the playpen and the location of where it was set up at the time [REDACTED] went into a bedroom and showed me the playpen. It had been emptied out and folded up. [REDACTED] picked up the playpen and then took a small basket of toys and emptied the basket into the playpen. [REDACTED] pushed the toys over towards the right side of the playpen. [REDACTED] then pointed to the left side and said that her baby [REDACTED] was laying face down. [REDACTED] was facing towards the left side with the [REDACTED] toy over her mouth and nose.

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DU [REDACTED]  
COM [REDACTED]  
BY [REDACTED] 1/25/00

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I asked [redacted] to show me the exact location where the playpen had been on Saturday. [redacted] took me into the livingroom and pointed to an area in the middle of the room. [redacted] said that she had placed [redacted] into the playpen while her two daughters age 4 and 5 were watching television near by. [redacted] said that she then went into the bathroom and took a shower and put on her makeup. She estimated that this was approximately 15 to 20 minutes. When Jill came out of the bathroom she checked on [redacted] and found her with the toy over her face.

Before leaving the residence I took photographs of the playpen with the toys in it. I also took photographs of the livingroom area where the playpen had been set up on Saturday.

12/14/99, 0830hrs, I went with Coroner [redacted] to the Tuolumne General Hospital. The funeral home had transported the body of [redacted] to that facility. X-rays were taken of the body [redacted] and collected the hospital records which included the pre ER and the ER records concerning [redacted] [redacted] was given a copy of these records by [redacted].

12/14/99, 1100hrs, I went with Coroner [redacted] to the Stanislaus County Coroner's office in Modesto. The body of [redacted] was transported there by the funeral home. An autopsy was done by [redacted] and I took photographs before and during the autopsy.

Once the autopsy was completed [redacted] told us that the cause of death was consistent with asphyxiation caused by the [redacted] toy. The cause of death at this time though is still pending until she gets the toxology results and examines the micros. [redacted] said that she could not locate any sign of physical abuse or trauma on the baby's body. There were no injuries to the baby's face that would indicate that the toy was forced or held over the baby's mouth and nose. There also wasn't any trauma to the baby's back or neck that would indicate that the baby was held down.

12/15/99, 0830hrs, met with the coroner section and the administration and went over information gathered to this date.

12/15/99, 1000hrs, went with Coroner [redacted] to the [redacted] restaurant in Sonora. We purchased a meal which contained a toy. While at the restaurant I read all the posters and advertisements concerning the [redacted] toys. I also read the information on the bags the meals come in. There were no warnings found concerning the toy that was similar to the one we had collected. The bag the toy came in said that the toy was tested and approved for children of all ages.

12/15/99, approx 1100hrs, went to a meeting at the county administration office and briefed them on what we had done so far. They began working up a press release. [redacted]

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BY [redacted] DATE 1/25/00



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Case# 99-3351/ Event# 99-15948

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12/15/99, approx 1230hrs, I went back to [REDACTED] and met again with [REDACTED]. They asked and were told the results of the autopsy to this point. Without asking [REDACTED] told us that there were no warnings on the packages that the toys came in. [REDACTED] said that her mother had gone and checked. I asked [REDACTED] where they got their [REDACTED] toys. [REDACTED] said that they got all of the ones they had from [REDACTED] in Sonora. I then told both [REDACTED] to contact me if they had any questions or needed any help.

After leaving the [REDACTED] apartment myself and Coroner Robin Hunt went to a few neighboring apartments. We spoke with the residents. Before leaving the apartment complex we spoke with the manager [REDACTED]. From what we gathered the [REDACTED] were a quiet family and that [REDACTED] was a good mother. We were told that she could be seen pushing her daughter around in her stroller quite often.

12/15/99, 1330hrs, went with [REDACTED] to the County Health Department and made contact with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] made a request for all of [REDACTED] records.

12/16/99, film of the autopsy was turned in to be processed.

12/17/99, the photographs were picked up

12/17/99, 1111hrs, the toys we purchased ourselves from [REDACTED] for our investigation were booked into evidence. The negatives of the photographs of the autopsy and the residence were also booked into evidence under tag# 6975

12/20/99, 0830hrs, one set of photographs was given to Coroner [REDACTED] to take to Modesto for [REDACTED]

\* Attached to this report are copies of medical records from TGH, a copy of the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department Press Release, a copy of the [REDACTED] statement, a copy of a memo from Sheriff [REDACTED] and one set of photographs.

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EXHIBIT VI

Indepth No. 991215CWE600

## DELTA PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATES

MEDICAL GROUP, INC.

2291 West March Lane, Suite 179E Stockton, CA 95207  
(209)477-4432 (888)477-9933

DPA Case Number: 99-00904A

Provisional Report Date:

Completed Date: 01/10/2000

### TUOLUMNE COUNTY PRIVATE CASE

NAME: [REDACTED]  
CASE NO.: [REDACTED]  
AGE: 1 year, 3 weeks  
RACE: Caucasian  
SEX: Female  
DATE AND TIME OF DEATH: 12/11/99 @ 1305 hours  
PLACE OF DEATH: Tuolumne General Hospital  
DATE AND TIME OF AUTOPSY: 12/14/99 @ 1030 hours  
PLACE OF AUTOPSY: Stanislaus County Coroner  
PROSECTOR: [REDACTED] M.D.  
WITNESSES: [REDACTED]  
POSTMORTEM X-RAYS: Total body x-rays

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IDENTIFICATION: The deceased is identified to me [REDACTED]

GENERAL EXAMINATION: The body is that of a well-developed, well-nourished, clean and well cared for Caucasian female child, measuring 29.5 inches tall (75 cm), weighing 10,660 grams (23 lbs), and appearing the stated age of 1 year and 3 weeks. She is in the 50th percentile by height and just above the 75th percentile by weight according to standard growth charts for girls. The deceased is dressed in a disposable diaper which contains yellow fluid and no stool. Accompanying the body is a one piece sleeper with a zipper along the front.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION: Rigor mortis is fully developed in the extremities and the jaw. Livor mortis is found on the dorsal and ventral portions of the body with livor being more pronounced along the dorsal surface. Anteriorly, along the central chest and upper abdomen, is an area of faint pallor along the midline with linear vertical demarcations that match the zipper in the one piece sleeper that accompanies the body. The deceased has curly dark blonde hair that averages 2 inches in length. The conjunctivae are clear; the sclerae are white; the cornea are clear; and the irides are blue. No external ocular petechiae are seen. The ears, nose, external auditory canals, and mouth are unremarkable except that the upper frenulum extends from the inner surface of the upper lip to between the two upper central incisors. There is no trauma to the inner lips or buccal mucosa. There are

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no petechiae seen in the oral cavity. Teeth are present centrally on the upper and lower gums.

The head circumference is 47.5 cm; the chest circumference is 46.5 cm; and the abdominal circumference is 46 cm. The crown-rump length is 20.5 inches (52 cm).

The palmar surfaces of the hands and feet are cyanotic.

There is mild red erythema of the skin of the perineum and adjacent to the anus. There is no breakdown of the skin noted.

The external genitalia, perineum and anus are normal for age and unremarkable, and there is no evidence of trauma.

Present over the right central forehead is a 5 x 4 cm area containing sparse petechiae.

There is a 3 x 2 cm area of sparse petechiae over the left upper cheek.

Except for the evidence of medical therapy, the remainder of the external examination of the body is unremarkable and there is no evidence of injury.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL THERAPY: An endotracheal tube protrudes from the mouth and is taped tightly to the mouth across both cheeks. A nasogastric tube protrudes from the left nostril. Four EKG lead pads are present on the anterior chest and abdomen. Present in the left antecubital fossa are two needle puncture marks. Present on the back of the left hand is a needle puncture mark. There are two needle puncture marks present on the back of the right hand. An intraosseous line protrudes from the anterior right tibial surface. An intravenous line is present in the top of the right foot.

### INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

Normal organ weights are provided in parenthesis in the following portion of the report. The range provided is plus or minus two standard deviations; i.e., the range includes the 95th percentile. These normal ranges come from Schulz DM, et al, Arch Pathol 1962;74:244-250.

HEAD: The scalp is incised and retracted. No scalp hemorrhages or skull fractures are found. The cranial vault is opened. The epidural, subdural, and subarachnoid spaces are free of hemorrhage. The dura is thin, tough,

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and pliable. The brain weighs 1060 grams (886 +/- 128 grams). The cerebral hemispheres, cerebellum, and brain stem are symmetrical and normally formed. There is diffuse cerebral edema with flattening of the gyri and sulci. The cerebral vessels at the base of the brain are patent and there are no aneurysms nor other abnormalities seen. There is no atherosclerosis. On cross-section of the brain parenchyma, there is no evidence of intraparenchymal hemorrhage, infection, tumor, or trauma. The dura is stripped from the basilar skull and no fractures are found.

BODY: The body is opened with a Y-shaped incision. The organs occupy their usual positions and relationships. There is no fluid in either the peritoneal or pleural cavities. The abdominal fat pad averages 1/2 inch thickness. The skin of the back, the buttocks and the legs is incised and shows no evidence of injury.

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SPINAL CORD: The spinal cord is removed with an anterior approach. There is no evidence of injury and the spinal cord is grossly unremarkable.

NECK: An anterior layer-wise neck dissection and a posterior layer-wise neck dissection reveals no evidence of infection, trauma, or tumor. The airway is patent. No foreign objects are seen within the airway. The epiglottis is grossly unremarkable. The thyroid gland is unremarkable. The tongue is atraumatic. The tonsils are unremarkable.

THYMUS: The thymus weighs 42 grams (11 +/- 8 grams) and shows sparse petechiae along the surface. Serial sectioning shows no gross abnormalities.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: The heart weighs 52 grams (49 +/- 12 grams). The epicardial and endocardial surfaces are smooth and glistening. No petechiae are seen. The coronary arteries pursue a normal course. The myocardium is uniformly firm and has a homogeneous beefy-red appearance where sectioned. The cardiac valves are thin and delicate. The foramen ovale is closed. There are no congenital cardiac anomalies seen.

The aorta shows no atherosclerosis and pursues a normal course.

LUNGS: The right lung weighs 152 grams and the left lung weighs 120 grams (normal combined lung weight, 115 grams +/- 68 grams). There are sparse pleural petechiae along the surfaces of both lungs. The pleural surfaces are smooth and glistening and have a purple-red appearance. On cross-section, there are no focal abnormalities and no evidence of tumor, infection or trauma. The larger airways are opened and reveal no foreign material. There

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are no pulmonary emboli.

**GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:** The esophagus, stomach, small bowel, large bowel, and appendix are unremarkable. The stomach contains a scant amount of thick mucus.

**LIVER:** The liver weighs 478 grams (315 +/- 76 grams). The capsule is smooth and glistening. On cross-section, the liver parenchyma is red-brown in color and there are no focal abnormalities. The gallbladder is unremarkable.

**PANCREAS:** Unremarkable.

**ADRENAL GLANDS:** The adrenal glands, together, weigh 6 grams (combined normal weight, 6 +/- 2.8 grams). The adrenal glands are grossly unremarkable.

**SPLEEN:** The spleen weighs 38 grams (27 +/- 18 grams). The capsule is smooth and blue-gray. On cross-section, the parenchyma is unremarkable. There is a 0.5 cm diameter accessory spleen which is grossly unremarkable.

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**GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:** The right kidney weighs 44 grams and the left kidney weighs 46 grams (combined normal weight, 72 +/- 38 grams). The capsules strip with ease revealing faint fetal lobulations and smooth cortical surfaces. On cross-section, the cortex appears unremarkable. The collecting systems and bladder are unremarkable. A scant amount of urine is present in the bladder. The uterus, fallopian tubes and ovaries are unremarkable for age. The vagina is atraumatic and grossly unremarkable.

**MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:** The musculature is normal for age and the muscles are soft and pale red. The axial skeletal system is unremarkable. No rib fractures are palpated. The bone marrow appears unremarkable. Full body radiographs show no evidence of trauma.

**MICROSCOPIC:**

**LUNGS:** Congestion, focal intra-alveolar hemorrhage and focal early autolysis is seen. There is focal pulmonary edema and septal edema. Rare, unremarkable peribronchiolar lymphoid aggregates are seen.

**BRAIN:** Congestion of the vessels. Red Purkinje cells of the cerebellum.

**NO SIGNIFICANT HISTOPATHOLOGIC ABNORMALITY:** Liver, pancreas, heart.

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adrenals, kidney, thymus, thyroid, ovary and spleen.

**FINDINGS:**

- I. Asphyxia due to suffocation
  - A. Found with toy over airway
  - B. Cerebral edema
  - C. Pulmonary congestion
  - D. Sparse petechiae of face
  
- II. Petechiae of
  - A. Lungs
  - B. Thymus
  
- III. Enlarged thymus. 42 grams (normal 95th percentile: 3-19 grams)
  
- IV. No evidence of trauma

**CONCLUSION:**

It is my opinion that [REDACTED], a 1 year and 3 week old Caucasian female, died as a result of asphyxia due to suffocation. Reportedly, a plastic toy became suctioned to her face, covering her nose and mouth. A complete autopsy, including microscopic examination, vitreous electrolytes, metabolic screening, and toxicologic studies, fail to reveal any natural disease that may have contributed to her death. There is no evidence of trauma.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Rulon, M.D.

[REDACTED] PRESENT	
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BY [REDACTED]	DATE 1/25/00

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Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TOXICOLOGY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Specimen Description: 20 ml blood-heart (3 vials), 2 ml vitreous humor, 1 ml urine & 2 ml bile each labeled \_\_\_\_\_, 99-3351, JR"

Delivered by  
Pony Express

Date  
15 Dec 1999

Received by  
B. L. Posey

Date  
15 Dec 1999

Request: Coroner's Complete Drug Screen

99-3351

**Requesting Agency**

Delta Pathology  
Att: ~~Mary P. Franco~~  
2291 West March Lane Ste 179E  
Stockton CA 95207

**Report To**

Delta Pathology  
Att: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
2291 West March Lane, Ste 179E  
Stockton CA 95207

**RESULTS**

Complete Drug Screen: Atropine detected. No other common acidic, basic or neutral drugs detected.  
No blood Ethyl Alcohol detected.

Atropine = 0.02 mg/L

Blood Atropine Ranges  
Effective Level: (.002-0.025 mg/L)  
Potentially Toxic: (> 0.200 mg/L)

**Vitreous Panel:**

Glucose = 20 mg/dL  
Sodium = 142 mmol/L  
Potassium = 20.2 mmol/L  
Chloride = 128 mmol/L

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Directors  
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[Redacted] Ph.D, MPH  
Laboratory Director

Neo Gen Screening  
110 Roessler Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Date of Report  
01/19/2000

(412) 341-8658 Phone  
(412) 341-8926 Fax

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Date Collected: 00/00/0000	Date Recvd: 01/17/2000	Birth Date: 11/20/1998
Submittor: Delta Pathology Associates		Cond. of Spec: S
Filter Paper: 2000008226	Baby's Name: [Redacted]	Sex: F
Newborn ID: 1023973	AKA Name: [Redacted]	
Accession No: 2000008226	Med. Rec. No:	
Mother's Name: JILL ALTO		

Autopsy Specimen Report

<u>Screening Test</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
Acylcarnitine Profile	Within Normal Limits

Comments:

\*Original newborn bloodspot retrieved from storage

[Redacted Signature]

DATE 1/25/00



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Indepth No. 99/215CWE600

[REDACTED] MPH  
Laboratory Director

Neo Gen Screening  
110 Roessler Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Date of Report  
12/23/1999

(412) 341-8658 Phone  
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Date Collected: 12/14/1999      Date Recvd: 12/20/1999      Birth Date: 11/20/1998  
Submitter: Coroner (Miscellaneous)      Cond. of Spec: S  
Filter Paper: 830174      Baby's Name: [REDACTED]      Sex: F  
Newborn ID: 1023973      AKA Name: [REDACTED]  
Accession No: 99177637      Med. Rec. No:  
Mother's Name: JILL ALTO

Autopsy Specimen Report

Screening Test	Outcome
Acylcarnitine Profile	INCONCLUSIVE*
Biotinidase Deficiency	Within Normal Limits
Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia	Within Normal Limits

**Comments:**

Submitted by [REDACTED] Send Results to: Attn: [REDACTED], Delta Pathology Assoc. Medical Group, 2291 W. March Ln Suite 179E, Stockton CA 95207

The acylcarnitine shows elevations of butyrylcarnitine and 3-OH-butyrylcarnitine which could be a possible Short Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency (SCAD).

We are requesting a repeat specimen in the form of the original newborn screening bloodspot if it can be obtained from your state health department.

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To: [REDACTED]  
Re: [REDACTED] Bloodspot  
From: Deputy/Coroner [REDACTED]

12-27-99

Please send the Newborn Screening Bloodspot for [REDACTED]  
D.O.B. 11-20-98, mother [REDACTED] Ca [REDACTED] to Neogen Screening, 110  
Roessler Rd., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15220, Attn: [REDACTED]. This is  
an ongoing Coroner Case #99-3351, at Tuolumne County Sheriff Department and  
any help from you is much appreciated. If you have any questions please phone me  
at 209-533-5833.

Thank you,  
Deputy [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
REL [REDACTED]  
BY [REDACTED] 1/5/00



**U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**  
3056 Castro Valley Blvd., PMB #190, Castro Valley, CA 94546  
Tel: 510/537-9170 Fax: 510/537-8290

December 20, 1999

Tuolumne County EMT  
ATTN: [REDACTED], Manager  
P.O. Box 5024  
Sonora, CA 95370

Dear [REDACTED]

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is a Federal agency, which studies injuries and deaths involving consumer products. CPSC recently became aware of the death of a 13-month-old Sonora, CA girl. She was transported from her apartment to the emergency room at Tuolumne General Hospital on December 11, 1999, at about 12:00 Noon.

I am writing to you to request a copy of the EMT Report of this tragic incident of December 11, 1999. You can use the enclosed envelope to send me a copy of the report. If there is any charge for a copy of the report let me know so I can send you payment.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (510) 537-9170. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Kenneth G. Felton*

Kenneth G. Felton  
Product Safety Investigator

Enclosures

CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

Region: WESTERN

1. NAME OF RESPONDENT [REDACTED] (Chief Deputy Coroner)		2. PHONE NO. (HOME) (WORK) none 209-533-5855	
3. STREET ADDRESS 28 North Lower Sunset Drive		4. CITY STATE ZIP CODE Sonora CA 95370	

5. DESCRIBE INCIDENT OR HAZARD, INCLUDING DATA ON INJURIES  
 DEATH-13-month-old child is believed to have suffocated when one half of a hard plastic hollow circular encasement became stuck to her face, covering her nose and mouth. Encasement contained a hard plastic figurine inside and was a premium toy given with a kid's meal.

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6. DATE OF INCIDENTS 12/11/199	7. IF INJURY OR NEAR MISS OBTAIN AGE/SEX AND DESCRIBE INJURY: 13 M/F death by suffocation	8. IF VICTIM DIFFERENT FROM RESPONDENT, PROVIDE NAME AND RELATIONSHIP not given not given
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9. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT hard plastic red and white hollow encasement w/ha	10. BRAND NAME [REDACTED]
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11. MER/DISTRIBUTOR NAME, ADDR. & PHONE [REDACTED] made in China unknown unknown unknown unknown	12. MODEL, SERIAL NUMBERS unknown	13. DEALER'S NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE [REDACTED] unknown Sonora, CA 00000 unknown
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14. WAS THE PRODUCT DAMAGED, REPAIRED OR MODIFIED? YES NO x IF YES, BEFORE OR AFTER THE INCIDENT? DESCRIBE:	15. PRODUCT PURCHASED NEW x USED DATE PURCHASED unknown AGE unknown
	16. DOES PRODUCT HAVE WARNING LABELS? IF SO, NOTE: "This product has been tested and is safe for all ages."

17. HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE MANUFACTURER? YES NO x IF NOT, DO YOU PLAN TO CONTACT THEM? YES NO x OTHER?	18. IS THE PRODUCT STILL AVAILABLE? YES x NO IF NOT, ITS DISPOSITION	19. MAY WE USE YOUR NAME WITH THIS REPORT? YES NO x
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FOR ADMINISTRATION USE

20. DATE RECEIVED 12/15/1999	21. RECEIVED BY (NAME & OFFICE) rab/HL	22. DOCUMENT NO. H99C0179A
23. FOLLOW-UP ACTION		24. PRODUCT CODE(S) 5004
25. DISTRIBUTION		26. ENDORSER'S NAME & TITLE RAB 12/15/1999

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**Narrative Continued**

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Respondent is filing complaint for family of the child (name not given as there is a fact-finding investigation pending).

Child was found lying on her stomach with her face turned to the left with one half of the hard plastic circular encasement stuck to her face, covering her nose and mouth. Child's mother called 911 and Tuolumna County Emergency Services responded to the call. EMT performed CPR on the child en route to Tuolumna General hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, CPR was stopped and the child was pronounced dead.

Autopsy was performed by a forensic pathologist (name not given) from the Delta Pathology Group who determined the preliminary cause of death to be suffocation.

12/15/99 [REDACTED], Deputy County Council for Tuolumna County called and explained incident to dealer's rep., [REDACTED], who wanted to have a conference call with the Safety Advisor and the Vice-President of Marketing for the dealer.

A final report as to the exact cause of death should be available in approximately six weeks.

Respondent stated that there is a press release concerning this matter (details unknown).

Hard plastic circular encasement is 4.3 centimeters in diameter and separates in the middle revealing a hard plastic figurine inside (exact dimensions unknown). One side of the encasement is red and the other side is white.

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Distributor phone #: 305-378-3433

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CPSC Source: UNK

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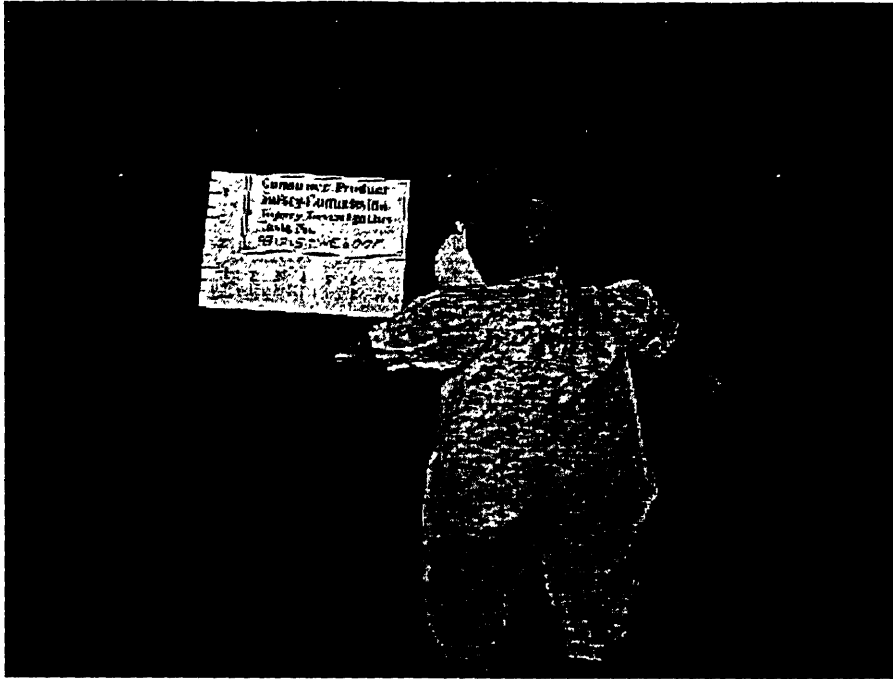


PHOTO #1: A doll is used to illustrate the victim's position, when found at the time of this incident. The white hemi-sphere shaped plastic item (in front of the nose and mouth) is an exemplar unit.

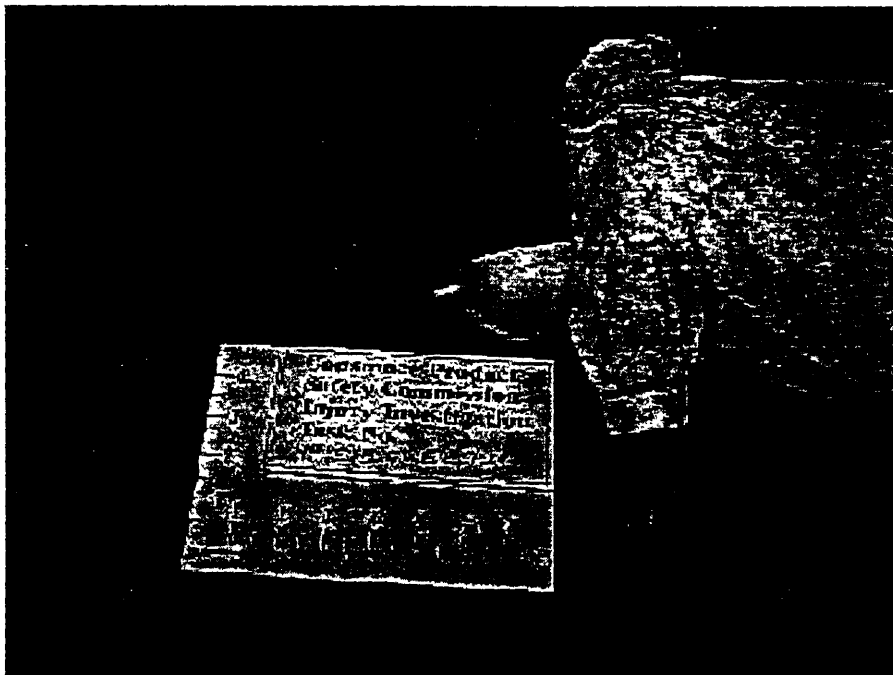


PHOTO #2: A close-up photograph taken from another view.

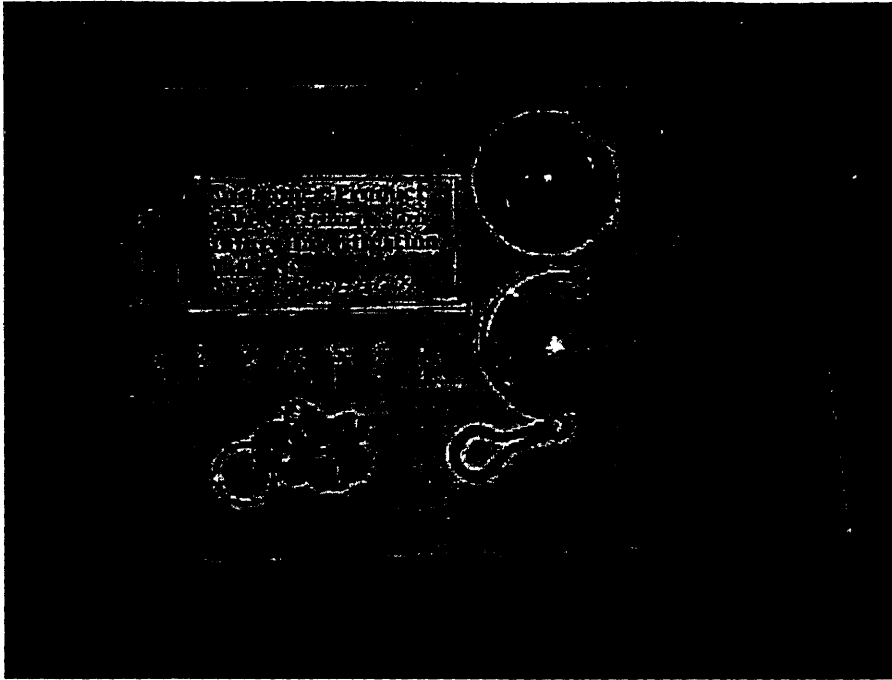


PHOTO #3: Photograph of the plastic parts of the exemplar unit.

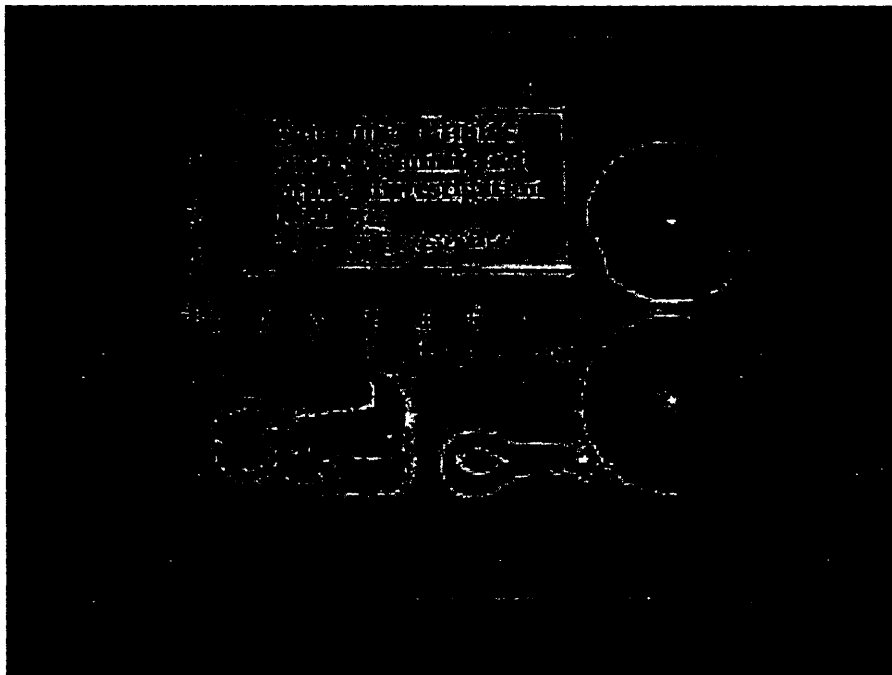


PHOTO #4: Another photograph of the plastic parts of the exemplar unit.