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Timeline to tragedy

FRIDAY, 7pm
Chloe Murphy is left with the babysitter, who says she was contacted in the afternoon by Chloe's parents, Tony and Kat Murphy, who are off to the movies.

11.10pm:
Parents return to collect Chloe. She is unconscious. They take her to Royal Children's Hospital where she has emergency surgery and is placed on life support.

SATURDAY NIGHT:
Babysitter is questioned

by investigators and allowed to leave.

SUNDAY NIGHT:
Chloe dies. Preliminary indications are that the child had a hairline fracture of the skull.

MONDAY:
Police reveal homicide squad is investigating. Babysitter later says she knows nothing. Autopsy conducted to narrow time of injury.

TUESDAY:
Detectives expected to interview parents today.



Mystery: Ketapat Jenkins and the townhouse.
Pictures: BEN SWINNERTON, CHANNEL 7



Autopsy hope in baby death puzzle

Geoff Wilkinson and Wayne Flower

A BABYSITTER questioned over the mystery death of a 10-month-old girl has told police she was asked to care for the tot while her parents went to the movies.

The puzzle deepened yesterday when it was revealed Chloe Murphy's fatal injuries occurred during a three-hour period while she was in the care of, first, her parents and then the babysitter.

An autopsy was being performed late yesterday to try to narrow the time of her injuries.

Preliminary indications were that it might have resulted from a hairline fracture of the skull, which caused bleeding to the brain.

Homicide squad detectives will interview Chloe's parents, Tony and Kat Murphy, this morning.

Mrs Murphy is believed to have lost an unborn child last month after a domestic accident.

Babysitter Ketapat Jenkins, 27, was interviewed for four

HOW TO FIND A SITTER

- Ask for a minimum of two years experience
- Qualifications should be seen as an added bonus to experience, but a Certificate Three in Children's Services is good
- Ask searching questions such as 'how would you handle a screaming baby?'
- Verbally check references and don't be afraid to ask specific questions
- Make sure they are police cleared
- Check they have a driver's licence and a car
- Ask if they have ever taken care of a child by themselves

Tips from Danielle Robertson, CEO of Dial an Angel.

hours on Saturday night then released without charge. She has denied any knowledge of how the baby died.

Initial medical tests suggested the injury that killed Chloe happened between 6pm and 9pm last Friday.

The baby was brought to Mrs Jenkins' Kensington home soon after 7pm.

Mrs Jenkins' husband, James, said last night Chloe was conscious when her parents picked her up on Friday about 11.10pm.

"She was still holding on to my

wife's hair and engaging with her," Mr Jenkins said.

"She had fallen asleep after she was fed some milk, but the doorbell woke her up when the parents came to pick her up".

He said his wife had been concerned Chloe may have had a respiratory problem and was having trouble breathing.

"She listened to the baby's back and chest and heard a lot of congestion, and she insisted they take her to hospital when they left," he said.

Mrs Jenkins is believed to

have spoken earlier last Friday to Chloe's mother about personal issues.

Police said yesterday Chloe had no visible injuries.

She had been taken to the Royal Children's Hospital and operated on to remove a large blood clot, but suffered cardiac arrest and was placed on life support in a critical condition.

Chloe's life-support system was switched off on Sunday.

The homicide squad's Det Insp John Potter said yesterday it was possible Chloe's head injuries could have resulted from being shaken, but it was too early to say until the post-mortem results were available.

It was possible the cause could have been accidental.

Insp Potter said Mrs Jenkins had provided an account of her time with the baby but had been unable to explain her injuries.

"Her account doesn't include any injuries to the baby," he said.

Mrs Jenkins' two sons, aged three and almost two, are being cared for by her family.

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Australia Cup bid was too clean

CONTROVERSIAL World Cup consultant Peter Hargitay says Australia's biggest mistake was "playing it clean" during the failed bid.

Mr Hargitay, employed by the Australian bid team to gain access to FIFA powerbrokers and to strategise for votes, was one of the main go-to men in the nation's failed attempt to host the 2022 World Cup.

Just one vote came Australia's way after \$45 million was spent on the bombed bid.

Mr Hargitay, a former aide to FIFA president Sepp Blatter and a high-level contact of several of the executive committee members who voted, said Australia's team had run a clean bid without financial inducements under boss Frank Lowy's instruction.

In an interview on SBS Television last night, Mr Hargitay was coy when asked whether committee members' votes had been bought.

"I guess you have to ask those people. The most fundamental mistake we made ... is that we played it clean," he said.

"I'm not accusing anybody. I'm just telling you that Frank Lowy's motto from the outset

was: 'Guys, we're going to fight, we're going to do our best, we're going to see everybody once, twice, three times. We're going to fly around the world, we'll do everything we possibly can, we're going to do the best possible bid, but there will be no inducement. There will be nothing paid to anybody.'" -AAP