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Subject: FED EX LTR RE DEFECTIVE FORD F-150 SUPER CREW CAB (VIN# 1FTRW07L21K[REDACTED]), REQUESTING A DEFECT INVESTIGATION INVOLVING NHTSA RECALL NO. 99V-124, FORD RECALL NO. 99S15 THAT CAUSE 1/04 FIRE INVOLVING THE DEATH OF BLAKE SIMONNE WASHINGTON

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VEHICLE SAFETY****Cleared Date:****File Loc:****Added By: NMOODY x62544****Ack By:****Signature: RONALD MEDFORD****Cleared By:****XREF File:****Modified By: LOGLESBY****Signed For:****Cleared For:****Closed Date:**

COMPLETE CONTACT INFO:

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COMPLETE COMMENT INFO:

Comment Details

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VHS TAPES AND CONFIDENTIAL INCIDENT REPORT FWD WITH INCOMING TO NVS-200 FOR HANDLING BUT NOT IMAGED.

COMPLETE ROUTING INFO:

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NVS-200	REPLY	3/17/2005	3/31/2005	
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NVS-010	INFORMATION	3/17/2005		3/17/2005
NCC-110	INFORMATION	3/17/2005		3/17/2005

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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NATIONAL HIGHWAY
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMIN.

Re:

[REDACTED]
Ford MY 2001 F-150 Super Crew Cab
VIN: 1FTRW07L21K [REDACTED]
January 2004 fire at 347 Shalloway Drive, Kennesaw, Georgia

Dear Mr. Lough:

On January 1, 2004, four-year-old [REDACTED] was killed when her home burned to the ground in Kennesaw, Georgia. [REDACTED] parents, [REDACTED], along with her two brothers, barely escaped the burning house. Sadly, neither they nor the firefighters could do anything to save [REDACTED], who was trapped in her bedroom in the immediate vicinity of the garage where the family's Ford F-150 was parked.

The Washington family now believes that the fire originated in a defective cruise control switch in the family's Ford 2001 MY F-150 Super Crew Cab that was parked in the family's attached garage. The Washington family has good reason to believe that the fire was caused by the speed control deactivation switch ("SCDS;" part number F3TA-9P924-CA) in the Ford F-150, because this component has been the subject of two safety recalls related to vehicle fires.

As you may know, the first Ford recall of these switches was issued in 1999 (NHTSA Recall No. 99V-124, Ford Recall No. 99S15) and it related to the Lincoln Town Car, Ford Crown Victoria, and Mercury Grand Marquis, MYs 1992 and 1993, all of which apparently had the same SCDS as the Washingtons' vehicle. In connection with that recall, it was determined that the SCDS could develop internal leaks that "could result in internal corrosion in

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the switch which could create a conductive path to ground, ultimately resulting in sufficient internal heat to result in a fire."

The second recall relating to the SCDS occurred in January 2005, more than a year after [REDACTED] death, and included the Washingtons' vehicle (NHTSA recall No. 05V017000, Ford Recall No. 05S28). It is our understanding that prior to the January 2005 recall, NHTSA received at least 36 reports from the public of vehicle fires apparently caused by the defects related to the SCDS. Unfortunately, this recall came too late to save [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] believes that Ford sent an investigator to the scene of the [REDACTED] fire shortly after [REDACTED] was killed; Ford's investigator inspected the scene and the subject vehicle, and reportedly took photographs and possibly videotapes of both.

The [REDACTED] family has been devastated by [REDACTED] loss. We know that Ford has every interest in investigating this horrible occurrence, and in cooperating with the [REDACTED] family's investigation. In particular, we expect that Ford will join in efforts to help bring some resolution to the [REDACTED] family and to help make sure that no other children die as a result of any defect related to the SCDS in Ford vehicles.

In that regard, the [REDACTED] ask that Ford produce any and all photographs, videos, notes, memoranda, reports, and physical evidence related to the fire that killed [REDACTED] and destroyed the [REDACTED] family home. The [REDACTED] also ask that Ford preserve all documents in its possession or control and/or in the possession or control of any of its agents, representatives, and contractors, including photographs, videos, memoranda, reports, emails, correspondence, and physical evidence relating to the [REDACTED] vehicle and the resulting fire.

I have enclosed for your information the fire report and two videos taken by fire investigators. As you will note, the investigators' report states that the fire originated inside the west end of the structure, which is where the [REDACTED] Ford F-150 vehicle was located. At the time of the original investigation, the cause of the fire was listed as "undetermined." In a recent meeting with LCHB investigators, [REDACTED], however, the fire investigators stated they are disappointed that Ford did not notify everyone about the Ford switch hazards much earlier, so that they would have been able to consider and to examine the vehicle as a cause of the fire and death. The investigators feel they were denied information that would have assisted in their investigation and, even in hindsight, they believe recently released information on the SCDS in Ford vehicles sheds light on the case. Already the fire investigators believe that in retrospect the fire pattern in the [REDACTED] fire is consistent with the fire's origin being in the garage.

Donald Lough, Esquire
Office of General Counsel
March 15, 2005
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Please contact me, and/or Washington co-counsel, Charles R. Houssiere, III, and
Bradley L. Leger of Houssiere, Durant & Houssiere ((713) 626-3700), with any questions.

Sincerely,



Mark P. Chalos

MPC:ccb
Encl.

cc: Dr. James Runge, Director, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Via Fedex.
With Enclosures
Charles R. Houssiere and Bradley L. Leger
Kathryn E. Barnett, LCHB Nashville
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COBB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
INCIDENT/OFFENSE REPORT
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INCIDENT #04000093

DATE REPORTED: 01/01/2004 10:30
FROM DATE: 01/01/2004 06:57
LOCATION: [REDACTED]

STATUS: INACTIVE
TO DATE: 01/01/2004 07:06

KENNESAW, GA [REDACTED]

COMPLAINANT:

PHONE NUMBER:

ADDRESS:

PRECINCT: 1 - NORTH COBB

BEAT: 114/ZONE-1

FDZ: 161

ZONE: B SHERIFF ZONE B

MAP GRID: 483F4

CNT UCR CIRCUMSTANCE

PRIM OFFENSE : 0938 ACCIDENTAL DEATH

1 NRPT

OTHER OFFENSE:

PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR: GAYNOR, STEVEN THOMAS

REPORTING OFFICERS : KURTZ, JAMES D

INCIDENT PERSON DETAIL

<u>INVOLVEMENT</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>YOB</u>	<u>VICTIM NAME</u>
<u>INJURY</u>			<u>HOME PHONE</u>	<u>WORK PHONE</u>
<u>ADDRESS</u>				

1. VICTIM B F
DEATH

[REDACTED] NE KENNESAW, GA [REDACTED]

<u>INVOLVEMENT</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>YOB</u>	<u>WITNESS NAME</u>
<u>INJURY</u>			<u>HOME PHONE</u>	<u>WORK PHONE</u>
<u>ADDRESS</u>				

2. WITNESS ASHBY, K.C.

[REDACTED] NE KENNESAW, GA

3. WITNESS W M

4. WITNESS NE KENNESAW, GA
M

5. WITNESS NE KENNESAW, GA

6. WITNESS W M
NE KENNESAW, GA

NE KENNESAW, GA

INCIDENT [REDACTED]

<u>INVOLVEMENT</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>YOB</u>	<u>OTHER NAME</u>
<u>INJURY</u>		<u>HOME PHONE</u>		<u>WORK PHONE</u>
<u>ADDRESS</u>				

7. OTHER B F
SUPERFICIAL [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TX [REDACTED]
8. OTHER B M
SUPERFICIAL [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] KENNESAW, GA [REDACTED]
9. OTHER B M
SUPERFICIAL [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] KENNESAW, GA [REDACTED]
10. OTHER B F
SUPERFICIAL [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] KENNESAW, GA [REDACTED]

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Report Number: [REDACTED]

Time Printed: 02/02/05 06:44AM

On 01-01-04 this officer responded with the Fire Department to [REDACTED] regarding a house fire. A juvenile victim was trapped in front bedroom and expired in the fire.

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Rpt #: [REDACTED] Seq #: 1 Created: 01/02/2004
Entered By : 0589 Name: GAYNOR, STEVEN THOMAS
Entered For: 0555 Name: [REDACTED]
Time Printed: 02/02/05 06:44AM

On 01/01/04 at 0700 hrs while assigned to Unit ????? this officer responded with the Fire Department to [REDACTED] to assist with a residential fire with a child trapped in the right front bedroom.

Upon my arrival Fire Department Personnel were on the scene attempting to extinguish the fire. At the time of my arrival the structure was fully involved.

I ????? ????????? resident [REDACTED], who advised that his four year old daughter, [REDACTED] was trapped in an upstairs front bedroom. [REDACTED] stated that he was awakened by his wife [REDACTED] who told him that the house was on fire. [REDACTED] stated that when she opened their bedroom and the flames advanced toward her. [REDACTED] stated that they were able to get Price and [REDACTED] out of the residence by breaking out a window. [REDACTED] stated that when they returned to the residence they unable to ??? [REDACTED] room due to smoke and fire.

I also spoke to [REDACTED] who stated they were awakened by the screams of [REDACTED] coming from her bedroom. Price [REDACTED] stated he then realized the house was on fire. Price [REDACTED] stated he yelled for his parents and that they attempted to get to [REDACTED] room, but were unable due to the fire.

[REDACTED] were transported to Kennestone Hospital by Metro Ambulance for treatment of lacerations to their legs and arms they received while exiting the residence thru the window.

I then spoke to [REDACTED] who was on scene during the arrival of the Fire Department. [REDACTED] stated he observed fire coming from the left side of the residence, the livingroom area. Milam stated that he observed black smoke coming from the other front windows. [REDACTED] stated that he also saw two adults and two children standing on the front lawn, near the front door of the residence. [REDACTED] stated when he asked the female told him that their daughter was still inside.

Unit 1203, Sgt. Yeager also responded to the scene.

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Unit 5021 Det. Gaynor was also notified of this incident and responded to the scene.

Upon his arrival Det. Gaynor assisted Fire Department Personnel with the investigation.

No further action taken by this officer at this time.

Approved By : 0335
Approved Date: 01/02/2004

Name: YEAGER, ERIC SCOTT

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Rpt #: [REDACTED] Seq #: 2 Created: 01/02/2004
Entered By : 0589 Name: GAYNOR, STEVEN THOMAS
Entered For: 0589 Name: [REDACTED]
Time Printed: 02/02/05 06:44AM

Completed January 02, 2004

Death Investigation

[REDACTED]
Kennesaw, GA [REDACTED]

On 01/01/2004 at approximately 0702 hours, I responded to the scene of this incident. At approximately 0725 hours, I arrived on the scene of this fire incident. At this time the house appeared to be fully engulfed in flames and smoke and Fire Department Personnel were unable to gain entry into the residence. All indication were at this time that a four (4) year old black female was missing and believed to be still in the residence.

Officer Kurtz and Sgt Yeager advised me that there had been two adults and two other children in the house at the time of the fire. These individuals were presently being attended to by Metro Ambulance and EMT Personnel. All reportedly had smoke inhalation and lacerations as result of their escape from the residence.

According to Officer Kurtz, the four (4) year old child's name is Blake Washington and her mother and father were the two adults now being treated by Metro Ambulance.

Officer Kurtz spoke with both adults and the two children regarding this matter. He relayed the information to me upon my arrival.

The individuals who escaped this fire were not interviewed by me and were transported to Kennestone Hospital for treatment for their injuries.

Based on the information developed it appeared that Blake Washington was last seen or heard in a bedroom located on the front side of the residence. This area could be seen from the street and it was completely involved with flames at this time.

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The area around the residence was checked as Fire Personnel placed "fire line tape" around the left side of the residence. The live power lines were know laying on the ground and were creating a dangerous situation as water made contact with them.

At about 0740 hours, I notified Investigator Hal Bennett of the Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office. Base on the investigation at this time, it appeared that there would be a fatality in this fire debris and Investigator Bennett responded to this scene.

At about 0744 hours, I confirmed with the Cobb County 911 Center, that a Fire Department Investigator was enroute to this scene. I was advised that Investigator LeCroy was already on the way to this scene.

At approximately 0748 hours, I contacted PIO Dana Pierce regarding this matter. At this time the Cobb County Fire Department had their PIO enroute to this scene, so Officer Pierce did not respond at this time, but he was advised of the situation.

By approximately 0809 hours, the Cobb County Fire Department had gotten the fire under control. However, at this time we were unable to begin searching the rubble for Blake Washington due to some safety issues.

At this time the residence was almost completely destroyed and mostly burnt to the ground. There was no chance that anyone inside this residence might have survived this fire, so we waited for the safety issues to be corrected.

At approximately 0930 hours, a crew of Fire Personnel entered the rubble and began a search for the child's body. They did focus on the area where the child was last reported.

Within a short period of time they uncovered the remains of Blake Washington. Her body appeared to be under the remains of several mattress (springs) and a good deal of burnt rubble. Upon uncovering her upper body of the child the Fire Personnel moved back from the area.

At this time, Myself, Investigator Bennett, Investigator LeCroy,

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[REDACTED] moved in to recover the body. Crime Scene Tech. J.D. Debose (CCSO) photographed the scene and the child's body as we made the recovery.

The badly burned remains of a female child were completely uncovered and photographed. She was then placed into a white sheet and removed from the burnt structure. Once out of the debris pile we placed the wrapped body in a plastic sheet and then into another clean white sheet. The child's body was then carried to the Medical Examiner's van for transportation their Office by Investigator Bennett.

At this time this incident appears to be nothing more than a tragic accident. Investigators Sanders, Lecroy, Cloer, and Williams will continue their investigation in an attempt to determine the cause of this fire.

No further criminal investigation will be conducted at this time.

This case is inactive pending further information from the Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office and/or the Cobb County Fire Department Arson Squad.

Approved By : 0410
Approved Date: 01/02/2004

Name: HUTCHINSON, ROBERT B

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FDID: 03301 INCIDENT NO: [REDACTED] EXP NO: 00 DATE: 01/01/04 DAY: THU
ALARM TIME: 06:57 ARRIVE TIME: 07:06 TIME IN SERVICE: 11:58 MUTUAL AID: R
SITUATION: 11/STRUCTURE FIRE.
ACTION TAKEN: 01/EXTINGUISHMENT

OCCUPANT NAME: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
KENNESAW GA [REDACTED] FDZ: 161

PHONE: [REDACTED]
SUITE/APT:
CENSUS TRACT: 30310

OWNER NAME: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
KENNESAW GA [REDACTED] FDZ: 161

PHONE: [REDACTED]
SUITE/APT:

METHOD OF ALARM: 01/TELEPHONE/911 TO FIRE DEPT

STATION: 16 SHIFT: B # ALARMS: 1

FS RESP: 30 # ENGS RESP: 5 # AERIALS RESP: 1 # OTH VEH RESP: 13

FIXED PROPERTY USE: 411/ONE-FAMILY DWELLING: YEAR-ROUND USE.
COMPLEX: 41/DWELLING COMPLEX (ONE-AND TWO-FAMILY).
IGNITION FACTOR: 00/UNDETERMINED
MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE: 08/NOT APPLICABLE
AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN: 00/AREA UNDETERMINED
LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN: 00/LEVEL UNDETERMINED OR NOT REPORTED
HEAT OF IGNITION FORM: 00/FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION UNDETERMINED
IGNITION EQUIPMENT: 00/EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION UNDETERMI
MATERIAL TYPE: 00/TYPE OF MATERIAL UNDETERMINED
MATERIAL FORM: 00/FORM OF MATERIAL UNDETERMINED
EXTINGUISHMENT METHOD: 07/HAND-LAID HOSE LINES WITH HYDRANT WATER
VALUE AT RISK: \$200,000 ESTIMATED \$ LOSS: \$200,000
TOTAL GALLONS WATER USED (ROUNDED TO NEAREST THOUSAND): 60,000

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 CONSTRUCTION TYPE: 05/WOOD-FRAME P.480
EXTENT OF FLAME DAMAGE: 06/CONFINED TO STRUCTURE OF ORIGIN.
EXTENT OF SMOKE DAMAGE: 06/CONFINED TO STRUCTURE OF ORIGIN.
DETECTOR PERFORMANCE: 00/PERFORMANCE UNDETERMINED
SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE: 08/NO EQUIPMENT PRESENT
AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL: 00/UNDETERMINED, NOT REPORTED
MATERIAL TYPE SMOKE: 00/TYPE OF MATERIAL UNDETERMINED
MATERIAL FORM SMOKE: 00/FORM OF MATERIAL UNDETERMINED

IF MOBILE PROPERTY: YEAR: MAKE:
MODEL: SERIAL NO:
TAG NO: STATE:

IF EQUIP INVOLVED IN IGNITION: YEAR: MAKE:
MODEL: SERIAL NO:

FIRE SERVICE INJ: 0 OTHER INJ: 4 FIRE SERVICE FTL: 0 OTHER FTL: 1

REPORT BY: 628 GRAHAM JOHN EVERETT
OFFICER: 388 GABELMANN JODI ANNE

DATE: 01/03/2004

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS

EXPOSURES: 03

HAZMAT REPORTS: 00

CIVILIAN CASUALTY REPORTS: 05

FIREFIGHTER CASUALTY REPORTS: 00

FOREST FIRE REPORTS: 00

UNIT SUMMARY FOR
INCIDENT NO: 04000048
EXPOSURE NO: 00

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R16	01/01/2004 06:57	01/01/2004 07:06	01/01/2004 09:21	N
T8	01/01/2004 06:57	01/01/2004 07:12	01/01/2004 09:07	N
XE1	01/01/2004 06:57	01/01/2004 07:06	01/01/2004 11:55	N
XE32	01/01/2004 06:57	01/01/2004 07:07	01/01/2004 09:17	N
XE25	01/01/2004 07:01	01/01/2004 07:13	01/01/2004 10:39	N
E25	01/01/2004 07:01		01/01/2004 07:02	N
SQ4	01/01/2004 07:04	01/01/2004 07:23	01/01/2004 09:39	N
AIR8	01/01/2004 07:10	01/01/2004 07:42	01/01/2004 10:31	N
ME56	01/01/2004 07:11		01/01/2004 07:13	N
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TAG NO: STATE: GA

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EXTINGUISHMENT METHOD: 07/HAND-LAID HOSE LINES WITH HYDRANT WATER
VALUE AT RISK: \$18,000 ESTIMATED \$ LOSS: \$18,000
TOTAL GALLONS WATER USED (ROUNDED TO NEAREST THOUSAND): 60,000

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 CONSTRUCTION TYPE: 05/WOOD-FRAME P.480
EXTENT OF FLAME DAMAGE: 06/CONFINED TO STRUCTURE OF ORIGIN.
EXTENT OF SMOKE DAMAGE: 06/CONFINED TO STRUCTURE OF ORIGIN.
DETECTOR PERFORMANCE: 00/PERFORMANCE UNDETERMINED
SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE: 08/NO EQUIPMENT PRESENT
AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL: 00/UNDETERMINED, NOT REPORTED
MATERIAL TYPE SMOKE: 00/TYPE OF MATERIAL UNDETERMINED
MATERIAL FORM SMOKE: 00/FORM OF MATERIAL UNDETERMINED

IF MOBILE PROPERTY: YEAR: MAKE: FORD
MODEL: F150 CREW CAB SERIAL NO:
TAG NO: STATE: GA

IF EQUIP INVOLVED IN IGNITION: YEAR: MAKE:
MODEL: SERIAL NO:

FIRE SERVICE INJ: 0 OTHER INJ: 0 FIRE SERVICE FTL: 0 OTHER FTL: 0

REPORT BY: 628 GRAHAM JOHN EVERETT
OFFICER: 388 GABELMANN JODI ANNE

DATE: 01/01/2004

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FDID: 03301 INCIDENT NO: [REDACTED] EXP NO: 03 DATE: 01/01/04 DAY: THU
ALARM TIME: 06:57 ARRIVE TIME: 07:06 TIME IN SERVICE: 11:58 MUTUAL AID: R
SITUATION: 11/STRUCTURE FIRE.
ACTION TAKEN: 01/EXTINGUISHMENT

OCCUPANT NAME: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
KENNESAW GA [REDACTED] FDZ: 161

PHONE: [REDACTED]
SUITE/APT: [REDACTED]
CENSUS TRACT: 30310

OWNER NAME: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE: [REDACTED]
SUITE/APT: [REDACTED]

SARASOTA GA [REDACTED]

METHOD OF ALARM: 01/TELEPHONE/911 TO FIRE DEPT

STATION: 16 SHIFT: B # ALARMS: 1

FS RESP: 0 # ENGS RESP: 0 # AERIALS RESP: 0 # OTH VEH RESP: 0

FIXED PROPERTY USE: 411/ONE-FAMILY DWELLING: YEAR-ROUND USE.
COMPLEX: 41/DWELLING COMPLEX (ONE-AND TWO-FAMILY).
IGNITION FACTOR: 65/PROPERTY TOO CLOSE TO INCLUDES EXPOSURES
MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE: 08/NOT APPLICABLE
AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN: 76/EXTERIOR WALL SURFACE.
LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN: 00/LEVEL UNDETERMINED OR NOT REPORTED
HEAT OF IGNITION FORM: 80/HEAT SPREAD -HOSTILE FIRE INSUFF.INFO
IGNITION EQUIPMENT: 98/NO EQUIPMENT INVOLVED.
MATERIAL TYPE: 63/SAWN WOOD.
MATERIAL FORM: 12/EXTERIOR SIDEWALL COVERING, SURFACE
EXTINGUISHMENT METHOD: 07/HAND-LAID HOSE LINES WITH HYDRANT WATER
VALUE AT RISK: \$200,000 ESTIMATED \$ LOSS: \$800
TOTAL GALLONS WATER USED (ROUNDED TO NEAREST THOUSAND): 60,000

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 CONSTRUCTION TYPE: 05/WOOD-FRAME P.480
EXTENT OF FLAME DAMAGE: 09/NO DAMAGE OF THIS TYPE.
EXTENT OF SMOKE DAMAGE: 09/NO DAMAGE OF THIS TYPE.
DETECTOR PERFORMANCE: 00/PERFORMANCE UNDETERMINED
SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE: 08/NO EQUIPMENT PRESENT
AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL: 00/UNDETERMINED, NOT REPORTED
MATERIAL TYPE SMOKE: 98/NOT APPLICABLE
MATERIAL FORM SMOKE: 98/TYPE OF MATERIAL NOT APPLICABLE.

IF MOBILE PROPERTY: YEAR: MAKE:
MODEL: SERIAL NO:
TAG NO: STATE:

IF EQUIP INVOLVED IN IGNITION: YEAR: MAKE:
MODEL: SERIAL NO:

FIRE SERVICE INJ: 0 OTHER INJ: 0 FIRE SERVICE FTL: 0 OTHER FTL: 0

REPORT BY: 628 GRAHAM JOHN EVERETT
OFFICER: 388 GABELMANN JODI ANNE

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FOREST FIRE REPORTS: 00

Cobb County Fire Department

Date: 02/02/05

Incident #: [REDACTED] Exposure #: 00

Engine 16 was dispatched to a house fire at [REDACTED]. Dispatch reported multiple calls, house fully involved with a child trapped. All Equipment was upgraded to emergency. Upon arrival Engine 16 found a 2 story, split level residence 35 to 40 percent involved. Fire was noted from the basement level (A,B side) though the living area and into the roof. Homeowner met me by the street and advised his daughter was in an A Side bedroom beside the front door. Everyone else was out of the structure. I established command and ordered a skid lay be deployed. Engine 26 arrived on the scene and was assigned water supply 2 lines to a hydrant 300 feet away. At this time fire was noted coming from the bedroom window where the child was presumed to be. I advised Lt. Tate from E26 for him and his crew to assist 2 firefighters from E16 and gain access to the bedroom. E16 crew was attempting to place a ladder at the window for access. Fire conditions were too severe for anyone to enter the structure and a defensive attack was started. One 1 3/4" handline and one 2 1/2" handline were deployed to the A D side of the house to protect a residence within 50 feet of the fire. Another 1 3/4" handline was deployed to the A B side of the residence to protect a residence. A portable deluge set was set up on the A Side to attack the fire. Damage was noted to the A D Exposure. No damage was found on the A B exposure. The house was occupied by two adults and three children. Four sustained injuries from exiting the structure and were transported to Kennestone ER by Metro ambulance. One child was found deceased inside the bedroom under a large amount of debris. Arson was notified to investigate the fire. Overhaul performed after investigators completed their tasks. Hot spots were extinguished and no fire or smoke was visible when Command was terminated. E26 and E12 were assigned to recheck Scene at different intervals.

Origin and Cause Report

Ken LeCroy
Cobb County Fire Investigations
140 North Marietta Parkway
Marietta, Ga. 30060
770-499-3867

Cobb County Fire Department

Date: 02/02/05

Incident #: [REDACTED] Exposure #: 00

CCPD Incident Number [REDACTED]

CCPD Incident Number [REDACTED]

CCFES Incident Number [REDACTED]

On January 01, 2004 at approximately 0804 hrs, this investigator responded to the residential property located at [REDACTED] Drive, Kennesaw, Georgia [REDACTED]. The cause of the fire is listed as "undetermined."

Cobb County Fire Department

Date: 02/02/05

Incident #: 04000048 Exposure #: 01

Vehicle located in drive under garage of house on fire. Vehicles
Identification numbers were burned beyond recognition.

Cobb County Fire Department

Date: 02/02/05

Incident #: [REDACTED] Exposure #: 02

Vehicle located in drive under garage of house on fire. Vehicles Identification Number was burned beyond recognition. Vehicle total loss.

Cobb County Fire Department

Date: 02/02/05

Incident #: [REDACTED] Exposure #: 03

Residence was designated A D exposure to house on fire. Radiant heat melted shingles on B side of which resulted in dripping tar on to siding. Handlines were placed to cool structure. Window on B side was broken and several shingles were displaced by the hose streams. Occupants were evacuated from structure until it was deemed safe to reenter by fire crews. Residence checked with Thermal Imaging Camera nothing found. I spoke with homeowner, who is out of state, and advised her of the situation. Homeowner was advised to contact Fire Administration to obtain report.

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FDID: 03301 INCIDENT NO: [REDACTED] EXP NO: 00 DATE: 01/01/2004 DAY: THU
ALARM TIME: 06:57 CASUALTY NUMBER: 001 TIME OF INJURY: 06:57

CASUALTY NAME: [REDACTED] DOB: 04/16/1975 AGE: 28

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
KENNESAW GA [REDACTED] TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

SEX: F/FEMALE
CASUALTY TYPE: 1/FIRE CASUALTY
SEVERITY: 1/INJURY
AFFILIATION: 3/CIVILIAN

FAMILIARITY WITH STRUCTURE: 0/UNDETERMINED OR NOT REPORTED
LOCATION AT IGNITION: 4/FIRE CASUALTY IN SAME BUILDING AS ORIGIN OF FIRE
CONDITION BEFORE INJURY: 1/ASLEEP.
CONDITION PREVENTING ESCAPE: 2/FIRE BETWEEN CASUALTY AND EXIT.
ACTIVITY AT TIME OF INJURY: 6/SLEEPING.
CAUSE OF INJURY: 2/EXPOSED TO FLAME, HEAT, SMOKE, FIREGASE
NATURE OF INJURY: 1/BURNS AND ASPHYXIA/SMOKE.
PART OF BODY INJURED: 8/MULTIPLE PARTS.
DISPOSITION: 4/TAKEN TO HOSPITAL BY NONFIRE VEHICLE

SEE ADDITIONAL REPORT: Y

OFFICER IN CHARGE:
MEMBER MAKING REPORT: 0628 GRAHAM JOHN EVERETT DATE: 01/01/2004

FDID: 03301 INCIDENT NO: [REDACTED] EXP NO: 00 DATE: 01/01/2004 DAY: THU
ALARM TIME: 06:57 CASUALTY NUMBER: 002 TIME OF INJURY: 06:57

CASUALTY NAME: [REDACTED] DOB: 08/11/1994 AGE: 9

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
KENNESAW GA [REDACTED] TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

SEX: M/MALE
CASUALTY TYPE: 1/FIRE CASUALTY
SEVERITY: 1/INJURY
AFFILIATION: 3/CIVILIAN

FAMILIARITY WITH STRUCTURE: 0/UNDETERMINED OR NOT REPORTED
LOCATION AT IGNITION: 4/FIRE CASUALTY IN SAME BUILDING AS ORIGIN OF FIRE
CONDITION BEFORE INJURY: 1/ASLEEP.
CONDITION PREVENTING ESCAPE: 2/FIRE BETWEEN CASUALTY AND EXIT.
ACTIVITY AT TIME OF INJURY: 6/SLEEPING.
CAUSE OF INJURY: 2/EXPOSED TO FLAME, HEAT, SMOKE, FIREGASE
NATURE OF INJURY: 4/WOUND, CUT, BLEEDING.
PART OF BODY INJURED: 8/MULTIPLE PARTS.
DISPOSITION: 4/TAKEN TO HOSPITAL BY NONFIRE VEHICLE

SEE ADDITIONAL REPORT: Y

OFFICER IN CHARGE:
MEMBER MAKING REPORT: 0628 GRAHAM JOHN EVERETT DATE: 01/01/2004

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FDID: 03301 INCIDENT NO: [REDACTED] EXP NO: 00 DATE: 01/01/2004 DAY: THU
ALARM TIME: 06:57 CASUALTY NUMBER: 003 TIME OF INJURY: 06:57

CASUALTY NAME: [REDACTED] DOB: 07/06/1989 AGE: 14

HOME ADDRESS:

TEMPLE GA [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

SEX: M/MALE
CASUALTY TYPE: 1/FIRE CASUALTY
SEVERITY: 1/INJURY
AFFILIATION: 3/CIVILIAN

FAMILIARITY WITH STRUCTURE: 0/UNDETERMINED OR NOT REPORTED
LOCATION AT IGNITION: 4/FIRE CASUALTY IN SAME BUILDING AS ORIGIN OF FIRE
CONDITION BEFORE INJURY: 1/ASLEEP.
CONDITION PREVENTING ESCAPE: 2/FIRE BETWEEN CASUALTY AND EXIT.
ACTIVITY AT TIME OF INJURY: 6/SLEEPING.
CAUSE OF INJURY: 2/EXPOSED TO FLAME, HEAT, SMOKE, FIREGASE
NATURE OF INJURY: 4/WOUND, CUT, BLEEDING.
PART OF BODY INJURED: 8/MULTIPLE PARTS.
DISPOSITION: 4/TAKEN TO HOSPITAL BY NONFIRE VEHICLE

SEE ADDITIONAL REPORT: Y

OFFICER IN CHARGE:

MEMBER MAKING REPORT: 0628 GRAHAM JOHN EVERETT

DATE: 01/01/2004

FDID: 03301 INCIDENT NO: 04000048 EXP NO: 00 DATE: 01/01/2004 DAY: THU
ALARM TIME: 06:57 CASUALTY NUMBER: 004 TIME OF INJURY: 06:57

CASUALTY NAME: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] AGE: 38

HOME ADDRESS:

KENNESAW GA [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

SEX: M/MALE
CASUALTY TYPE: 1/FIRE CASUALTY
SEVERITY: 1/INJURY
AFFILIATION: 3/CIVILIAN

FAMILIARITY WITH STRUCTURE: 0/UNDETERMINED OR NOT REPORTED
LOCATION AT IGNITION: 4/FIRE CASUALTY IN SAME BUILDING AS ORIGIN OF FIRE
CONDITION BEFORE INJURY: 1/ASLEEP.
CONDITION PREVENTING ESCAPE: 2/FIRE BETWEEN CASUALTY AND EXIT.
ACTIVITY AT TIME OF INJURY: 6/SLEEPING.
CAUSE OF INJURY: 2/EXPOSED TO FLAME, HEAT, SMOKE, FIREGASE
NATURE OF INJURY: 4/WOUND, CUT, BLEEDING.
PART OF BODY INJURED: 8/MULTIPLE PARTS.
DISPOSITION: 4/TAKEN TO HOSPITAL BY NONFIRE VEHICLE

SEE ADDITIONAL REPORT: Y

OFFICER IN CHARGE:

MEMBER MAKING REPORT: 0628 GRAHAM JOHN EVERETT

DATE: 01/01/2004

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FDID: 03301 INCIDENT NO: 04000048 EXP NO: 00 DATE: 01/01/2004 DAY: THU
ALARM TIME: 06:57 CASUALTY NUMBER: 005 TIME OF INJURY: 06:57

CASUALTY NAME: UNKNOWN

DOB:

AGE: 3

HOME ADDRESS:

KENNESAW GA

TELEPHONE:

SEX: F/FEMALE
CASUALTY TYPE: 1/FIRE CASUALTY
SEVERITY: 2/DEATH
AFFILIATION: 3/CIVILIAN

FAMILIARITY WITH STRUCTURE: 0/UNDETERMINED OR NOT REPORTED
LOCATION AT IGNITION: 4/FIRE CASUALTY IN SAME BUILDING AS ORIGIN OF FIRE
CONDITION BEFORE INJURY: 1/ASLEEP.
CONDITION PREVENTING ESCAPE: 1/NO TIME TO ESCAPE; EXPLOSION OR FIRE PROGRESSED
ACTIVITY AT TIME OF INJURY: 6/SLEEPING.
CAUSE OF INJURY: 0/UNDETERMINED OR NOT REPORTED
NATURE OF INJURY: 0/UNDETERMINED OR NOT REPORTED
PART OF BODY INJURED: 8/MULTIPLE PARTS.
DISPOSITION: 6/DIED.

SEE ADDITIONAL REPORT: Y

OFFICER IN CHARGE:

MEMBER MAKING REPORT: 0628 GRAHAM JOHN EVERETT

DATE: 01/01/2004

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INCIDENT [REDACTED]

DATE REPORTED: 01/01/2004 06:57
FROM DATE: 01/01/2004 06:57
LOCATION: [REDACTED]

STATUS: CLEAR/RPT
TO DATE: 01/01/2004 11:58

KENNESAW, GA [REDACTED]

COMPLAINANT:
PHONE NUMBER:
ADDRESS:

PRECINCT: 1 - NORTH COBB BEAT: 114/ZONE-1
ZONE: B SHERIFF ZONE B

FDZ: 161
MAP GRID: 483F5

CNT UCR CIRCUMSTANCE

PRIM OFFENSE : 2098 NON REPORTABLE ARSON INVESTGTN 1 NRPT

OTHER OFFENSE:

PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR: LECROY, KENNETH W
REPORTING OFFICERS : LECROY, KENNETH W

INCIDENT PERSON DETAIL

	INVOLVEMENT	RACE	SEX	YOB	VICTIM NAME
	INJURY			HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE
	ADDRESS				
1.	VICTIM	B	F	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	DEATH				
	[REDACTED]			KENNESAW, GA	[REDACTED]
2.	VICTIM	B	M	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	OTHER				
	[REDACTED]			KENNESAW, GA	[REDACTED]
3.	VICTIM	B	M	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	OTHER				
	[REDACTED]			KENNESAW, GA	[REDACTED]
4.	VICTIM	B	M	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	OTHER				
	[REDACTED]			KENNESAW, GA	[REDACTED]
5.	VICTIM	B	F	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	OTHER				
	[REDACTED]			KENNESAW, GA	[REDACTED]

	INVOLVEMENT	RACE	SEX	YOB	WITNESS NAME
	INJURY			HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE
	ADDRESS				

6.	WITNESS	W	M	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	NONE				
	[REDACTED]			KENNESAW, GA	[REDACTED]

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INCIDENT #04001859

	<u>INVOLVEMENT</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>YOB</u>	<u>OTHER NAME</u>
	<u>INJURY</u>		<u>HOME PHONE</u>		<u>WORK PHONE</u>
	<u>ADDRESS</u>				
7.	OTHER	W	F		
	NONE				
				KENNESAW, GA	
8.	OTHER	W	M		
	NONE				
				KENNESAW, GA	

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Report Number: [REDACTED]
Time Printed: 02/02/05 06:44AM

Narrative Report

Ken LeCroy
Cobb County Fire Investigations
140 North Marietta Parkway
Marietta, Ga. 30060
770-499-3867

CCPD Incident Number 04001859
CCPD Incident Number 04000893
CCFES Incident Number 04000048
CCSO Photo Package Number 0401-2501
CCSO Photo Package Number 0401-2529
CCSO Photo Package Number 0401-2531
CCSO Photo Package Number 0401-2534
CCSO Photo Package Number 0401-2535
CCSO Photo Package Number 0401-2769

Summary:

On January 01, 2004 at approximately 0804 hrs, this investigator responded to the residential property located at [REDACTED], Kennesaw, Georgia [REDACTED]. The fire resulted in the death of a four-year-old juvenile. The cause of the fire is listed as "undetermined."

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Incident Supplemental Report

Rpt #: [REDACTED] Seq #: 1 Created: 02/04/2004
Entered By : FD00381 Name: CLOER, GREGORY MARK
Entered For: FD00381 Name: CLOER, GREGORY MARK
Time Printed: 02/02/05 06:44AM

Interview Report Summary

CCPD Incident Number: [REDACTED]
CCFES Incident Number: [REDACTED]

Date: 01/01/04
Time: Approximately 09:00 hours

Interviewee: Juan Washington

Investigator: Greg Cloer

Location: [REDACTED]
Kennesaw, GA [REDACTED]

The following was revealed during an informal interview:

* Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he and his family went to bed around midnight on 12/31/2003.
* His wife awakened Mr. [REDACTED] and she told him that the house was on fire.
* Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the hallway was on fire and he was unable to get to his daughter.
At this point in the interview, I drew a rectangle on my note pad. I requested Mr. [REDACTED] to draw the layout of his residence inside the rectangle. Mr. [REDACTED] responded, "My home is like the other homes here". I informed Mr. [REDACTED] that I am not familiar with the homes in his subdivision and that drawing a layout of his residence would assist me understanding where his bedroom, the hallway, and his daughter's bedroom were located. Mr. [REDACTED] replied, "Why do you want me draw a picture of my dead daughter?" I told Mr. [REDACTED] that I did not request that he draw any pictures of his daughter. I requested a layout of the rooms in his residence to assist in the investigation. Due to the emotional state that Mr. [REDACTED] was in at this time, I ended the interview.

Approved By : FD00371 Name: SANDERS, RODNEY DALE
Approved Date: 02/04/2004

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Rpt #: [REDACTED] Seq #: 2 Created: 02/04/2004
Entered By : FD00381 Name: CLOER, GREGORY MARK
Entered For: FD00381 Name: CLOER, GREGORY MARK
Time Printed: 02/02/05 06:44AM

Interview Report Summary

CCPD Incident Number: 04001859
CCFES Incident Number: 04000048

Date: 01/01/04
Time: Approximately 09:20 hours

Interviewee: Steven Milam

Investigator: Greg Cloer

Location: [REDACTED]
Kennesaw, GA [REDACTED]

The following was revealed during an informal interview:

- * Mr. [REDACTED] was arriving home from work when he noticed a house on fire down the street from his residence.
- * Mr. [REDACTED] parked his vehicle and ran down the street to the burning house.
- * Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the family living in the home was sitting on the ground outside.
- * According to Mr. [REDACTED], he observed heavy fire venting from the plate glass window in front of the residence, heavy fire conditions inside the front door, and heavy smoke venting from two bedroom windows in front of the residence near the southeast corner.

Approved By : FD00371 Name: SANDERS, RODNEY DALE
Approved Date: 02/04/2004

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Rpt #: [REDACTED] Seq #: 3 Created: 02/04/2004
Entered By : FD00381 Name: CLOER, GREGORY MARK
Entered For: FD00381 Name: CLOER, GREGORY MARK
Time Printed: 02/02/05 06:44AM

Interview Report Summary

CCPD Incident Number: [REDACTED]
CCFBS Incident Number: [REDACTED]

Date: 01/01/04
Time: Approximately 09:20 hours

Interviewee: Beverly Tiller-Brookshire

Investigator: Greg Cloer

Location: [REDACTED]
Kennesaw, GA [REDACTED]

The following was revealed during an informal interview:

- * Mrs. [REDACTED] and her family have lived in their residence for approximately ten years and live adjacent to [REDACTED] Drive.
- * Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that her husband left approximately 06:00 hours to go hunting. She heard someone yelling from outside of her residence.
- * Mrs. [REDACTED] looked out her bathroom window and saw the house next door at [REDACTED] on fire.
- * Mrs. [REDACTED] observed heavy fire venting from the front of the house. She then called 9-1-1.
- * Mrs. [REDACTED] also heard Mr. [REDACTED] yelling, "someone help us, my baby is in there".

Approved By : FD00371
Approved Date: 02/04/2004

Name: SANDERS, RODNEY DALE

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Rpt #: 04001859 Seq #: 4 Created: 02/05/2004
Entered By : FD00381 Name: CLOER, GREGORY MARK
Entered For: FD00381 Name: CLOER, GREGORY MARK
Time Printed: 02/02/05 06:44AM

Property/Evidence Report

Cobb County Fire Investigations Unit
Investigator Greg Cloer

CCPD Incident Number: 04001859
CCFES Incident Number: 04000048

Incident Location: [REDACTED]
Kennesaw, GA [REDACTED]

Summary of item collected and date: 01/06/2004

Collection Location: [REDACTED]
Kennesaw, GA [REDACTED]

CCPD Property/Evidence Control Record: 107953

Item 2: Compact Disc, RFD80M. - 54502 80, (AAJS030517636618).
This item was collected at approximately 08:35 hours.

On 01/06/2004, item 2 was turned over to Fire Investigator Ken
LeCroy at the Cobb County Fire Investigations Unit at 140 N.
Marietta Pkwy, Marietta, GA, 30060.

Approved By : FD00371 Name: SANDERS, RODNEY DALE
Approved Date: 02/05/2004

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Rpt #: [REDACTED] Seq #: 5 Created: 01/02/2004
Entered By : FD00917 Name: WILLIAMS, CHARLES K
Entered For: FD00917 Name: WILLIAMS, CHARLES K
Time Printed: 02/02/05 06:44AM

Report of Interview

Investigator Charles K. Williams
Cobb County Fire Investigations
140 North Marietta Parkway
Marietta, GA 30050

CCPD Incident Numbers 04-001859 & 04-000093
CCFBS Incident Number 04-000048

On 01/01/2004 at approximately 08:30 hours, I conducted an informal interview with [REDACTED] in Room 25 of the Kennestone Hospital Emergency Room. The interview was regarding an investigation of a fire at her residence. Mrs. [REDACTED] was emotionally upset at the time of the interview and was concerned over her missing child. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she and her husband had gone to bed at approximately 01:30 hours, 01/01/2003. She stated popping sounds awakened her. She stated she awakened her husband. She stated he opened the hallway door from their bedroom. She stated the hallway was full of smoke and heat. She stated she tried to get to her daughter's room but was unable. She stated she exited the structure through a window. She stated they had a fire in the fireplace during the evening and left the natural gas starter on during the night. She stated she believed this is what started the structure fire.

While at Kennestone I confirmed the two other children who escaped from the structure had been transported to Kennestone for treatment. Neither Mrs. [REDACTED] or the two children's injuries were considered to be serious.

Approved By : FD00371 Name: SANDERS, RODNEY DALE
Approved Date: 03/08/2004

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Rpt #: [REDACTED] Seq #: 6 Created: 02/27/2004
Entered By : FD00292 Name: LECROY, KENNETH W
Entered For: FD00292 Name: LECROY, KENNETH W
Time Printed: 02/02/05 06:44AM

Origin and Cause Report

Ken LeCroy
Cobb County Fire Investigations
140 North Marietta Parkway
Marietta, Ga. 30060
770-499-3867

CCPD Incident Number [REDACTED]
CCPD Incident Number [REDACTED]
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CCSO Photo Package Number 0401-2769

Summary:

On January 01, 2004 at approximately 0804 hrs, this investigator responded to the residential property located at [REDACTED], Kennesaw, Georgia [REDACTED]. The cause of the fire is listed as "undetermined."

Notification:

This investigator was notified by the Cobb County 911 Alarm Center that Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services Captain Jodi Gabelmann was requesting an investigator to report to the fire location. Captain Gabelmann stated the structure was a total loss and a four-year-old child was unaccounted for. The purpose of the response was to initiate a death investigation and investigate the origin and cause of the fire.

On-Scene Investigation:

This investigator arrived at 347 Shalloway Drive at approximately 0836 hrs on January 01, 2004. Contact was made with CCFES Captain Gabelmann. This investigator observed the current

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weather conditions were clear and sunny with a slight wind blowing in an Easterly direction. The fire scene was secured by fire personnel who were still conducting extinguishment operations. This investigator was advised a husband, wife and two children fled the structure through a window and neighbors called 911.

The adult occupants of the structure advised fire personnel that their four-year-old daughter was unaccounted for and was last seen in her bed. Based on the amount of destruction to the structure caused by the fire, it was determined that no person remaining inside the structure could have survived.

In accordance with operating procedures, notification of the fire death was given to Cobb County Crimes Against Persons Office, Cobb County Crimes Against Children Office, Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office and Cobb County Sheriff's Office. Det. Steven Gaynor responded from Crimes Against Persons, Crime Scene Technician J.D. Dubose responded from the Sheriff's Office and Medical Examiner Investigator Hal Bennett responded from the Medical Examiner's Office. Fire Investigators Rod Sanders, Charles Williams and Greg Cloer also responded to assist with the investigation.

Building Construction:

The fire-damaged structure is a wood frame, cedar sided, single-family dwelling, built on a split-level design. The structure was serviced by electricity, water and natural gas. For reference purposes the structure is considered as facing South.

Summary of Exterior Examination:

Examination of the exterior of the structure started on the front (South) side of the structure and moved clockwise around the structure. Examination of the fire patterns revealed the fire traveled from the West side to the East side of the structure. The West end of the structure sustained the most concentrated burning.

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Exterior Examination:

Observations of the front (South) facing side of the structure revealed the right (Eastern) most end was least burned. Fire personnel pulled the remaining wall out away from the fire. Fire patterns on this remaining section of wall revealed the inside of the wall had more fire damage than the outside. A window was also observed in this section of front (South) exterior wall. Fire patterns on the exterior side of the window also revealed the fire was venting through the window from the inside of the structure. The front porch was observed intact, however the remaining front (South) side of the structure, including the roof, was completely destroyed.

A two-vehicle garage in the basement level was observed on the West facing side of the structure. Fire damage on this end of the structure was extensive and all structural components, including the roof, were completely destroyed.

On the North (rear) facing side of the structure, remains of a wooden deck were observed collapsed away from the structure. The North exterior wall of the structure, including the roof was completely destroyed by the fire. The electrical service meter was observed in the remains of the North wall on the garage (West) end of the structure.

The East end of the structure had three window openings. There were visible indications of fire venting from the inside the structure through the windows to the outside. Fire personnel also pulled this wall away from the structure. The natural gas meter was observed on this side of the structure. There were no indications of burning at the gas meter and it was eliminated as a cause of the fire.

Summary of Interior Examination:

Examination of the remains of the interior started with the areas least burned and moved toward the areas most burned by the fire. This method allows for all fire travel patterns to be observed for determining the area of origin of the fire. However, in this incident, the damage was too extensive and the total consumption of most wood items and structural members made this method impractical. Remains of contents observed in the interior of the

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structure appeared normal for an occupied home.

Interior Examination:

The body of the four-year-old juvenile was located under the mattress springs in the remains of an upstairs bedroom. The juvenile was observed supine in the debris. Details about the removal of the juvenile's body and the Medical Examiner's findings are contained on a separate supplemental report.

The interior examination started after the victim was removed from the structure. Due to the extensive amount of burning, a room-by-room examination was not possible.

The electrical panel was observed on the North wall of the garage area. Components of the electrical panel were damaged too severely to determine the size or condition of the breakers.

Area/Point of Origin:

Most of the burning occurred in the West end of the structure. This area includes the kitchen and living room on the first floor and the garage in the basement. Due to the extensive fire damage that occurred in this incident, no further determination could be made.

Evidence:

A visual and photographic inspection of the fire-damaged structure was conducted, debris was moved, a non-scale schematic drawing was made and evidence was collected.

The photographs and videotape of this incident are maintained at the Cobb County Sheriff's Office Records and Identification Unit. Refer to CCSO Photo Package Number 0401-2501, 0401-2529, 0401-2531, 0401-2534, 0401-2535 and 0401-2769.

Evidence items collected are also contained on separate supplemental reports.

This investigator was advised by neighbors, living at 335

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[REDACTED], that their home was identical in floor plan to [REDACTED]. With the owner's permission, a non-scale schematic drawing of [REDACTED] was completed on 01/02/2004 at approximately 1300 hrs. A non-scale schematic drawing of [REDACTED] was completed at approximately 1400 hrs on 01/02/2004.

Interviews:

Fire Investigator Charles Williams conducted an informal interview with Ms. [REDACTED]. Information learned during this interview is included on separate supplemental report. Fire Investigator Greg Cloer conducted informal interviews with Mr. [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Information learned during these interviews are included on separate supplemental reports. A follow-up interview was conducted with Mr. [REDACTED] by this investigator and is also included on a separate supplemental report.

Opinion and Conclusion:

Based on my observations and investigation to date, it is this investigator's opinion the fire originated inside the West end of the structure. Due to the extensive amount of burning that occurred, no cause for the fire was determined. The cause of the fire is listed as "undetermined."

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Cobb County Police
Property/Evidence Control Record Summary

Investigator Ken LeCroy
Cobb County Fire Investigations
140 North Marietta Parkway
Marietta, Ga. 30060 770-499-3867

CCPD Incident Number [REDACTED]
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CCFES Incident Number [REDACTED]

On 01/02/2004, Medical Examiner Investigator Hal Bennett collected Item 1 and released it to this investigator.

Cobb County Police Property/Evidence Control Record 107950:

Item 1 - One-quart metal can containing fabric and burned clothing recovered from the body of the juvenile fire victim. Labeled ME 04-0002.

At this time, Item 1 has not been submitted for laboratory analysis.

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Interview with Mr. [REDACTED]

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On 01/03/2004, at approximately 0900 hrs, this investigator interviewed Mr. [REDACTED]. The interview was conducted by telephone. Mr. [REDACTED] agreed to the interview, however he was very distraught over the loss of his daughter.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated his family ate out supper the night prior to the fire. Both vehicles were taken and both returned home about the same time, approximately 2130 hrs.

They started a fire in the fireplace using the gas starter. There was a candle near the front door, by the sofa, that was lit. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he and his wife smoke in the home. There was no incense in the home.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised there was a breaker on a lower level circuit under the bedrooms that tripped when too many items were plugged in at one time. These items included a fish tank, two televisions, a computer and a space heater. He reported no other problems in the structure. Mr. [REDACTED] did not know if the smoke detector worked. It was located in the bedroom hallway.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated the television in the living room is sometimes left on at night. It was located to the right of the fireplace. The light in the vent hood over the stove and a track light in the living room were also usually left on all night.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that his wife, daughter and himself went to bed before midnight. The boys stayed up. Mr. [REDACTED] thought the gas starter was turned off and also thought the candle at the front door was blown out.

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The doors to the master bedroom and the boy's bedroom are closed at night. The daughter's door is left open.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised the boys were awakened by the sound of his daughter screaming and they came into his bedroom to alert he and his wife. Ms. [REDACTED] attempted to reach the daughter's bedroom, but the smoke and heat in the hallway were too intense. All four were forced to flee the structure through a window.

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In accordance with normal operating procedures, notification of the fire death was given to Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office and Medical Examiner Investigator Hal Bennett responded from the Medical Examiner's Office.

The body of the four-year-old juvenile was located under the mattress springs in the remains of an upstairs bedroom. The juvenile was observed supine in the debris. The body was later identified as [REDACTED]

Details about the victims removal are contained in a separate supplemental report contained in CCPD Incident Number 04000093.

The body was removed and transported to the Medical Examiner's Office. The autopsy was conducted on 01/02/2004. Item 1 - a one-quart metal can containing fabric and burned clothing recovered from the body of the juvenile fire victim was collected and listed on Cobb County Police Property/Evidence Control Record 107950.

On 01/30/2004 Medical Examiner Investigator Bennett advised the cause of death to be, "sequelae of smoke and heat inhalation associated with extensive charring of the body.

Medical Examiner's Case Number is 04-002.

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