Voyle Leroy Wolfe

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CHILD DROWNED IN A TUB
Strangled to Death in Only 4 Inches of Water
A FATAL ACCIDENT
Little Eighteen Months Old Voil Wolf Victim
LIVED EAST OF THE CITY
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