Doctored to death or Shaken Baby Syndrome?

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Abstract

This introductory letter concerns a premature baby that was clearly unwell, who was given three intravenous antibiotics in the days following her birth. Medical records were evaluated by three different experts and these provided more plausible explanations than shaken baby syndrome. The father of the baby girl was accused of shaking her death—without leaving a mark on her or injuring her neck in any way. A total of four reports have been published in *Medical Veritas*®, including the forensic medical report of the autopsy and analyses by Olaf Flodmark, Dr. Al-Bayati, and Dr. Scheibner. The report by Dr. Al-Bayati includes several autopsy photographs of the infant's brain, Courtesy of the Gothenburg office of the National Board of Forensic Medicine, Rrättsmedicinalverket, http://www.rmv.se/. The father has engaged the services of a lawyer, Peter Althin, who has sent the reports to the Swedish Supreme Court and has asked for leave to appeal to be granted. The court has asked the State Prosecutor to respond by November 17, 2006 after which it will make its decision whether to hear the case.

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