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	(1) Further to PCR submitted.	dated 22	July 1989, th	e following is		
89-07-22	(2) At 4:05 hours, advised to respond scene to which a de	to 106 Spr	uce Street to			
	(3) I arrived at 106 Spruce Street and was met by Insp. MITTON, Deputy Chief KILLAM and Staff Sgt. SMITH, where it was learned that the fire call was received at 03:41 and that a five or six month old baby had been found dead in her crib. A male and a female believed to be the mother and father had been transported to the hospital by ambulance, and they had been badly burned. The baby had already been removed from the house and transported to the hospital as well, after Sgt. KINNEY had photographed the bedroom.					
	(4) Cst. FOX had be and stand by with to JENSEN, Deputy Sher	the two vic	tims and the	deceased child t the scene.	i. Karl	
	(5) From the investment had located the mal	le and fema	le at the rea	r of the house	e in the	
	the female. Cst. CLEMENTS had pulled the female out but had to have assistance from the firemen with Scott pacs to get the male out.					
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- (6) I spoke with Paul CORMIER, Deputy Fire Chief, and he advised me that Captain Jim HARVEY and his crew were the first crew to arrive at the scene. CORMIER went on to add that when HARVEY arrived, flames were coming from the front door and window south of the door, and the fire was burning very rapidly. CORMIER also stated that he assisted Tim CROSSMAN, firefighter, and Cst. CLEMENTS to remove the male victim from the rear of the house, and that the female had already been removed by Cst. CLEMENTS.
- (7) Through investigation it was learned that the residence was owned by Guy CHEVARIE, 10 Steeves Street, Ph. 384-9442, and it was rented to Marc CAISSIE and his wife, Suzanne. It was also learned that a Wendy MACWILLIAMS and her boyfriend had visited the CAISSIES last evening and had left the residence at approximately 01:30 hours. Cst. TAIT was instructed to locate CHEVARIE and obtain a diagram of the interior of the residence, and also to locate MACWILLIAMS and obtain as much information as possible about the visit last evening.
- (8) Cst. WHITE advised me the small child was lying in the crib in the bedroom, which is located to the southwest corner of the house. The baby was clad only in a diaper. There was no singeing of hair from the baby's head or from his eyebrows or eyelids. The skin was not blistered nor was it subject to a whole lot of heat. The baby's body was dark in color and had remnants of soot on it. The baby's hands were not clinched, and there were no signs of struggling. Sgt. KINNEY took photographs to show the

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position of the baby. There was nothing in the crib other than a blanket thrown over the baby, which was put there by Captain Don MELANSON, the fireman who found the baby. The nostrils of the child were filled with soot as far back as could be seen with a flashlight indicating the child was breathing when the house was filled with smoke. The child's mouth was partially opened and down on the left side, there appeared to be a lot of saliva which had dried. Observations led to believe that the child had died of asphyxiation of smoke as there were no pink eyes and the eyes were sunk back in the head. Child was transported to hospital.

- (9) Cst. TAIT advised that he interviewed Ulysse POIRIER, 59 Spruce Street, Ph. 384-5754, and he stated he was arriving home at approximately 03:30 and noticed flames coming out of the house, and he called on his Citizen's Band radio to request the fire departments. POIRIER also stated he believes a woman from across the street had also called on the "911," as a neighbor believed to be a Mr. BELLIVEAU was banging on the side of the house attempting to wake up the occupants.
- (10) Cst. TAIT advised he located CHEVARIE and obtained a diagram of the interior of the house to assist us in our investigation. CHEVARIE also advised Cst. TAIT that he rented the house to his nephew, Marc CAISSIE, his wife, Suzanne, and the baby, Angele. The family had rented the home for approximately one year and that Marc was employed at Hub Meat Packers and Suzanne at the Contd.

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Blue Cross, and that they were occasional drinkers. CHEVARIE also added that the house was fully insured by Beausejour Insurance for tenants and contents as he had left some of the furniture in the house.

- (11) Cst. WHITE and I interviewed Fern Joseph LEBLANC, 114 Spruce Street, Ph. 384-8216, and he informed us that the CAISSIES were in their backyard on the patio at approximately 01:00 and everything was alright. They were also heard around the front of the residence at approximately 01:20, as the couple that had been visiting were leaving. LEBLANC also stated he and his wife, Theresa, had gone to bed around 02:30, and everything was alright. At approximately 03:40, Theresa had gotten up to go to the bathroom and observed a police car in front of the CAISSIES with smoke and fire coming from the front of the house. LEBLANC stated that this was when his wife woke him, and he went over to the house to try to awaken the occupants. LEBLANC also stated the CAISSIES were to start their holidays this weekend.
- (12) Cst. WHITE and I conducted an exterior check of the residence, 106 Spruce Street, which is a one storey bungalow situated on the west side of the street. The exterior is finished with white clapboard siding. The north side of the building showed not much burning. On that side, there is one sliding window, which looks like a bedroom window and a small window, which is encased in the foundation. The glass in the sliding windows appeared to be blown out. No fire, just smoke and a little heat. The fire

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showed burning to the upper part of the window and none on the bottom. The eaves appeared to have been melted from the heat. There was not a whole lot of fire on this side of the building.

- (13) Cst. TUPPER was assigned to secure the fire scene until further notice. Claude CORMIER, Fire Prevention Officer, assisted us in our investigation. Sgt. KINNEY and I began videotaping the scene and continued with Cst. WHITE conducting the exterior check of the residence.
- (14) The east side of the residence, which is the front of the house, has the main door and three windows. Two of the windows are south of the door while the other window is north of it. The concentration of the burning was subject to the front door and window off to one side (south). The fire concentrated in this area. The front picture window of the house is of secondary nature. The glass is gone, and there was a lot of burning around the window casing. The fire vented out through the window and scorched the clapboard siding at the front. The third window located at the southeast corner at the front of the house showed the fire was venting out. Also, up in the attic, the fire vented out through the opening causing scorching.
- (15) The south side of the residence has one window to the main portion of the house and one basement window, which was intact. Signs indicating heat and smoke vented out the main window. Only a bit of the eave was subject to heat. Some plastic trim started

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to break away and melt from the heat. Parked in the driveway was a 1982 Chevrolet Chevette, A door, blue, bearing NB licence AHH-936. Registered owner being Suzanne CAISSIE. A baby seat was visible in the back of the vehicle.

- (16) The west side of the residence, which is the rear of the house, showed the fire had vented out the back door, and the degree of burning was not to the extreme. The back window located at the southwest corner of the house showed no smoke and suggests only venting was done at this window. This room had previously been identified as the baby's room. Glass in the window was broken out and appeared to have been done by the firemen. The eaves' plastic soffits had broken away from heat escaping from the attic portion of the house. Also, at the back of the house, laying on the ground next to the patio, was the back door which was undoubtedly ripped off by the firemen. The door appears to have been shut at the time of the fire due to the extent of the depth of alligatoring and stayed shut during the main course of the fire. Both sides of the door was photographed to show the burning pattern.
- (17) The interior of the house was videoed by Sgt. KINNEY before anything was disturbed.
- (18) Cst. CLEMENTS returned to the scene and was interviewed. He stated that at the time of the fire call, he and Cst. MACFARIAN were travelling north on Spruce Street from Mountain Road and observed smoke and flames coming from the building. A neighbor,

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Anita BABINEAU, 112 Spruce Street, Ph. 384-6483, advised him there were three people inside the house, one of them being a five month old baby. At this time, there were flames coming from the front eaves of the house and the two front windows. door was shut. Cst. CLEMENTS then ran to the rear of the house, and the back aluminum door was ajar. The wooden door to the inner portion was badly burned. He pushed on the door, and it easily opened (unknown if locked or unlocked). There was heavy smoke and flames inside, and it was well involved. Inside the residence in the kitchen, facing the west side rear door, Cst. CLEMENTS observed a female lying face down with blood emanating from her mouth. On top of the lady was a male. He and Cst. MACFARLANE were able to free the lady who was naked and still alive. She was eight to ten feet from the rear door. The male could not be reached due to the intense heat and flame. He appeared to be dead as he laid over the female as the intense heat was emanating from his back and there were no signs of movement, and he was badly burned. The male was removed from the residence about a minute later with the assistance of firemen, and both were transported to hospital by ambulance. The female has been identified as Suzanne CAISSIE, B.D. 64-08-02; the male as Marc CAISSIE, B.D. 64-06-19; and the child, an Angele CAISSIE, B.D. 89-02-24. Suzanne's father, Paul CORMIER, 107 Carney Avenue, Ph. 382-7215 and Marc's brother, Charles CAISSIE, 101 Churchill Street, Ph. 384-2656, were advised of the injuries sustained.

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- (19) Information was received from Cst. FOX advising that Marc CAISSIE and Angele CAISSIE were pronounced dead at 04:55 hours by Dr. John PARKS at the Moncton Hospital. Suzanne CAISSIE had burns to ninety-five (95) percent of her body and was transferred directly to the burn unit for treatment. Both victims' bodies were identified by a cousin, Danny LEGER, 74 Belmont Street, Apartment 301, before being locked in the morgue awaiting a decision on autopsies by the coroner, Karl JENSEN.
- (20) Cst. TAIT advised he interviewed Alderice and Aline BELLIVEAU, 111 Spruce Street, Ph. 384-2690, and they stated they had been awakened by a barking dog and that they could smell smoke They got up, looked out the window, and saw the house on fire. Aline called "911," and Alderice ran to the front door of 106 Spruce Street. The door was unlocked, but when he went to open it he was forced back by the flames and heat. He then tried to wake up the occupants by banging on the walls.
- (21) Captain Don MELANSON returned to the scene and stated to me that he was the first firefighter through the back door with a fire hose. As he was knocking down the fire, he had observed one of the knobs on the stove was on. He also stated that when he sprayed water on the toaster oven, steam and smoke came from it, so he went and unplugged same. At this time, he noticed that the cold water tap was on, and the cold water running. A pot was laying on the floor.
- (22) Sgt. KINNEY, Cst. WHITE, Claude CORMIER, Deputy Fire Chief

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Paul CORMIER, and I started the interior examination to determine the cause and point of origin of the fire.

(23) The kitchen area is located as you walk in from the rear door (west side). To the south of the door is a washer and dryer with a couple of shelves on top. This area was not burned but scorched and blackened by smoke and soot. On the north side of the doorway is the stove and cupboards and counter top running in an easterly direction. The stove was checked for fat products; negative results. The dials on the stove were checked, and the dial to the left was situated on "boil" while the dial to the right was in the "off" position. These two dials are for the oven and indicated the oven was "off." The timer dials were burnt off due to the heat. On the top of the panel on the stove were push buttons, which indicate the position the four burners were in. All push buttons were in the "off" position. In checking the counter top east from the stove, there was a roll of charred paper towels not burnt. The toaster appeared to have not been plugged in, and there were no remnants of toast in the toaster. The mixmaster was melted. To the right of the mixmaster was a radio, and it was melted as well. A plug in the wall above where the mixmaster and radio were was subject to heat as the front plate was twisted upwards. The counter top was made of arborite, and from the end of the counter in towards the wall, it was partially burnt. Also, next to the radio was a cannister set, and this was partially melted as well. The sink was checked, and it was filled with debris and insulation, which fell from the

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ceiling, and as well, there was a fork and a potato wrapped in tinfoil. To the right of the sink was a toaster oven, and it was not plugged in (information had been received from Captain MELANSON that he had unplugged same). Also, in the sink were some broken dishes and beer bottles. The toaster oven was set to one side and will be looked at further. The counter top was cleared of all the insulation and debris which fell from the ceiling and showed heavy charring and heavy burned spots and real hot spots indicating heavy hot burning. On top of the fridge are cupboards, and the fire raised up through the ceiling and headed towards the front porch. A portion of the cupboards are burned completely and show very deep alligatoring. The fridge was examined, and it was heavily warped and indicated there was hot burning on the side of the fridge closest to the cupboard and to the front of the fridge. We moved the fridge from the wall and found that it was plugged in. The greatest source of the heat was approximately six (6) inches from the floor to about three (3) feet upwards on the left side of the fridge (facing the door). There was no burning in the back of the fridge, only charring and blackening. To the right side of the fridge (facing the door), the cupboards were burned heavily at the corner and not burned back towards the wall but burned in an upward position. floor where the fridge was sitting was examined and no burning was found. The carpet covering the floor was still intact. floor in front of the kitchen counter had been totally cleaned. From this area, we determined the floor had been covered with Contd.

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carpet. In some places, the carpet had burned, and there was some burning to the floor which was of espenite. In this area (in front of the sink), it showed an irregular burn pattern.

(24) As a result of this irregular burn pattern, the floor was washed down so a better view could be seen. As a result of this, the irregular burn pattern had burned down through the kitchen carpet through the rubberized backing and below that, the espenite flooring was charred. Further, the cupboard door, particularly on the right side at the floor level, indicates a low point of burning indicating the fire burnt from the floor level upward. Underneath the kickboard of the kitchen counter, from the kickboard, it burnt up along the bottom of the kitchen cupboard burning upward with the lowest burning down to the left hand side of the kitchen sink. Burning down from the kitchen carpet, rubberized backing, the irregular burning burnt from espenite up onto the face of the cupboard. The kickboard was burnt and shows alligatoring to support the fact the fire burnt up the cupboard door. The irregular burning pattern comes out approximately two (2) feet in a regular shaped pattern, which is suggestive of fluids to bring about this burn pattern. The burning pattern on the floor in front of the sink is a low lying area. This is supported by spraying water to clean debris away and the water puddled in this area.

(25) This irregular burning pattern led us out to the door entrance which led out into the porch area. The degree of burning

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here became excessive. On the right hand side of the floor in the corner of the door casing, the burning had charred and crumpled the espenite to a point of being flaky. Next to this degree of burning is a floor register. Lifting out the register, which is 4" x 6" in a rectangular shape, showed burning down along the side of the metal register of the casing that was cut down in the floor The burning led down into the duct work.

The porch area was cleaned and the floor was also washed (26)down, still showing an irregular burn pattern going across the floor from the doorway of the kitchen to the doorway at the front door of the porch leading to outside of the house. The pattern here shows a low burning fire, which burned the nyolonium flooring down through a quarter (%") to half (%") inch plywood floor and also reaching the main tongue and groove wood flooring; some places very heavily. The baseboard around the doorways at floor level shows very heavy burning and large alligatoring. A metal carpet strip covering the carpet at the doorway in the kitchen was completely burned off and was left in two pieces. This indicates a tremendous amount of heat and also a rapid burning fire. door casing for the front entrance was examined, and the wood was completely burned. Only a partial piece of the frame remained. The door sill at the bottom of the floor was examined and the remnants of the aluminum outside door running board was charred and melted down. This also indicates a very tremendous heat.

(27) The front step was examined, and the part of the step

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closest to the wall beneath the door showed very heavy alligatoring and showed a lot of burning. This also could be secondary in nature.

- (28) During the course of the interior investigation, Cst. D. CORMIER was dispatched to the Moncton Hospital to remain in the burn unit in case Suzanne CAISSIE regained consciousness long enough to be interviewed.
- (29) David (Nick) LEBLANC, investigator for the Insurance Crime Prevention Bureau, attended the scene and viewed the interior. After viewing the burning, he stated his findings were the same as ours and that was thought the irregular burning pattern as shown was consistent with a set fire and was also consistent with that of a flammable liquid being used.
- (30) George MARTIN, owner of Robinson Construction and an expert in the electrical field, attended the scene and examined the electrical outlets and appliances. He found that in the electrical panel situated in the basement on the south wall, there were two (2) fuses burnt. One was a 15 amp fuse in the panel, and the other was a 30 amp fuse, which was for the automatic dryer. MARTIN stated that this was normal for a fire scene, and this would not have started a fire. MARTIN went on to say that after checking the electrical outlets and the appliances, he was satisfied that the fire did not start by anything electrical.
  - (31) From this point, Daniel BOURQUE, Deputy Sheriff, was notified, and a decision was made to have the autopsies on the

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	also notified of this.	,,,
	(32) Cst. WHITE and I seized the following scene:	exhibits from the
	1. Burnt remains of a winter coat found at	the door sill from
	the porch and kitchen entrance.	
	2. Piece of plywood sub floor along with the	
	rolled flooring removed from floor area	of the porch near the
	front door.	
	3. Piece of rolled flooring removed as a s	tandard removed from
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	floor next to the metal floor register	at porch entrance.
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	side of floor next to kitchen sink.	
	7. Soil sample taken from on top of ground	surface removed from
	underneath of front veranda.	
	8. Carpet edge guard made of metal removed	from door sill
	entrance from porch into kitchen.	
	9. Toaster oven removed from right side of	
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- 10. Seven (7) floor boards cut from front veranda steps.
- 11. Metal cooking pot removed from the kitchen floor.
- 12. Two (2) cases of twelve (12) pints of empty beer bottles taken from left side of kitchen stove.

Some of the exhibits will be forwarded to the Forensic Laboratory in Sackville for examination.

- (33) Cst. TAIT attended the Moncton Hospital and together with Cst. CORMIER, an interview was conducted with Suzanne CAISSIE. Cst. CORMIER made notification to the questions and answers which were asked by Cst. TAIT. It should be noted that Suzanne was unable to speak but could nod her head indicating a yes or no.
- (34) From the interview, it was learned that Suzanne was not up when the fire started; that Marc was up when the fire started; that Suzanne was in the bedroom when the fire started; that Marc was in the kitchen when the fire started; that Marc carried her out of the bedroom and towards the back door; that Suzanne and Marc had friends over; the baby was alright and they were not fighting; that Suzanne did not hear any explosion, smell smoke or indicate there was any flammable fluids inside the house; and that she did not know there was a fire.
- (35) Cst. TAIT returned to the room and re-interviewed Suzanne CAISSIE. During the interview, CAISSIE stated she had gone to bed after her friends had left; that she knew her husband was ordering out for food; she heard the delivery man arrive; that she was not getting up to eat. At this point, during the interview

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Suzanne stated that she did not know how the fire started; she did not know where the fire started; she did not know why the cold water tap was on; and that she did not know how she got on the floor with her husband on top of her.

- (36) I attended the Moncton Hospital, Fifth Floor, and spoke with the nurse attending to CAISSIE. She advised me that CAISSIE was burned to ninety-five (95) percent of her body and that her throat area had been burned by inhaling hot gases. She also stated that she had a tube placed down her throat, and this was the reason she could not talk.
- (37) Sgt. KINNEY and Cst. WHITE took measurements for a planned drawing, and then the scene was secured with Cst. B. ESTABROOKS quarding same.
- (38) I attended the Property Room and received from Cst. D. SNOW a key ring containing two keys. Attached to the key ring was a piece of paper dated 22 July 1989. Written on the paper was Marc CAISSIE and Angele CAISSIE. The key ring and keys were for the lock which was affixed to the morgue where the victims had been secured by Cst. FOX.
- (39) I arrived at the Moncton Hospital and met with Dave KIERSTEAD. He is employed with Cadman's Funeral Home and will be transporting the victims to Saint John for the autopsy.
- (40) I met with Judy WILSON, nursing supervisor at the morgue. The victims were identified by tags and were then placed in a

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- (41) I arrived at the Saint John Regional Hospital and met with Dr. John MACKAY. He and his assistant, Romeo TALENTINE, prepared to do the autopsies.
- (42) The first autopsy was done on the baby, Angele. Evidence obtained during the autopsy clearly showed that the baby died of smoke and soot inhaled into the lungs by the infant. Dr. MACKAY also mentioned that the baby appeared healthy and showed no signs of neglect. Photographs were taken of the baby's windpipe clearly showing the soot.
- (43) Before the autopsy began on Marc CAISSIE, photos of his body were taken and a close examination of the body was conducted for bruises or lacerations that might indicate whether or not a struggle had taken place. There were no signs of a struggle. The body was also checked for singeing and bad burns. The hair on his head, eyebrows, moustache, chest, both arms and both legs were burnt off. Most of his body had severe burns, but his back was burned the worst, thereby supporting the statement of Cst. CLEMENTS who said that he was lying on top of the woman when found.
- (44) Dr. MACKAY stated that Marc CAISSIE had inhaled extremely hot gases that severely damaged his lungs. There wasn't much soot in the windpipe. The doctor stated that he had died of carbon monoxide poisoning. Dr. MACKAY also observed that Marc's

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	(47) Sgt. KINNEY and I returned to the scene at 106 Spruce St. assisted by Cst. VIENNEAU. Staff Superintendent STRAIGHT attended and viewed the scene. His findings and views were that the fire started in the porch area entrance of the house, showing an irregular burning pattern leading into the kitchen area on the floor up to where the sink is located and is consistent with the burning of a flammable liquid.								
	(48) The livingroom area was cleaned out and the floor was washed down. There was no burning pattern shown, just the regular burning from the fire. Facing the window was a coffee table where there was a TV and a VCR. Both had been melted down. To								
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the wall leading into the master bedroom was a couch which had burned and across from the couch was a chair. The chair had deeper burning as it was in the direct flame.

(49) The master bedroom was examined. It consisted of a water bed in the center of the room and three dresser drawers, one along the west side wall, one along the south side wall next to the water bed and one along the east side wall in the northeast corner of the room. The water bed was checked, and it had been covered with debris from the ceiling and insulation, which had The blankets for the bed were found on the bed indicating someone had been in the bed or was ready to get in bed. Further examination of the room at the dresser drawers south side wall, Cst. VIENNEAU found a diary, which belonged to Suzanne CAISSIE. The diary had been covered up with debris and was charred but otherwise was intact. (Diary was seized for further investigation - refer to Exhibit Report.) A ladies' purse was located between the bed and the dresser drawers on the floor. Inside the purse was a wallet that belonged to Suzanne and also keys to the vehicle parked in the driveway (purse also seized). The remnants of a chequebook and wallet were found on top of the dresser drawers, the same place where the diary was located (items also seized). The dresser drawers next to the doorway, northeast corner of the room, were examined. Inside the top drawer were several pages of a personal nature, and these were placed in an exhibit bag for examination later (refer to Exhibit Report). In the southwest corner of the bedroom under a night

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table was a file folder box and what appeared to be a folder containing insurance policies. A photo album containing wedding pictures was located there as well. These items were also seized for further investigation (refer to Exhibit). On the floor along side the bed, clothing was located. A pair of blue jeans, T-shirt, and a pair of shorts were found to the left of the bed. Underneath the bed, west side, a long round stick about forty-eight (48) inches long, similar to a club, was located. Behind the door entering the bedroom, another piece of a round stick about thirty (30) inches long was located. This was also similar to a club.

- (50) Returned to the kitchen area and examined inside the cupboards below the counter top. Inside the cupboard next to the dishwasher was a deep fryer. Same was in its original position and had not been disturbed. The rest of the cupboards were gone through and everything seemed to be in place as would be in a normal household. The cupboards above the sink were examined, and in the top cupboard above the sink, several empty liquor bottles were located. One of the bottles, a 40 ounce bottle of Silk Tassel rye, had been opened and two or three drinks had been consumed. In the lower right hand corner of the cupboards above the sink, a set of car keys to the vehicle and keys to the house were located (keys seized refer to Exhibit Report).
  - (51) The basement area was rechecked, and the only item found was a five (5) gallon container, red in color, which was empty,

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and the dust buildup on top of the container would indicate it hadn't been moved for some time. On a shelf next to where the gas can was located, a one (1) gallon can of Coleman fuel was located. The can was almost full and was the same as the gas can a large buildup of dust.

- (52) The spare bedroom was examined and nothing of interest was located. The burning in this room was mostly secondary and showed blackening of the walls from the smoke and soot. Just the doorway leading into the spare room had been partially burned.
- (53) The bathroom was examined and nothing of interest was located.
- (54) The baby's bedroom was examined. A smoke detector was located on the floor next to the doorway leading into the room. It had been partially melted, and the battery was laying next to it.
- (55) Our investigation of the crime scene to this point revealed the fire appeared to be concentrated at the front door leading into the family room and leading in a westerly direction into the kitchen. The burning pattern shows a fire with the most burning at the front porch area and the least amount of burning in the center of the kitchen area with a burn pattern, which is consistent with that of a set fire and also which is consistent with that of a flammable liquid being used. The interior of the residence was examined on two different occasions, and no

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container which could have contained a flammable fluid could be located.

- (56) Cst. VICKERS guarded the scene after the on-scene examination was completed and Insp. MITTON notified Guy CHEVARIE to have the residence secured. After the residence was secured, Cst. VICKERS was detailed to resume regular duties, and Cst. SNOW was advised to do the same. Karl JENSEN contacted me and advised that the bodies of Marc CAISSIE and his daughter had been released to their families.
- (57) Cst. WHITE completed the Exhibit Reports and also completed a Request for Analysis Report for the Forensic Lab in Sackville. Exhibits 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 10 were transported to Sackville personally and turned over to Hal STONE, i/c Chemistry Section, for further examination.
- (58) Sgt. KINNEY returned to the scene and searched the baby's room for evidence. A smoke detector was seized for examination and photos were taken of the contents. Cst. R. DOIRON and PSD CEASAR did a perimeter search of the area for containers; negative results.
- (59) Cst. KAY interviewed Alderic BELLIVEAU and obtained a written statement (attached). He indicates everything he had previously stated to Cst. TAIT on the morning of the fire.
- (60) Cst. KAY interviewed Anita BABINEAU who stated that she had spoken to Suzanne CAISSIE between 19:00 20:00 hours on 21 July

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1989 and spoke about things in general. She also stated that they had company during the evening and that they had sat out on their patio, and during the course of the evening, she thought she had smelled marijuana. She and her husband had gone to bed around 01:30, only to be awakened by the dog barking, and this was when they had observed the fire. The rest of the neighborhood was checked by Cst. KAY, and this met with negative results.

(61) Cst. P. DESROCHES interviewed the owner of the house, Guy CHEVARIE. He stated he purchased the house in 1973, and he lived there with his family until September, 1988. At that time, he purchased another house on Steeves Street. He rented the house partially furnished (appliances, drapes) to his cousin, Marc CAISSIE. Marc and his wife, Suzanne, resided in the house since September 1, 1988. They paid \$450.00 a month rent, unheated, and the rent was paid weekly. CHEVARIE claims that while he lived at 106 Spruce Street, he hadn't ever had a fire at the house or had he had a break-in. He also claims to have had no problems with any of the neighbors. CHEVARIE had mostly his own articles in a baby barn located at the rear of the house. The baby barn was locked and only he and Marc had the keys. The barn contained an electric lawnmower, bicycles, and golf clubs. No gasoline was kept in the barn. CHEVARIE also stated that the house was insured with Beausejour Insurance for fire. He had known Marc and Suzanne basically all their lives and felt they were the perfect couple. He hadn't sensed anything out of the ordinary Contd

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and wasn't aware that Marc had an alcohol problem. CHEVARIE stated he would see Marc an average of 2 - 3 times a week and didn't think that they had any enemies.

- (62) Cst. DESROCHES went to Hub Meat Packers and spoke to Ann ROBICHAUD, i/c Personnel. She stated that Marc had started working for the company, RIN Construction owned by Hub Meat Packers, in July, 1987. He was hired as a truck driver, and his present salary was \$400.00 gross per week. He has a life insurance policy with the company that is worth \$63,000.00. was a non-union worker, and his duties were to pick up parts for the Maintenance Department at Hub. He worked alone and would be on the road most of the day. His work attendance was way above average, missing his last work day, January 24, 1989, and he had never been reprimanded for being late. ROBICHAUD did state that she had heard that CAISSIE was having financial problems but could not be more specific.
  - (63) Cst. DESROCHES interviewed Rick GALLANT, CAISSIE'S supervisor at Hub. GALLANT stated that CAISSIE was a very good worker, knew his job, and he was always prompt. His section, the Maintenance Section, was responsible for the operation of Hub Meat Packers, and CAISSIE was responsible for picking up parts for this operation, and he drove a company truck. Due to the nature of CAISSIE'S job, he didn't spend much time on the job, as he ate lunch on the road. CAISSIE was involved with Hub's hockey and bowling teams. GALLANT stated CAISSIE'S last work day

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was Friday, July 21, 1989, and that he had worked until noon. GALLANT also stated that CAISSIE was in a good mood and all seemed to be normal as he often spoke about the baby. There was no indication that CAISSIE was a heavy drinker at work, and GALLANT had loaned CAISSIE a few dollars on occasion, but he wasn't aware of money problems.

Cst. DESROCHES also interviewed André BOUCHER, plant engineer at Hub Meat Packers. He stated he had hired CAISSIE in 1987, and he hadn't had any problems with his work. He knew very little about his personal life, but BOUCHER did say that approximately 4 - 5 weeks ago, CAISSIE had asked that if overtime should occur, he sure could use it. Because of this, BOUCHER was giving CAISSIE 12 - 16 hours per week in overtime. BOUCHER also stated he was not aware of an alcohol, drug, or money problem with CAISSIE. On Friday, his last shift worked, CAISSIE appeared to be very happy, as he was going on holidays for two weeks. He was planning to go to his mother's cottage in Bouctouche. BOUCHER claims he hadn't noticed CAISSIE depressed in the last while although he wasn't directly working along side CAISSIE. BOUCHER also stated that CAISSIE would have no enemies at work, and although he was a non-union worker, when Hub was on the verge of going on strike, he doesn't believe that CAISSIE made any enemies as he got along with anyone. His wife would drive him to work, and on occasion, BOUCHER would sometimes drive CAISSIE home after work.

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- (65) I contacted Medley CARR, Fire Marshall's office, Ph. 453-2004, and advised him of the investigation to date. CARR stated he would contact Mel VINCENT, senior member of the Fire Marshall's office, i/c of Investigations, Ph. 658-2129, to contact me and offer any assistance required.
- (66) I was contacted by VINCENT and advised him of the investigation to date. VINCENT stated he would travel to Moncton to view the scene and offer any assistance required on Tuesday, 25 July, 1989.
- (67) I contacted the weather office and spoke with Peter GAUDET, Ph. 857-6600. GAUDET advised me that the weather between 03:00 and 04:00 on 22 July 1989 was clear, thirteen (13) degrees, and the winds were southwest at 15 km per hour.
- (68) I attended the Moncton Hospital, Room 534F, and spoke with Cynthia ANDERSON, nurse. ANDERSON was one of the nurses who responded to the trauma alert at the hospital when the CAISSIES were transported to the Emergency Room in Outpatients the morning of the fire. ANDERSON advised me that when Suzanne arrived, she was alive, responding and talking. She was talking and screaming about her baby but didn't know where she was. ANDERSON, in conversation told Suzanne that she was alright, and Suzanne stated, "I'm not fucking alright; I'm burned." Suzanne, while in Outpatients, did not once ask for or about Marc. ANDERSON then advised Suzanne was transported up to the fifth floor to be treated for her burns.

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(69) I interviewed Dr. CURRY, the physician looking after Suzanne CAISSIE. CURRY stated that upon her arrival at Outpatients, she was burned to 99 percent of her body. Part of the hair on her head and the hair around her pubic area were the only parts of her body which were not burned. The remaining hair on her head was cut off while she was in the Emergency Room. CURRY had checked the body for bruises and found a deep laceration to the bridge of the nose which was consistent of a cut with something sharp like glass. There was also a laceration to her left foot, and this was also consistent with a sharp cut. were no other bruises. CURRY was asked if her feet were burned, and he stated the skin was shiny under her feet, and this would be consistent with being carried through the fire and not walking through a fire. This would also explain why her pubic hair was not burned, because this area would be covered if being carried. CURRY further added that her mouth was full of soot, and her voice was hoarse. She had been breathing toxic hot material, pointing to being in a confined space, resulting in an inhalation injury. A blood alcohol test was completed and at 11:00 hours on 22 July 1989, the reading was less than one hundred (100). CURRY explained that Suzanne's condition was comatose but responding to family at certain times, and that she was not expected to live.

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(70) The personal items seized from the bedroom were examined. The folder type box contained mainly bills which had been paid

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and statements of accounts. Information from several of these items indicated several bank accounts, accounts at various retail outlets and items of personal nature. This information will be examined further.

- (71) The diary belonging to Suzanne was gone through. The last entry indicated was 19 July 1989 and the first entry was 26 December 1988. Throughout the diary, which was handwritten, it painted a picture of Marc being a heavy drinker, coming home on many occasions drunk; them having financial problems, and also Marc's playing the slot machines. She indicated she was not happy with the way their life was with these problems and was trying to get Marc to change his life style. The diary also indicated that during the week prior to the fire, several persons had talked to Marc about his drinking problem when they found out he was an alcoholic.
- (72) In company with Sgt. KINNEY and Cst. WHITE, we met with Mel VINCENT at the scene. VINCENT viewed the scene, and his findings were that the fire was consistent with a fire being set and also consistent with a flammable liquid being used.
- (73) I contacted Dr. John MACKAY, pathologist, and was advised the blood alcohol reading had not been received from the toxicologists, but he would forward same as soon as he received it.
- (74) I was contacted by Hal STONE, Chemistry Section, Forensic

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Lab, and he advised there was no evidence in the exhibits to identify any flammable fluid was present. STONE requested we return to the scene and obtain further samples from the floor area to be examined. Cst. WHITE was notified of the results of the examination conducted by STONE. We returned to 106 Spruce Street, and the following exhibits were seized:

- 13. Four (4) pieces of aspenite flooring removed from the centre of the kitchen floor at the main source of burning.
- 14. A piece of aspenite flooring removed from the floor area at the entrance from the kitchen into the porch.
- 15. Pieces of tongue and groove boards removed from the front door entryway of the house.
- (75) I met Charles GIROUARD, Plant Adjustment Bureau, Ph. 857-9995, and viewed the scene. GIROUARD stated CHEVARIE had told him there were five (5) smoke detectors inside the house. The interior of the house was further examined and only one smoke detector, located in the baby's room, could be located.
- (76) A Request for Analysis sheet was prepared and the exhibits were transported to Sackville and turned over to STONE by Cst. CLEMENTS.
- (77) I attended 124 Gross Avenue and transported Wendy MACWILLIAMS to the Police Centre to be interviewed. She stated that she and her boyfriend, Claude LIRETTE, arrived at the CAISSIE'S residence around 20:30 hours on 21 July 1989. Throughout the evening, Suzanne had put the baby to bed and around

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	eleven o'clock, she and Suzanne went out to the Little Rock and then to Chevy's before returning back to the residence around one o'clock. Throughout the evening, MACWILLIAMS stated Suzanne had between four and five beer. While the girls were out, Marc and Claude stayed at the residence and looked after the baby. MACWILLIAMS did not know much about their financial problems but knew Marc had a drinking problem. She also stated that Suzanne would always keep her doors locked. During the evening while at the CAISSIE residence, Marc was wearing a pair of shorts and a T-shirt.								
89-07-22	(78) I was contacted by Hal STONE, and he advised he had finished the examination on the exhibits, and he could detect no presence of a flammable fluid in the exhibits. A complete report will be forwarded upon completion.								
	(79) I attended 107 Carney Avenue, resider CORMIER, Ph. 382-7215, parents of Suzanne (interviewed and advised the fire was being "suspicious in nature." The CORMIERS state mostly to herself and would not confide in marriage. They knew Marc drank and sometimer were unaware of his drinking problem. They their financial problems, but on occasion, a little money from Theresa. Both stated want to confide with anybody, she would take Robert, or their daughter, Sharon.	CAISSIE. Both were classified as ed their daughter kept them about their mes drank heavily but y were also unaware of Suzanne would borrow that if Suzanne would							

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- (80) I interviewed Robert CORMIER, 1431 Main Street, Ph. 388-3341, at 107 Carney Avenue. CORMIER stated that Suzanne knew he knew about Marc's drinking problem, and he expressed concern that if she wanted to talk about the problem, he would listen. CORMIER also stated that Suzanne finally opened up and told him about the problems they were having including the gambling and financial problems. He also stated they had been looking around for another place to move to; that they were not happy with the house. CORMIER also indicated that, in his opinion, Marc couldn't accept being a father; however, recently, he started showing signs of accepting the baby (statement attached).
- (81) I interviewed Claude LIRETTE, 124 Gross Avenue, Ph. 384-3447, at the Police Centre. He stated basically the same as MACWILLIAMS did in her statement. LIRETTE stated that while the girls had gone out, he and Marc had a few drinks. Marc was drinking Rye; played some horseshoes, and then did some talking. During the conversation, LIRETTE stated Marc had talked about an ex-girlfriend before Suzanne. They had gone out together for about six years, and when they broke up, Marc took it very hard because he had loved her. This was when Marc told him he had contemplated committing suicide with a bottle of pills and a bottle of rye. LIRETTE thought this funny because this was the first time Marc had mentioned anything like this, as Marc considered him his best friend. Marc had also told LIRETTE that he was an alcoholic and knew Marc and Suzanne were in debt.

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Ph. 853-5125. Dr. CHESSER stated the last time he saw Marc as a patient was on January 24, 1989. Marc had advised him that he had a drinking problem and that he gambled extensively when drinking. Dr. CHESSER stated he ordered a series of tests for Marc to be done in February; however, the tests were never completed. He also suggested to Marc that he attend A. A. meetings. Dr. CHESSER had no knowledge of Marc's seeing a psychiatrist but said it could be possible as his mother had seen one after his brother had died. As for Suzanne, Dr. CHESSER had her for a patient and saw her during and after her pregnancy, but there was nothing out of the ordinary.

(85) I attended 101 Churchill Street and interviewed Laurie and Ann-Marie CAISSIE, Marc's parents. They stated they knew about Marc's drinking, but they did not know about him being an alcoholic. They also knew about CHEVARIE'S co-signing for a loan for them but figured all their bills were paid up. They also knew Marc played the machines but figured he only played them occasionally. Mrs. CAISSIE was asked if Marc would sleep with his socks on, and she stated sometimes he would sleep with all his clothes on as he would fall asleep, especially if he was drinking. The CAISSIES stated that Marc and Suzanne always kept to themselves but would be at their place almost every weekend, especially on Sundays. They had appeared to be happy and had no enemies. They did not know if he had seen a psychiatrist after his brother's death or not. Anne-Marie did state that Marc's

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