

SLEEP RELATED DEATH CASE STUDIES

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

Sudden Unexplained Infant Death

Asphyxia, Suffocation or Strangulation in Bed

Case #1

- 2 ½ month old black female
- Evidence of heavy marijuana use in apartment
- Cradle in room
- Formula fed
- Placed on right side in parents bed propped with a pillow
- Found deceased prone in parents bed
- “I killed my baby”
- “Yea you probably smothered her”

Case #2

- 3 months old white
- Slept on boppie pillow on mothers bed
- Formula fed
- Mother smoked

Case #3

- 2 ½ month old white male
- Found deceased in papasan chair in parents bedroom
- Blankets in chair
- No etoh or nicotine use
- Formula feeding

Case #4

- 1 month old black male
- Breastfed then placed in his bassinet
- Mom woke up and found baby dead in her bed
- She says she doesn't know how baby got in her bed but it has happened before
- Children ages 14, 7 and 3 in the house

Case #5

- 2 month old black female
- Placed in play crib on back with head on pillow, body covered with blanket from chest down
- Formula fed
- Born 6 weeks premature
- Spent 1.5 weeks in NICU

Case #6

- 2 month old black female
- Formula fed
- Put to sleep on back in crib
- Found deceased in a prone position

Case # 7

- 5 month old white female
- Baby fed formula at 0200, wrapped in a “burrito” and placed next to a teddy bear to keep her on her side in Mom’s bed
- Baby found deceased in parents bed, Dad saw child alive at 0500 fussy but told Mom to get up and go take care of her
- Mom woke up at 1450 and found baby deceased
- Baby’s room had crib (filled with bottles of curdled milk, blankets and toys
- Large dog crate next to bed, room smelled of urine and had fleas
- House temp 88 degrees

Case #8

- 2 month old black male
- Formula fed, mother smoked
- Put to sleep on air mattress next to Mom with other siblings in bed

Case #9

- 1 month old black female, twin
- No crib in residence
- Babies sleeping on reclining leg rest of couches
- Hot in residence
- Baby found deceased