

Aubrey Anderson Nanny, Infant Care Specialist, Serial Abuser

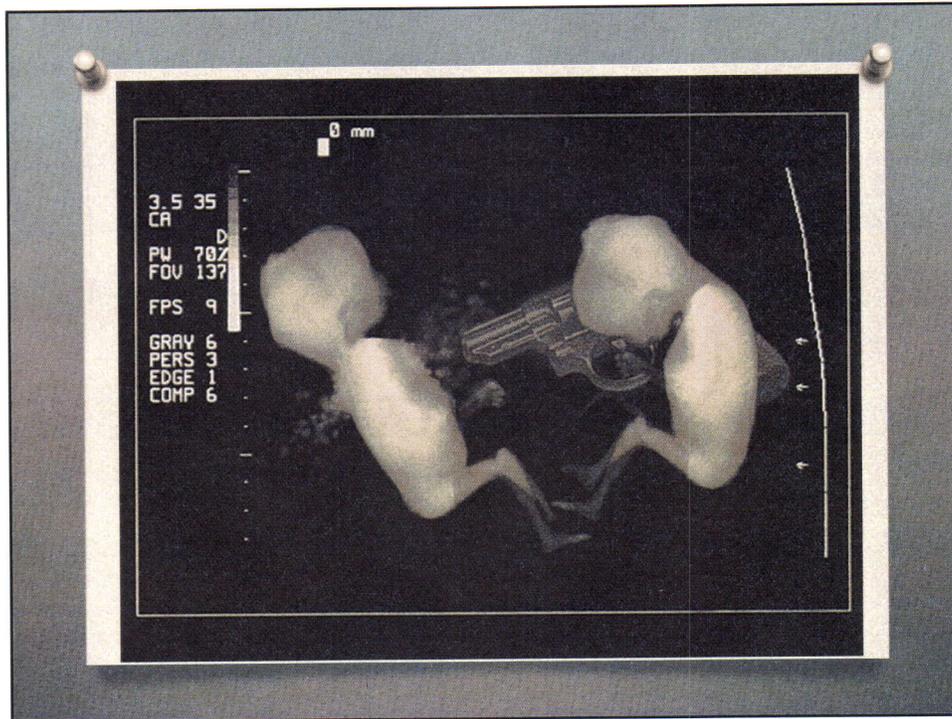
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Background

- Dan and Sarah; married
- Planned pregnancy
- Surrogate mother for twins
- Dan and Sarah very active in pregnancy
- Twins born 12/1/2011
 - Beautiful baby girl, healthy
 - Beautiful baby boy, healthy
- Micah, day nanny hired about 6 weeks prior to birth of the twins.





December 2011

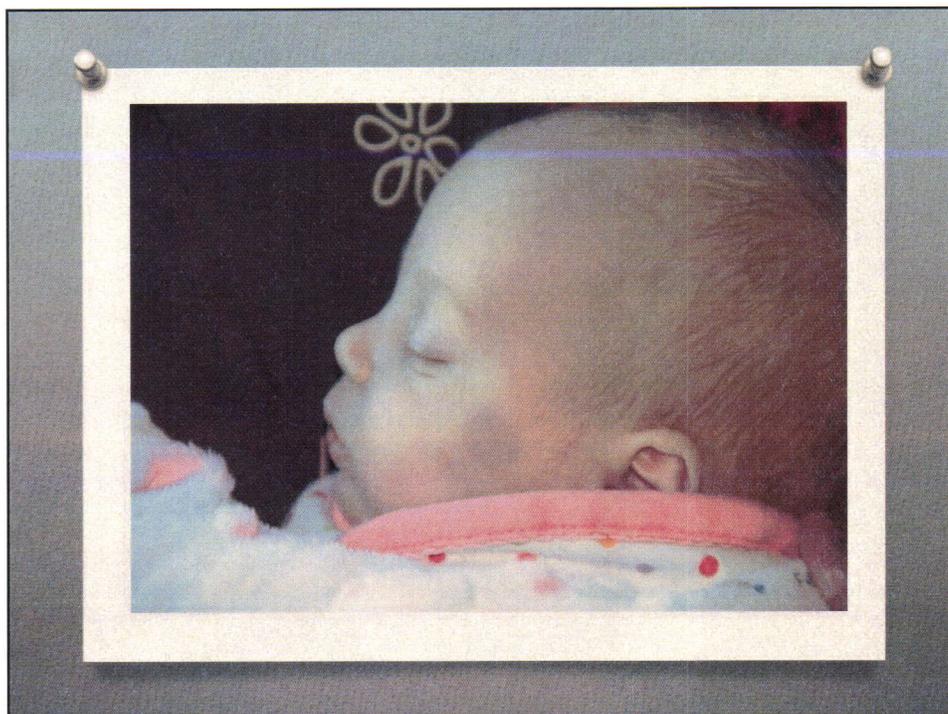
- o Dan and Sarah find Aubrey's website and hire her to care for their impending newborn twins
- o They do typical child abuse background and criminal background checks, which are negative
- o She still works part time at the Children's Hospital and has good references
- o Anderson discloses an "incident" in Belgium
- o She comes at night and sleeps in an alcove near the babies' room
- o The Day Nanny, Micah, gets her own cottage



January, 2012

- o Log book maintained by parents and nannies
- o January 17, 2012, Anderson reports bruise on Grace's cheek
- o Says Grace rolled into crib as explanation
- o Sends Dan a text in the morning saying she needed to talk to him
- o Dan and Sarah believed story, very trusting parents

12:00 NIGHT	R				Refused to eat more
12:30				X	
1:00				X	
1:30	65				No spit ups
2:00					Kept rolling into
2:30				X	crib rail
3:00				X	
3:30				X	did swadd
4:00	60		W		Huge spit-ups
4:30					Found bruise cheek
5:00				X	turned sideways
5:30				X	in crib. ✓





January 29, 2012

- o Log book shows Calvin very fussy at night and during the day
- o Incessant crying, inconsolable
- o Nothing seems to soothe him



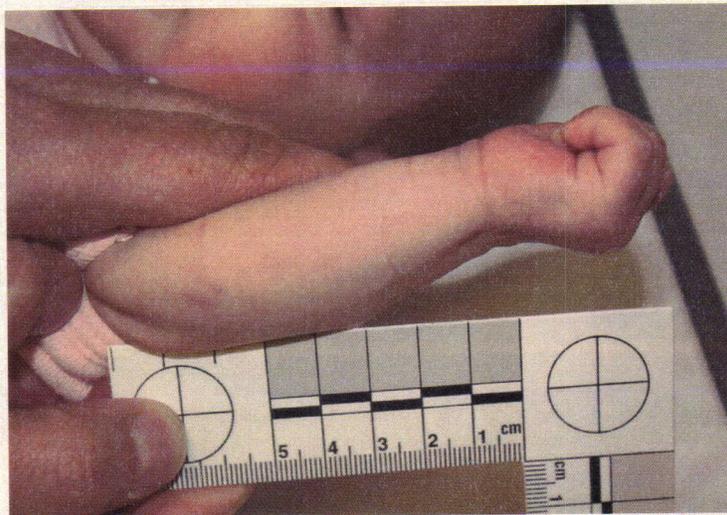


January 30, 2012

- o Micah notices Calvin's right leg pulling away when she tries to change his diaper
- o He is fussy
- o She notices his right ankle is swollen
- o She advises Sarah
- o Sarah and Micah go to the pediatrician

Next thing that happens....

- o Referred to Primary Children's Hospital
- o Skeletal exams on both infants
- o Head CT scans negative on both infants
- o ER doctors determines it is non-accidental trauma



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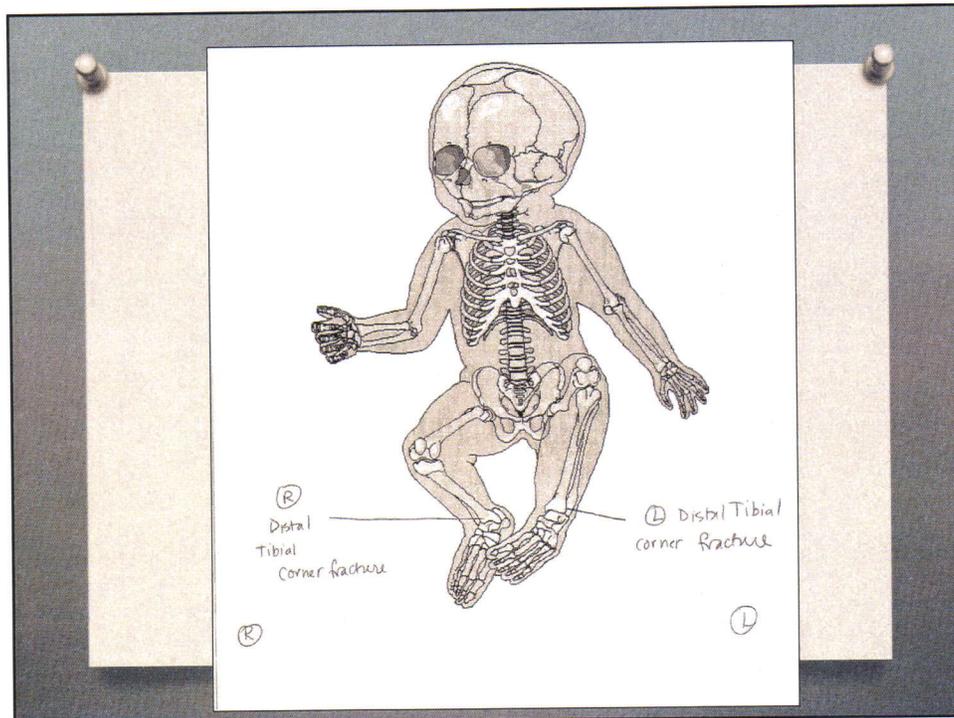
- Depart of Child and Family Services notified
- Law enforcement notified
- Interviews conducted at the hospital with Sarah and Micah
- Determined there were potentially 4 suspects:
 - Dan (father)
 - Sarah (mother)
 - Micah (day nanny)
 - Aubrey (night nanny)

DCFS

- o Discussion about whether children taken into protective custody
- o Sarah hysterical
- o DCFS allows children to leave with mother and nanny, advises they cannot be alone with children
- o Dan out of town

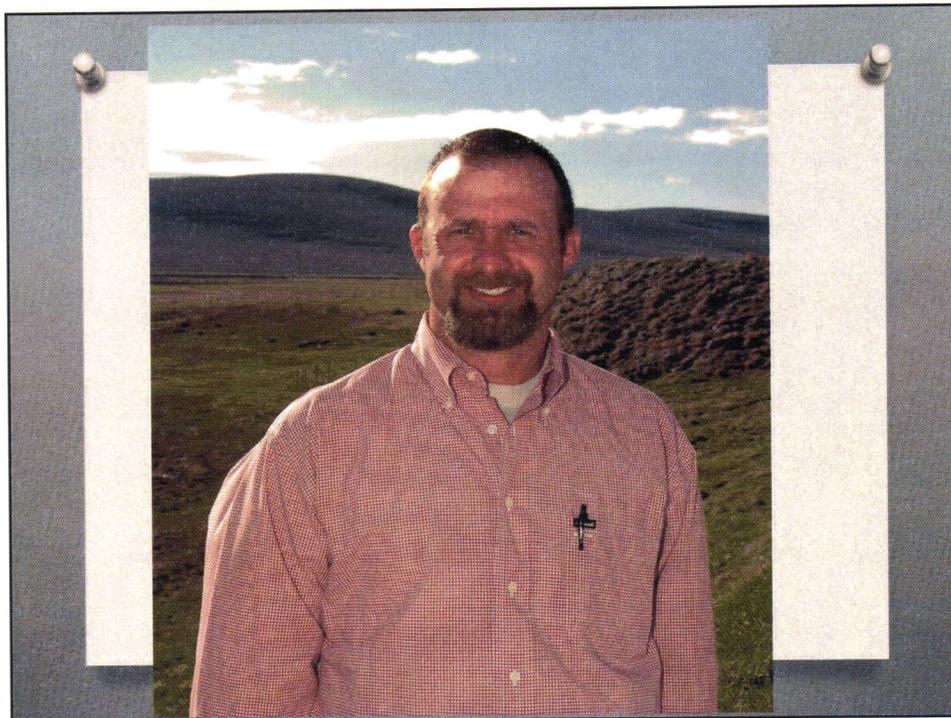
Medical Findings

- o Distal Tibial Fracture; right leg - Calvin
- o Distal Tibial Corner Fracture; left leg - Calvin



In the home

- o Mom, Dad, day nanny, night nanny, several visiting relatives
- o Who did this????
- o Police investigate
- o Conduct interviews with Sarah, Micah, Aubrey, and Dan
- o All agree to polygraph exam



Initial Investigation

- o Dan, Sarah, and Micah take polygraph; pass or inconclusive results.
- o Aubrey Anderson, night nanny, refuses to take polygraph the next day and is the only party to retain counsel.

Initial Investigation

- o Criminal checks on all 4 potential suspects
- o Police discover an Interpol warrant from Belgium on night nanny
- o Six months previously she had fled Belgium under suspicion of hurting newborn twins, boy and girl

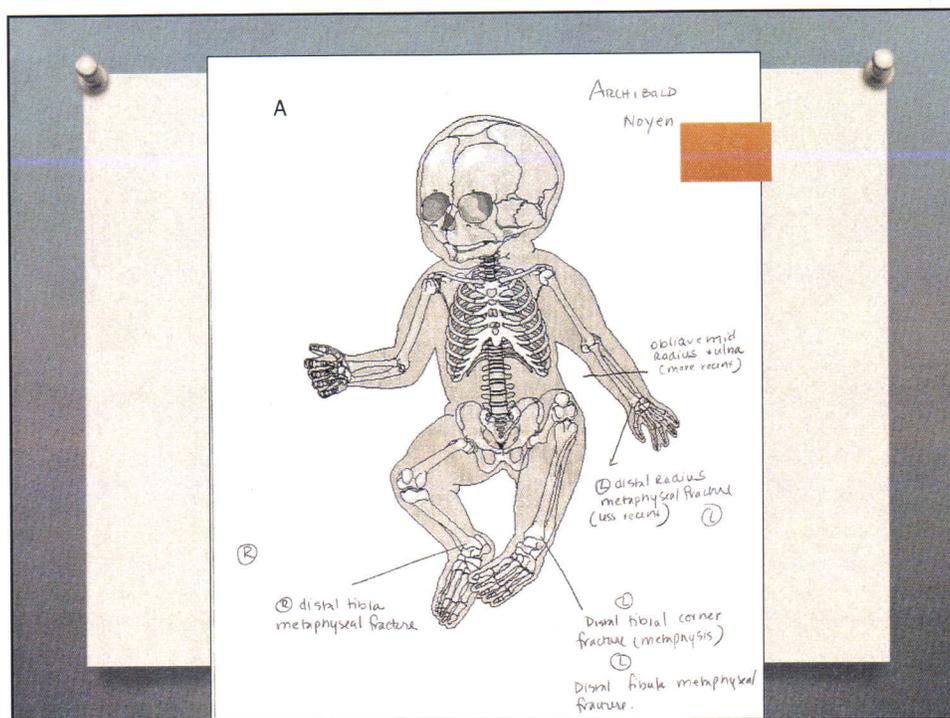
Night Nanny: Aubrey Anderson

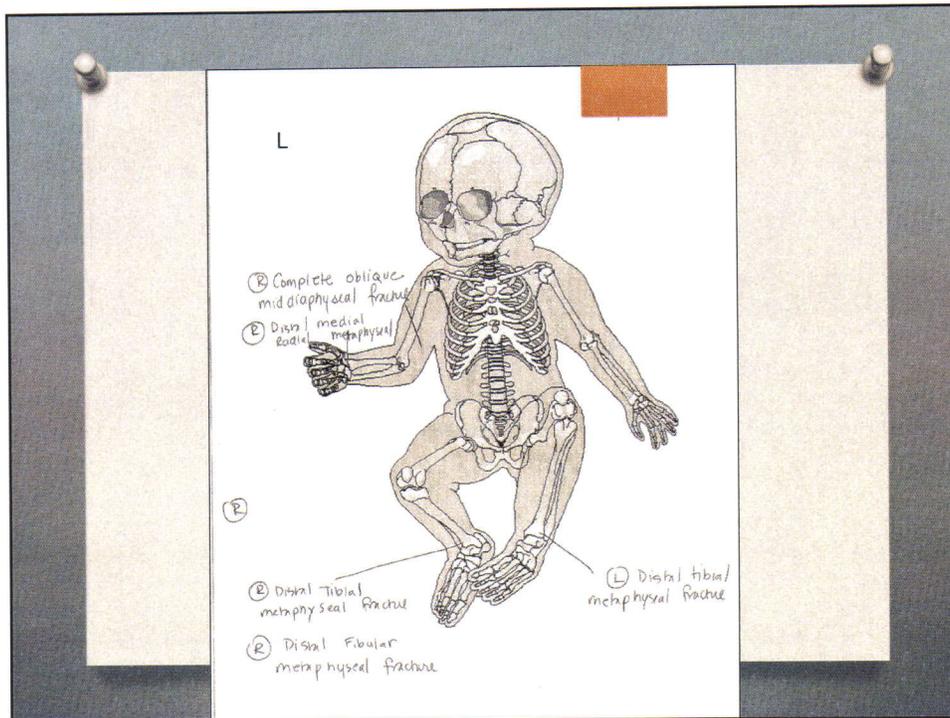
- o 31 year old nursing assistant from Utah, advertises herself as a “specialist in newborn twin care”
- o May of 2011, hired by a Belgium couple to help with their impending birth of twins
- o She arrives in Belgium before the twins are born



Belgium twins are born by C section 5/20/2011

- o Spent five days in hospital with mom.
- o At 11 days nanny came and said boy twin's arm was "flabby", parents took him to hospital and did not do x-ray for radiation fears
- o At 17 days nanny brought in girl twin and said she hurt the baby's arm when she fell over a the dog
- o They took both twins in for evaluation





Evaluation in Belgium

- o Girl twin had a history of a bruise on her face "from hitting herself" at about 10 days of age
- o The hospital requests the nanny come to the hospital, the family calls her and she doesn't answer
- o Aubrey flees the country
- o A warrant is issued through Interpol the day after she passes immigration

Aubrey's Background

- Education history
- Employment History
- Location of other families in US
- Medical History/Mental History
- Personal relationship history
- Family History



Developing Information

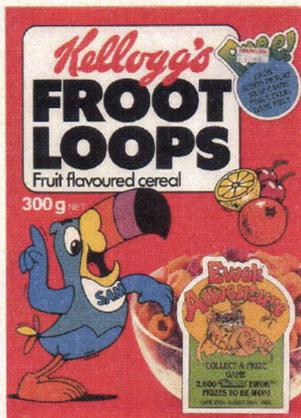
Aubrey's personality

Through jail phone calls, emails

Sociopathic/Narcissistic/Pathological

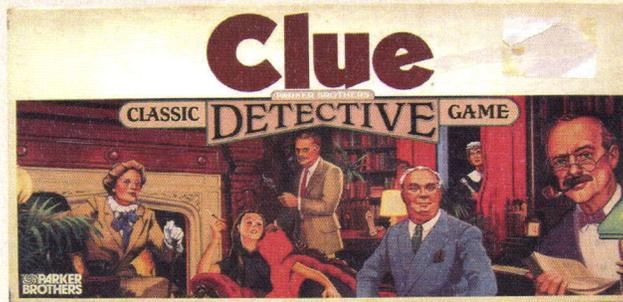
- Emotional testimony at preliminary hearing
- Bound over for trial
- Aubrey's narcissism about the judge, bailiffs, other inmates
- Bizarre and unusual relationship with step-dad
- Preparation for trial

Aubrey Anderson =



Prosecution

Who dunnit?



Identity Issues

- o Two nannies, two parents.
- o Everybody had access to the twins.
- o Window of injury of more than 48 hours.
- o One of the injuries was probably two weeks old.

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Doctrine of Chances

A legal theory of logical relevance that rests on the objective improbability of the same rare misfortune befalling one individual over and over.

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If you win the lottery once, you are congratulated.
If you win the lottery twice, you are investigated.



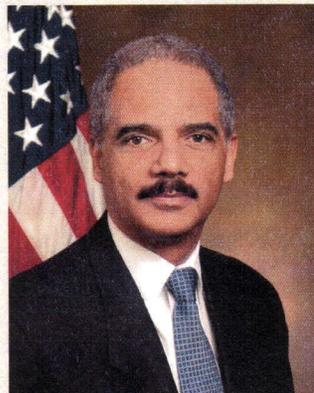
Doctrine of Chances

- o Two sets of infant twins on opposite sides of the world suffer strikingly similar injuries.
- o The Nanny is the common denominator



Gathering the 404(b) Evidence

- o DOJ Office of International Affairs
- o MLAT—Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty



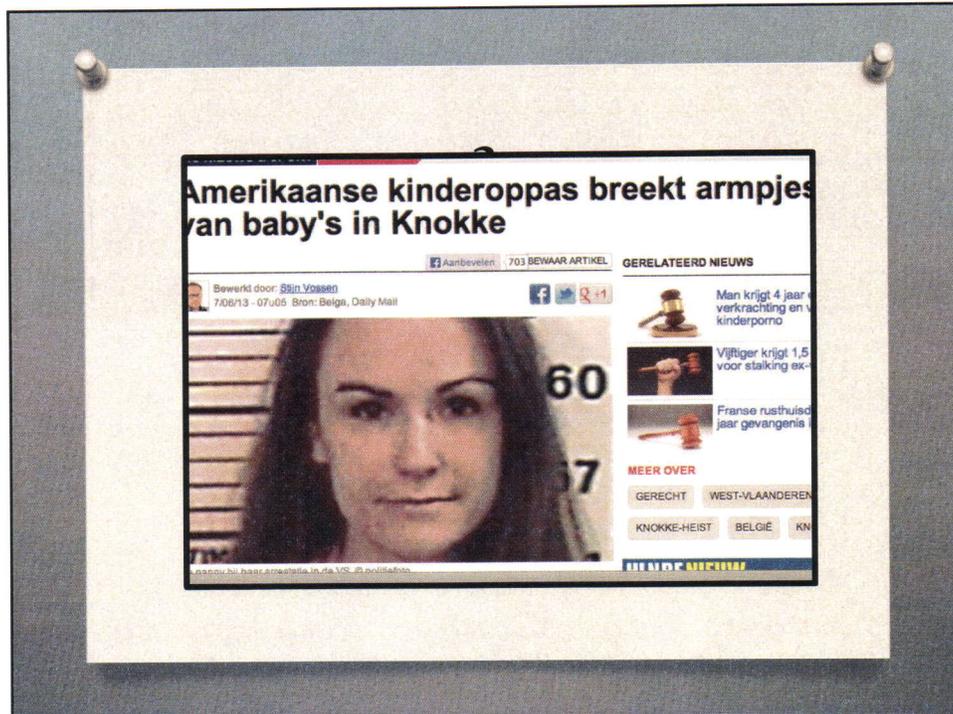
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Outcome

- o Pleaded to felony child abuse
- o 365 days jail and four years probation.
- o Ankle monitor pending extradition





From 26/6/2013 “Flanders Today”

- o American nanny Aubrey Alta Anderson has been convicted in absentia by a court in Bruges of deliberately breaking the wrists of twin babies in her care in Knokke-Heist. The now 32-year-old fled to the US soon after she was suspected in 2011. She was recently sentenced to five years suspended for a similar offence in the US. The Bruges prosecutor said he would request her extradition to serve her (4 year) sentence here.

