

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
NATCHEZ, MISS.

CASE REPORT

CASE NO. 76725	DATE: 02/21/02	CITY: NATCHEZ	COUNTY ADAMS
Subjects :MURDER INVESTIGATION: 1. Interview of Daycare Workers: a. AMANDA GOODWIN b. JENNIFER ISHMAN c. KATIE THOMPSON	Dates worked on case 02/22/02 This Report: 02/22/02	Unit Making Report: DARIAN SMITH	
Title or Description of Case: MURDER			

ON 02/22/02 REPORTING DEPUTY WAS ASSIGNED TO CONTACT GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHILD CARE CENTER TO INTERVIEW STAFF MEMBERS REGARDING THEIR OBSERVATIONS OF THE VICTIM, CHLOE MADISON BRITT. THE CHILD CARE CENTER IS LOCATED AT 2 FATHERLAND RD IN NATCHEZ MS AND IS WHERE THE VICTIM ATTENDED DAY CARE. IN THIS REPORT AND IN WRITTEN STATEMENTS OBTAINED FROM DAY CARE STAFF MEMBERS CHLOE MADISON BRITT IS REFERRED TO AS "MADDIE".

1. INTERVIEW OF AMANDA GOODWIN:

GOODWIN IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS THE CHILDCARE DIRECTOR. GOODWINS RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE SUPERVISION OF EMPLOYEES, CHILD WELFARE, AND PROGRAMS FOR THE CHILDREN. GOODWIN FURTHER STATED THE CHILDREN ARE CHECKED EACH MORNING FOR ANY BRUISES AND/OR SCRATCHES. IF ANY ARE FOUND THEY ARE DOCUMENTED BY THE STAFF FOR LIABILITY PURPOSES. GOODWIN ADVISED "MADDIE" WAS ENROLLED AT THE CENTER ON OCT. 1, 2001 UNTIL PRESENT ON A DAILY BASIS. GOODWIN STATED "MADDIE" APPEARED HEALTHY, CLEAN, WELL NOURISHED AND THAT NO BRUISES OR SIGNS OF ABUSE WERE EVER OBSERVED ON HER.

GOODWIN STATED SHE DID HAVE CONCERNS AS TO "MADDIES" LIVING CONDITIONS AT HOME. GOODWIN ADVISED REBECCA BRITT (MOTHER OF VICTIM) WAS CONTINUOUSLY LATE PICKING MADDIE UP. GOODWIN FELT THIS WAS STRANGE DUE TO HER KNOWLEDGE THAT REBECCA BRITT DID NOT WORK OR ATTEND SCHOOL. GOODWIN ALSO NOTED WHEN BROUGHT TO THE CENTER "MADDIE" ALWAYS SMELLED STRONGLY OF CIGARETTE SMOKE WHICH GOODWIN FELT CONTRIBUTED TO THE "MADDIES" CONSTANT COUGHING. GOODWIN ADVISED REBECCA BRITTS MOTHER (LILLIAN WATSON) PAYED THE BILL FOR THE DAYCARE SERVICES TO ENSURE PROPER CARE FOR "MADDIE". A WRITTEN STATEMENT WAS OBTAINED ALONG WITH A COPY OF THE ROSTER SIGN IN/OUT SHEET FROM GOODWIN, BOTH OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE CASE FILE.

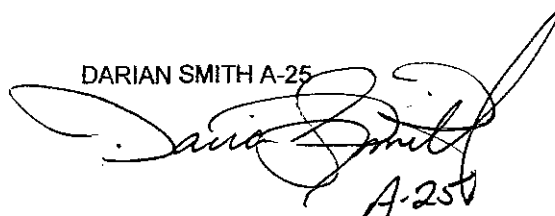
2. INTERVIEW OF JENNIFER ISHMAN:

ISHMAN IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS A CHILD CARE PROVIDER FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED DAY CARE CENTER. ON 02/21/02 ISHMAN CONTACTED "MADDIES" GRANDMOTHER (LILLIAN WATSON) TO INFORM HER THAT "MADDIE" WAS SICK. ISHMAN FURTHER STATED "MADDIE" HAD A BAD COUGH, RUNNY NOSE, AND COULD NOT SLEEP. ISHMAN STATED SHE INFORMED WATSON THAT IF BECKY (REBECCA BRITT) WOULD SEND MEDICINE SHE WOULD MAKE SURE "MADDIE" GOT IT BECAUSE ISHMAN COULD NOT STAND TO SEE "MADDIE" HURTING. ISHMAN FURTHER STATED, TO HER KNOWLEDGE, THE SUSPECT (JEFFERY HAVARD) ONLY CAME TO THE DAY CARE CENTER ONCE WITH BECKY. ISHMAN STATED STAFF MEMBER RENEE ESSARY HAD HAVARD COME INSIDE TO MEET EVERYONE SO THEY COULD SEE WHO "MADDIE" AND REBECCA WERE STAYING WITH. ISHMAN STATED HAVARD PLAYED WITH "MADDIE" AND APPEARED TO BE VERY CARING WITH THE CHILD. A WRITTEN STATEMENT WAS OBTAINED FROM ISHMAN AND IS CONTAINED IN THE CASE FILE.

3. INTERVIEW OF KATIE THOMPSON:

THOMPSON IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS A CHILD CARE PROVIDER AT THE ABOVE MENTION DAY CARE CENTER. THOMPSON ADVISED ON 02/21/02 SOMETIME BETWEEN 5:00 p.m. AND 5:30 p.m. SHE CHANGED "MADDIES" DIAPER AND OBSERVED NO SIGNS OF ABUSE. THOMPSON FURTHER STATED "MADDIES" BOTTOM WAS A LITTLE RED INDICATING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A DIAPER RASH. THOMPSON STATED "MADDIE" APPEARED TO BE "FUSSY" BUT FIGURED IT WAS FROM A COLD DUE TO THE COUGH AND RUNNY NOSE. THOMPSON STATED SHORTLY AFTER CHANGING THE DIAPER REBECCA BRITT ARRIVED AND PICKED "MADDIE" UP. A WRITTEN STATEMENT WAS OBTAINED FROM THOMPSON AND IS CONTAINED IN THE CASE FILE.

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