

Analysis of causes that led to Baby Robert's respiratory arrest and death in August of 2000

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Abstract

Brian Herlihy is a 32-year-old, white man accused of and arrested for killing Baby Robert by vigorous shaking in August of 2000. Robert was a 4½-month-old infant who suffered from respiratory arrest while at Brian's apartment on the morning of August 2, 2000. That day, Robert's mother arrived at Brian's apartment shortly after 0900 and asked him to watch the baby for a short time. He had cared for the baby on five occasions in the past for a few hours per day. On August 3, 2000 Brian was arrested based on verbal communications between the treating physicians and the police while the baby was still alive in the hospital. The treating physicians told the police that the baby was suffering from injuries caused by shaking. Baby Robert died August 10, 2000. I evaluated the medical evidence in this case using differential diagnosis. My findings clearly show that baby Robert died as a result of adverse reactions to medications and vaccines that were given to him by the healthcare providers. Brian Herlihy is innocent and should be released from prison. Also, the diagnosis of shaken baby syndrome is a theory that should be re-evaluated and is not supported by science in this case.

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