What Happened to Baby Annie?

* Li Hangbin and Li Ying. Grew up in China together. Families paid Chinese immigrant smugglers to get them into the US.
* Became a couple, moved to Queens, had a baby girl named Annie.
* Oct 22, 2007 911 was called because baby Annie was having trouble breathing. Five days later she died.
* Police claim that Li Hangbin grievously injured his baby daughter, inflicting what is known as shaken baby syndrome. They claim they let their daughter suffer for hours before they called 911.
* “According to the charges, Annie’s injuries included a massive [skull fracture](http://health.nytimes.com/health/guides/injury/skull-fracture/overview.html?inline=nyt-classifier) from two “non-accidental” blows that caused brain damage, hemorrhaging and eye injuries, as well as two broken legs and a fractured rib that had not fully healed.”
* But the case may not be as open and shut as it seems.
* Michael Chu, a travel agent in Flushing, started the “Li Ying, Li Hangbin Rescue Committee.” He has compiled a family tree and medical records, and he says that there is significant evidence of genetic defects in the family that lead to newborn deaths and brittle bones. This may explain the severity of her injuries
* No injuries in Annie’s spine or neck, which is highly unusual in cases of shaken baby syndrome.
* No criminal records, no history of domestic violence.
* They were questioned with interpreters, but without lawyers. They maintained their innocence the entire time.
* Both parents have been in Rikers Island for years. The average stay of an inmate is 56 days, but their case is taking unusually long to come to trial because of the need for interpreters.
* Li Ying was pregnant when she first arrived in prison. She named her second daughter Nianni, which means remember Annie.