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1. CASE NUMBER 950308HCC1079		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 2 5 1		3. OFFICE CODE 8 0 0		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4. INCIDENT DATE YR MO DAY 9 5 0 1 2 3		5. DATE IDI INITIATED YR MO DAY 9 5 0 3 2 3				

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT

A 5 year old male playing with a child resistant cigarette lighter was responsible for a fire that began when the lighter's flame contacted a built-in bench cushion that ignited the mobile home that the family rented. His mother suffered minor burns to her hands in attempting to extinguish the fire and was treated at the scene.

7. LOCATION Mobile Home	1 0	8. CITY Pembroke Park	9. STATE F L
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT Cigarette Lighter	1 6 0 4	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS [REDACTED]
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT Upholstered Bench	4 0 5 3	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS (Built In) [REDACTED] Motor Home
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12. AGE OF VICTIM 0 2 4	13. SEX 2	14. DISPOSITION Treated At Scene 1	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Burns, Thermal 5 1
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16. BODY PART Hands	8 2	17. RESPONDENT(S) Homeowner, Victim	18. INVESTIGATION TYPE 1	19. TIME SPENT 1 4.5
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20. ATTACHMENTS 0	21. CASE SOURCE Newspaper	0 5	22. REVIEWED BY 8 1 6 5	YR MO DAY 9 5 0 5 0 1
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY)
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24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)	25. REGIONAL DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE
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(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

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PRE-INCIDENT

Information contained in this report was obtained from the victim and her husband during an on-site visit. Official reports were not released due to the fact that a minor was involved in the incident.

Investigation Guideline "Upholstered Furniture Fires" Utilized In This Report.

Prior to the incident, which occurred at approximately 1030 hours on January 23, 1995, one of the residents, 24 year old female, and her two sons ages 2 and 5 years of age were inside the 32 foot motor home that they were using as a primary dwelling. The motor home was situated in a trailer park located in Park, Florida. A 32 year old male and two daughters of elementary school age also lived in the mobile home.

According to one of the respondents, she and her sons were napping prior to the incident.

INCIDENT

The respondent (wife) informed me that she awoke and observed that her 5 year old son was attempting to put out a fire that was consuming one of the original bench cushions covering a seat inside the mobile home. She attempted to put the fire out by smothering it with a blanket but it spread to adjacent curtains.

POST-INCIDENT

Escorting her two sons out of the mobile home, the mother ran to a neighbor and contacted the fire department. Fire fighters eventually extinguished the fire, but the mobile home was left uninhabitable with heavy smoke damage.

After conferring with the residents, fire investigators concurred that the 5 year old boy began playing with his parents disposable cigarette lighter that was on a bedroom counter along with a package of cigarettes.

The female respondent suffered superficial burns to her hands, which she sustained while attempting to put out the fire, and was treated at the scene.

Information obtained by this investigator during the on-site was that both adults were smokers. One of the respondents (husband) informed me that the lighter that his 5 year old son began operating was a brand disposable child proof lighter. He informed me that the lighter required two separate steps to operate.

The 5 year old male was referred to the Broward County Juvenile Fire Starters Program, which counsels children who start fires.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Product 1: The lighter involved was reportedly a [REDACTED] brand child proof lighter, requiring two steps to operate. The lighter was manufactured by [REDACTED]. Cost of the lighter was estimated at 99 cents.

Product 2: Bench Cushion - According to the respondent, the bench cushion contained outer fabric, and inner foam padding. The cushion was a component of the "[REDACTED]" brand mobile home, which was built in 1973.

EXHIBITS

None (Refusal to provide by Broward Sheriff's Office and Fire Department due to incident involving a minor).

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A/Data Recording Sheet For Upholstered Furniture Fires.

PHOTOGRAPHS

None available.

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INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

Attachment A

DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES

(To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 950308HCC1079 Incident Date 1/23/95

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: Sofa/Couch Chair Sofa bed Other Cushion on Bench Seat

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered? Yes No Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered? Yes No Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand [REDACTED] Mobil Home 32'

4. Purchased: New Used Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) Rented

5. Date Furniture Purchased: _____ Furniture Age 1973

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)
Unknown

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE: Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt Seat cushion Inside back Inside arm

Back Side Underside Crevice

Welt Cord Tuft Other _____

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): _____

LT 5 yrs. old 5 - 14 15 - 64 65 +

D. PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE (Check):

Lighter Match Candle Heater Fireplace

Other (specify [REDACTED] (Childproof - 2 steps) .99)

Unknown



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If lighter, specify type: Child-resistant Not child-resistant Unknown

If match, specify type: Book Box Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture: _____

_____ Fuel source _____ Distance from furniture

E. DETECTION OF FIRE

7. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, specify type: _____

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?

Yes No Unknown

9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? Couple of seconds

F. VICTIM(S)

0 Number of Deaths 1 Number of Injuries

G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household:

Less than high school High school Some College

12. Total household income:

LT \$15,000 \$15,000 - \$34,999 \$35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: _____

Rent Own

General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information on the investigation form.

U. S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF NAME

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

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

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

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

My identity is to remain confidential.



(Signature)

4/20/95

(Date)

6P III

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number NS2-043470 ENTER
 Date of Incident ~~950123~~ 950123 Category I.D. BUNN251995
 Follow-up Requested Hazard Analysis Section 15
 Type Follow-up Requested Telephone Call On-Site
 Headquarters Contact Linda Smith (301) 504-0470, Extension 1275

Assignment Message

Since resident reported totally destroyed, conduct telephone IDI. Please contact child's parents to find out the following:

- (1) What part of couch ignited first?
- (2) If second hand, how long in possession?
- (3) How did child become involved with lighter?
- (4) Did lighter have safety feature?

Follow revised September 1994 guideline, "Upholstered Furniture Fires (For Open Flame Ignition Fires Only)."

If remnant of couch still available, conduct on-site IDI and collect sample, following page 9 of guideline for sample collection.

Have victims describe incident scenario, verify child's age, and identify manufacturer, model number and brand name of all products involved (lighter and couch). Please obtain fire incident report, medical, insurance and any other report of incident.

Person(s) to Contact 1. [Redacted] (mother)
2. Fire Dept.

Guideline see above

Requested By J. Kelly request
S. Neuman

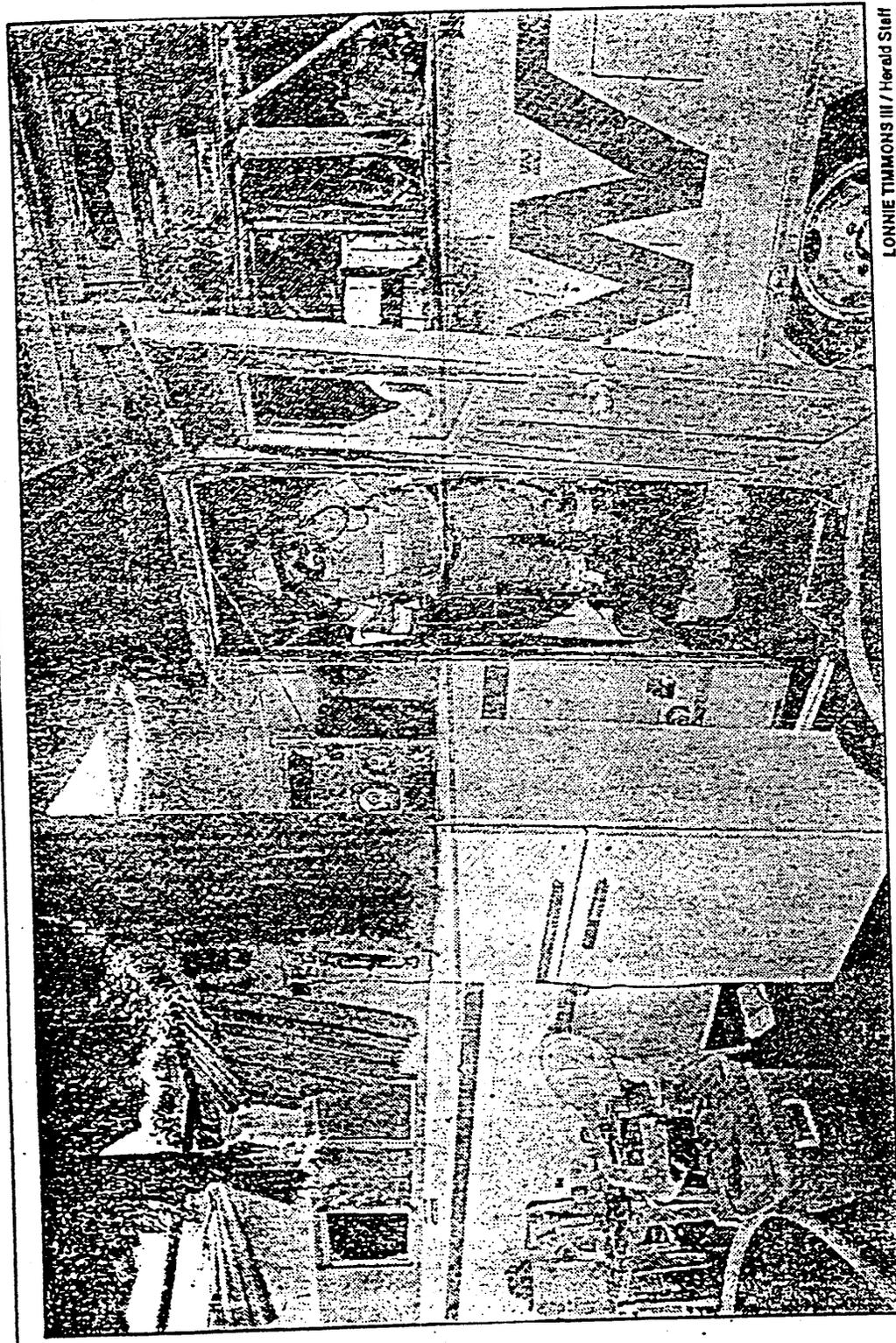
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ALL THAT'S LEFT: Park firefighters check out the charred remains of a mobile home destroyed by a blaze Monday. The fire started in the home's living room, after a 5-year-old boy played with a plastic lighter and set a couch ablaze.

Boy, 5, sets fire to home in Pembroke Park

The Park family was left homeless Monday after a 5-year-old boy set a fire inside their mobile home while playing with a plastic lighter.

The boy set fire to the living room couch while his mother was sleeping in a back room, said Broward Sheriff's Office spokesman George Crotius.

Two other children also were inside the trailer home at the time of the fire in the mobile home at Pembroke Park, Crotius said. The boy was referred to the county's juvenile fire-starters program, which counsels children who start fires and their parents.

The 10:14 a.m. fire left the 32-foot trailer uninhabitable with heavy smoke damage, Crotius said. The boy was referred to the county's juvenile fire-starters program, which counsels children who start fires and their parents.

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4. DATE OF ACCIDENT 9 5 0 2 1 8		5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED 9 5 0 3 1 3		YR MO DAY			
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A 62 year old female and her 2 year old grandson died due to smoke inhalation. Reportedly, a fire originated in a sofa due to a child playing with a cigarette lighter which caused the sofa to ignite.							
7. LOCATION(Home, school, etc.) home (bedroom)		8. CITY LaGrange		9. STATE Georgia			
10A. FIRST PRODUCT upholstered sofa		11a. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL unknown		10B. SECOND PRODUCT cigarette lighter		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL unknown	
12. AGE OF VICTIM 0 6 2		13. SEX(Numerical code)* Male -1 Female -2 Unknown-3 2		14. DISPOSITION dead at scene 8		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS smoke inhalation 6 5	
16. BODY PART all parts		17. RESPONDENT(S) police and fire officials		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION On Site 1 Telephone 2 Other 3		19. TIME SPENT 1 0 0	
20. ATTACHMENTS multiple		21. CASE SOURCE newspaper		22. REVIEWED BY 8 0 0 7		YR MO DAY 9 5 0 4 1 8	
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24. NARRATIVE(See Instructions on Other Side)				25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE			

(Use Other Side and Additional Sheets If Necessary)

An on-site was not conducted at the home where the incident occurred. However, an on-site visit was made to the local police and fire department where photographs from each of the two departments were obtained, along with information pertaining to the incident. The attached Exhibit 3 report with photographs and autopsy reports for the two victims involved in the incident were obtained from the police department. The attached Exhibit 5 FIRE REPORT, Fire Prevention Bureau Investigation Report, and photographs were provided by the fire department. The incident involved a fire which originated as a result of a child playing with a cigarette lighter on a sofa causing the sofa to ignite. A 62 year old female and her 2 year old grandson died in the fire. Three other grandchildren ages 3, 4, and 6 escaped unharmed, as stated in the attached Exhibit 1 newspaper article.

Information in this report was provided by the father of the 6 year old, who escaped unharmed (also the son-in-law of the 62 year old female who died in the incident), a sergeant with the police department who went to the scene and provided the attached Exhibit 3 police report and photographs, and a captain and lieutenant of the fire department who also went to the scene and provided the attached Exhibit 5 documents. Information was also provided by a public information officer with the fire department who went to the scene. Fire and police officials provided basically the same information. No one was able to provide manufacturing information for the cigarette lighter or the sofa involved in this incident. Therefore, product information is limited.

Attempts have been made to obtain information from the insurance company which handled the claim. If information is received, it will be added as an addendum to this report.

PRE-ACCIDENT:

According to all respondents on 2/18/95, a 62 year old female and her 2 year old grandson, along with 3 other grandchildren ages 3, 4, and 6, were in a home described in the attached Exhibit 5 report received from the fire department as "a single-story woodframed, residential dwelling..." The home reportedly was being rented by the 62 year old female. The attached Exhibit 5 fire report indicates on page 5 that "...the owner of the house...arrived...was interviewed by Lieutenant... stated that he had bought the house about 4 or 5 years ago. He stated that Ms...had been his sole tenant during that time...Mr...stated that he had seen evidence on previous visits to the house that children lived or visited the structure. Mr...stated that he had recently installed 2 battery-powered smoke detectors in the dwelling. He stated they were located in the first room on the

right and in the second room on the right..." The public information officer indicated that the owner had indicated he changed the batteries in the smoke detector approximately 1 month prior to the time of this incident.

According to the attached Exhibit 5 SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT received from the fire department (page 1 of 1), on February 21, 1995, the daughter of the 62 year old female was interviewed by a lieutenant with the fire department. According to Exhibit 5, "She stated that on February 18, 1995, she left her children...date of birth 7/20/90,...date of birth 6/5/91 and...date of birth 06/27/91...to be watched by her mother...date of birth 3/5/32. ...stated that she brought the children over at about 1630 hours and left at about 1635 hours... She stated that...age 6 years, her niece was also at the...house..."

According to the son-in-law of the 62 year old female who is the father of the 6 year old female who was in the home at the time of this incident, the 6 year old told him that the 62 year old female had fallen asleep on the bed in the bedroom and the 2 year old male was sleeping on the couch in the living room.

According to the captain and the lieutenant with the fire department who went to the scene, the father of the 6 year old gave permission for them to interview the 6 year old female. The captain and the lieutenant indicated the 6 year old stated the 3 year old was playing with a cigarette lighter and ignited the sofa. The attached Exhibit 5 fire report page 6 of 6 states in part: "Captain...and Lieutenant...determined the fire originated at the sofa in the right middle bedroom of the dwelling... The interview with...placed the origin of the fire on the sofa, with ignition occurring when a three year old child was playing with a cigarette lighter..." The lieutenant and the captain indicated this determination was made as a result of the interview with the 6 year old, who was present when the fire originated.

According to the son-in-law of the 62 year old female, there were no unusual circumstances occurring and no one was under the influence of drugs or alcohol to his knowledge. However, the attached Exhibit 5 SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT, page 1 of 1 states "...stated that she knew her mother had been drinking beer when she left her children..." The sergeant with the police department indicated the blood test report for the 62 year old female has not been received and is not attached to the Exhibit 3 autopsy report provided by the police department. If this information is received at a later date, it will be added as an addendum to this report.

ACCIDENT:

On 2/18/95, a 62 year old female and her 2 year old grandson died in a fire which originated as a result of a child playing with a cigarette lighter which caused a sofa to ignite. The incident occurred at the home the 62 year old female was renting in LaGrange, Georgia. The attached Exhibit 5 page 3 indicates the fire department units were dispatched to the scene at 1832 hours. The attached Exhibit 3 autopsy report indicates "CAUSE OF DEATH: Probable Smoke Inhalation". The attached Exhibit 3 autopsy reports indicate the 2 year old who died in the fire was a 2 year old black male, height 27", weight 34 pounds and the 62 year old female was a black female, who measures approximately 65 to 66 inches in height, weight 135 pounds.

The attached Exhibit 5 report received from the fire department indicates that at the time of the fire the weather was cloudy with the temperature being 49 degrees. The property loss is indicated on the attached Exhibit 5 as being \$25,000 and the content loss being \$10,000. The origin of the fire is indicated on the attached Exhibit 5 as "RIGHT MIDDLE BEDROOM". The cause is listed as "CHILDREN PLAYING W/CIGARETTE LIGHTER IGNITED COMBUSTIBLE SOFA". The value of the property is indicated on the attached Exhibit 5 as being \$25,000.

POST ACCIDENT:

According to the public information officer with the fire department, the fire was reported by a police officer who was on duty and saw smoke coming from the house. The public information officer indicated when the fire personnel arrived on the scene the home was fully involved in flame. The attached Exhibit 5 page 3 report received from the fire department indicates "The structure had extensive fire damage". Exhibit 5 page 4 indicates "The victim was a small child in the right middle room. The victim was lying on a sofa...The body had suffered extensive burns..." Exhibit 5 page 4 further indicates when fire personnel arrived "...had discovered the body of the elderly woman in the right front room of the structure upon entry..." The attached Exhibit 3 INCIDENT REPORT received from the police department indicates "After the fire was extinguished, the two bodies were found...was found in the front living room...was found on the sofa in an adjoining room. Both bodies were transported to...by EMS ...requested both bodies be sent to the crime lab and that a blood alcohol done on..."

According to the public information officer, the 62 year old female was in the bedroom on the opposite side of the house from where the children were but at the time of the fire, she was

found in the same room as the 2 year old. The public information officer indicated that it appeared she had gotten up to go to the door to go out and she was attempting to go back for the 2 year old infant. According to the lieutenant and the captain with the fire department, the home was totally destroyed in the fire.

The attached Exhibit 3 photographs provided by the sergeant with the police department display the home, along with the remains of the sofa and the 2 year old victim on the sofa. The attached Exhibit 5 photographs provided by the captain and the lieutenant with the fire department reflect the remains of the burned sofa which is shown in the attached Exhibit 5 photographs 1 and 2. Photographs 3-6 are different views of the 2 year old burn victim who was found on the sofa.

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

The product involved in this incident is a sofa described by the son-in-law of the 62 year old female victim as being an upholstered type sofa which had 3 removable cushions with zippers. He indicated the sofa was fairly old. He did not have any manufacturer, place of purchase, etc., information. All officials with the police and fire department indicated the sofa was very badly burned.

None of the respondents had information pertaining to the cigarette lighter involved in the incident. The son-in-law of the 62 year old female did state his mother-in-law smoked cigarettes and she normally purchased the 99 cents lighters. However, he did not know the manufacturer of the cigarette lighter involved in this incident.

Since no product information was obtainable from any of the sources and the products had been destroyed in the fire, manufacturing information was unobtainable.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit 1 - Newspaper Article.

- 2 - 3/22/95 letter to police department requesting police and autopsy report.
- 3 - INCIDENT REPORT, SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, photographs and autopsy report for the 62 year old and the 2 year old victims provided by the police department.
- 4 - 3/24/95 letter to police department requesting the fire report and photographs.

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- 5 - FIRE REPORT, Investigation Report, and photographs provided by the fire department.
- 6 - DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES.

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LaGrange Daily News

Name of Georgia Newspaper

FEB 20 1995

Date

Fire Claims Grandmother, Toddler

Three Children Escape Blaze Blamed On Lighter

A LaGrange woman and her 2-year-old grandson died in a fire Saturday night at [redacted] street, authorities said.

The victims were identified as [redacted], 62, and [redacted]. Three other grandchildren, [redacted] and [redacted], ages 3, 4, and 6, escaped unharmed.

"Some of the kids said they were playing with a cigarette lighter on the sofa and set the sofa on fire," said police Detective Sgt. Randy Dollar. The older children "ran up the street and notified a neighbor."

The 2-year-old was found on the burned sofa

and the grandmother was found on the floor of another room that Dollar described as the front living room.

"It appeared that [redacted] was in another part of the house and may have been alerted to the fire by the smoke detector" and tried to save the child, according to Fire Department spokesman Beverley Dowis.

The fire, reported about 8:15 p.m., destroyed the house owned by [redacted]. The house was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived.

Dollar said autopsies will be performed at the Georgia Crime Lab in Atlanta.

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TO: Sgt. Randy Dollar, La Grange Police
Dept. La Grange,
Ga.

FAX #: 706-883-2404

FROM: Jimmie Faret, Investigator, ATL-SO,
CPS C

DATE: 3-22-95

RE: Police and autopsy reports

PAGES: 1, + cover sheet

NOTES: _____

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
Atlanta Satellite Office
401 W. Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 1600
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Sergeant Randy Dollar
LaGrange Police Department
Drawer Box E
LaGrange, Georgia 30241

March 22, 1995

Dear Sergeant Dollar:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is involved in the study of injuries, accidents and complaints involving many consumer products. Information gathered from fire departments, medical examiners, gas companies, electric companies, insurance companies and coroners helps make us aware of product hazards, and aids us in preventing product-related accidents and injuries.

We would appreciate your office providing the undersigned a copy of the following report:

Police and Autopsy Report
Victim/Occupant: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Date of Incident: 2/18/95

Product of Involved: Cigarette Lighter and Sofa

Any additional information that your office could provide will be appreciated. If there are any questions, please call me at (404)730-2870. The Fax number is AC 404-730-2878.

Sincerely,

Jimmie L. Barrett

Jimmie L. Barrett
Product Safety Investigator
Atlanta Satellite Office

EX 2

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FAX TRANSMISSION

LAGRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
DETECTIVE DIVISION

TO: Jimmie Barrett
FROM: Sgt. Randy Dollar
DATE: March 23, 1995

Please find to follow copies of reports in reference to house fire with fatalities that occurred on
[redacted] on February 18, 1995.

If you would like to come to LaGrange to get copies of the photographs, it would be best if you
came the latter part of next week so it will allow me time to have the film developed.

SGT. RANDY DOLLAR
DETECTIVE DIVISION

Sgt. Randy Dollar

EX. 3

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MOORE

AGENCY NO. (ORI) SA CA 1410200

INCIDENT REPORT

CASE NUMBER 95-02-04504

INCIDENT TYPE House Fire With Fatalities **COUNTS** 2 **INCIDENT CODE** 9801

INCIDENT LOCATION [REDACTED] **LOC CEN** [REDACTED]

INCIDENT DATE 021895 **TIME** 1830 **DATE** [REDACTED] **TIME** [REDACTED] **STRANGER TO STRANG II** 1 **UNK** 3

COMPLAINANT LaGrange Fire Department **ADDRESS** [REDACTED] **PHONE NUMBER** [REDACTED]

VICTIMS NAME [REDACTED] **RACE** B **SEX** M **AGE** 02 **NO SIDENCE PHONE** [REDACTED] **BUSINESS WHICH** [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED] **CENSUS TRACT** [REDACTED] **EMPLOYER OR OCCUPATION** [REDACTED]

STUDENT? YES NO **IF YES, NAME, ULTIMA, SCHOOL** [REDACTED]

WANTED ADDRESS [REDACTED] **CENSUS TRACT** [REDACTED] **HEIGHT** [REDACTED] **WEIGHT** [REDACTED] **HAIR** [REDACTED] **EYES** [REDACTED]

WARRANT [REDACTED] **COUNTS** [REDACTED] **OFFENSE CODE** [REDACTED] **OFFENSE ARREST** [REDACTED]

ARREST [REDACTED] **ARREST AT OR NEAR OFFENSE SCENE** YES NO **DATE OF OFFENSE** [REDACTED]

STOLEN [REDACTED] **RECORD** [REDACTED] **SUSPECT** [REDACTED] **MODEL** [REDACTED] **STYLE** [REDACTED]

VEHICLE **YEAR** [REDACTED] **VIN** [REDACTED] **TRANS** [REDACTED] **AUTO** [REDACTED] **MAN** [REDACTED] **SPD** [REDACTED] **INCURRED BY** [REDACTED]

PROPERTY

VEHICLES	CURRENCY NOTES ETC	JEWELRY PREC. METALS	FURS
STOLEN [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
RECOVERED [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
CLOTHING	OFFICE EQUIP	TV RADIO ETC	HOUSEHOLD GOODS
STOLEN [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
RECOVERED [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
FIREARMS	PERSONAL EFFECTS	LIVESTOCK	OTHER
STOLEN [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
RECOVERED [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
TOTAL			

ADM OCCIDENTAL [REDACTED] **WARRANT** [REDACTED] **MISSING PERSONS** [REDACTED] **VEHICLE** [REDACTED] **ARTICLE** [REDACTED] **BOAT** [REDACTED] **GUN** [REDACTED] **SECURITIES** [REDACTED]

DRUG DID INVESTIGATION INDICATE THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS DRUG RELATED? YES NO
 IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE OF DRUG(S) USED BY OFFENDER
 1 - AMPHETAMINE 2 - BARBITURATE 3 - COCAINE 4 - MARIJUANA 5 - HEROIN 6 - MARIJUANA 7 - METHAMPHETAMINE 8 - OPIUM 9 - SYNTHETIC NARCOTIC U - UNKNOWN

CLEAR REQUIRED DATA FIELDS FOR CLEARANCE REPORT [REDACTED] **EX 3**
 CLEARED BY AGENT EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED UNFOUNDED
DATE OF CLEARANCE [REDACTED] ADJUT JUVENILE **REPORT DATE** 021895

NARRATIVE Victim # 2 - [REDACTED] - B/F - D.O.B. 03/05/32 - address [REDACTED]. LaGrange Fire Department responded to a house fire at [REDACTED] approximately 1830 hours. Upon arrival, firemen were told of two occupants still inside the residence. After the fire was extinguished, the two bodies were found [REDACTED] in the front living room.

REPORTING OFFICER [REDACTED] **OFFICER** [REDACTED] **NUMBER** [REDACTED]

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_____ was found on the sofa in an adjoining room. Both bodies were transported to West Georgia Medical Center by Troup EMS. Sgt. Dollar requested that both bodies be sent to the crime lab and that a blood alcohol done on _____.

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CASE STATUS: ACTIVE CLEARED BY ARREST CLEARED UNFOUNDED

REPORTING OFFICER: Dollar NUMBER: 360 APPROVING OFFICER: *Dollar Sgt* NUMBER: 260

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021895

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Sgt. Dollar talked with [redacted], age 4, [redacted] age 3 and [redacted] age 6 in reference to the house fire. These three juveniles were in the house when the fire started. According to these juveniles, they were playing with a cigarette lighter and accidentally set the sofa on fire. The three juveniles ran out of the house and ran to a neighbor's house.

One juvenile stated that they tried alerting their grandmother [redacted] but she was unresponsive.

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CASE STATUS	<input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE	<input type="checkbox"/> CLEARED BY ARREST	<input type="checkbox"/> EX-CLEARED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED	021895
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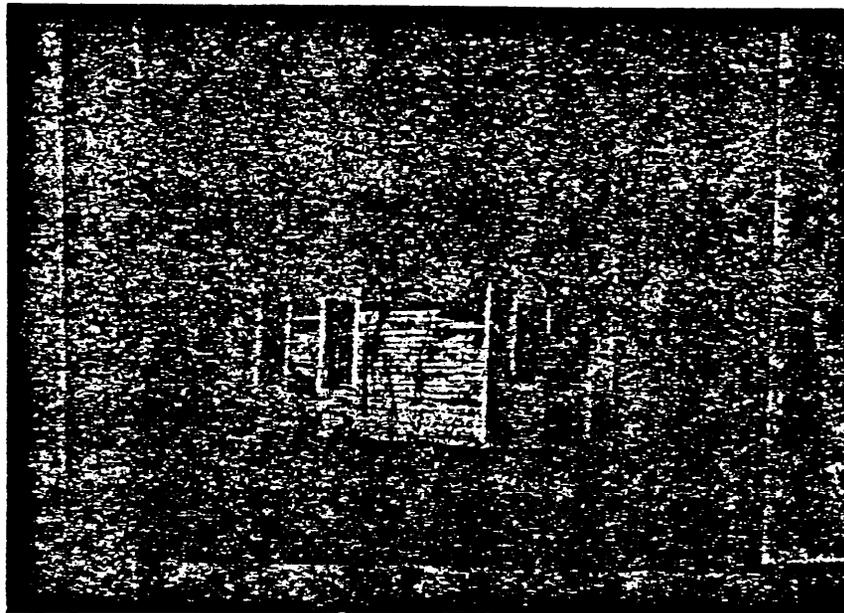


Photo 1 - View of home where incident occurred.

2 yr. old victim



sofa

Photo 2 - View showing remains of burnt sofa with 2 year old victim on the sofa.

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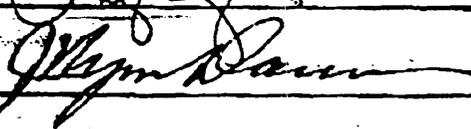
Photo 3 - Another view of remains of 2 year old burn victim.



Photo 4 - View of remains of 62 year old female burn victim.

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STATE OF GEORGIA GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DIVISION OF FORENSIC SCIENCES RECORD OF MEDICAL EXAMINER			
CITY: LaGrange	COUNTY: Troup	CASE NO. 093-632	
NAME OF DECEASED: [REDACTED]			
RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: [REDACTED]			
AGE/DOB: 2	SEX: Male	RACE: Black	HEIGHT: 27" WEIGHT: 34 lbs.
MANNER OF DEATH: NATURAL <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> ACCIDENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDETERMINED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>			
CAUSE OF DEATH: Probable Smoke Inhalation			
LAST SEEN:	DATE:	HOUR:	PLACE:
FOUND:	DATE:	HOUR:	PLACE:
INJURY:	DATE: 2-18-95	HOUR: 1800	PLACE: Residence
PRONOUNCED:	DATE: 2-18-95	HOUR: 2042	PLACE: West Ga. Med. Ctr.
NOTIFIED BY: Irma Smith	DATE: 2-19-95	HOUR: 0815	
BODY IDENTIFIED BY: Circumstances		PHOTOGRAPHS: None	
AUTOPSY AUTHORIZED BY: Coroner		CORONER NOTIFIED: Yes	
PRESENT AT AUTOPSY:			
INVESTIGATING OFFICERS: Randy Dollar		Child Review Committee	
EMPLOYED BY: LaGrange Police Department			
SUSPECT:			
NAME OF MORGUE: Atlanta DOPS		DATE RECEIVED: 2-20-95	HOUR: 1105
BODY REMOVED FROM: West Ga. Med. Ctr.		TRANSPORTED BY: Morris Smith	
AUTOPSY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIMITED DISSECTION: <input type="checkbox"/> EXTERNAL EXAM: <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORY REVIEW: <input type="checkbox"/>			
PERFORMED BY: Randy Hanslick, M.D.		DATE: 2-20-95	TIME: 1130
SIGNED:		DATE: 2/20/95	
APPROVED:		DATE: 3/2/95	

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STATE OF GEORGIA
 GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 DIVISION OF FORENSIC SCIENCES
 AUTOPSY OR REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF BODY

DATE OF DEATH: 2-20-95 COUNTY: Troup CASE NO. C95-657

NAME OF DECEDENT: [REDACTED]

REASON FOR PERFORMING AN EXAMINATION:

This 2 year old black male was reportedly a victim of a house fire. Additional details are contained in the investigative reports filed in the Troup County authorities.

DATE AND TIME OF EXAMINATION:

Under the provisions of the Georgia Death Investigation Act, an autopsy is performed in the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Crime Laboratory morgue on Monday, February 20, 1995, commencing at 11:30 AM with the assistance of Charles Brown and O. B. Samuel.

PRESENTATION, CLOTHING, AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

The decedent is brought to the morgue in a white disaster bag. The body is lying on a white sheet. An identification bracelet is present about the left leg which reads [REDACTED] Medical Record #000294028".

No clothing is present on the body.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body weight is 34 pounds. The body is consistent in height with that of approximately 27 inches. The skin is that of a black individual. The penis is present, appears to have been circumcised.

The body has somewhat of a pugilistic attitude with flexion of the upper extremities. The distal portion of the right fingers have burned away, the left hand is contracted and the distal portion of the left radius and ulna are partially burned. There is extensive charring of the upper torso and head with apparent heat related fracture of the calvarium through which most of the brain can be seen to be cooked. The back shows extensive loss of skin with exposure of the underlying muscle and subcutaneous tissue. The interior aspect of the lower chest and abdomen are relatively spared as are the interior aspect of the lower extremities.

Buried within the brain near the posterior occipital region is the top of an apparent aerosol can of which the propeller is melted. The words "shake well before using" can still be seen on this item.

The body and face is burned in such a way that the facial features are basically unrecognizable. The tongue is clenched between the teeth. The upper and lower teeth are present, all have erupted, and no distinctive tooth markings are obvious anteriorly.

X-rays of the head and torso show numerous artefacts but no projectile fragments are noted.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION OF THE BODY:

Chest and Abdomen:

The skin of the chest and abdomen is opened with the usual Y-shaped incision. There is no evidence of soft tissue trauma to the chest or abdomen. The tissues are

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NAME OF DECEDENT: [REDACTED]

slightly pink but not necessarily cherry red. The bony thorax is intact and upon its removal there are no abnormal fluid collections in the chest or abdomen:

The thoracic and abdominal organs are examined in situ and then removed by the Virchow technique for serial examination. Significant findings on internal examination include the following:

The large bowel, small bowel, appendix, and rectum are grossly unremarkable.

The urinary bladder is contracted and essentially empty.

The stomach contains several ounces of partially digested food which appears to consist of primarily vegetable material and possibly cheese or eggs.

The lungs have a combined weight of 230 grams and are edematous and congested. The major airways are hyperemic and contain a very small amounts of black soot deposits.

The adrenal glands are free of nodularity, hemorrhage, or other abnormality.

The kidneys are normal size and symmetrical.

The spleen weighs 30 grams and is congested. The white pulp is prominent and the spleen is otherwise unremarkable.

The pancreas shows the usual lobular architecture and is free of gross or acute chronic change.

The anterior portion of the tongue is scorched and the dorsum of the tongue contains soot-like material. The trachea at its bifurcation contains only a small amount of soot.

The epiglottis is hyperemic but not swollen.

The thymus appears to be grossly normal.

The hyoid and thyroid cartilages are intact.

The heart weighs 70 grams and is morphologically normal.

The liver weighs 450 grams and is lacerations or other abnormality. The gallbladder is contracted and empty.

Examination of the remaining portion of the skull shows there to be an artefactual occipital epidural hematoma. All skull fractures are limited to those in continuity with the missing portion of the calvarium. The basilar skull is unremarkable.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

1. Evidence of smoke inhalation soot is present but not abundant.
2. Pulmonary edema and congestion.
3. No evidence of significant physical trauma or no significant evidence of disease.

OTHER PROCEDURES:

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NAME OF DECEDENT: [REDACTED]

1. Blood is submitted for toxicology and possible typing.
2. Tissues retained for histology.
3. The pressurized can top is submitted as evidence.
4. Incisions are made laterally in the face to examine the teeth restorations which are not visible.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Probable smoke inhalation.

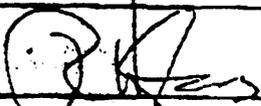
MANNER:

Accident.

If toxicology results warrant, the report will be amended.

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STATE OF GEORGIA GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DIVISION OF FORENSIC SCIENCES RECORD OF MEDICAL EXAMINER			
CITY: LaGrange	COUNTY: Troup	CASE NO. C95-539	
NAME OF DECEASED: [REDACTED]			
RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: [REDACTED]			
AGE/DOB: 52	SEX: Female	RACE: Black	HEIGHT: 65/66" WEIGHT: 135 lbs.
MANNER OF DEATH: NATURAL <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> ACCIDENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
UNDETERMINED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>			
CAUSE OF DEATH: Smoke Inhalation			
LAST SEEN:	DATE:	HOUR:	PLACE:
FOUND:	DATE:	HOUR:	PLACE:
INJURY:	DATE: 2-18-95	HOUR: 1800	PLACE: Residence
PROMOURCED:	DATE: 2-18-95	HOUR: 2040	PLACE: West Ga. Med. Ctr.
NOTIFIED BY: Irma Smith		DATE: 2-19-95	HOUR: 0815
BODY IDENTIFIED BY: Family		PHOTOGRAPHS: None	
AUTOPSY AUTHORIZED BY: Coroner		CORONER NOTIFIED: Yes	
PRESENT AT AUTOPSY:			
INVESTIGATING OFFICERS: Randy Dollar			
EMPLOYED BY: LaGrange Police Department			
SUSPECT:			
NAME OF MORGUE: Atlanta DOPS		DATE RECEIVED: 2-20-95	HOUR: 1205
BODY REMOVED FROM: West Ga. Med. Ctr.		TRANSPORTED BY: Morris Smith	
AUTOPSY: <input type="checkbox"/> LIMITED DISSECTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXTERNAL EXAM: <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORY REVIEW: <input type="checkbox"/>			
PERFORMED BY: Randy Manzlick, M.D.		DATE: 2-20-95	TIME: 1205
SIGNED:		DATE: 2/25/95	
APPROVED:		DATE: 3/2/95	

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 DIVISION OF FORENSIC SCIENCES
 AUTOPSY OR REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF BODY

DATE OF DEATH: 2-20-95 COUNTY: Troup CASE NO. C95-539

NAME OF DECEDENT: [REDACTED]

REASON FOR PERFORMING AN EXAMINATION:

This 62 year old black female was reportedly a victim of a house fire. Additional details are obtained in the investigative reports filed in the Troup County authorities.

DATE AND TIME OF EXAMINATION:

Under the provisions of the Georgia Death Investigation Act, a limited dissection is performed in the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Crime Laboratory morgue on Monday, February 20, 1995, commencing at 12:05 PM with the assistance of Charles Brown and O. B. Samuel.

PRESERVATION, CLOTHING, AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

The decedent is brought to the morgue dressed in a brown disaster bag. The body is wrapped with a white sheet. On the left wrist is a silver-colored watch which is running and shows the proper time. There is the remnants of a blue-colored sock about the left ankle. No other items of jewelry or clothing are present.

FEATURES OF IDENTIFICATION:

An identification band is present about the left ankle which reads "Margaret Bell".

This is the body of a black female which weighs 135 pounds and measures approximately 65 to 66 inches in height. The physique is mesomorphic.

The head hair has apparently been burned away. The upper jaw is edentulous anteriorly as is the lower jaw. There are no externally missing body parts. There are no obvious tattoos. No obvious thoraco-abdominal surgical scars are visible. There is a suggestion of a small midline infra-umbilical scar.

DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC ARTEFACT:

There is no evidence of diagnostic or therapeutic artefact.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION OF THE BODY:

There is generalized skin slippage involving the lower extremities, right side of the torso and abdomen, upper extremities, and face. Numerous pieces of burnt styrofoam are present to the body including on the right forearm and the right ear. The conjunctiva are hyper-emic but there is no obvious indication of petechial hemorrhages. There is no evidence of trauma to the face or scalp. The nasal bones and facial bones are intact. There is no indication of intra-oral injury. The tongue is clenched between the gums. The dorsum of the tongue is black.

The neck shows no evidence of contusion, abrasion, or other abnormality.

The upper extremities are symmetrical and show excelerated marbling due to postmortem change but no injuries are noted.

The torso is atraumatic both anteriorly and posteriorly. There is no indication of penetrating or perforating injury.

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NAME OF DECEDENT: [REDACTED]

Inter-rectal area is unremarkable. Perineum is normal. There are no foreign objects in the vagina and the labial area is atraumatic.

The lower extremities show the prescribed skin slippage and are unremarkable.

In summary, this is the body of a black female consistent with the stated age. There is evidence of diffuse skin slippage and no evidence of significant penetrating or perforating injury.

X-RAY EXAMINATION:

X-rays of the head, chest and abdomen show no indication of projectiles.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION OF THE BODY:

Neck, Chest and Abdomen:

The skin of the chest and abdomen is opened with the usual Y-shaped incision. There is no evidence of soft tissue trauma to the chest. The musculature and soft tissues are pink but no excessively red. The bony thorax is intact and upon its removal there are no abnormal fluid collections in the chest or abdomen. The skin of the neck is dissected up to the angle of the jaw and there is no evidence of soft tissue trauma of the major airways or lateral neck compartments. The larynx and neck structures are removed and the hyoid and thyroid cartilages are intact. Slight to moderate soot is seen in the upper airway and in the trachea.

The thoracic and abdominal organs are examined in situ and appear grossly unremarkable other than having a slight pinkish coloration. The urinary bladder is contracted and empty. The uterus is nonpregnant. The stomach contains a small amount of semi-solid unrecognizable food material.

Head:

The skin of the scalp is reflected in the usual manner. There is no evidence of soft tissue trauma to the scalp. The underlying calvarium is intact and upon its removal there are no abnormal fluid collections in the epidural, subdural, or subarachnoid space. The brain weight is 1050 grams. There is no indication of acute or remote contusions. There is a frontal atrophy with excessive amount of subarachnoid fluid composing. The cerebellum is normally formed without vascular abnormality. Section of the cerebral cortex show no focal abnormalities except for mild frontal atrophy. The dura is reflected from the base of the skull and there is no evidence of basilar skull trauma.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

1. Evidence of smoke inhalation.
2. No significant indications of internal physical trauma.

OTHER PROCEDURES:

1. Blood is submitted for toxicology.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

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DIVISION OF FORENSIC SCIENCES
AUTOPSY OR REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF BODY

DATE OF DEATH: 2-20-95 COUNTY: Troup CASE NO. C95-539

NAME OF DECEDENT: [REDACTED]

Smoke inhalation.

MANNER:

Accident:

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March 24, 1995

Captain Randy Cash
Fire Prevention Bureau
LaGrange Fire Department
301 Main Street
LaGrange, Georgia 30240

Dear Captain Cash:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is involved in the study of injuries, accidents and complaints involving many consumer products. Information gathered from fire departments, medical examiners, gas companies, electric companies, insurance companies and coroners helps make us aware of product hazards, and aids us in preventing product-related accidents and injuries.

We would appreciate your office providing the undersigned a copy of the following report:

Victim/Occupant: _____ Fire Investigation _____ Report and photographs
Address: _____

Date of Incident : _____ 2/18/95 _____

Product Involved : _____ Cigarette Lighter and Sofa _____

Any additional information that your office could provide will be appreciated. If there are any questions, please call me at (404)730-2870. The fax number is (404)730-2878.

Sincerely,
Jimmie L Barrett
Jimmie L Barrett
Product Safety Investigator

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

401 West Peachtree St. N.W., Suite 1600 ■ Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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LAGRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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LAGRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE REPORT

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ALARM NO. 95-0187

LOG NO.: 4, 5 & 6

DATE: 02-18-95

DISPATCH TIME: 1832

ARRIVAL TIME: 1838

CONTROL TIME: 1922

DISMISSAL TIME: 2139

VEHICLE NO. 1: N/A

TAG NO.: N/A

VEHICLE NO. 2: N/A

TAG NO.: N/A

BATTALION ON DUTY: 1ST

ALARM TYPE: STRUCTURE FIRE

OCCUPANCY: RESIDENTIAL

CONSTRUCTION TYPE: WOODFRAME

STAFF RESPONDING: 800, 801, 802, 804, 805, 810 & 815
REPORTED BY: WILLIAM TIGGS

COMPANIES RESPONDING: E2, E4, L11, R21. E3 RESPONDED AT 1908
AUTO ALARM NO.: N/A

TOTAL PERSONNEL RESPONDING: 23

PHONE NO.: [REDACTED]

EMERGENCY: X

NON-EMERGENCY:

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

TENANT/DRIVER: [REDACTED]

OWNER NAME: [REDACTED]

OWNER ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

INJURIES: CIVILIAN 0

FIREFIGHTER: 0

DEATHS: CIVILIAN 2

FIREFIGHTER: 0

WEATHER: CLOUDY

WIND: 090 MPH 7

TEMPERATURE: 49

PROPERTY VALUE: \$25,000.00

PROPERTY LOSS: \$25,000.00

CONTENT VALUE: \$10,000.00

CONTENT LOSS: \$10,000.00

ORIGIN: RIGHT MIDDLE BEDROOM

CAUSE: CHILDREN PLAYING W/CIGARETTE LIGHTER IGNITED COMBUSTIBLE SOFA

EXTINGUISHMENT METHOD: WATER

EQUIPMENT USED: SEE ATTACHED SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

NOTES: SEE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE: CAPT. GENE NELSON

REPORT BY: LT. S. HASHIMOTO

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Police Operations
GEORGE YATES
Asst. Chief
(706) 883-2610
Fax (706) 883-2506



Fire Operations
CHRIS A. SMITH
Asst. Chief
(706) 883-2650
Fax (706) 883-2554

City of LaGrange
Department of Public Safety

GARY B. SHEPHERD, CHIEF
(706) 883-2610

Fire Prevention Bureau

Investigation Report

Case Number 95-T-02-004 Alarm Number 95-0187 Page 1 of 6

Date of Loss: 02-18-95 Time 1832 Investigator HASHIMOTO

Location of Loss: [REDACTED] LAGRANGE

Description of Loss: SINGLE-STORY, WOODFRAME RESIDENTIAL DWELING

Damage: None Minor Extensive Total Loss

Approximate Amount of Damages: Estimate by: HASHIMOTO

Structure: \$ 25,000⁰⁰ Contents: \$ 12,500⁰⁰

Probable Cause: Accidental Incendiary Providential
 Suspicious Undetermined

Occupants: [REDACTED] Phone N/A

Owner: [REDACTED] Phone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

LAGRANGE, GA 30240

Assistance Requested By: DIC MORRIS Dept. 810

Investigator Assisted By: CAPT. R. CASH Dept. 804

N/A Dept. N/A

N/A Dept. N/A

Photographs Taken: Yes No By HASHIMOTO Date 02-18-95 Time 2022

Evidence Collected: Yes No By [REDACTED] Date [REDACTED] Time [REDACTED]

Status of Investigation: Open Closed

Signature: [Signature] Date 02/23/95

Approved by: [Signature] Date 3/28/95

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Person's to Contact for Possible Information:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Insurance Company (Owner): COTTON STATES INS. Co.

Structure: \$ 25,000⁰⁰ 100 S. LEWIS ST.

Contents: \$ 0 LAGRANGE, GA 30240

Adjuster: LARRY WILLIAMSON - AGENT
884-5696

Insurance Company (Tenant): N/A

Structure: \$ N/A N/A

Contents: \$ N/A N/A

Adjuster: N/A
N/A

Injuries - I Fatalities - F

Name _____ DOB 03/05/32 Sex F I

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Name _____ DOB _____ Sex _____ I

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Autopsy Performed By: GEORGIA CRIME LAB Date 02-20-95

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Case #95-I-02-0004

On February 18, 1995, at 1832 hours, LaGrange Fire Department units were dispatched to [REDACTED], LaGrange, to a reported structure fire. At 1915 hours, Lt. Steven A. Hashimoto (805) was requested by D/C Morris. 805 arrived at 1950 hours. The structure was a single-story, woodframed, residential dwelling. The structure had extensive fire damage. The roof of the structure had collapsed. The "A" side of the structure displayed fire damage to the areas above the front doors and the gable ends revealed burn patterns from an interior fire. The windows on the "D" side of the structure had been burnt out. Lt. Hashimoto met with D/C Morris (810). D/C Morris explained PSO Ormsby had arrived on the scene before other units. D/C Morris stated that PSO Ormsby had attempted entry through the rear door prior to the other units arriving. He stated that when the other units arrived at [REDACTED] Street and they reported fire and heavy smoke coming from all of the windows and doors. D/C Morris stated that there were two fatalities- an elderly woman and a small child. Lt. Hashimoto met with Captain Cash (804). Captain Cash stated that Troup County Emergency Medical Services (TCEMS) had removed the body of the elderly victim and were waiting for photographs to be taken before they could remove the other victim. Captain Cash also stated that Sgt. Randy Dollar of the Police Department was present and conducting his investigation. Lt. Hashimoto met with Captain Cash and Charles Whited of the Coroner's office. Mr. Whited stated that he had taken his photographs and would instruct TCEMS to remove the

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small victim when photographs were completed. Lt. Hashimoto went into the structure to photograph the victim at about 2005 hours. The victim was photographed. The victim was a small child in the right middle room. The victim was lying on a sofa. The victim was lying on his anterior side with his right arm extended towards the rear of the sofa. The cranium of the victim was ruptured and brain matter was visible. The body had suffered extensive burns. The structure was observed. The center of the roof had burned away and the surrounding exterior walls were still standing. TCEMS and LFD personnel removed the victim. Lt. Hashimoto met with Captain Cash. Captain Cash stated that preliminary information that he had received indicated that one adult and four (4) children were present at the time of the fire. He stated that firefighters had discovered the body of the elderly woman in the right front room of the structure upon entry. Capt. Cash stated that they had removed that victim to the front porch and had continued their firefighting efforts. Captain Cash stated that preliminary information also indicated that the cause of the fire was from children playing with a cigarette lighter. Captain Cash called Ms. [REDACTED] at about 2035 hours. Ms. Simpson had called E-911 and had identified herself as a friend of the elderly victim's daughter [REDACTED]. She stated to Captain Cash that she was 26 years old and that she lived at [REDACTED]. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and her children stayed at [REDACTED] with Ms. [REDACTED]. She stated that Ms. [REDACTED] had left her children in the care

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of Ms. [REDACTED] and had left the dwelling. She stated that she had heard that there were two older juveniles outside of the residence at the time of the fire but did not know their identities. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she had heard that one of the children had a lighter or matches and had set a sofa on fire. The call was terminated at about 2045 hours. Captain Cash stated that he was going with Sgt. Dollar to the West Georgia Medical Center to attempt to interview family members. At about 2100 hours, the owner of the house, [REDACTED] arrived. Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed by Lt. Hashimoto. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he had bought the house about 4 or 5 years ago. He stated that Ms. [REDACTED] had been his sole tenant during that time. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the house was insured with Cotton States Insurance Company. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he had seen evidence on previous visits to the house that children lived or visited the structure. He stated that Ms. [REDACTED]'s sister, [REDACTED] lived across the street. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he had recently installed two battery-powered smoke detectors in the dwelling. He stated that they were located in the first room on the right and in the second room on the right. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he had recently put a new roof on the right side of the structure. He stated that the house had a cartridge and plug fuse box but no electrical work had been done to the structure to his knowledge. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the house had gas-fired space heaters that the tenant furnished. Mr. [REDACTED] assisted Lt. Hashimoto in placing a general layout of the

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floor plan. Captain Cash returned at about 2130 hours and informed
Lt. Hashimoto that, [REDACTED] was bringing his daughter to the
scene for an interview because she was at the house at the time of
the fire. Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and their daughter,
[REDACTED] arrived and gave permission for the interview.
[REDACTED] stated that she-age 6 years, [REDACTED]-age 4 years,
[REDACTED]-age 3 years, [REDACTED]-age 2 years and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]-age 62 years were in the house when the fire started. She
stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were playing with a cigarette
lighter when [REDACTED] set a sofa on fire. [REDACTED] stated that as
the fire grew larger she, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ran outside and up
the street to get help. Captain Cash and Lt. Hashimoto concluded
the interview at about 2145 hours.

Based on the examination of the scene. Captain Cash and Lt.
Hashimoto determined the fire originated at the sofa in the right
middle bedroom of the dwelling. Witness interviews supported the
investigators' determination that the fire originated in that area.
The interview with [REDACTED] placed the origin of the fire on
the sofa, with ignition occurring when a three-year old child was
playing with a cigarette lighter. This investigation concludes the
fire to be accidental.

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 02/23/95

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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Alarm #95-0187

Case #95-I-02-0004

On February 21, 1995 at about 1000 hours, Ms. [REDACTED] arrived at the Headquarters station of the LaGrange Fire Department at 301 Main Street. She met with Lt. Steven A. Hashimoto (805) and was accompanied by her two sons- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The LaGrange Fire Department employee, Terese Thrower was present during the interview. [REDACTED] was asked to provide information about the fire that occurred on February 18, 1995 at [REDACTED] Street. [REDACTED] stated that she was 22 years old and had lived at 523 South Lee Street. She stated that on February 18, 1995, she left her children- [REDACTED]-DoB 07/20/90, [REDACTED]-DoB 06/05/91 and [REDACTED]-DoB 06/27/91 to [REDACTED] Street to be watched by her mother-Ms. [REDACTED]-DoB 03/05/32. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she brought the children over at about 1630 hours and left at about 1635 hours. She stated that she went to her sister [REDACTED]'s house at [REDACTED] Street. She stated that [REDACTED], age 6 years, her niece was also at the [REDACTED] Street house. She stated that her children were present in the house at the time of the fire. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that her aunt- [REDACTED] lived at [REDACTED] Street and that her sister lived at [REDACTED] Street. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she knew that her mother had been drinking beer when she left her children at [REDACTED] Street. The interview was terminated at about 1025 hours.

Signature: _____

Steven A. Hashimoto

Date: _____

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PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED BY THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT



Photo 1 - View of remains of burned sofa, as indicated by fire personnel.

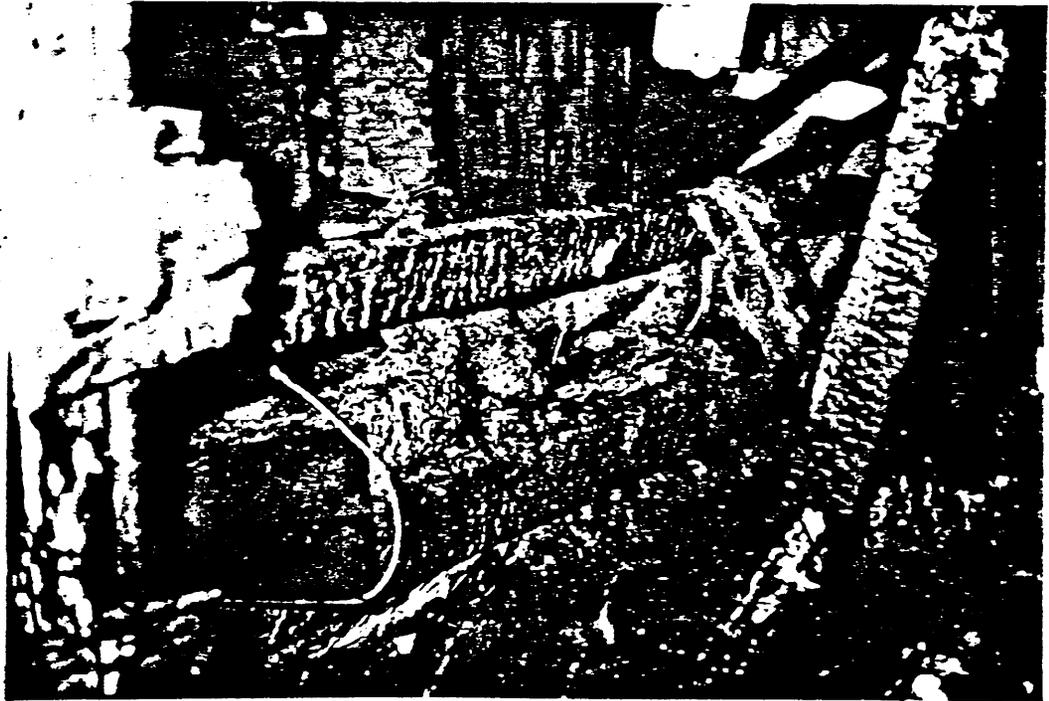


Photo 2 - Another view of what appears to be the remains of the sofa.

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Photo 3 - View of remains of burned sofa and also the 2 year old victim who was on the sofa, as indicated by fire personnel.



Photo 4 - Another view of remains of sofa and victim.

EX. 5

PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED BY THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT

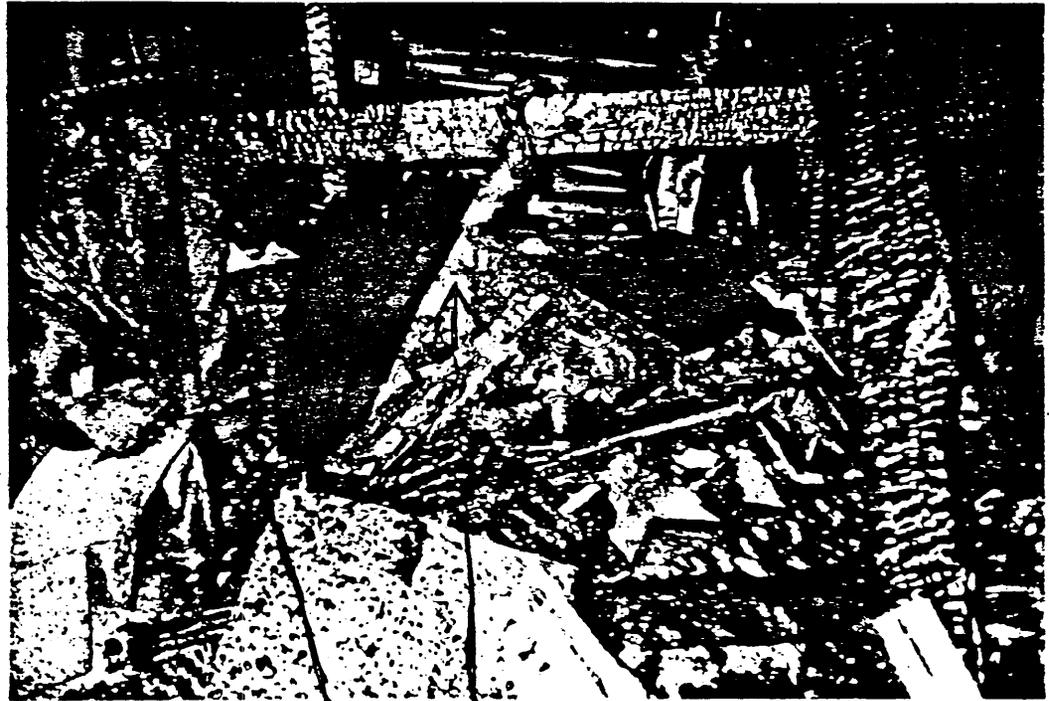


Photo 5 - View of burned sofa and victim.



Photo 6 - Closer view of victim and sofa.

EX. 5



INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

Attachment A

DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES (To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 950308HCN1423 Incident Date 2/18/95

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: Sofa/Couch Chair Sofa bed Other _____

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered? Yes No Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered? Yes No Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand Unknown

4. Purchased: New Used Unknown Described as being fairly old.
If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) _____

5. Date Furniture Purchased: unknown Furniture Age unknown

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)

unknown

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE: Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt Seat cushion Inside back Inside arm

Back Side Underside Crevice

Welt Cord Tuft Other: unknown

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): _____

LT 5 yrs. old 5 - 14 15 - 64 65 +

D. PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE (Check):

Lighter Match Candle Heater Fireplace

Other (specify) _____

Unknown

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If lighter, specify type: Child-resistant Not child-resistant Unknown

If match, specify type: Book Box Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

_____ Fuel source _____ Distance from furniture

E. DETECTION OF FIRE

7. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, specify type: Fire report indicates "two battery-powered.."

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?

Yes No Unknown

9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? fairly soon

F. VICTIM(S)

2 Number of Deaths _____ Number of Injuries

G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household: unknown

Less than high school High school Some College

12. Total household income:

LT \$15,000 \$15,000 - \$34,999 \$35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: \$25,000

Rent Own

General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information on the investigation form.

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1 Case Number 950310HCC2052	2 Investigator ID 8 6 8 9	3 Office Code 8 3 0	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4 Accident date 9 5 0 1 2 9	5 IDI initiated 9 5 0 3 1 6		

6 Synopsis of Accident or complaint A house fire, confined to the porch, involved an upholstered chair. It is believed that a lit candle fell underneath the chair and ~~lit~~ ^{set} it on fire. There were no injuries and the chair has since been discarded.

7 Location home (porch) 1 0	8 City Charleston Township	9 State M I
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10a First Product upholstered chair 4 0 5 2	11a Trade/Brand name/Model unknown
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10b Second Product candle 0 4 6 3	11b Trade/Brand name/Model unknown
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12 Age of Victim 9 9 9	13 Sex 9	14 Disposition no injury 0 0	15 Injury diagnosis no injury 7 0
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16 Body part no injury 9 9	17 Respondents fire chief 3	18 Investigation type other 3	19 Time spent 0 8 . 0
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20 Attachments fire report 2	21 Case Source newspaper 0 5	22 Reviewed by/Date 8311 950407
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23 Permission to disclose names (Non-NEISS cases only)
 CPSC may disclose my name CPSC may not disclose my name

24 Narrative	25 Regional Director review date
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PRE-ACCIDENT

The consumer, his wife, and 2 small children were living in a single story residence. The structure had an enclosed porch that was added on after the electric meter was installed. There was only one entrance and exit from the home, which was via the porch. There was another door, but it had been boarded up years ago. The consumer was not a smoker. On Super Bowl Sunday, he had invited some friends over to view the game. He instructed these friends that they had to go out to the porch if they wanted to smoke. The porch contained an old upholstered chair and there were 2 candle holders with

candles located on a ledge above the upholstered chair.

ACCIDENT

During the course of watching the game, the friends would go out to the porch to smoke. 10-15 minutes after the last individual was on the porch, the family noticed that the porch was on fire.

POST ACCIDENT

All individuals were able to exit the structure without incident. Fire investigators looked at the scene later and discovered a "V" pattern in the area where the chair was located (now totally destroyed). There was an electric heater in the opposite corner, but there was no burn pattern or anything to suggest that the fire started in that area.

It is suggested by the fire chief that the smokers lit candles on the porch so that the cigarette smoke would be masked somewhat by the lit candles. Someone went back into the home, slammed the door, and the lit candles fell to the floor by the upholstered chair. The fire chief said that there was a total of \$50,000 damage (structure and contents). He also said that he knows the consumer and does not believe that the fire was intentionally set because this was the only exit out of the home and there were 2 small children in the structure. The fire chief said that the upholstered chair was furniture from the consumer's parents who lived in the home previously.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

The product is an upholstered chair with manufacturer unknown. The chair was believed to be more than 10 years old. The chair was destroyed in the fire.



INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

Attachment A

DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES

(To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 950310HCC2052 Incident Date 11/29/95

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: Sofa/Couch Chair Sofa bed Other _____

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered? Yes No Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered? Yes No Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand UNK

4. Purchased: New Used Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) _____

5. Date Furniture Purchased: UNK Furniture Age > 10 YEARS

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)

PRODUCT DESTROYED; CERT. UNKNOWN

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE: Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt Seat cushion Inside back Inside arm

Back Side Underside Crevice

Welt Cord Tuft Other _____

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): _____

LT 5 yrs. old 5 - 14 15 - 64 65 +

D. PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE (Check): _____

___ Lighter ___ Match Candle ___ Heater ___ Fireplace

___ Other (specify) _____

___ Unknown

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If lighter, specify type: Child-resistant Not child-resistant Unknown.

If match, specify type: Book Box Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

_____ Fuel source _____ Distance from furniture

E. DETECTION OF FIRE

7. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present? *Couch on porch (Enclosure) No*
 Yes No Unknown *Detector Available*

If yes, specify type: _____

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?
 Yes No Unknown

9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? 10-15 Min.

F. VICTIM(S)

0 Number of Deaths 0 Number of Injuries

G. Socio-Economic Data: *No INFORMATION Available*

11. Education level of head of household:
 Less than high school High school Some College

12. Total household income:
 LT \$15,000 \$15,000 - \$34,999 \$35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: 54,500
 Rent Own *UNK*

General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information on the investigation form.

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INCIDENT REPORT

950310 HCC 2052

Galesburg/Charleston

1 F.D. Dist. 39 08		2 Incident No. 81 00 01 29 95		3 Exp. 00 01 29 95		4 Mo. 01		5 Day of Week 1 Sunday		6 Alarm Time 2119		7 Time Arr. 2123		8 Time Out 2332		9 Sta. 2358	
1 Incident Location: No., Street, City St. Galesburg, MI. Charleston Twp.										2 Apt./Suite 49053		3 Census Tract					
1 Occipent: Last St. Galesburg, MI. Charleston Twp.										2 Phone		3 Contact Person					
1 Owner: Last Same as above										2 Phone		3 Address					
1 Type of Situation 11 Structure fire										2 Type of Action Taken 1 Extinguished						3 Mutual Aid	
1 Fixed Property Use 411 Single family dwelling										2 Probable Act or Omission 39 possible candle-fell on chair						1 <input type="checkbox"/> Rec. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Given 3 Fire Dept. Use	
1 Method of Alarm From Public 7 9-1-1 Center										2 Fire Dept. Use		3 Int. Co. In 1011		4 Shift		5 Alarm 01	
1 No. Fire Service Personnel Responded to Incident Location 15		2 Engines Pumper Respond 2		3 Mini-Pumpers Respond		4 Aerials Ladders Respond 1		5 Squad/Rescue Respond 1		6 Tankers Incl. Trailers		7 Grass Fire Rigs		8 Other P.D. Veh.			

1 NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED 0		1 Fire Service (FM-18C) 0		2 Non-Fire Service (FM-18B)		3 NUMBER OF FATALITIES 0		3 Fire Service (FM-18C) 0		4 Non-Fire Service (FM-18B)		5 Persons Injured 0	
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1 General Property Use(Complex) 98		2 Mobile Property Class * N/A		3 Equipment Involved in Ignition ** 00			
1 Area of Origin 05 Side porch entrance		2 Form of Heat Causing Ignition 44 possible candle		3 Type of Material First Ignited 71 easy chair			
1 Form of Material First Ignited 00		2 Level of Fire Origin 1		3 Method of Extinguishment 5 Water from tank			
1 Building, Vehicle or Other - Insurance Co. (if known) Kay Maxson Agency		2 Amount of Insurance 5 4 5 0 0		3 Est. Property Value 5 4 5 0 0		4 Est. Property Loss 3 0 0 0 0	
1 Contents - Insurance Co. (if known) Kay Maxson Agency		2 Amount of Insurance 3 8 1 5 0		3 Est. Contents Value 3 8 1 5 0		4 Est. Contents Loss 2 0 0 0 0	

1 No. Stories 1		2 Construction Type 7		3 Extent of Flame Damage 2		4 Extent of Smoke Damage 6	
1 Type Auto. Extinguishing System 8		2 Extinguishing System Performance 8					
1 Detector Type 8		2 Detector Power Supply		3 Detector Performance			
IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN 71		1 Type of Material Generating Most Smoke		2 Form of Material Generating Most Smoke 21		3 Avenue of Smoke Travel 5	

IF MOBILE PROPERTY		1 Year		2 Make		3 Model		4 Vehicle Number		5 License Number	
IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED		1 Year		2 Brand Name		3 Model		4 Serial Number			

1 No. of Gal. of Water Used		2 No. and Feet of Hose Booster																			
		No.		Feet		1 1/2"		Feet		2 1/2"		Feet		3 1/2"		Feet		Other		Feet	
1 Kind No. Used		2 Kind No. Used		3 Kind No. Used		4 Kind No. Used		5 Kind No. Used		6 Kind No. Used		7 Kind No. Used		8 Kind No. Used		9 Kind No. Used		10 Kind No. Used		11 Kind No. Used	
1 Kind No. Used		2 Kind No. Used		3 Kind No. Used		4 Kind No. Used		5 Kind No. Used		6 Kind No. Used		7 Kind No. Used		8 Kind No. Used		9 Kind No. Used		10 Kind No. Used		11 Kind No. Used	

AUTHORITY : 1941, PA 267 Section 4
COMPLIANCE : Required
PENALTY : Misdemeanor

The above data is the opinion of the undersigned based on information available at the time of the report.

Gary L. Allen, Fire Chief
Name and Rank of Officer in Charge at Incident Date Person Making Report, if different from Officer in Charge Date
(Use Reverse Side for Remarks)

Mo. Day Year Incident No.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number 6520191
Date of Incident 750129 Category I.D. BUNN251995
Follow-up Requested Hazard Analysis Section 15
Type Follow-up Requested Telephone Call On-Site
Headquarters Contact Linda Smith (301) 504-0470, Extension 1275

Assignment Message

Please screen this case to verify whether candle (open flame source) started fire. If candle ignited upholstered chair, conduct on-site investigation (otherwise terminate).

Find out the following:

- (1) What part of furniture ignited first?
- (2) If second hand, how long in possession?

Follow revised September 1994 guideline, "Upholstered Furniture Fires (For Open Flame Ignition Fires Only)."

Collect sample if possible, following page 9 of guideline for sample collection.

Describe incident scenario. Photograph and identify manufacturer, model number and brand name of upholstered chair. Please obtain fire incident report, medical, insurance and any other report of incident.

Person(s) to Contact _____

Guideline _____

Requested By Linda Smith

Task Number 950310 HCL 2052

Assigned to CH10 Date 3/10/95

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Fire Forces Four Occupants Of Home In Charleston Township To Escape Through Window

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A fire at [redacted] street, in Charleston Township, forced four occupants of the home to escape through a window Jan. 29.

Galesburg/Charleston Fire Chief Gary Allen said the fire started on a front porch area where the lone entrance of the home was, forcing the occupants in the home to escape out a side window of the single story dwelling.

Allen suspects the fire started from a candle or cigarette behind a chair on the front porch.

Allen adds the Galesburg/Charleston Fire Department was on the scene within minutes and had the blaze under control in five minutes. The fire chief said his unit was on the scene from 9:19-11:58 p.m.

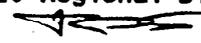
The local fire chief said the home, owned by [redacted] sustained heavy heat and smoke damage. ■

An estimate of damage was not available.

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1 Case Number 9 5 0 3 2 7 H N E 5 2 7 9		2 Investigator ID 8 1 8 9		3 Office Code 8 0 0		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
4 Accident date 9 5 0 3 2 2		5 IDI initiated 9 5 0 3 2 7					
6 Synopsis of Accident or complaint This investigation involved a residential fire. One 24 year old adult female and three children ages four years, two years, and six months died in the fire which was believed to have started when a child playing with a lighter ignited an upholstered sofa. Five other occupants escaped without injury.							
7 Location Residence single family 1 0				8 City Charlotte		9 State N C	
10a First Product sofa 0 6 7 9				11a Trade/Brand name/Model model: unknown brand: unknown Mfr.: unknown			
10b Second Product cigarette lighter 1 6 0 4				11b Trade/Brand name/Model unknown			
12 Age of Victim 0 0 4		13 Sex male 1		14 Disposition Fatality 8		15 Injury diagnosis Anoxia 6 5	
16 Body part APB 8 5		17 Respondents Fire Dept. 2		18 Investigation type Other 3		19 Time spent 11.0	
20 Attachments Multiple 9		21 Case Source Newspaper 0 5		22 Reviewed by 8342 950602			
23 Permission to disclose names (Non-NEISS cases only) <input type="checkbox"/> CPSC may disclose my name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPSC may not disclose my name							
24 Narrative				25 Regional Director review date  6-5-95			
<p>Victim #2 Demographic Data #12 Age: 0 0 2 #13 Sex: Male 1 #14 Disposition: Fatality 8 #15 Injury Diagnosis: Anoxia 6 5 #16 Body Part: APB 8 5</p> <p>Victim #3 Demographic Data #12 Age: 2 0 6 #13 Sex: Male 1 #14 Disposition: Fatality 8 #15 Injury Diagnosis: Anoxia 6 5 #16 Body Part: APB 8 5</p> <p>Victim #4 Demographic Data #12 Age: 0 2 4 #13 Sex: Female 2 #14 Disposition: Fatality 8 #15 Injury Diagnosis: Anoxia 6 5 #16 Body Part: APB 8 5</p>							

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NOTE: The information in this investigation was obtained from the fire investigator. I was never able to reach the family of the victims. They did not respond to a letter sent to them and contact through the counselor at the children's school was unsuccessful. The fire investigator did not know the current address for the family and I did not find a telephone listing. Fire investigators believe that the fire was set by children playing with a lighter, but they could not interview the children because the child that they believed set the fire died. Because the fire involved minors the fire department could not release their report.

PRE-ACCIDENT:

This investigation involved a fire in a single family residence. At the time of the fire nine people were in the residence. The fire occurred on Wednesday, March 22, 1995. The adult female victim was in the basement with the six month old victim, four year old victim, and two year old victim. Upstairs there were two adults and another child. Two adults were in the yard. Fifteen individuals lived in the residence and several people were visiting at the time of the fire. The fire started around noon and the older children were in school. There were adult smokers living in the residence.

The residence had two battery operated smoke detectors, one at the end of the hall in the upstairs and one in the living room of the basement area. Neither smoke detector had batteries. The home was rented. The basement of the home had been petitioned into rooms using paneling and wafer board. The basement had an exterior door. See the diagram of the basement area in the attached newspaper articles. The fire investigator stated that along with beds and furniture in the basement were boxes and stored items leaving the passage areas narrow and cluttered.

The adult female was in a bedroom in the basement with the door closed which probably prevented early detection of the fire. The door from the basement to the upstairs was closed which also prevented the smoke from entering the upstairs area initially which also prevented early detection by the adults upstairs.

Demographic data on the victims was not available. The medical examiner's reports have not been completed and released.

ACCIDENT:

Around 12:00 noon the adult male upstairs and one of the adult women upstairs detected the odor of smoke. When they attempted to go downstairs they were forced back by heat and smoke. Those occupants in the upstairs fled the residence, one of them going to

a neighbor's home to call the fire department. One of the adult men went to the window to the basement in an effort to get to the victims trapped in the basement. Initially the adult male was able to talk to the adult female in the basement. She was trapped in a bedroom in the basement with one of the children, but the basement window was too small to afford a rescue. The adult female and the children were blocked from exiting the basement door by the fire. Firefighters arrived and with gas tanks were able to reach victims however the only victim that was alive when removed was the adult female and she was pronounced dead the following day after never regaining consciousness.

POST-ACCIDENT:

All three children died from anoxia and the adult female also died from anoxia as a result of smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning. Five firefighters were treated and released for smoke inhalation, minor burns, and heat. The adult female and her child were found in a back bedroom. One child was found near the staircase to the upstairs and the third child was found in a bedroom at the other end of the basement.

Fire investigators traced the origin of the fire to a sofa in the living room area of the basement. They also found the remains of a lighter near the end of the sofa that was the origin of the fire. The four year old victim had a history of playing with fire. There was nothing in the area of the sofa to ignite the sofa. The fire investigator's believe that the fire was started with the lighter by one of the children.

The fire investigator stated that the sofa was almost completely consumed by the fire. He stated that the lower frame and springs remained, but that none of the ticking remained. Also some of the burlap bottom covering remained. The fire investigator stated that the wood on the upholstered sofa had been very ornate. The fire investigator reported the filling for the sofa was cubed foam.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

No information was available on the sofa. The fire investigators had not questioned the family on the history of the sofa, style, age, etc. Since I could not reach the family, this information was not available. The fire investigator stated that none of the ticking survived the fire, so no sample of the ticking was available.

The lighter that the fire investigators believe was used by one of the children to start the fire could not be identified by brand. The lighter appeared to be a disposable lighter. They did not know if it was child resistant in design. The lighter was not available for my examination.

STANDARD INFORMATION:

There are no mandatory standards for upholstered furniture enforced by the CPSC. I was not able to determine compliance with any voluntary standards. Disposable lighters are covered by mandatory standards. Compliance could not be determined.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment	1	Data Record Sheet
Attachment	2	Newspaper Articles

U.S. GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

*Allen
Dobbins*

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT
SAFETY COMMISSION
EASTERN REGIONAL CENTER

DATE: March 27, 1995

TO : Gilbert Bodin

*MS/fw
MS 3/31/95*

FROM : Allen Dobbins

SUBJECT : Charlotte sofa fire

We had a fire last week in Charlotte that took the lives of four individuals. I spoke to the fire investigator on Friday and confirmed that the cause of the fire was either a child playing with matches or a cigarette lighter. The lead fire investigator also told me that a sofa was ignited by the child, however the sofa is gone. Only a small part of the frame is left and none of the ticking is left.

I called Bruce on Fri. and told him that I was working on the fire. This was after 3:30. I also received a call from Sheila Kelly, EPHA. Headquarter had heard of the fire. I told Ms. Kelly that FOER would issue an IDI number. I also told Ms. Kelly that the sofa could not be sampled as the ticking was destroyed in the fire.

The fire victims are:

~~████████████████████~~
~~████████████████████~~
~~████████████████████~~

age: 24
age: 4
age: 2
age: 6 months

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Please have an assignment number issued from this memorandum.

cc: Bruce Schwartz

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INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

Attachment 1
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Attachment A
DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES
**(To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report
along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)**

Task Number 950327HNE5279 Incident Date 03-22-95

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: Sofa/Couch Chair Sofa bed Other _____

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered? Yes No Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered? Yes No Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand unknown

4. Purchased: New Used Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) _____

5. Date Furniture Purchased: unknown Furniture Age unknown

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)

unknown

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE: Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt Seat cushion Inside back Inside arm

Back Side Underside Crevice

Welt Cord Tuft Other unknown

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): _____

LT 5 yrs. old 5 - 14 15 - 64 65 +

D. PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE (Check):

Lighter Match Candle Heater Fireplace _____

Other (specify) _____

Unknown



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If lighter, specify type: Child-resistant Not child-resistant Unknown

If match, specify type: Book Box Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

_____ Fuel source _____ Distance from furniture

E. DETECTION OF FIRE

7. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, specify type: _____

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?

Yes No Unknown

✓ 9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?

no battery

✓ 10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? unknown

F. VICTIM(S)

4 Number of Deaths 5 Number of Injuries (firefighters)

G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household: unknown

Less than high school High school Some College

✓ 12. Total household income: unknown

LT \$15,000 \$15,000 - \$34,999 \$35,000 +

✓ 13. Approximate home market value: 80,000

Rent Own

General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information on the investigation form.



The fine art of wrestling

Theater producer reviews the players **Extra 1F**

Magic knocks Hornets out of first place

Sports 1B



Sunny

Highs: mid-60s today, 65 to 70 Saturday. Lows: mid-30s. Light winds, Sunny Saturday/2C

Charlotte Observer

Friday, March 24, 1995

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Family homeless, hurting

SE WHO DIED IN THE FIRE



24

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6 months

said David Lowery, Chief fire investigator. people — nine family and two friends — were use when the fire started

around noon. Some were asleep. All four who were in the basement died. sons, 4, and

low, 2, were killed. So was 6-month-old, 24, held on the longest. She was taken unconscious to Carolinas Medical Center.

She died at 7:12 a.m. Thursday of smoke inhalation.

"She was a very warm person who loved her children," said

Investigators said the fire burned unnoticed for a crucial five minutes. It started at the sofa, hit the ceiling, then spread quickly through the basement's wafer board and paneled walls. It ignited clothes and plastic toys — and junk stored in the water heater room. As the fire spread, the room filled with toxic fumes.

If the smoke detectors had been working, investigators said,

and the three children might have had time to escape from the basement.

and were found on one bed, with underneath his mother's body. Andrew was on a mattress at the opposite side of the basement. was found on the floor at the bottom of the stairs.

Charlotte Fire Chief Luther Fincher stressed that the fire was an accident. No charges will be filed.

"Nobody is liable for the child

Please see **Family**/page 11A

■ How families can devise a home fire-safety plan/10A

■ How you can help the Bartholow family/11A

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Family

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playing with fire," he said. Some still wearing the same smoky clothes from the day before, family members gathered Thursday at their friend's apartment. She gave them temporary shelter as they faced two overwhelming tasks: finding a place to live and arranging four funerals.

[redacted] Sr. and his wife, [redacted], had come from West Virginia about five years ago in search of work and a better economy. Other family members came later. [redacted], their son's ex-girlfriend, was like a daughter-in-law. The kids went to [redacted] Elementary School up the block. And the parents worked jobs like waitress and newspaper carrier, trying to make ends meet.

Now, their house stood gutted. A baby's walker was still on the front porch, and mail was in the mailbox.

The house had 1,300 square feet upstairs and 1,345 square feet in the finished basement. Fifteen people — six adults and nine children — were sharing that space. Up to 17 people in that size house would have been legal under the city housing code.

City officials inspected the house in June 1993 after a neighbor's complaint that the house was overcrowded. Inspectors determined it wasn't. They found no housing code violations.

"At the time, the house had been completely renovated, so it was in real good shape," said Jackie Wilkes, chief housing rehabilitation specialist with the city's Community Development Department.

Still, the basement was a maze of at least seven beds and two cribs, clothes and junk that made fighting the fire difficult, investigators said.

[redacted] Sr. was the first to realize the house was on fire, investigators said. He had just come out of the shower when he smelled smoke. He called to the rest of the family and headed for the stairs, but it was too late. Black smoke engulfed the basement

[redacted] a friend from West Virginia who was staying in the house, was giving her daughter [redacted] a bath. They had to leave the house so quickly there was no time to dress the baby.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg police Officer Ginger Faulkenberry was one of the first on the scene. The children's grandmother, [redacted], had just arrived. She was wild with worry. Faulkenberry had to hold her so she wouldn't go into the house.

"Get the babies!" the grandmother cried. "Get the babies!" Firefighter Marc Cox was one of the first inside. He crawled blindly through the thick, black smoke in the basement — it was too hot to stand up — trying to control the flames and look for victims.

He found [redacted], 2, lying on a mattress in the basement's right-back corner. He was wearing a shirt and a diaper.

"I couldn't see him. I felt him, and I grabbed him," [redacted] said.

He cradled the boy against his chest and brought him out.

"He was so far gone . . .," [redacted] said.

Capt. Rob Bowlin helped carry out [redacted]. He found her lying facedown on a bed. He shook the back of her head to see if she was conscious. She wasn't.

"Victim!" he yelled.

Bowlin and another firefighter dragged [redacted] out of the house by her arms. She never regained consciousness.

As flames licked his back, Capt. Furmann Williams felt the arm of another child. He sensed the child was dead, but tried to get him out anyway.

That's when Williams' clothes started to sting his skin and the fire leaped up his back. He knew he was in trouble.

He felt himself get weak. He was running out of air. The warning bell on his tank had sounded. He moved the child near the window so someone else could save the boy.



Bowlin



"I saw a light in the doorway," said Williams, who was treated for dehydration and heat stroke. "I ran out and I collapsed."

Along with all the human loss, the fire also killed a pet dog. Another dog, a mixed dachshund named "Cents," was taken to an animal shelter temporarily.

"I can't explain the feeling, with all the devastation and loss," said Faulkenberry. "Everybody was just wanting to save the kids."

Thursday, up the block at [redacted] Elementary School, the flag flew at half staff.

Inside, Principal [redacted] made sure counseling was avail-

able to her kindergarten through fifth-grade students. They had seen the fire and the smoke that billowed toward their school.

"Our children are frightened," [redacted] said. "They think it could happen to them."

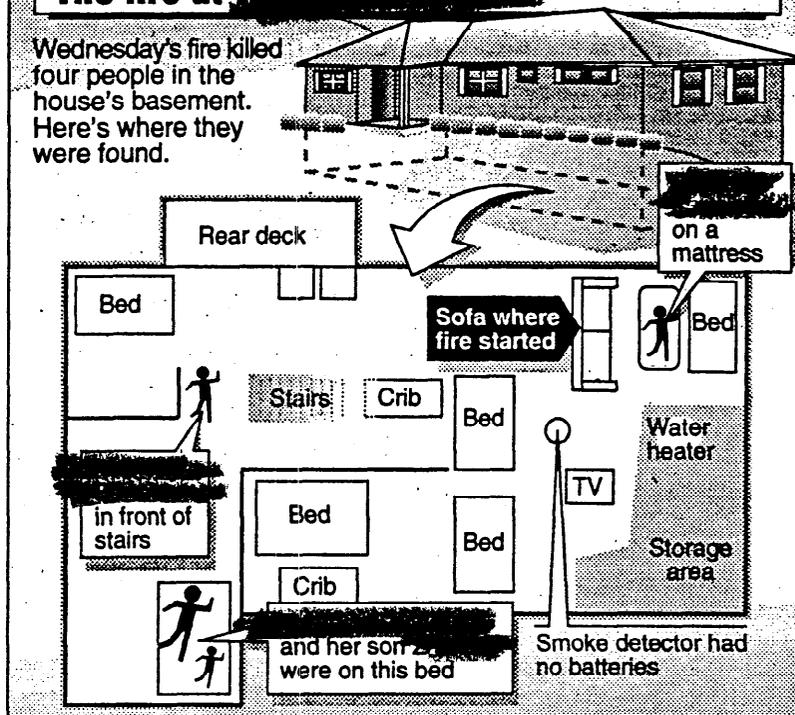
PTA co-presidents [redacted] and [redacted] spent the day ushering bundles of clothing and other donations into a spare room at the school. Neighborhood volunteers fanned out through the streets. They had collected \$600 by midafternoon. The family's first need is to pay for the funerals.

Jean Albuquerque spent all day knocking on doors. People like [redacted] were happy to give. [redacted], who has lived in the neighborhood 25 years, used to give the [redacted] children candy when he walked his dog.

"It's bad," he said Thursday morning as he stood on his front lawn. "It's bad anytime children are killed."

The fire at [REDACTED]

Wednesday's fire killed four people in the house's basement. Here's where they were found.



SOURCE: Charlotte Fire Department

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House of [REDACTED] was home to 15 people

These are the extended family members at [REDACTED] and where they were at the time of the fire.

Husband and wife and two children lived upstairs.

[REDACTED] Sr., 47, upstairs in house
[REDACTED] law, 46, not in house
[REDACTED], fourth-grader, at school
[REDACTED], 21, upstairs in house

[REDACTED] — the [REDACTED] daughter — had five children.

They lived in the basement.

[REDACTED] 27, upstairs in house
[REDACTED] law, 6, at school
[REDACTED] law, 5, upstairs in house
[REDACTED] law, 3, upstairs in house
[REDACTED] law, 4, in basement, killed
[REDACTED] law, 2, in basement, killed

[REDACTED] s lived in the basement with her two children.

[REDACTED] r., 24, the children's father, lives elsewhere.

[REDACTED] s, 24, in basement, killed
[REDACTED], 6, at school
[REDACTED] w, 6 months, in basement, killed

Friends who had come from West Virginia also lived in the house.

[REDACTED] s, 22, upstairs
[REDACTED], almost 2, upstairs

Officials say fire safety should be a family affair

By JOHN VAUGHAN
Staff Writer

Wednesday's house fire that killed a Charlotte mother and three young children on ~~the~~ Place is a terrible reminder that families must plan for catastrophe before it happens, a city fire official says.

"That was the tragedy here: Fire investigators found a smoke detector in that house, but it had no batteries in it," said John Rudisill, fire- and life-safety educator.

Other fire officials said the house had two smoke detectors — neither of them working. Rudisill said 80% of American homes have smoke detectors, but 50% are in working order. "Either the batteries are dead or they've been removed."

Smoke detectors should be located on ceilings or high on the walls of every floor in a house. They should be placed in the basement, fire officials say, and especially outside bedrooms. Batteries should be changed twice a year, ideally in spring and fall, when householders change clocks for daylight saving time.

Fire statistics show that 80% of all fires happen in homes, not on commercial properties or in schools. "And yet when I ask children at school if they have home fire drills, eight out of 10 say they don't," said Rudisill.

He offered a home fire-safety plan:

- Sit down with your family, draw a floor plan of the house and make a step-by-step blueprint for escaping fire. Mark two ways out of every room. Instruct children to crawl with their heads near the floor, where smoke will be least dense. Tell them not to open doors that feel hot, but to use an alternate escape route.

- Make sure all windows and doors in the house can be easily unlocked and opened by young children. Spray window tracks with silicone or an oven cleaner to make windows slide more easily.

- Divide responsibilities among older family members: One person calls 911 to report the fire, others head for bedrooms of younger children, the disabled, etc.

- Agree on an outside meeting place where everyone will gather after leaving the house. This way you can count heads and tell firefighters if anyone is trapped inside.

are filled with smoke. Tell children that if they're trapped in the house, they should close the door to their room, stuff cracks around the door to keep smoke out, wait at a window and signal for help with light-colored clothing or a flashlight.

- Children should be instructed not to rescue belongings or pets, and never to hide in closets or under beds, where firefighters may have trouble finding them. Tell them to stay outside once they leave the house.

"With children, repetition is the key," said Rudisill. "You have to practice the escape plan and keep going over it. Even a 2-year-old can be taught to crawl low under smoke, but you have to keep working with them. They need to learn the sound of the smoke detector and what it means, and learn alternate ways out of the house."

Parents should also keep matches, candles and cigarette lighters away from children. Officials said Wednesday's fire was started by a child who had access to some kind of flame.

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Need a smoke detector?

If you need home smoke detectors, the Charlotte Fire Department will give them to you and install them free. Call the 24-hour hot line — 336-2697 — and leave your name and phone number. For a free fire inspection, call 336-2101.

ADVERTISE YOUR EASTER SERVICE

More than 450,000 people will attend area Easter services this year. You can tell these folks about the special services and programs you will be offering. Just place an ad in the Charlotte Observer's April 12th Easter pages. We will help you design a fitting ad that describes your special programs. Call us today!

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Staff writers Ames Alexander,
John Hechinger and Jack Horan
contributed to this article.

Want to help?

More than anything, the low family needs money. Cash can be taken to [redacted] Elementary School, [redacted] Charlotte, NC 28210. Checks can be made out to [redacted] Fire Victims Fund and mailed to the school or taken to any First Union Bank branch in Charlotte.

The family also needs clothing for girls 18 months, 3, 5 and 7 years old and boys 8 and 10 years old. Women's size 16 clothing is needed — as well as children's shoes and socks, underclothing for children and adults, diapers, baby bottles, blankets, baby wipes and other baby supplies.

Eventually, the family will also need furniture and household items. If you are interested in donating these items, call [redacted] Elementary School on Tuesday, at 343-5825.



JOHN D. SIMMONS/Staff

Lending a hand:

[redacted] Elementary School was the focal point of a collection effort to help the

family Wednesday.

[redacted] (et),

(center, behind) and

Elementary K-2 literacy teacher [redacted]

sort clothing to be given to the family.

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Friends mourn house fire victims

By **KEN GARFIELD**
Staff Writer

Family members said goodbye Monday to four loved ones who died in last week's house fire in Charlotte.

There were only three caskets, though, at Park Road Baptist Church. [redacted], 26, shared a final resting place with [redacted], her 6-month-old son who perished in the smoke-filled basement of their home on [redacted] Place. The two [redacted] brothers who died in Wednesday's blaze — 2-year-old [redacted] and 4-year-old [redacted] — were each laid to rest in their own tiny white caskets.

The caskets were graced with spring flowers and the tears of 40 relatives and friends, many coming from their native West Virginia to bury four who had moved to Charlotte in search of a better life.

Farewells Monday were short and bitterly sweet.

"They were great people, they really were. I'm sorry that they're gone," eulogized [redacted], one of 15 family members who shared the cramped brick house on [redacted] Place.

"Help them have the peace they're looking for at this time," preached Mormon missionary Robert Denneft, who helped lead the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints service. "And remember that we still have each other."

Last week's blaze — the deadliest in Charlotte in six years — was

Want to help?

Those wanting to help can contribute to the "Bartholow Fire Victims Fund." Checks can be mailed to Pinewood Elementary School, 815 Seneca Place, Charlotte, NC 28210 or taken to any First Union branch in Charlotte.

apparently started by one of the children playing with matches or a cigarette lighter. With the fire claiming four lives and everything in the house, Carolinians have responded with money, clothes, furniture and prayers.

The American Red Cross has helped find apartments for displaced family members. More than \$4,000 in contributions has been collected. Home Depot donated 355 smoke detectors to the children of Pinewood Elementary, where family members attended. Smoke detectors in the Bartholow home had no batteries.

Hankins & Whittington Funeral Service donated most of its services. Forest Lawn West Cemetery gave the burial sites.

On an overcast afternoon in a south Charlotte church that donated its sanctuary for the sad occasion, kinfolks filled the first four center pews. The rest of the 600-seat sanctuary was all but empty, except for the 30 people who came even though they didn't know the victims.

[redacted] and Principal [redacted] was among the first to



JOHN D. SIMMONS/Staff

The three children and one adult who died in a Charlotte house fire last week were buried Monday [redacted] her son, [redacted] and brothers [redacted] and [redacted] died in the fire.

arrive with several teachers and staff.

Three firefighters sat side by side. "This is their day," one said quietly after the hourlong service. "You don't need to talk to us."



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EPDS (2)

1 Case Number 950229HCN1554	2 Investigator ID 8 6 8 9	3 Office Code 8 3 0	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4 Accident date 9 5 0 3 1 3	5 IDI initiated 9 5 0 4 1 7		

6 Synopsis of Accident or complaint An 11 year old male, while using a non-disposable lighter, lit an easy chair on fire. The fire caused \$8,000 contents loss. The child incurred 2nd degree burns to his hands and his father was treated for smoke inhalation.

7 Location HOME 1 0	8 City VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP	9 State M. I
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10a First Product CIGARETTE LIGHTER	6 0 4	11a Trade/Brand name/Model UNKNOWN
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10b Second Product EASY CHAIR	4 0 5 2	11b Trade/Brand name/Model UNKNOWN
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12 Age of Victim 0 1 1	13 Sex 1	14 Disposition TREATED AT SCENE 0 1	15 Injury diagnosis THERMAL BURNS 5 1
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16 Body part HANDS 8 2	17 Respondents FIRE CHIEF 3	18 Investigation type OTHER 3	19 Time spent 0 8 . 0 TR= 3 HRS
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20 Attachments FIRE REPORT 2	21 Case Source NEWSPAPER 0 5	22 Reviewed by/Date 8311 950427
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23 Permission to disclose names (Non-NEISS cases only)
 CPSC may disclose my name CPSC may not disclose my name

24 Narrative	25 Regional Director review date
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ACCIDENT INFORMATION

An 11-year old male was living with his parents in a two story unprotected wooden frame home. (According to the fire chief, the minor had a history of playing with lighters and matches. During early afternoon on the day of the incident, both the minor and his father were at home. The boy used a non-disposable cigarette lighter to ignite an upholstered easy chair. The chair caught fire and the boy attempted to put it out. In doing so, the boy incurred thermal burns to his hands. He was treated at the scene. The boy's father suffered from smoke inhalation in attempting to exit himself and his son from the structure. The father had to taken to a local hospital where he was treated

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and released. Both the father and the son have fully recovered from the incident.

The upholstered chair was totally destroyed in the fire and was destroyed.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

1. NON-DISPOSABLE CIGARETTE LIGHTER (MANUFACTURER AND MODEL UNKNOWN).
2. UPHOLSTERED EASY CHAIR (ESTIMATED TO BE MORE THAN 15 YEARS OLD BY THE FIRE CHIEF), WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE. THE MANUFACTURER AND MODEL ARE UNKNOWN.

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INCIDENT REPORT **950329HCN1554**

Fire Department Van Buren Township			Date Amended / /
Weather CLOUDY	Temp 70	Wind Direction and Velocity S @ 12	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Change Record 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Data Record

A 1 F.D. Ident 8248	2 Incident No. 182000313952	3 Exp 03	4 Mo 13	5 Day 95	6 Year 2	7 Day of Week Monday	8 Alarm Time 1550	9 Time Arriv. 1557	10 Time Circl 1628	11 Sta 1					
1 Incident Location: No. Street City [REDACTED]							2 Apt./Suite	3 Zip Code 48111	4 Census Tract						
1 Occupant [REDACTED] First M.I. 2 Phone [REDACTED]							3 Contact Person SAME								
1 Occupant [REDACTED] First M.I. 2 Phone [REDACTED]							3 Address								
E 1 1 Type of Situation Structure fire						2 Type of Action Taken 1 Extinguishment			3 Mutual Aid 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Rec. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Given						
F 4 1 1 Fixed Property Use 1-Fam dwell year rnd						2 Probable Act or Omission 48 Children, playing			3 Fire Dept. Use						
G 1 Method of Alarm From Public Phone direct to FD						2 Fire Dept. Use			3 1st Co. In 411	4 Shift 2	5 Alarms 1				
H 8 1 No. Fire Service Personnel Responded to Incident Location		2 Engines Pumper Respond		3 Mini-Pumpers Respond		4 Aerials Ladders Respond		5 Squads Rescues Respond		6 Tankers incl. Trailers		7 Grass Fire Rigs		8 Other F.D. Veh. 1	

NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED	1 Fire Service (FM-18C)	2 Non-Fire Service (FM-18B) 1	NUMBER OF FATALITIES	3 Fire Service (FM-18C)	4 Non-Fire Service (FM-18B)	5 Persons Rescued
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J 4 1 1 General Property Use (Complex) Dwelling complex 1-2 fmly	2 Mobile Property Class *		3 Equipment Involved in Ignition ** 98 No equipment involved	
K 28 1 Area of Origin Personal service area	2 Form of Heat Causing Ignition 46 Lighter		3 Type of Material First Ignited 20 Flam, comb. liq.	
L 2 1 1 Form of Material First Ignited Sofa/chair/seat	2 Level of Fire Origin 1 Grade to 9' above gr		3 Method of Extinguishment 9 Method unclassified	
M 1 Building, Vehicle or Other - Insurance Co. (if known) UNKNOWN	2 Amount of Insurance 0000000000	3 Est. Property Value 00080000	4 Est. Property Loss 0000000000	
N 1 Contents - Insurance Co. (if known) UNKNOWN	2 Amount of Insurance 0000000000	3 Est. Contents Value 00040000	4 Est. Contents Loss 00008000	

O 2 2 1 No. Stories 2 stories	2 Construction Type 5 Unprotected wood frame	3 Extent of Flame Damage 3 Room of origin	4 Extent of Smoke Damage 3 Room of origin
P 3 1 Type Auto. Extinguishing System No system present		2 Extinguishing System Performance 3 No equipment present	
Q 1 1 Detector Type Smoke-ionization prin.		2 Detector Power Supply 1 Battery only	3 Detector Performance 1 At origin, operated
R IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN 70		1 Type of Material Generating Fabric/text/fur	2 Form of Material Generating 21 Sofa/chair/seat
		3 Avenue of Smoke Travel 8 No significant avenue	

S IF MOBILE PROPERTY	1 Year	2 Make	3 Model	4 Vehicle Number	5 License Number
T IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED	1 Year	2 Brand Name	3 Model	4 Serial Number	

U 1 No. of Gal. of Water Used		2 No. and Feet of Hose Booster													
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W 1 Kind No. Used		2 Kind No. Used	3 Kind No. Used	4 Kind No. Used	5 Kind No. Used	6 Kind No. Used	7 Kind No. Used								

AUTHORITY: 1941, PA 207 Section 4
COMPLIANCE: Required
PENALTY: Misdemeanor

The above data is the opinion of the undersigned based on information available at the time of the report.

ASON LING, FIREFIGHTER

KEN DIXON, F-F/EHT-B

Incident Location
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2 Children with lighters cause 2 fires

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9 Two children playing with lighters caused house fires Monday in Van Buren Township. One fire, at [redacted] in Capitol Hills subdivision, was started by a 4-year-old girl about 11 a.m. She was playing with a lighter in the bathroom and set some toilet paper on fire. The fire spread through the bathroom and into a bedroom. The mother, girl and another girl escaped the fire without injuries. The mother was transported to the hospital for observation because of smoke inhalation. There was smoke and fire damage throughout the home. The family plans to live with neighbors until the house is repaired, said Van Buren Fire Chief Allen Smolen. In the second fire, in the [redacted] et, which is off [redacted], an 11-year-old boy lit an easy chair on fire with a lighter. The fire was limited to the chair and the area around the chair. The boy was treated at the scene for burns to his hands. The father was treated for smoke inhalation. The family will be able to remain in the house while the damage is repaired, Smolen said.

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INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

Attachment A

DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES
(To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report
along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 950329 HCN 1554 Incident Date 3/13/95

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: Sofa/Couch Chair Sofa bed Other _____

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered? Yes No Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered? Yes No Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand UNK

4. Purchased: New Used Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) GARAGE SALE

5. Date Furniture Purchased: 1985 Furniture Age UNK

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE: Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt Seat cushion Inside back Inside arm

Back Side Underside Crevice

Welt Cord Tuft Other _____

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): _____

LT 5 yrs. old 5 - 14 15 - 64 65 +

D. PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE (Check):

Lighter Match Candle Heater Fireplace

Other (specify) _____

Unknown

25 MAY 1995

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1. CASE NO. 950403HCC2065		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID [8][1][4][0]		3. OFFICE CODE [8][3][0]		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY [9][5][0][2][2][2]			5. DATE INVESTIGATION YR MO DAY INITIATED [9][5][0][4][1][3]				
6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT: Two brothers 6 and 7 years old , playing with matches , set fire to a couch and objects in a closet in their home. All seven occupants were uninjured. The contents of the second floor were destroyed. Damage was estimated at \$ 15,000.							
7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Two story house [1][0]			8. CITY Peoria			9. STATE IL	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT paper matches [1][7][2][8]			11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Unknown				
10B. SECOND PRODUCT upholstered couch [0][6][7][9]			11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Unk.				
12. AGE OF VICTIM [9][9][9]		13. SEX (USE NUMERICAL CODE) MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [9] UNKNOWN- 3		14. DISPOSITION no injury [0]		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS none [7][1]	
16. BODY PART None [9][9]		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) fireman [3]		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [2] OTHER - 3		19. TIME SPENT Trv. hrs [] [0][5].[0]	
20. ATTACHMENTS fire report [2]		21. CASE SOURCE newspaper [0][5]		22. REVIEWED BY YR MO DAY [][][][][][] [][][][][][] 8311 950522			
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME [] CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME [x]							
24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)				25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE			

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

PRE-INCIDENT:

All data is from the firemen and the fire report.

This two story wood frame home was occupied by a mother and her six children. The mother and four of her children were in the first floor of the house. Two boys, ages 6 and 7, were playing with matches in what the occupants called the second floor living room. According to the fire investigator, this was an attic room that was used as another bedroom.

INCIDENT:

One of the boys set fire to an upholstered couch. The other boy set fire to some materials in a nearby closet.

No smoke detector was present in this room. There were smoke detectors on the first floor.

POST-INCIDENT:

When the smoke was noticed, the mother called for the fire department, and safely evacuated everyone from the home. No one was injured. The firemen put out the fire in 15 minutes. The contents of the second floor were destroyed. The first floor sustained smoke and water damage.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

There were multiple products involved in this fire. Paper matches were used to set fire to an upholstered couch made of rayon, cotton materials, and foam padding. Similar matches were used to set fire to items in a nearby closet. No identifications of the couch, matches, or other materials were available.

The family could not be located. The building owner could not be located.

STANDARDS:

It is not known what standards these products complied with.

ATTACHMENTS:

The fire report and the partially complete special report form for furniture fires.



INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

Attachment A

DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES (To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 950403HCC2065 Incident Date 2-22-95

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: Sofa/Couch Chair Sofa bed Other _____

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered? Yes No Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered? Yes No Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand Unknown

4. Purchased: New Used Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) _____

5. Date Furniture Purchased: _____ Furniture Age unknown

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)
unknown

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE: Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt Seat cushion Inside back Inside arm

Back Side Underside Crevice

Welt Cord Tuft Other unknown

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): _____

LT 5 yrs. old 5 - 14 15 - 64 65 +

D. PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE (Check): _____

____ Lighter Match _____ Candle _____ Heater _____ Fireplace

____ Other (specify) _____

____ Unknown



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If lighter, specify type: Child-resistant Not child-resistant Unknown

If match, specify type: Book Box Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

_____ Fuel source _____ Distance from furniture

E. DETECTION OF FIRE

7. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, specify type: _____

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?

Yes No Unknown

9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? 3-5 minutes

F. VICTIM(S)

-0- Number of Deaths -0- Number of Injuries

G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household:

Less than high school High school Some College

12. Total household income:

LT \$15,000 \$15,000 - \$34,999 \$35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: unknown

Rent Own

General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information on the investigation form.

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SENDING ID: FPEJW
WALTON.JOANN

FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM
FIRE INCIDENT INFORMATION

TERMINAL:
DATE: 04/05/95 15:26:50

INCIDENT NO.: 95 001015 EXP NO: 00 DATE: 022295 DAY #: 4 ALARM TIME: 161618
MAP NUMBER.: 0000409 SHIFT.: 3 ARRIVE/IN-SERVICE TIME.: 162010 174134
DISPATCH ADDR: ST PA
ACTUAL ADDR.: ST PA 61605
TOT EXPOSURES: 0 TOT CIV-CAS THIS EXP: 0 TOT FIR-SERV-CAS THIS EXP: 0

SITUATION FOUND: 11 STRUCTURE FIRE ACTION TAKEN ...: 1 EXTINGUISHMENT
MUTUAL AID R/G :
FIXED PROPERTY : 411 ONE FAMILY DWELLING Y IGN FACTOR: 36 CHILDREN WITH.
CENSUS TRACT...: 200
OCCUPANT: PHONE.: RM/APT:
OWNER
OWNER ADDRESS...:
OWNER CITY/ST.: BANNER IL ZIP : PHONE:
METHOD ALARM ...: 1 TELEPHONE DIRECT TO FIR
DISTRICT/SHIFT.: 029 3 NUM ALARMS: 1
NUM PERSONNEL ..: 16 NUM ENGINES.....: 3
NUM AERIALS: 1 MISC VEHICLES...: 1
INJ, FIRE SERV.: INJ OTHER:
FATAL FIRE SERV: FATAL OTHER:
COMPLEX: 41 DWELLING COMPLEX
MOBILE PROPERTY ...: 8 MOBILE PROP TYPE NOT APPLICABL
AREA FIRE ORIGIN ..: 14 LOUNGE AREA
EQUIP INVOLVED ...: 98 NO EQUIPMENT INVOLVED
FORM OF HEAT IGN ..: 45 MATCH
TYPE MATERIAL IGN : 72 COTTON,RAYON,FINISHED GOODS
FORM MATERIAL IGN : 97 MULTIPLE FORM OF MATERIAL IGNI
METHOD OF EXT: 6
LEVEL FIRE ORIGIN : 2 10 TO 19 FT ABOVE GRADE EST VAL (\$):
EST LOSS (\$): 15000

STRUCTURE FIRE
NUMBER STORIES ...: 2 2 STORIES CONST TYPE ...: 8 UNPROTECTED WOOD FRAM
FLAME/SMOKE DAMAGE: 5 CONFINED TO FLOOR OF ORIG 5 CONFINED TO FLOOR OF ORIGIN
DETCR/SPRNK PER ..: 2 DETECTOR NOT IN ROOM,OPER 8 NO EQUIPMENT PRESENT
TYPE MATERIAL GEN : 63 63
AVE SMOKE TRAVEL ..: 5 OPENING IN CONSTRUCTION
FORM MATL GEN SMK : 17 STRUCTURAL MEMBER,FRAMING
MOBILE PROPERTY ...: 8 MOBILE PROP TYPE NOT APPLICABL
MODEL YEAR: MAKE: MODEL:
SERIAL NUMBER: LICENSE NO:
EQUIP INVOLVED: 98 NO EQUIPMENT INVOLVED
MODEL YEAR: MAKE: MODEL:
SERIAL NUMBER: VOLTAGE:
OFFICER IN CHARGE : FP0068 BRIGNALL,DOUGLAS A
MEMBER MAKING RPT : FP0068 BRIGNALL,DOUGLAS A DATE : 022295

950403HCC2065

FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM
FIRE INCIDENT INFORMATION

INCIDENT NO.: 95 001015 EXP NO: 00 DATE: 022295 DAY #: 4 ALARM TIME: 161618

NARRATIVE

RESPONDED TO HOUSE FIRE AND ARRIVED TO FIND HEAVY SMOKE SHOWING FROM THE 2ND-FLOOR. E-4 LAID A 5" SUPPLY LINE AND ADVANCED A 1-3/4" HANDLINE TO 2ND-FLOOR. E-2 STRETCHED A 3" BACKUP SUPPLY LINE AND ADVANCED A SECOND HANDLINE INTO STRUCTURE. T-4 CUT UTILITIES, SET UP THE PPV FAN AND SPREAD TARPS ON THE 1ST-FLOOR. E-1 CALLED AS EXTRA ENGINE AND CAME IN FOR MANPOWER. B-1 CALLED CILCO ELECTRIC AND GAS TO THE SCENE. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL ALSO SUMMONED. FIRE KNOCKED DOWN IN ABOUT 10-15 MINUTES AND COMPANIES OVERHAULED TO CHECK FOR EXTENSION. RED CROSS CALLED TO ASSIST THE OCCUPANTS, A SINGLE MOTHER AND HER 6 CHILDREN. FIRE CAUSE DETERMINED TO BE AS A RESULT OF TWO BOYS, AGES 6 & 7 YRS-OLD PLAYING WITH MATCHES. TWO SEPARATE FIRES HAD BEEN SET ABOUT SIX FEET APART FROM ONE ANOTHER, ONE ON A SOFA & THE OTHER IN A CLOSET AREA. ALL COMPANIES RTQ PER B-1. E-19 MOVED TO COVER STATION 4'S TERRITORY. E-1, E-2, E-4, T-4, BC-1

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

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number 6530287A
Date of Incident 950222 Category I.D. BUNN251995
Follow-up Requested Hazard Analysis Section 15
Type Follow-up Requested Telephone Call On-Site
Headquarters Contact Linda Smith (301) 504-0470, Extension (1275)
Assignment Message

Please contact child's parents to find out the following:

- (1) What part of couch ignited first?
- (2) If second hand, how long in possession?
- (3) How did child ~~become involved with~~ matches?

Follow revised September 1994 guideline, "Upholstered Furniture Fires (For Open Flame Ignition Fires Only)."

Collect sample if possible, following page 9 of guideline for sample collection.

Describe incident scenario and verify child's age. Photograph and identify manufacturer, model number and brand name of coach. Please obtain fire incident report, medical, insurance and any other report of incident.

Person(s) to Contact [Redacted]
Peoria, IL
2) Battalion Chief Doug Brignall

Guideline _____

Requested By L. Smith
Task Number 950403 HCC 2065
Assigned to CH10 Date 4/3/95

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Assassin

MAR 27 1995

~~FEB~~ 23 1995

Peoria
Journal Star
83,638 III

South Side home damaged by fire

PEORIA — Children playing with matches started a house fire that damaged the second floor of a South Side home Wednesday, officials said.

Firefighters were called to [redacted] the home of [redacted] and her six children about 4:20 p.m. to find heavy smoke coming from the

second story of the house, said Battalion Chief Doug Brignall.

The woman and her children got out of the house safely, and none of the firefighters was injured, Brignall said.

The fire, extinguished in about 10 minutes, destroyed all the contents on the second floor, causing an estimated \$15,000 damage, Brignall said. Firefighters were able to cover the contents of the first floor, but water damaged some of them.

Brignall said the fire was started by a 6-year-old boy and his 7-year-old brother playing with matches. One set fire to a couch and the other started a fire in a closet about six feet away in the two-story frame house, Brignall said.

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1. CASE NO. 950403HNE5289			2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 5 1 6		3. OFFICE CODE 8 1 3		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT		
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 9 5 0 1 2 8			5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 9 5 0 4 0 4						
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT There were no injuries involved in this fire. There were no witnesses to the fire. However, a three year old was in a living room, alone with a couch and after the fire, fire investigators found a non-child proof lighter under the couch. The mother was in the kitchen, at the time. She went into the living room and saw the couch ignited. A neighbor extinguished the couch, with a dry chemical and there was no further incident.									
7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home				8. CITY 1 0 Silver Spring		9. STATE Maryland M D			
10A. FIRST PRODUCT Upholstered Couch			4 0 5 3		11A. TRADE/RAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Unk. Unk.				
10B. SECOND PRODUCT Disposable Lighter			1 6 0 4		11B. TRADE/RAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Unk.				
12. AGE OF VICTIM 9 9 9		13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE -1 FEMALE -2 UNKNOWN -3 9		14. DISPOSITION No injury 0		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS No injury 7 0			
16. BODY PART No injury 9 9		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Mother 1		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE 1 TELEPHONE 2 OTHER 3 2		19. TIME SPENT 0 4 0			
20. ATTACHMENTS Fire Incident Report 2		21. CASE SOURCE Fire Department 0 1		22. REVIEWED BY 8 9 6 9 YR MO DAY 9 5 0 4 2 0					
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME <input type="checkbox"/> CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Other Side) <u>PRE-ACCIDENT</u> According to the mother of the household, the couch was purchased new, approximately two years prior to this incident. It was purchased at a Woodward & Lothrop store in Maryland. It was a love seat and there had been no prior incidents with the couch. The consumer did not know the manufacturer of the couch. The couch had a skirt on it. At the time, just before the accident, the mother was in the kitchen and her three year old son was in the living room, where the couch was.					25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE 4-21-95				
<u>ACCIDENT</u> The mother heard something in the living room and went to investigate. She saw that the couch was on fire. She did not know how it ignited, there were no witnesses. She called a neighbor and a neighbor extinguished the fire, with a dry chemical.									

(USE OTHER SIDE AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

POST ACCIDENT

There were no injuries involved in this accident. There was some smoke damage to the living room. The couch was discarded after the accident.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Upholstered love seat with a skirt on bottom. Purchased at Woodward and Lothrop, approximately two years before this incident.

Non-child resistant disposable lighter, manufacturer unknown. Disposed of after incident.

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

1. Fire Incident Report

FIRE INCIDENT REPORT
Montgomery County - Fire/Rescue Services

COMPLETED BY FIRST DUE UNIT ONLY

INCIDENT NO. 50		TIME 1135		DATE 1-28-95		STATION RUN NO.		CHANGE <input type="checkbox"/>		DELETE <input type="checkbox"/>	
INCIDENT TYPE 11		ACTION TAKEN S		OCCUPANT [REDACTED]							
ADDRESS - LOCATION [REDACTED] AVE										CITY S.S.	
FIRST DUE UNIT E161		DISTRICT 16		PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION 00		COMPLEX 00		INDIVIDUAL 441		[REDACTED]	

LOCATION INFORMATION

COMPLETE IF FIRE - INCIDENT COMMANDER

LEVEL OF ORIGIN 52		AREA OF ORIGIN 101		EQUIPMENT INVOLVED AS SOURCE OF IGNITION 14		FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION 98		[REDACTED]		46	
TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED 71		FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED 21		ACT OR OMISSION ORIGIN OF FIRE 36		MAIN AVENUES OF FIRE SPREAD 98					
TYPE OF MATERIAL MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE SPREAD		FORM OF MATERIAL MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE SPREAD		ACT OR OMISSION MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE SPREAD		[REDACTED]					
ESTIMATED LOSS		STRUCTURE 000500		CONTENT 000200		OTHER 000000		CASUALTY 00		F.P.O. 56	
PROBABLE CAUSE Accidental use of cigarette lighter by occupants		POLICE N		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	
MOBILE PROPERTY		MAKE		MODEL		SERIAL NO.		LICENSE NO.			

FIRE INFORMATION

COMPLETE FOR EACH UNIT RESPONDING

INCIDENT NO. 60		SUPP. UNIT E161		ASSIGNED STATION 16		RESPONDED FROM 16		DISPOSITION		TRANSFER STATION NO. 33	
UNIT OPERATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 - NONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 - SLANCH/RESCUE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 - EXTINGUISHMENT		<input type="checkbox"/> 4 - FIRST-AID/RESCUE <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - INVESTIGATION <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - VENTILATION/SALVAGE		<input type="checkbox"/> 7 - OTHER 3		PERSONNEL ON UNIT ON UNIT PD. VOL. 30 AT SC. PD. VOL. 00 AT ST. PD. VOL. 00		<input type="checkbox"/> 11 - IN SERV. W/RESP. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 33 - SERV. REND. <input type="checkbox"/> 44 - SERV. REFUSED		18 19	

UNIT INFORMATION

COMPLETE IF EQUIPMENT USED - FILL IN QUANTITY

HAND LINES BOOSTER 1		1 1/2"		2"		2 1/2"		3"		STREAMS		MASKS 02		FLOOD LIGHTS					
SUPPLY LINES 2 1/2"		3"		4"		OVER 4"		PUMPER PUMPED 1		LADDERS UNDER 10'		OVER 30'		AERIAL		GENERATORS		SMOKE EJECTORS	
SALVAGE COVERS		PORTABLE PUMPS		POWER TOOLS		HAND TOOLS		FIRST/AID KITS		HEAVY RESCUE EQUIPMENT		LIGHT RESCUE EQUIPMENT		OTHER (SPECIFY)					

EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

WILL OTHER STATIONS REPORT?

UNIT COMMANDER Sgt. Hall		INCIDENT COMMANDER Command 16 - Schaub	
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SIGNATURE

1411-1

Reported house fire - possibly a couch
 w/ OTS with smoke showing from side 1. Crew
 advanced 1 3/4 handline to front door, discovered a
 couch along side of living wall that was on
 fire but had been extinguished by a neighbor -
 Rey [REDACTED] We using a dry chem.
 extinguisher prior to our arrival. Couch was
 removed to exterior & overhauled by T19. Area
 of origin was then preserved by personnel until FM
 56 arrived to investigate due to lighter being
 found under the couch. Crew then found the smoke
 detector was non functional, issued order to correct &
 installed a loaner smoke detector from E161. FM 56
 interviewed the occupant to determine the cause.
 See FM 56 report for interview info. - crew overhauled
 remaining debris & cleared.

PERSONNEL

PAID				VOLUNTEER			
NAME	DRIVER	ON CALL	TO STA.	NAME	DRIVER	ON CALL	TO STA.
1. Sgt. Hall		X					
2. FF KAY	X						
3. FF MORA		X					
4.							
5.							
6.							
7.							
8.							
9.							
10.							

1. CASE NO. 950410HCN1665	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 7 2 4	3. OFFICE CODE 8 3 0	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT 9 5 0 3 2 6	5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 9 5 0 4 0 5		

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A 4 year old male, using a disposable butane cigarette lighter, attempted to light a candle. The lighted candle fell into a crevice between the left arm, seat back and seat cushion of a sleeper sofa setting the sofa on fire. There were no injuries. However, it was estimated that there was \$250 damage to the structure and the sofa was destroyed.

7. LOCATION(Home, school, etc.) home (living room)	8. CITY Omaha	9. STATE Nebraska
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT sofa bed	11a. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL [REDACTED]
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT disposable butane lighter	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL unknown
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12. AGE OF VICTIM 9 9 9	13. SEX(Numerical code) Male -1 Female -2 Unknown-3 9	14. DISPOSITION no injury 0	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS no injury 7 0
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16. BODY PART no injury	17. RESPONDENT(S) fire investigator occupant	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION On Site 1 Telephone 2 Other 3	19. TIME SPENT 1 6 0
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20. ATTACHMENTS multiple	21. CASE SOURCE fire report	22. REVIEWED BY 8 0 0 7	YR MO DAY 9 5 0 5 0 5
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (Non Neiss Cases Only)
 CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME

24. NARRATIVE(See Instructions on Other Side)	25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE
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(Use Other Side and Additional Sheets If Necessary)

PRE-INCIDENT:

According to the 4 year old male's mother, the incident occurred at approximately 10:15 a.m. on Sunday morning. She stated that it was a normal day and that she along with other adults were sitting around talking and her 4 year old son was playing with a cigarette lighter, lighting candles.

The mother stated that the sleeper sofa was sitting under a window in the living room and there was an end table on the left side, as you sit in the sofa. She stated that on the end table she had a couple of candles that she usually lit at night for the effects. She stated that her 4 year old son was using a disposable butane lighter to light the candles.

According to the mother, the sleeper sofa belonged to her roommate. She stated that it was several years old. However, she does not know how long the roommate had owned the sleeper sofa. She stated that it was in good general condition and had not been reupholstered. Also, there were no slip covers on the sofa.

INCIDENT:

The mother said that her 4 year old son was lighting the candles, which were on the end table, as described earlier. She stated that he accidentally tipped one of the candles over as he was lighting it. It fell into the seat of the sofa. She stated that the candle was lying in the crevis between the left arm, seat cushion, and seat back, of the sofa.

According to the mother, she was a heavy smoker along with the other adults who were living in the apartment with her. She stated that there were always several lighters sitting around on the end tables, coffee tables, etc.

POST INCIDENT:

The mother stated that after approximately two to three minutes she noticed the sleeper sofa was on fire. She said she ran to the kitchen, got a pan of water and began to pour it on the fire. She stated that while she was doing this, one of the other adults called 911. She stated that when the fire department arrived she had already extinguished the blaze. See Exhibit 7 for photographs showing fire damage to the sofa.

According to the mother, there was a smoke detector in the hall just outside of the living room. She said that the smoke detector did not activate. She stated it did not activate because the battery was dead. However, she stated that the landlord had replaced the smoke detector with a new one prior to my visit. She said she did not know the brand name, manufacturer or model number of the old smoke detector. The mother said she did not know what the landlord had done with it. She believed he threw it in the garbage.

The mother stated that there were no injuries involved in the incident. Also, she refused to sign authorizing the release of her name form, stating that she did not want her name released.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

The mother stated that the product belonged to her roommate, who no longer lives with her. She stated that the roommate brought the sleeper sofa into the apartment when she moved to Omaha from New Jersey. The brand name of the sofa bed is Rowe. The Manufacturer is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Also, attached to the metal bed frame was a "law" tag which indicates that the metal bed was manufactured by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The tag indicates the date of delivery and date of manufacture. However, there is no entry for the date of delivery or of date of manufacture. See Exhibit 5 for the "law" tag.

The product is a sofa bed. As indicated by the mother, she did not know how old the product was, nor if it was purchased new or used. She stated that the product had been in the apartment for approximately 1 year. The mother stated that she did not believe the product had ever been reupholstered. She was not aware of the purchase price of the sofa either.

The outer fabric is a multi-color upholstered fabric. The sofa did not have a slip cover. The upholstered fabric appeared to be in generally good condition except for the area damaged in the fire. There did not appear to be any tears or any holes worn in the fabric. There were no indications that the product was manufactured to any standards or certifications. There were no labels that indicated what materials were in the furniture. The product was equipped with a removable seat cushion. However, the back and arm cushions could not be removed. See Exhibit 7 for photographs of the product.

According to the mother, there were no materials on the furniture such as newspapers, books, blankets or clothing. Also, she stated there were no flammable liquids involved in the incident either.

A sample consisting of three 4 inch squares of fabric were taken from the sofa arm, back and seat cushion. The sample was assigned sample T-830-6228 and forwarded to Margaret Neily, Directorate for Engineering Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland. See Exhibit 3 for copy of sample collection report.

The mother stated that her son was using a disposable butane lighter to light the candles when the accident occurred. She stated she was not sure of the brand name of the lighter because she always kept several different types of lighters. She stated that when she needed a cigarette lighter she would buy a multi-pack from local convenience stores and never really thought about the brand name. She did state that the product was not child resistant.

PRODUCT SAFETY STANDARDS:

At the current time CPSC does not have any mandatory flammability standards for upholstered furniture. There were no indications on the product, that it complied with any type of flammability regulations for the State of California or to any voluntary guidelines such as UFAC.

EXHIBITS

1. Assignment.
2. Copy of Fire Report.
3. Copy of Sample Collection Report T-830-6228.
4. Diagram of room.
5. "Law" tag that was attached to metal frame.
6. Investigation Guidelines for Upholstered Furniture Fires.
7. Photographs.

Fire Incidents - ~~KANSAS CITY~~ project
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313 (IDI) ASSIGNMENT TRACKING SHEET

1. ASSIGNMENT # 950410HCN1665 2. INVEST. 8724 3. SUP. 8007
 4. DATE ASGD 4/11/95 5. TARGET 5/11/95 6. UPDATE _____
 7. ASGN TYPE 08 8. MIS 12165 9. ACTIVITIES _____
 10. NAME ~~██████████~~ 11. LOCATION ~~Kansas City, MO~~ Omaha, NE
 12. PRODUCT Soda 13. DOC # G5400524
 14. HIA REF BUNN25 15. STATUS _____ 16. LAST REV (GENERATED)
 17. REGION C
 18. DATE COMPLETED _____ 19. TIME _____ 20 TRAVEL _____
 21. REMARKS DOI 950326

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND DIRECTIONS (NOT IN COMPUTER RECORD)

Conduct ^{ONSITE} DOI as per attached fire report
 Follow instructions in EPA memo dated 9/29/84.
 Use the appropriate "GUIDELINE" during the
 conduct of the DOI. Complete and attach
 the appropriate DATA RECORDING SHEET to
 your report.

Reinact scene setup and sequence of events
 to extent possible and document via photos.

NFIRS 1 (VERSION 4)

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE IN YOUR OWN HANDS BOTH A WRITER AND CODED RESPONSE (WHEN NECESSARY) LEAVING NO BLANK SPACES & USING N/A CODE WHEN NEEDED

Assigned D. Hooy 3-2-95

STATE FIRE MARSHAL-COMPUTER DIVISION NEBRASKA FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM

WORKING FILE 01950410 HCN 1665

FIRE INCIDENT REPORT OMAHA FIRE DIVISION

BURN 25

1 DELETE 2 CHANGE

A	FDID	INCIDENT NO.	EXP. NO.	MO.	DAY	YR.	DAY OF WEEK	7 DS	ALARM TIME	ARRIVAL TIME	TIME-IN SERVICE	
	10	01101015	12303010	03	26	95	19S 30T 50T 20M 40W 60F 11	110219	10134	111018		
B	TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND											
	11 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure fire			18 <input type="checkbox"/> Other fires not classified			41 <input type="checkbox"/> Spill, leak-no-fire			53 <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke removal		
	13 <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle fire			29 <input type="checkbox"/> GFA/pressure Rupture			44 <input type="checkbox"/> Power line down			54 <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Rescue		
	14 <input type="checkbox"/> Brush, grass, leaves			32 <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical call			45 <input type="checkbox"/> Arcing electric equipment			55 <input type="checkbox"/> Assist Police		
	15 <input type="checkbox"/> Trash, Rubbish			33 <input type="checkbox"/> Locked-in, trapped			46 <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft standby			56 <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized burning		
	16 <input type="checkbox"/> Explosion, No after fire			34 <input type="checkbox"/> Search			47 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical spill			57 <input type="checkbox"/> Move-up		
	17 <input type="checkbox"/> Outside spill with fire			35 <input type="checkbox"/> Entrapment			48 <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous condition			58 <input type="checkbox"/> Other service calls		
				39 <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue-Not classified			52 <input type="checkbox"/> Water removal			61 <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke scale		
										63 <input type="checkbox"/> Controlled burn		
										65 <input type="checkbox"/> Steam, gas		
										66 <input type="checkbox"/> Mistaken for smoke		
										67 <input type="checkbox"/> Malignant false		
										68 <input type="checkbox"/> Bomb Scare		
										69 <input type="checkbox"/> Alarm Malfunction		
										70 <input type="checkbox"/> Unintentional false		
										71 <input type="checkbox"/> Unclassified		
										72 <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
C	TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN											
	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extinguishment			4 <input type="checkbox"/> Remove hazard			8 <input type="checkbox"/> Fill in, move up, transfer			MUTUAL AID		
	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue			5 <input type="checkbox"/> Standby			9 <input type="checkbox"/> Not classified above			1 <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd.		
	3 <input type="checkbox"/> Investigation only			6 <input type="checkbox"/> Salvage			0 <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined or not reported			2 <input type="checkbox"/> Given		
				7 <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance service						3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
D	FIXED PROPERTY USE (Occupancy)											
	Apartment											
E	IGNITION FACTOR (Cause)											
	Child playing with lighter											
F	CORRECT ADDRESS											
	141212											
G	ZIP CODE											
	61811311											
H	CENSUS TRACT											
	111511											
I	OCCUPANT - LAST NAME											
J	OWNER - FIRST											
	Country Cars											
K	METHOD OF ALARM FROM PUBLIC											
	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone direct			4 <input type="checkbox"/> Radio			8 <input type="checkbox"/> Voice signal municipal alarm signal			CO-INSPECTION DISTRICT		
	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal alarm system			5 <input type="checkbox"/> Verbal			9 <input type="checkbox"/> Not classified above			SHIFT		
	3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private alarm system			6 <input type="checkbox"/> No alarm recd.			0 <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined or not reported			NO. ALARMS		
				7 <input type="checkbox"/> Tie-line (911)						Fire Alarm		
L	FIRE PERSONNEL RESPONDED											
	101214			E-1 E-2			101013			A-1 A-2		
M	ENGINES RESPONDED											
	E-20									R-1 M-1		
N	AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED											
										101013		
O	OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED											

COMPLETE ON ALL INCIDENTS

I	NO. INCIDENT-RELATED INJURIES (COMPLETE NFIRS 3)	(COMPLETE NFIRS 2)	NO. INCIDENT RELATED FATALITIES (COMPLETE NFIRS 3)	(COMPLETE NFIRS 2)
	20			

COMPLETE IF CASUALTY

J	COMPLEX	98 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE	(Complete Line S)	08 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
	Apartment	1412			1018
K	AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN		EQUIPMENT INVOLVED (IN IGNITION (If any))	(Complete Line T)	98 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
	Living Room	1114			1918
L	FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION (Heat Source)	TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED (Composition)	FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED (Use)		
	Lighter	1416 Fabric	1712 Sofa		121
M	METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT	LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN	ESTIMATED TOTAL DOLLAR LOSS		
	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Self-extinguished	5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-connect hose/tank	9 <input type="checkbox"/> Not classified above		
	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Make-shift aids	6 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-connect hose/hydrant	0 <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined		
	3 <input type="checkbox"/> Portable extinguisher	7 <input type="checkbox"/> Hand-laid hose/hydrant			
	4 <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic ext. system	8 <input type="checkbox"/> Master stream device			
		5			2510

COMPLETE FOR ALL FIRES

N	NUMBER OF STORES	CONSTRUCTION TYPE	4 <input type="checkbox"/> Unprotected non-combustible	6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unprotected wood frame	
	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 story	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Fire resistive	5 <input type="checkbox"/> Protected ordinary	9 <input type="checkbox"/> Not classified above	
	2 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 stories	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy lumber	6 <input type="checkbox"/> Unprotected ordinary	0 <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined	
	3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 4 stories	3 <input type="checkbox"/> Protected non-combustible	7 <input type="checkbox"/> Protected wood frame		
	4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 6 stories			18	
O	EXTENT OF DAMAGE	Flame	Smoke	Flame	Smoke
	Confined to object of origin	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0	7 <input type="checkbox"/> 0	7 <input type="checkbox"/> 0
	Confined to area of origin	2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	0 <input type="checkbox"/> 0	0 <input type="checkbox"/> 0
	Confined to room of origin	3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	0 <input type="checkbox"/> 0	0 <input type="checkbox"/> 0
				12	15
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	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Det in room or space of fire origin-oper.	8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No detectors present (N/A)	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment operated	0 <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined	
	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Det in room or space of fire origin-oper.	9 <input type="checkbox"/> Not classified above	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment should have operated-did not		
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	4 <input type="checkbox"/> Det in room or space of fire origin-no oper.		8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No equipment present (N/A)	18	
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		Fabric	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Air handling duct	9 <input type="checkbox"/> Not classified above	
			2 <input type="checkbox"/> Corridor	0 <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined or not reported	
			3 <input type="checkbox"/> Elevator shaft	8 <input type="checkbox"/> No avenue of smoke travel (N/A)	
				5	
R		FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE			
		Sofa		121	

COMPLETE IF STRUCTURE FIRE

S	IF MOBILE PROPERTY	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	LICENSE NO. (IF ANY)
	30	N/A				
T	IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	
	40	N/A				

Estimations and evaluations made here... RECEIVED MAR 27 1995

Officer in Charge (Name, Position, Assignment) I.D. No. Florian Kestevic B-1 #45 950410HCN1665 Exhibit #1 Glenn Wehner Capt A-2

ORIGINAL

WORKING
FILE

OMAHA FIRE DIVISION

— INFORMATION REPORT - FILE ONLY

DATE: 28 March 1995
TO: B/C J. Napravnik #0264, FIB Chief Investigator
FIB FILE, AIMS FILE ONLY
FROM: Capt. ADOLF, D. OFD #0373/OPD #9026, JUV Firesetter Admin

INCIDENT ADDRESS: [REDACTED] OFD 9503-2303
VICTIM/OWNER: [REDACTED] PHONE: NONE
TYPE OF INCIDENT: Juvenile Playing w/Lighter, Ignited Sofa
DATE OF INCIDENT: 26 March 1995

Synopsis:

This is an INFORMATION REPORT to the fire which occurred at [REDACTED] on Sunday, 26 March 1995 at 1029 hours. This fire WAS NOT investigated by Omaha Fire Department Fire Investigation Bureau.

On Monday, 27 March 1995, Reporting Officer Capt. ADOLF, D. OFD #0373/OPD #9026 received Juvenile Firesetters Referral from B/C Florian Paskevic. On the Juvenile Firesetters Referral's form it indicated that a [REDACTED] a 4/year old male, apparently started a couch on fire by playing with matches.

Places & Persons Mentioned in this Report

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
DOB 03/08/91
[REDACTED]

OPD Officer Gonzales #1184

OFD B/C F. Paskevic #45, B-1
Capt. ADOLF, D. OFD #0373/OPD #9026 FIB

Reporting Officer Capt. ADOLF, D. OFD #0373/OPD #9026
Typed by E. Houfek, 3/28/95

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Exhibit #2

JUVENILE FIRESETTERS REFERRAL

ORIGINAL

DATE: 3-26-95 REPORT BY: F. Paskevici

Fire Dept. Response Yes No INCIDENT ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CHILD'S NAME: [REDACTED] DOB UNK ABOUT 5 YRS OLD
 Address [REDACTED] Phone 5-8-91
 Parent/Guardian: [REDACTED] 5-14-74 [REDACTED]
 Address SAME Phone [REDACTED]
 School: NONE Grade _____
 Name of nearest relative Not residing with child UNK Phone _____

REQUEST MADE BY:
 Name [REDACTED]
 Address [REDACTED]
 Phone (Home) [REDACTED] Work [REDACTED]

REASON FOR REFERRAL:
CHILD ADMITTED TO PLAYING WITH LIGHTER TO
LIGHT CANDLES - STARTED FIRE IN COUCH
 Fire Play? (Yes/No) Admission? (Yes/No)

Below information to be completed by Juvenile Firesetter Administrator

DISPOSITION:

Interview & Evaluation by: _____ Date _____

___ 1) Recommend education by Public Education Officer, Date _____

___ 2) Referred to Mental Health Professional Date _____

___ 3) Referred to Other _____

___ 4) Comments _____

FOLLOW-UP _____

OMAHA FIRE DIVISION
INFORMATION REPORT - FILE ONLY

TO: FIB Investigating Officers,
AIMS File

FROM:

INCIDENT ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

VICTIM: [REDACTED]

PHONE: NONE

DATE of INCIDENT: 3-26-95

TYPE OF INCIDENT: JUVENILE PLAYING w/ lighter ignited sofa

DETAILS:

Persons + Places

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3-8-91

OPD officer GONZALES 1184

OFD D ADOLF
B/c PASKEVIC

Reporting Officer:
Typed by: E. Houfek, 04/15/93

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Form sections A through H containing incident details: FDID (0110015), INCIDENT NO. (123013010), EXP. NO. (0132695), MO. (03), DAY (26), YR. (95), DAY OF WEEK (7DS), ALARM TIME (11029), ARRIVAL TIME (11034), TIME-IN SERVICE (1108). Includes sections for TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND, TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN, FIXED PROPERTY USE (Apartment), CORRECT ADDRESS, OCCUPANT, OWNER, METHOD OF ALARM, FIRE PERSONNEL RESPONDED, and ENGINES RESPONDED.

Form section I: NO. INCIDENT-RELATED INJURIES (FIRE SERVICE, OTHERS) and NO. INCIDENT RELATED FATALITIES (FIRE SERVICE, OTHERS).

Form sections J through M: COMPLEX (Apartments), AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN (Living Room), FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION (Lighter), METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT, LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN, and ESTIMATED TOTAL DOLLAR LOSS (2510).

Form sections N through R: NUMBER OF STORIES, CONSTRUCTION TYPE, EXTENT OF DAMAGE, DETECTOR PERFORMANCE, SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE, TYPE OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE (Fabric), and AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL (Sofa).

Form sections S and T: IF MOBILE PROPERTY (YEAR, MAKE, MODEL, SERIAL NO., LICENSE NO.) and IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION (YEAR, MAKE, MODEL, SERIAL NO.).

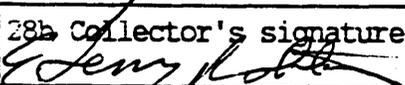
Estimations and evaluations made hereon are based on the "most likely" and "most probable" cause and condition reported... MAR 27 1995

RECEIVED, Florian Pastevic B-1 #45, Glenn Weberg Capt 1, 2-26-95, 950410HCN1665, Exhibit #2

COMPLETE ON ALL INCIDENTS, COMPLETE IF FOR ALL FIRES, COMPLETE IF STRUCTURE FIRE

INC.

SAMPLE COLLECTION REPORT

1 Flag		2 Date Collected 04/06/95		3 Sample Type & Number T-830-6228 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical Unofficial Sample <input type="checkbox"/> Documentary	
4a Product Name [redacted] sleeper sofa		4b Model sleep or sofa		4c NEISS 0679	5 Assignment ref
6 Complete for import samples Port of Entry: _____ Entry # & date: _____ Country of Origin: _____ HSUSA Code: _____ Customs contact: _____				7 MIS 12165	8 Hours Activity <u>4</u> Travel <u>1</u>
10 Sample Cost \$00.00(NC)		11 Invoice value of lot Unknown		12 Size of Lot 1 each	
13 Manufacturer/Importer [redacted] ID# _____		14 Shipper/Foreign Mfr Unknown ID# _____		15 Dealer/Import Broker/CONSUMER [redacted] ID# _____	
16 Supporting documents attached: Invoice # & date: <u>N/A</u> Date shipped: <u>N/A</u> Shipping record & date: <u>N/A</u> Affidavit signer's name, title, date: <u>N/A</u>					
17 Product identification: Sample consists of 3 4" X 4" squares of outer fabric from a sleeper sofa which was involved in an open flame ignition fire. The fabric is a blend of several colors to include orange, black, red, etc.					
18 Reason for collection/analysis needed: FHSA ___ CPSA ___ FFA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PPPA ___ RSA ___ F/U to FY 1995 Data Collection on Upholstered Furniture Fires. IDI 950410HCN1665					
19 Summary of Field Screening: <u>N/A</u>					
20 Sample size, method of collection: "Sample consists of 3 each 4" X 4" squares of outer fabric taken from a sleeper sofa that was involved in an open flame ignition. Sub 1 was cut from the left arm, sub 2 was cut from the seat cushion, and sub 3 was cut from the back of the sofa. All three subs were ID as in blk #21, each sub placed in separate plastic bags and held under lock & key until shipped to Margaret Neily, ES."					
21 Identification on sample "T-830-6228 Sub 1-3 4/6/95 ETR"			22 Identification on seal N/A		
23a Sample delivered to US P.O. Atlanta, Ga.		23b Date 4/26/95		24 Orig. report/record sent to FOER	
25 Laboratory/office ESEL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HSHL ___ CERM ___ CECA ___ Other _____					
26 Remarks This sample was collected as part of IDI 950410HCN1665. No was required. Omaha Nebraska Fire Department Investigator assisted in the collection of this unofficial sample. Attachments: Photographs					
27 Related samples: None					
28a Collector's name/title E. Terry Rushton /PSI			28b Collector's signature/date  4/26/95		
29a Reviewer's name/title William E. Gentry/ SPSI			29b Reviewer's signature/date		

Distribution Orig Lab ___ Fiscal ___ Data ___ Hdqtrs ___ Other _____
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Exhibit #3

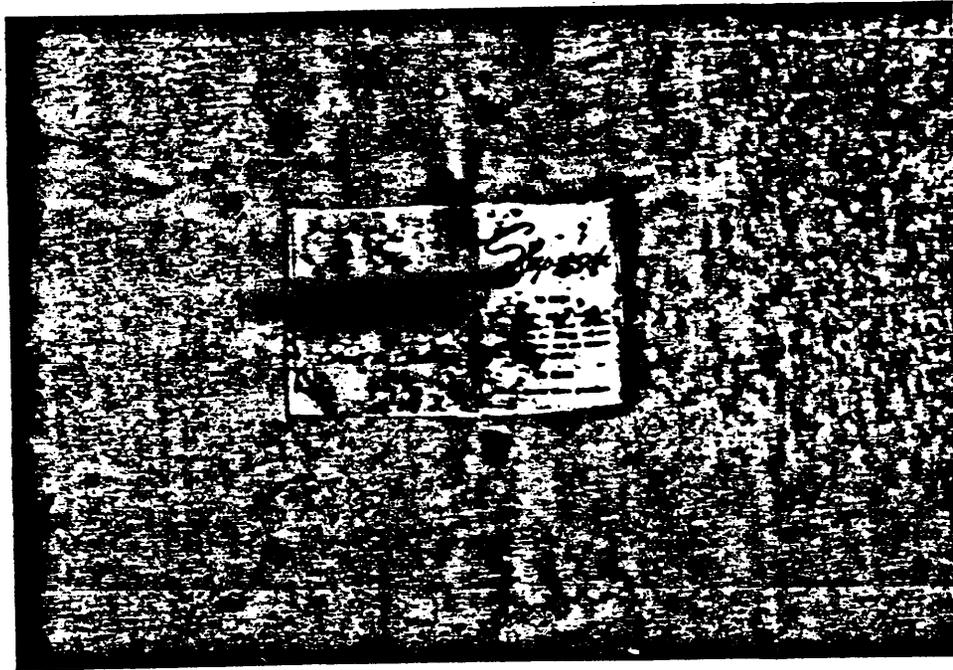


Photo #1 This is a view of the manufacturer's identification label.



Photo #2 This is an overall view of the product showing where the sample was taken.

T-830-6228 4/6/95 ETR
Exhibit #1

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Exhibit #3

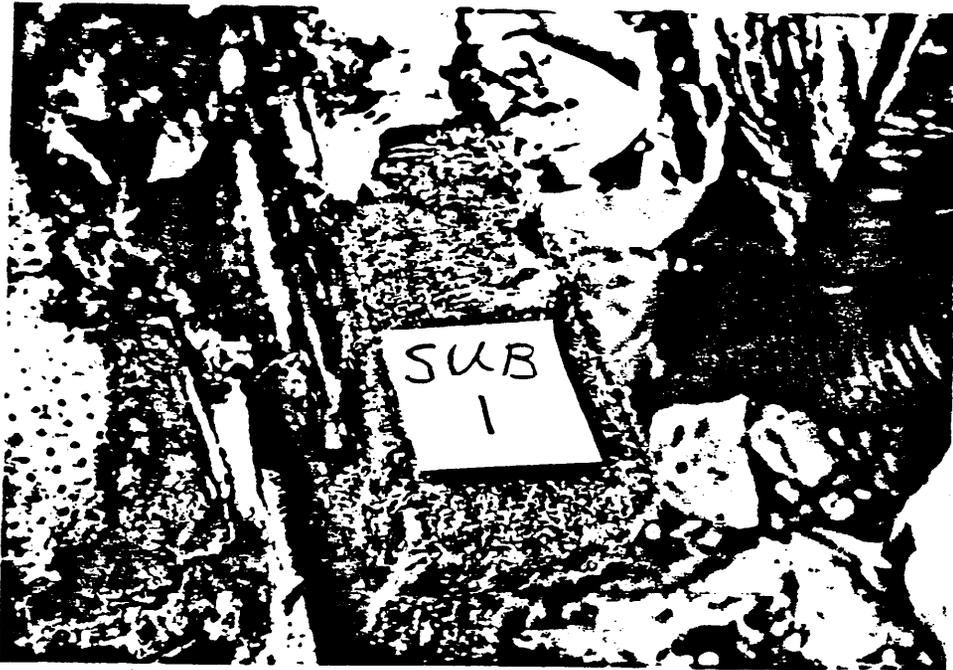


Photo #3 This is a close up of sub 1 before it was cut out.



Photo #4 This is a close up of sub 2 before it was cut out.

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Exhibit #1

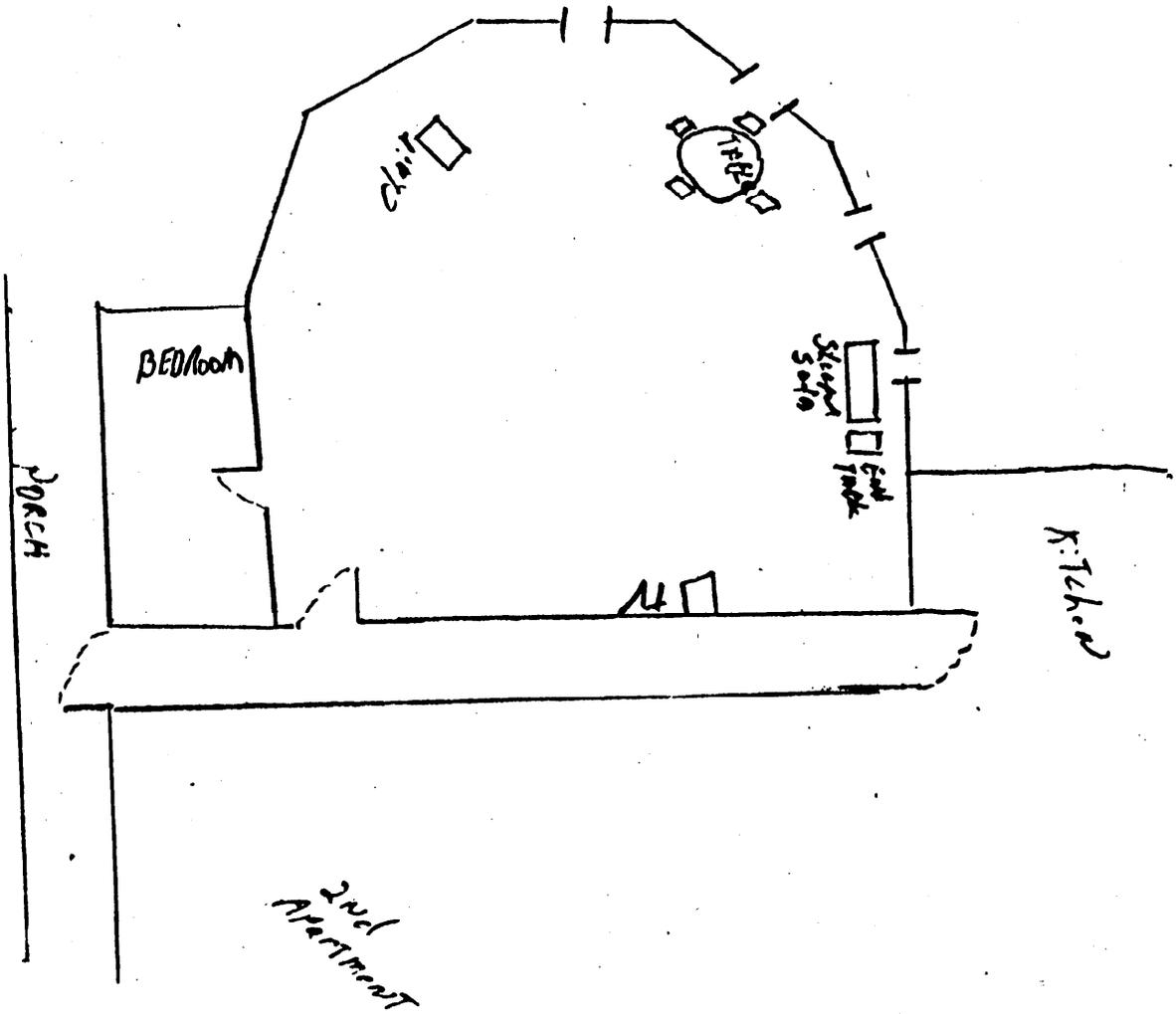
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Photo #5 This is a close up of sub 3 before it was cut out.

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DO NOT REMOVE THIS TAG
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**ALL NEW MATERIAL CONSISTING OF
METAL BED**

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This article is made in compliance with an Act of the Dist. of Columbia approved July 3, 1926; Kansas approved March 1925; Minn. approved April 24, 1929; N. J. revised statutes 26; 10-5 to 18, La. Act 467-1948

**CERTIFICATION
IS MADE THAT
THE MATERIALS
IN THIS ARTICLE
ARE DESCRIBED
IN ACCORDANCE
WITH LAW.**

Date of Delivery.....

Date of Manufacture.....



INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

Attachment A

DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES (To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 950410HCN1665 Incident Date 3/26/95

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: Sofa/Couch Chair Sofa bed Other _____

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered? Yes No Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered? Yes No Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand [REDACTED] SLEEP-OR-SOFA

4. Purchased: New Used Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) _____

5. Date Furniture Purchased: unknown Furniture Age unknown

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)
NONE COULD BE LOCATED

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE: Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt Seat cushion Inside back Inside arm

Back Side Underside Crevice

Welt Cord Tuft Other _____

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): _____

LT 5 yrs. old 5 - 14 15 - 64 65 +

D. PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE (Check):

Lighter Match Candle Heater Fireplace

____ Other (specify) _____

____ Unknown



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If lighter, specify type: Child-resistant Not child-resistant Unknown

If match, specify type: Book Box Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

N/A Fuel source N/A Distance from furniture

E. DETECTION OF FIRE

7. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, specify type: BATTERY OPERATED

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?

Yes No Unknown

9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?

BATTERIES DEAD

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? EST 2 minutes

F. VICTIM(S)

0 Number of Deaths 0 Number of Injuries

G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household:

Less than high school High school Some College

12. Total household income:

LT \$15,000 \$15,000 - \$34,999 \$35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: \$60,000

Rent Own

General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information on the investigation form.

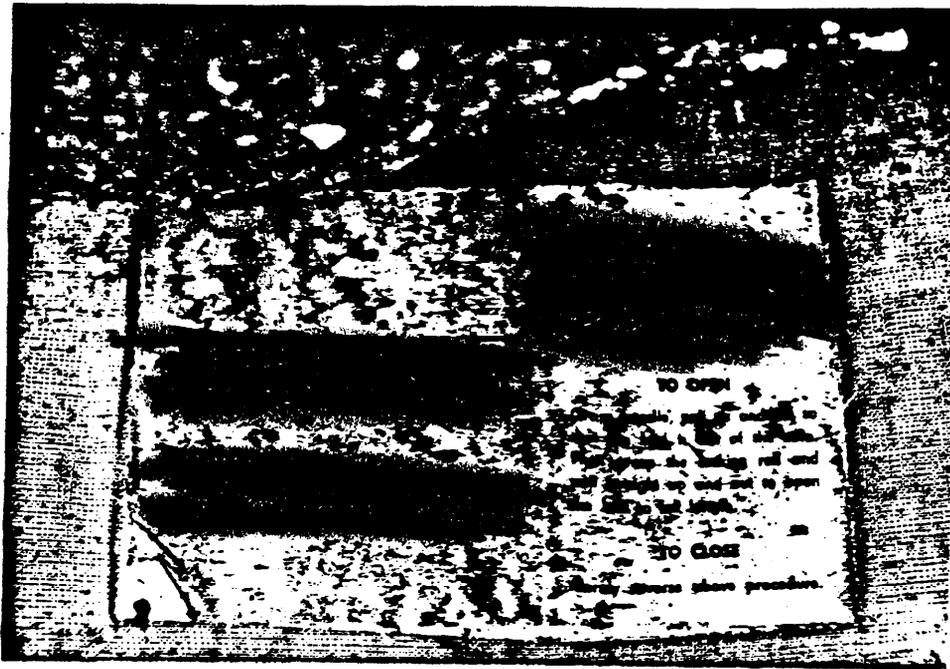


Photo #1 This is a view of the brand name labeling.



Photo #2 This is a view of the "law" tag showing where it was attached.

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Exhibit #7

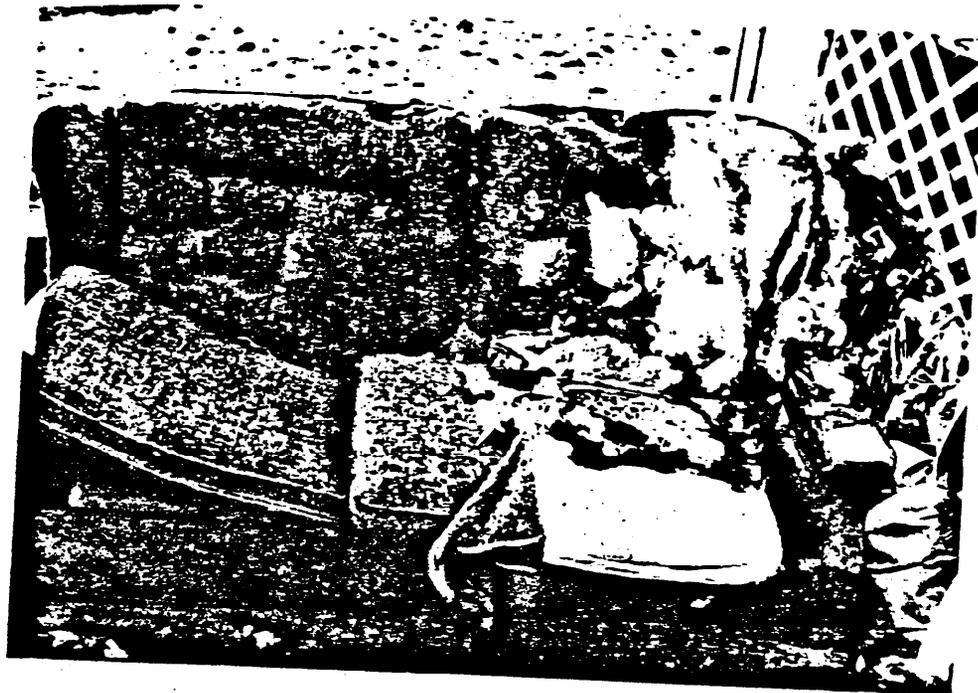


Photo #3 This is an overall view of the sofa. You can see that point of ignition is in the left corner of the sofa as you would sit in it.



Photo #4 This is a close up of the ignition point.

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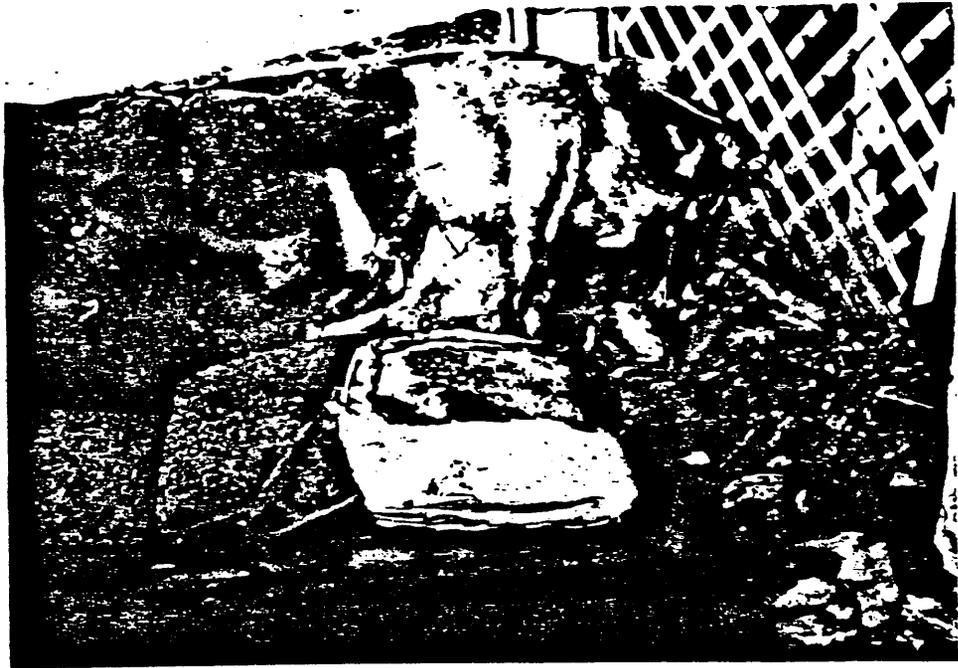


Photo #5 This is a view of the sofa focusing on the damage at the back.



Photo #6 This is a view of the sofa without the seat cushions.

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Photo #7 This is a view of the rear of the sofa showing where the fire exited.



Photo #8 This is another view from the back.

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Exhibit #7



Photo #9 This is a close up of the back showing the stuffing and the charred wood.

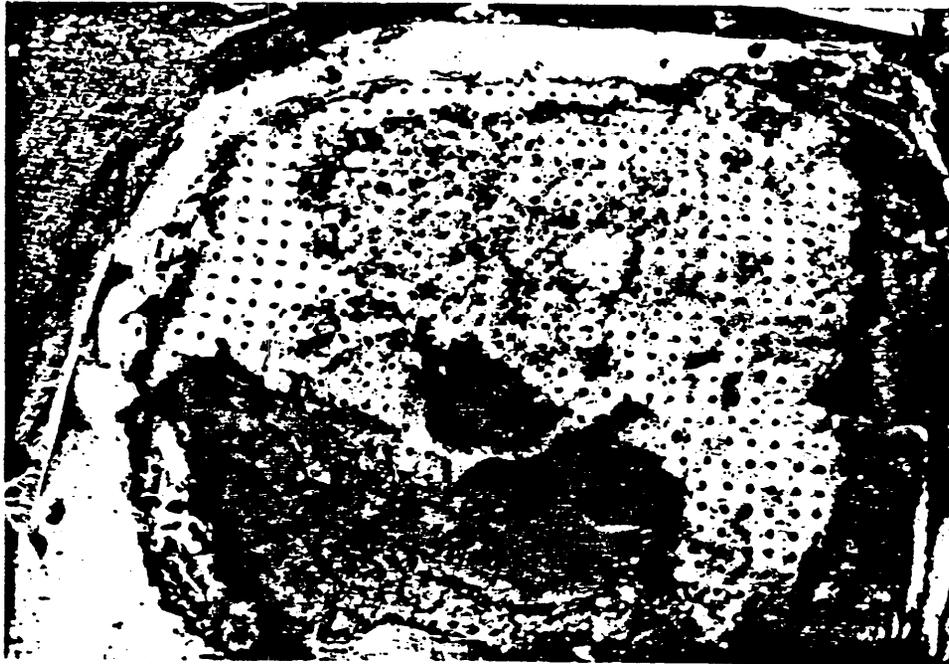


Photo #10 This is a close up of the seat cushion that was damaged in the fire showing the foam padding.

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Photo #11 This is a view of the room. The chair and a portion of the sectional is where the sofa was at the time of the fire.



Photo #12 This is a view of the left side of the room from the location of the sofa. You can see there is no fire damage.

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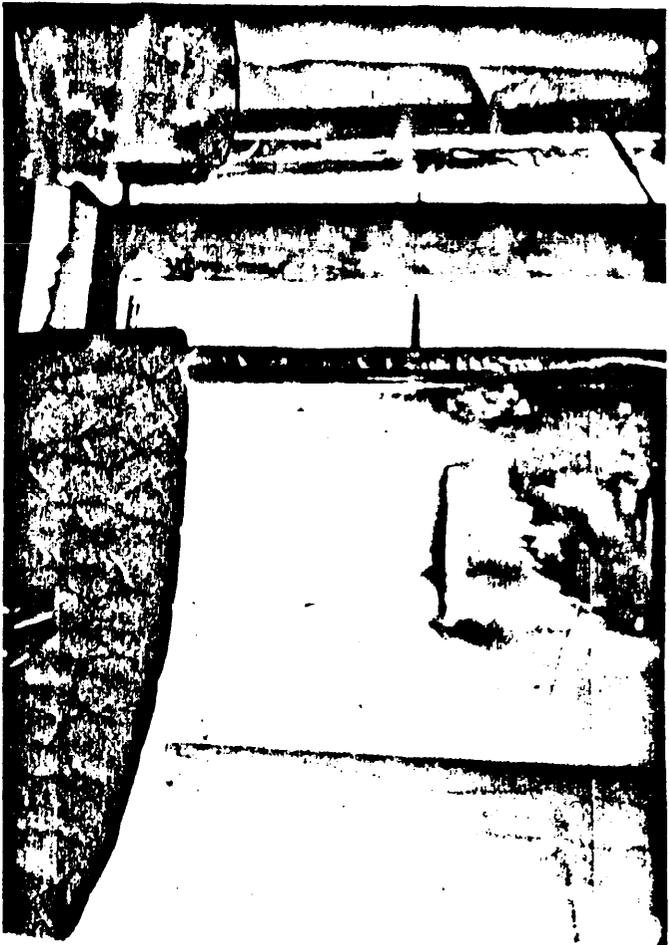


Photo #13 This is a view showing the fire damage to the right of window.

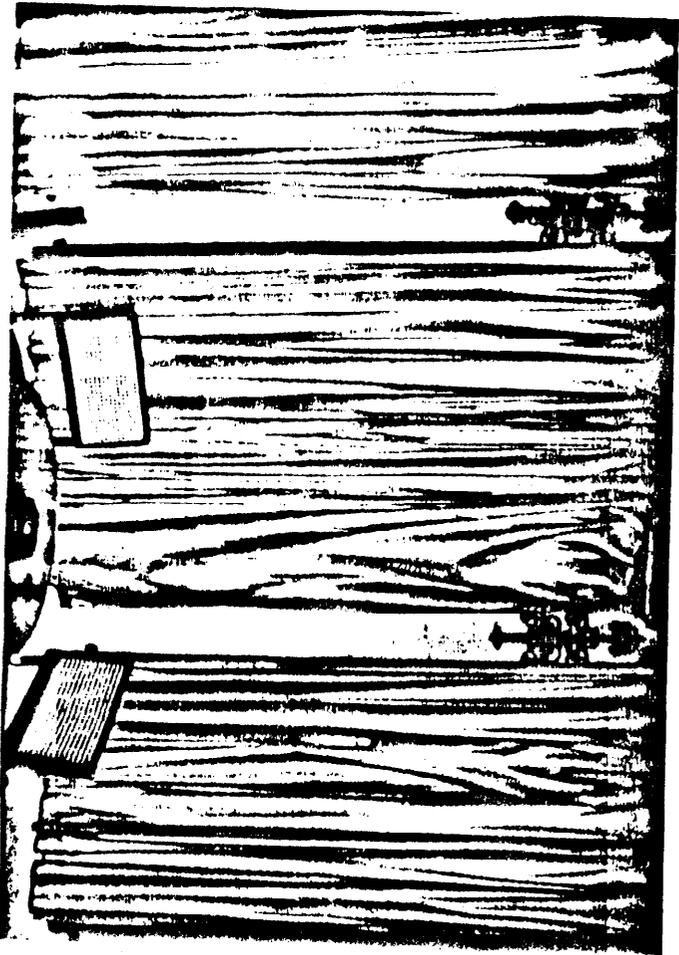


Photo #14 This is a view of the curtains which were to the left of the sofa as you face the sofa. You can see no fire damage.

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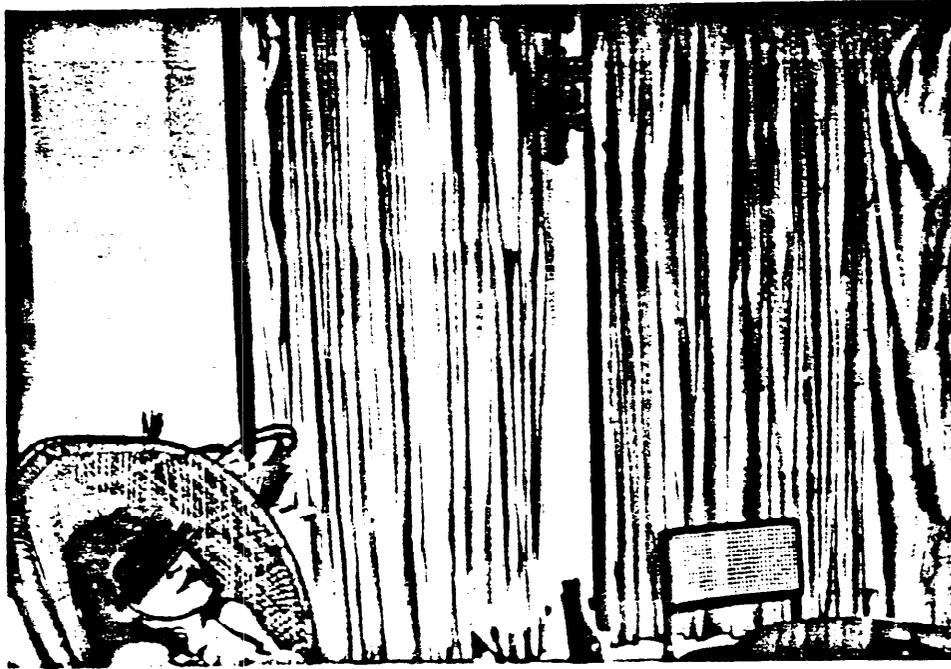


Photo #15 This is a view further to the left showing no fire or smoke damage.



Photo #16 This is a view to the right of the sofa as you face it showing smoke damage.

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Exhibit #7

June 25

17 JUL 1995 (25)

1 Case Number 9 5 0 4 1 1 H N E 5 3 1 1	2 Investigator ID 8 1 8 9	3 Office Code 8 0 0	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4 Accident date 9 5 0 3 2 9	5 IDI initiated 9 5 0 4 2 1		

6 Synopsis of Accident or complaint This investigation involved a residential fire. Children ages 4, 2, and 1 received serious thermal burns in the fire. Fire investigators believe one of the children playing with either matches or a lighter ignited an upholstered sofa. The children were in the care of their seventeen year old sister.

7 Location Residence single family 1 0	8 City Durham	9 State N C
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10a First Product sofa 0 6 7 9	11a Trade/Brand name/Model brand: unknown Mfr.: unknown
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10b Second Product none 0 0 0 0	11b Trade/Brand name/Model unknown
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12 Age of Victim 0 0 4	13 Sex male 1	14 Disposition hospitalized 4	15 Injury diagnosis Thermal burns 5 1
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16 Body part Unknown 8 9	17 Respondents Fire Dept. 2	18 Investigation type Other 3	19 Time spent 07.0
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20 Attachments Multiple 9	21 Case Source Newspaper 0 5	22 Reviewed by 8342 950531
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23 Permission to disclose names (Non-NEISS cases only)
 CPSC may disclose my name CPSC may not disclose my name

24 Narrative	25 Regional Director review date RDS/?? 6/2/95
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Victim #2 Demographic Data
 #12 Age: 0 0 2 #13 Sex: Female 2 #14 Disposition: Hospitalized 4 #15 Injury
 Diagnosis: Thermal Burns 5 1 #16 Body Part: Unknown 8 9

Victim #3 Demographic Data
 #12 Age: 0 0 0 #13 Sex: Male 1 #14 Disposition: Hospitalized 4 #15 Injury
 Diagnosis: Thermal Burns 5 1 #16 Body Part: Unknown 8 9

NOTE: The information in this investigation was obtained from the fire investigator. I was never able to reach the mother of the victims. She did not respond to a letter sent to her previous address. The fire investigator did not know her current address and did not believe she had a telephone. Fire investigators believe that the fire was set by children playing with a lighter or matches, but they have not been able to interview the children because of the seriousness of their injuries.

PRE-ACCIDENT:

This investigation involved a fire in a single family residence. At the time of the fire four people were in the residence. While their mother was at work, the three young children were being cared for by their seventeen year old sister. The fire occurred on Wednesday, March 29, 1995. The children in the care of their sister were ages 4, 2, and 1. The children did not have a history of playing with matches or lighters. They had just recently been exposed to matches and lighters when an uncle moved in with the family about a month before the fire. The uncle was a smoker. The family did not have a telephone in the residence. Demographic data on the three victims was not available. All three children suffered thermal burns. The locations of the burns and the degree of burning was not available.

ACCIDENT:

At approximately 11:30 am the seventeen year old sister awoke to find the three younger children standing around her bed. She could detect the smell of smoke. She left the children in the bedroom and discovered that the sofa in the living room was burning. She attempted to extinguish the flames with water, but could not do so and finally was forced out of the home through the front door. She could not get back to the bedroom to the children.

The seventeen year old sister ran across the street and called the fire department. The fire department engine was manned and just pulling into the station when the call came, so they were able to leave almost instantly. The fire department arrived and were able to reach the children in a front bedroom.

POST-ACCIDENT:

All three children were seriously burned and required extensive treatment at a burn center. Fire investigators traced the origin of the fire to a sofa in the living room. See the attached diagram, Attachment 2. There was nothing in the area of the sofa to ignite the sofa. The fire investigator's believe that the fire was started with a lighter or matches by one of the children. They did not find the remains of a lighter or matches, however the

residence suffered extensive damage and finding the remains if they existed would have been very difficult. The children's conditions have improved but the fire investigators had not been able to interview the older child, when I spoke with them.

The fire investigator stated that the sofa was almost completely consumed by the fire. He stated that the lower frame and springs remained, but that none of the ticking remained. No smoke detector was found in the rented residence. Rental property is required to have a smoke detector in Durham, NC.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

No information was available on the sofa. The fire investigators had not questioned the family on the history of the sofa, style, age, etc. Since I could not reach the family, this information was not available. The fire investigator stated that none of the ticking survived the fire, so no sample of the ticking was available.

STANDARD INFORMATION:

There are no mandatory standards for upholstered furniture enforced by the CPSC. I was not able to determine compliance with any voluntary standards

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment	1	Data Record Sheet
Attachment	2	Diagram of Residence



INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

Attachment 1
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Attachment A DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES (To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 950411HNE5311 Incident Date 03-29-95

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: Sofa/Couch Chair Sofa bed Other _____

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered? Yes No Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered? Yes No Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand unknown

4. Purchased: New Used Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) _____

5. Date Furniture Purchased: unknown Furniture Age _____

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)

None found, most of sofa consumed in fire.

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE: Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt Seat cushion Inside back Inside arm

Back Side Underside Crevice

Welt Cord Tuft Other unknown

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): _____

LT 5 yrs. old 5 - 14 15 - 64 65 +

D. PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE (Check):

Lighter Match Candle Heater Fireplace

Other (specify) { _____

Unknown



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Attachment 1
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If lighter, specify type: Child-resistant Not child-resistant Unknown

If match, specify type: Book Box Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

_____ Fuel source _____ Distance from furniture

E. DETECTION OF FIRE

7. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present?

Yes No Unknown None found

If yes, specify type: _____

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?

Yes No Unknown

9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? _____ unknown adult sleeping

F. VICTIM(S)

_____ 0 Number of Deaths _____ 3 Number of Injuries

G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household:

Less than high school High school Some College
unknown

12. Total household income:

LT \$15,000 \$15,000 - \$34,999 \$35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: _____ unknown _____

Rent Own

General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information on the investigation form.

Floor Plan of Residence



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From ashes arises beneficence

BY BARBITA PERSAUD
STAFF WRITER

DURHAM — A neighborhood that has adopted the slogan "we're only as strong as our weakest link" is collecting donations for a mother who lost her home and nearly lost three small children in a fire Wednesday.

"We want to get this mother back in a house and back on her feet as soon as possible," said [redacted], a resident of the southern Durham neighborhood Linking Heights, where the fire occurred on Oak Ridge Boulevard.

Residents plan to tack fliers to utility polls and to knock on doors, seeking clothes, furniture and food. They also intend to raise money to rent storage space where the donations can be stored until [redacted] and her 11 children find a new home.

'We want to get this mother back in a house and back on her feet as soon as possible.'

Barbara Turner
Linking Heights resident

[redacted] said residents are pitching in because the children are a familiar sight on Oak Ridge Boulevard — playing ball, riding their tricycles, jumping rope.

On Thursday, those toys lay in ashes. Two children — [redacted] 4, and [redacted] 2 — were in serious condition at the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. The third child, [redacted] 1, was listed in critical condition.

They were severely burned when the blaze broke out Wednesday about 11:30 a.m. The

children were home alone with their older sister [redacted] 17, while [redacted] was at work.

Fire investigator Charles Ottaway tried to question [redacted] about the blaze Thursday.

"It was hard to talk to her," he said. "Every other word, she started to cry."

Authorities think the fire started on a living room couch, possibly by some kind of lighter fluid or matches. The investigation is continuing.

[redacted] had been living on Oak Ridge for five years. The large family stuck together, residents said.

"Sometimes she struggled, but she always paid the rent," said [redacted], the family's landlord.

Neighborhood kids knew [redacted] and [redacted]. The school bus stop was in front of their house. They got together to watch a movie, "The Lion King," at one another's houses. They played hide-and-seek and had a sleep-over.

The last time [redacted] saw [redacted] he was strutting around the bus stop, teasing her.

"He always acts like he's big daddy," [redacted] said.

She heard about the fire while at Southwest Elementary School. As the news spread, rumors flew around the school. That afternoon, Kimberly stepped off Bus 272 to see the charred house.

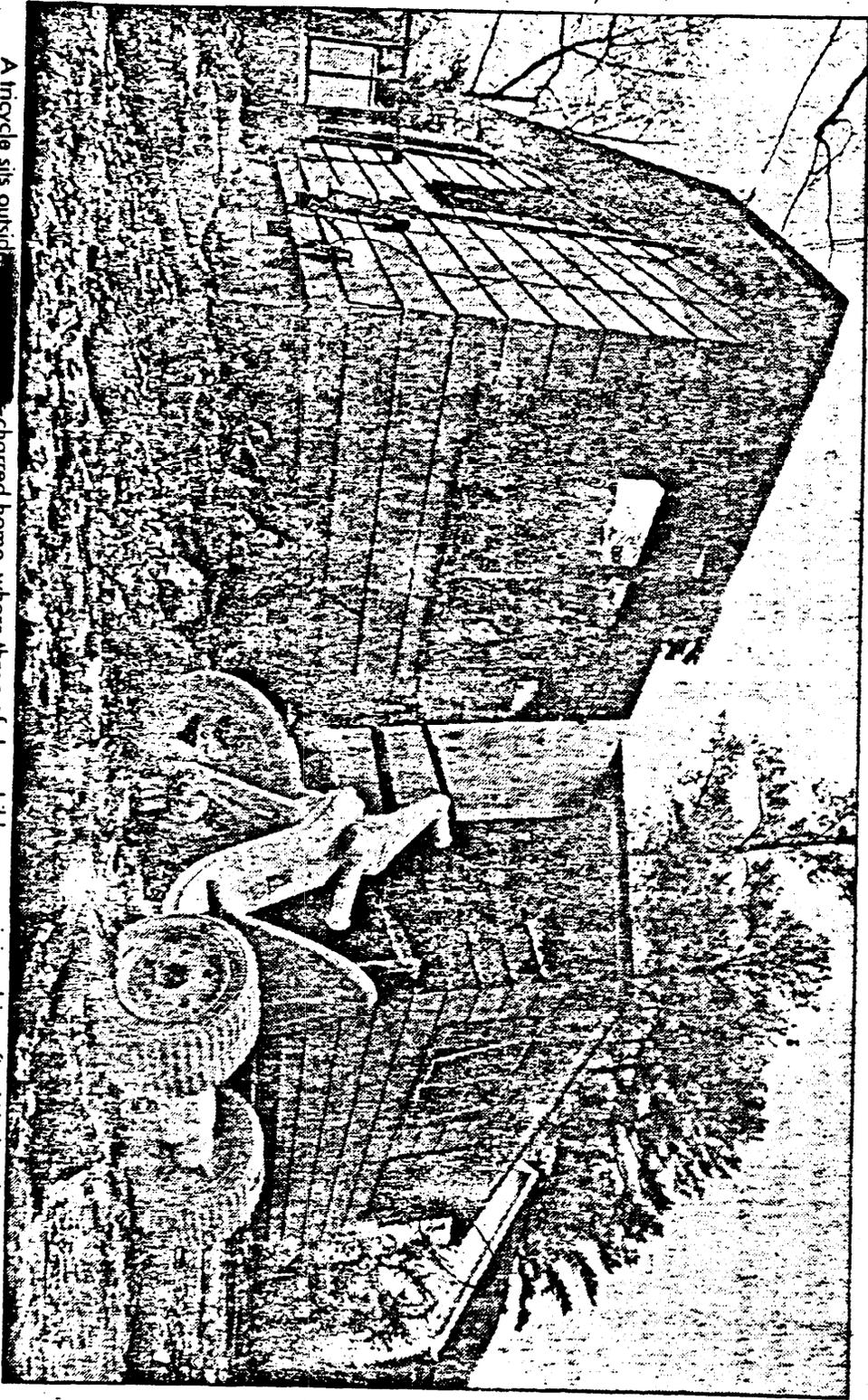
"It made me sad," she said.

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NEIGHBORS BAND TOGETHER TO HELP FIRE VICTIMS



A tricycle sits outside the charred home, where three of her children were injured in a fire Wednesday morning. STAFF PHOTO BY CHUCK UDDY.

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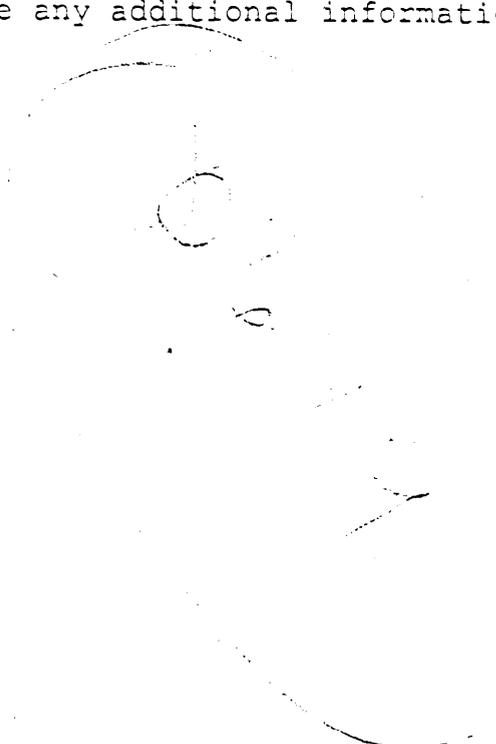
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ADDENDUM:

The attached fire report was received following submission of the report. The fire report does provide any additional information.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 3 - Fire Report



DURHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT FIR-01.1	FIID	Page 1 of 5	Co Dist 4	Company E-5	Shift C	Incident Report No. OCA 959
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Month 3	Day 29	Year 95	Day of Week Wednesday	Alarm Time 1135	Dispatch 1137	Enroute 1137	Arrive 1140	Clear 1404	In Qtrs 1441		
Incident Address [REDACTED]				Suite/Apt #	Method of Alarm from Public Telephone direct to 911 ctr			Code 1			
City Durham			State NC	Zip Code 27707	Situation Found Structure fire			Code 11			
Occupant Name (Last, First, MI) [REDACTED]				Phone	Action Taken Rescue & Extinguishment			Code 2&1			
Owner Name (Last, First, MI) [REDACTED] an				Phone 956-9096	Property V Occupied? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>	Mutual Aid Departments	# Alarms 1			
Owner Address [REDACTED]				Suite/Apt #	F.D. Resp.	FFs 18	Engines 2	Aerials 2	Rescues 1	Tankers	Others 3
City Durham			State NC	Zip Code 27701	Injuries FFs 2 Civ 3	Deaths FFs 0 Civ 0	Has Matts Involved? <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Fixed Property Use Single-family dwelling				Code 411	Mobile Property Type			Code			
If Mobile Property	Year	Make	Model	Serial Attachment 3 950411HNE5311 8189 1/5			License No.	State			
If Equip. Involved	Year	Make	Model								

Company Personnel Assigned		Other Apparatus Assigned		Vehicle No.	Miles Traveled
Empl. No.	Name	Company	Company	64322	4
2071	Capt W.E. Atkins	E-4, L-11	FD-33, EM-1	Equipment Lost, Damaged, Destroyed	
4568	A/FD C.L. Thaxton	L-1, R-11	MA-1	1-section 1 3/4" hose	
6033	FF J.W. Morton	E-2, B-1	Medic 3&6	burned.	
6234	FF T. Melvin	FD-4, FD-22			

Narrative

On this date and time E-5 and crew responded to the above stated location in reference to a reported structure fire with the possibility of trapped victims in the structure. While enroute to this location we received additional reports from the communicator that witness's on the scene confirmed that this was a actual structure fire and there were children trapped inside the structure. As we were approaching the location of the fire we were on S. Roxboro street approximately 3 blocks from the scene and I observed very thick gray and black smoke in the area of the reported location. I was notified by Capt. Blackwell on E-4 that they were behind us and that we would be arriving on the scene first. I advised Capt Blackwell on E-4 to spot a hydrant on the way in and lay a supply line to E-5. We arrived on the scene and I observed several citizens in the immediate area pointing to the structure and there was a young black female standing

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Narrative

in the street waving her arms frantically and jumping up and down and screaming. When I looked at the structure I observed a single story residential structure and there was a intense fire in the left front side of the structure with flames extended out the front door and windows and the windows on the left side of the structure. There was thick gray and black smoke coming out of the windows in the front middle room and light black smoke coming out of the right front room. I gave the size-up over the radio and advised that there was a hydrant directly across the street from the burning structure. Upon exiting the truck I ordered A/FD Thaxton to catch his own supply line from the hydrant and I ordered FF Morton and Melvin to pull a 1 3/4" attack line from E-5. As I was walking toward the structure several citizens were standing around the windows on the outside at the room on the front right side of the structure. A(unknown identity) black male in this group of citizens said that there were 3 children inside this room and that he heard them crying just before we arrived. FF Morton and Melvin had quickly pulled the attack line from E-5 and extended out on the ground and brought the line up to the structure where I was standing. E-4 and crew had also arrived and I asked Capt Blackwell to get a ladder set up in the window of the room where the victims were located. The ladder was quickly taken off of E-5 and placed into the window by the crew of E-4. At this time the attack line had been charged by A/FD Thaxton, and FF Morton climbed up the ladder and I followed him up the ladder. As FF Morton was attempting to fully open the window he lost his balance and slowly fell to the floor of the room, FF Morton's boot came up in the air and caught my low pressure hose and pulled my scba mask off since I was directly behind him on the ladder. As I was attempting to reposition my mask I observed fire shooting across the ceiling of the room and I yelled at FF Melvin to hand me the attack line which he did and I opened the nozzle and hit the fire on the ceiling for just second of time in order to push the fire back. Apparently the steam from the fog spray blew back into my face and caused very minor surface burns to my face and to the forehead of FF Morton. FF Morton was already in the process of searching the room for the victims and FF Melvin climbed the ladder and went around me on the ladder and entered the room through the window and also started searching for the victims. After I got my scba mask back into place I entered the room through the window with the attack line. I heard FF Morton say "I got one over here" and FF Morton turned toward the window where I was at and handed me the child and I in turn handed the child to someone standing outside the window. FF Morton immediately went back to searching for the other victims and as he was searching in the general area where he found the first child under some clothing on the floor he found the second child. He handed the child to me and I handed the second child out the window to someone on the outside. FF Morton continued to search again and I heard FF Melvin moving the bed which he turned up on its side and as he was searching the area where the bed was he said "I got one over here" FF Melvin picked up the child off the floor and handed the child to me and I also handed this child out the window to someone on the outside. FF Morton and Melvin found all three victims in approximately 30 seconds or less. At this time the fire was starting to intensify in the room where we were at so FF Melvin took the attack line with FF Morton and FF Yow backing him up and began to extinguish the fire. After the fire had been pushed back into the hallway we advanced into the hallway continuing with extinguishment. A second attack line had been taken from E-5 by Capt Blackwell and FF Abney and advanced up to and into the front door and extinguishment was taking place in this area. Myself and FF G. McGee began to search the other rooms in the structure for any further victims and we were assisted by Capt Barringer from R-11. No other victims had been found and the initial search was completed. Also extinguishment had been accomplished by the personnel on the attack lines and overhaul had started. At this time I advised Capt Barringer that myself and FF Morton and Melvin were leaving due to low air and for him to take over the duties in the structure. At this time we exited the structure and reported to rehab-sector. I also reported to the command location and advised Batt Chief Beck of what took place inside the structure. The crews of I-1 and I-11 were assigned to the task of salvage and overhaul.

Diagram 

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I was advised by Batt Chief Beck that the three victims were transported immediately after being brought out of the dwelling to Duke Hospital by Medic 6 with Paramedics Riveria and Norwood and off duty durham firefighters Scott Roberts and Willie Hall providing treatment. Also Capt C. McDonald drove the medic unit to the hospital. After the fire was determined, fully extinguished due to the overhaul process being completed fire investigator who was on the scene began his investigation. The investigator was C. Ottaway. Inv Ottaway was assisted by Capt Crabtree, Fd Drye and FF Morton and Melvin. During investigation we were able to determine that the fire started in the left front room which was the livingroom and in the area of the sofa located the east wall of the room. The cause of the fire was undetermined at the time of this report and still under investigation. Earlier in this report I reported seeing a black female standing in the street upon our arrival it was later determined that this female was [REDACTED] age 17 who is the older sister of the victims found in the fire. I was unable to talk to [REDACTED] because she had left the scene when the medic unit left to go to the hospital. Damage to the structure is as follows, Heavy fire damage done to the livingroom, kitchen and hallway, moderate fire damage done to the remaining structure After Inv. Ottaway completed his investigation at the scene all equipment was gathered up and placed on the trucks and all units cleared from the scene.

NAME AND AGE OF VICTIMS

Dejuan Rogers age 1 , burned extent unknown at this time
 Konika Rogers age 3 , " " " "
 Mark Rogers age 4 , " " " "

INJURIES TO FIREFIGHTERS

Capt W.E. Atkins, Minor surface burns to facial area, no treatment required
 FF J.W. Morton , Minor surface burn to forehead, no treatment required

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DURHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT FIR-01.2	FDID	Page 4 of 5	Date of Inc. 29 Mar 95	Company E-5	Shift C	Incident Report No. OCA 959
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Incident Address ██	Suite/Apt #	City Durham	State NC	Zip Code
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Weather Clear	Temperature 60	Wind Direction	Est Gals Water Used 500	Working Time of Pumper 2 hr 0 min
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Ignition Factor or Means of Ignition Undetermined	Code 00	Area of Fire Origin Living room	Code 14
Equipment Involved in Ignition Undetermined	Code 00	Form or Source of Heat of Ignition Undetermined	Code 00
Form or Kind of Material First Ignited Undetermined	Code 00	Method of Extinguishment Preconnected hose lines/hydrant water	Code 6
Estimated Dollar Loss \$ 40,000	Property Insurance Company/Amount Unknown	Contents Insurance Company/Amount Unknown	

Number Stories 1	Code 1	Level of Fire Origin Grade level to 9' above grade	Code 1	Construction Type Wood frame (type V)	Code 7
Extent of Flame Damage Confined to structure of origin	Code 6	Extent of Smoke Damage Confined to structure of origin	Code 6		
Detector Type Undetermined	Code 0	Detector Performance	Code	Detector Power	Code
Extinguishing System Type None	Code	Extinguishing System Performance	Code	Referred to FPrev? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	

Extinguishers Used		Hose Lines Used		Ladders Used				
#	Type	#	Type	Total Feet	#	Length	Type	Total Feet
1	Carbon Dioxide	2	1 3/4" 1 inch	500'			Aerial Ladder	
	Dry Chemical		1 1/2 inch				Snorkel Boom	
	Water		2 1/2 inch		1	10'	Attic ladder	10'
			3 inch		1	14'	Roof Ladder	14'
		1	5 inch	100'				

Salvage Covers Used		Other Equipment Used	
#	Type	#	Type
	Floor Runner	3	Air Paks
	Salvage Cover	2	Pike Poles Attachment 3 950411HNE5311
		2	Shovels 8189 4/5
		1	Axe

Co. Ofr Sign: Capt W E Atkins	Date: 3-29-95	Chief Ofr Sign: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: 04/09/95
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← NORTH

Narrative [REDACTED] ST

L-11

L-11

R-11

B-2

E 4

H

10' 5"

E S

250' 1/4"

250' 1/4"

AREA OF ORIG. P, LIVING ROOM



BEDROOM WHERE VICTIMS WERE FOUND ON FLOOR



BUILD

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Date: 3-29-95

Chief Offr Sign: [Signature]

Date: 03-29-95

CONSUMER SERVICE ROUTE SLIP

TO ALLEN DOBBINS CHLT

- Take necessary action
- Approval or signature
- Comment
- Prepare reply
- Discuss with me
- For your information
- See remarks below

FROM TDS [Signature]

DATE 9/11/91

REMARKS

Pls respond as per attached notes.

Thanks

TDS

From: Kimberly E. Long

Date: 9/7/98 8:05 AM

Priority: Normal

Receipt Requested

TO: Joseph W. Lansing

Subject: Investigation #950411HNE6311

----- Message Contents -----

Can the investigator get the fire report? The respondent for the investigation was the fire department, so it seems likely that we should be able to get the report. Thanks.

1 050411HN1571 DATE ACQ: 050325 DATE FTL: 910712 STATUS: C
STATE: NC CITY: DURHAM DISP: 4 HOSP
SEX: MALE SOURCE: 05 NEWSPAPER TYPE: 3 OTHER
AGE: 004 LOCATION: 10 HOME OR APARTMENT, INDOORS (INCLUDING FARM HO
DIAGNOSIS: BURNS, THERMAL BODYPART: NECK
DOCUMENT NUMBER: H5401306
PRODUCTS: 0679 SOFAS, COUCHES, DAYBEDS OR DIVANS OR ST
0000 NO SECOND PRODUCT INVOLVEMENT
MANUFACTURER: UNK MODEL: UNK
N/A N/A

SYNOPSIS:

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. CHILDREN AGES 4, 2,
AND 1 RECEIVED SERIOUS THERMAL BURNS IN THE FIRE. FIRE INVESTIGATORS
BELIEVE ONE OF THE CHILDREN PLAYING WITH EITHER MATCHES OR A LIGHTER
IGNITED AN UPHOLSTERED SOFA. THE CHILDREN WERE IN THE CARE OF THEIR
SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD SISTER.

PLEASE REFER TO REFLOW TO SELECTIVE CRITERIA, AND TO SUBMIT BATCH JOB
PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE PROCESSING RECORDS

CLT-R

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
ROUTE SLIP

TO ~~Bruce Schwartz~~
Dick Swackhamer

- Take necessary action
- Approval or signature
- Comment
- Prepare reply
- Discuss with me
- For your information
- See remarks below

FROM Joe Lansing DATE 9/5/83

REMARKS
Please have respective investigators respond to questions posed by Kimberly Long (see attached)
Thanks!

Oil Boom
Can this be done for the Atlanta/Dobbin's case as handle.
TPS

at x 1269

Author: Kimberly E. Long at CPSO-HQ
Date: 4/19/95 8:36 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: Joseph W. Lansing
Subject: Upholstered Furniture Cases

Dobbin's

Inv #

----- Message Contents -----

1) Can the investigator (6189) obtain the fire report for the following case: 950411HNE5311?

5189 NYCC

2) Can I get the reviewer's comments for the following case: 950320HNE5246. The comments are not on my copy of the IDI. My question is: Did the occupants smoke?

5922 MASC

3) Based on the reviewer's comment's for case 950403HNE5291, can we do a follow-up to determine if the tenant smoked?

5516 MASC

Thanks, Kim.