

“Write down everything that happened.”

1. I put the baby in his playpen. I wrapped him up with his receiving blanket.
2. Then put a blanket over his feet. It felt pretty cold this morning. I had a
3. pillow not too far away to make him comfortable and sleep well. I laid him
4. down to sleep. I decided to go back to my room. The baby started to cry-
5. he was really, really, upset. I let him cry for 5-10 min. then went back to
6. give him his pacifier. I waited there just looking at him for a few minutes.
7. It seemed like he was back to sleep. After that I got into my room. I wasn't
8. in there long. He started to fuss. It wasn't a hard cry. I decided to let him go.

(Babysitter's statement in a shaken baby case. Babysitter is Police Officer's wife. Baby is a Deputy's child – lived across the street)