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# The signs point to alternative medicine as a cause of death of American child

**The investigation still open**

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**USPA NEWS -** The first evidence obtained by the Police investigating the death of Caleb, the US seven year old whose body was veiled for several months by his parents and siblings in the Spanish city of Gerona, point to alternative medicine as a possible cause of his death.

His parents, Bruce and Schell Hopkins, originating in Detroit, are in conditionally freedom, pending the circumstances of the incident are clarified. For now, all that is known is that the first forensic examination of the child's body has allowed preclude a violent death, but the judge is awaiting the results of toxicology tests being carried out. Caleb, seven years, allegedly died three months ago and his death was not disclosed by the family, who was watching the body as if asleep, without paying attention to the signs of putrefaction of the corpse. According to Spanish Police, the child's body was found lying on the bed with a towel covering his face, and believes that parents and two brothers, 14 and 16, ate and slept beside the body.

Caleb suffered from chronic asthma, where they receive treatment with salbutamol inhaler and albuterol with a mask. Asthma was also a disease suffered by the mother, Schell Hopkins. Police looking for recipes for both drugs, which the family are found on the computer of parents. But researchers seeking to clarify whether, in addition to the treatment prescribed by the physician, Caleb received another type of homeopathic remedies with no scientific validity. Police are analyzing the activity of cells of marriage for any evidence showing that the parents knew the seriousness of the health status of Caleb and refused to administer the correct treatment.

The answer to that question may also be in toxicology and tissue analysis carried out by the forensic laboratory, the results take two weeks to be made public. But researchers are cautious. According to the prosecutor, if the analysis of mobile phones does not yield conclusive results and neither do the forensics, the case could be filed and family acquitted, because under Spanish law the simple concealment of a natural death is not a crime.

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