

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

SWAIN COUNTY

CONTINUATION IN THE MATTER OF:
Swain County Department of Social Services
80 Academy Street
Bryson City, North Carolina

conversation with SW Craig Smith on September 24, 2010 or at any other time and she had never seen or examined Aubrey Littlejohn.

On Thursday, February 17, 2011, Detective Posey and Private Investigator Daniel Cheatham formally interviewed Social Worker Craig Smith who told the investigators that on September 15, 2010 he had received a Neglect / Investigative Assessment Report reporting that Aubrey Kina-Marie Littlejohn, I/F/DOB: 10-05-2009 had fallen down.

The Swain County Department of Social Services' Child Protective Services (CPS) Intake Report (Form DSS-1402) documented what happened to the child:

"The child fell down 5 stairs while in her carseat. 2 different stories have been told how: 1. she wasn't buckled in and ladybird jerked the carseat up and Aubrey fell down the stairs. 2. Ladybird had the carseat close to the steps and Aubrey was kicking and the seat fell down the stairs. Ladybird did not take the baby to the doctor because she stated she did not want DSS involved. Reporter states someone saw the baby 2 weeks after it happened and her face was still black and blue. Reporter states she is very concerned for the baby. She states that the mother did not sign over full custody. Ladybird just has enloco papers. Reporter states the baby is 1 year and seems significantly delayed. Reporter states she is always in a carseat and is left in the car alone, even in the heat, while they run errands and drive around all day."

Craig Smith initially told the investigators that he had conducted a home visit to the home of LadyBird Powell located at 187 Kenneth Cooper Road, Bryson City, North Carolina on September 16, 2010. Smith met with LadyBird Powell and Aubrey. Smith told the investigators that the house was very clean; the floors had been mopped and smelled of Pine Sol cleaning solution. Smith observed Powell feeding Aubrey crackers and juice. Smith went through the home and verified the home was stocked with food and running water. Smith went to the bedroom to view where Aubrey slept and he checked the security of the crib. Smith observed a small scratch on Aubrey's face, but he did not observe any bruising or other obvious injuries. Smith told Powell to have the child seen by medical personnel due to the fall. Powell told Smith she would make an appointment at the Cherokee Indian Hospital that afternoon. Smith then left the residence.

As the interview continued, Smith told the investigators that on September 24, 2010, he called Cherokee Indian Hospital and talked with Dr. Toedt concerning her examination of Aubrey and Dr. Toedt verified that she had seen Aubrey and Aubrey was okay and that she would fax him some information about the visit.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME
THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

R. B. Letto


Signature of Applicant