

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968

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SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT

Name Hugh Dempsey Date of Birth 2.8.61  
Address 22 Dalmilling Crescent, Ayr. Religion Protestant  
Marital Status Single Occupation School-boy  
~~Allegation~~/referral Assault & Malicious Mischief  
to appear at Ayr Burgh Court/Children's hearing on 3-4-74

The Home and Living Conditions:

The family are one of many problem families living in the Dalmilling area.

The Family:

- Father - [REDACTED]
- Mother - [REDACTED]
- Sister - [REDACTED]
- Subject - Hugh Dempsey - 12 years.
- Sister - [REDACTED]
- Sister - [REDACTED]
- Sister - [REDACTED]
- Brother - [REDACTED]
- Brother - [REDACTED]
- Brother - [REDACTED]
- Sister - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The home is dark and dismal with very little comfort. The children's bedrooms are neglected being in a most filthy state, their mattresses are soiled, [REDACTED]. The younger members of the family are dirty and often smell, at one point they were expelled from school with infected heads. The effect that this has had on the family is that the children have no respect for their mother; they frequently abuse her with the foulest of language, and were virtually allowed to run riot around the house.

Since the father has returned home, I noticed that the children responded to his authority and that they were kept in order. He maintains that now he is back home the children will go to school and he will not entertain any truancy or shop-lifting.

Personal History: Hugh attends Dalmilling Primary School, Ayr. His Headmaster, Mr. Munro, informed me that Hugh has truanted school on many occasions and has attended the Education Authority's Truancy Committee. He has not attended school since November 1973 to February 1974. Hugh readily admits that in this time he goes shop-lifting. He pilfers unsubstantial things of little use to him, such as lipstick and key rings. Mr. Munro seems to think that Hugh could be a dangerous character to the public.

The first /  
Compulsory Supervision Order

The first instance of Hugh's misbehaviour was when he was involved in a fight with his friend [REDACTED]. He maintains that [REDACTED] threw a brick at him and consequently he threw it back. This scene developed to Hugh hurling bricks through the windows of the [REDACTED] house. The Police were informed to investigate and put an end to the scene but no sooner had they left, the scene developed again, the result of which Hugh was detained temporarily in Kerclaw School until a special Panel could meet. However, there was no accommodation for this boy, thus Hugh was promptly taken home until the emergency arose when he was detained by the Children's Panel for ringing the Fire Brigade.

In interview, Hugh sits unashamed of his actions which he readily admits. He has little concern for his future and he is possibly rebelling against his family. His main pleasure activity, in which he takes great interest, is with the Territorial Army.

Assessment: The main problem now that the father is home, is to decide whether or not he is capable of changing the living conditions for this family. Hugh has obviously been disturbed and is rebelling against the family life and possibly the conditions which were subject to him while his father was away. It is therefore suggested, with respect to the Panel, that a Compulsory Supervision Order be made.

2nd April, 1974.

( [REDACTED] )  
Trainee Social Worker.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
(H. G. Vaysey)  
Depute Director.

SW - W. Fisher

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Form of statement by reporter of grounds for the referral of a case to a children's hearing

(Conditions in section 32(2)(a) to (g) of the Act)

(Name and address of child) HUGH DEMPSEY (date of birth 2. 8.61), schoolboy, son of and residing with [redacted], 22 Dalmilling Crescent, AYR, Ayrshire.

is being referred to a children's hearing for Strathclyde Region (Ayr Division) on the grounds of the following conditions:-

"that he committed the offences specified below"

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In support of the condition indicated above, it is stated that:-

- 1) between 28th March, 1975, and 30th March, 1975, both dates inclusive, while acting together with three other persons, he stole six letters from the letter box in the doorway of the office premises at 2 Beresford Terrace, AYR, Ayrshire.
2) between 28th March, 1975, and 30th March, 1975, both dates inclusive, while acting together with three other persons, he stole eight letters from a letter box in the doorway of the office premises at 2 Beresford Terrace, AYR, Ayrshire.
3) /

date 1st August, 1975



NOTES

At the children's hearing the child or his parents may or may not accept the grounds for bringing the child before the hearing. If the grounds are accepted by the child, and his parents, if present, the children's hearing will discuss and consider with the child and his parents what is best for the child. If any of the grounds are not accepted, the hearing may either discharge the referral or direct the reporter to refer to the sheriff for a

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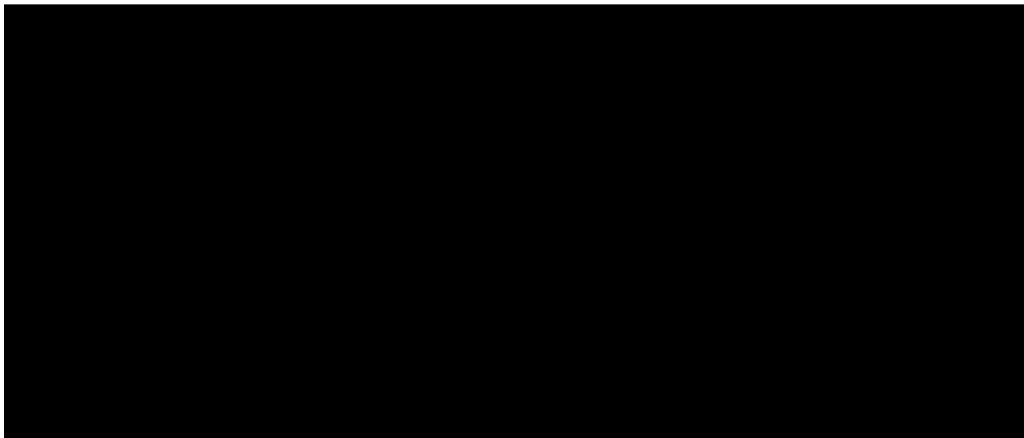
decision as to whether or not any of the grounds exist. If this happens the child will have to appear before the sheriff at a later date. If the sheriff decides that any of the grounds do exist the children's hearing will then discuss and consider what is best for the child, as if these grounds had been accepted. If the sheriff decides that no grounds exist, the referral will be discharged.

\*Delete as appropriate

HUGH DEMPSEY

1st August, 1975

- 3) between 28th March, 1975, and 30th March, 1975, both dates inclusive, while acting together with three other persons, he stole ten letters from the letter box in the doorway of the office premises at 2 Beresford Terrace, AYR, Ayrshire.
- 4) between 7th April, 1975, and 8th April, 1975, both dates inclusive, while acting together with three other persons, he broke into the Pavilion Cafeteria, Pavilion Road, AYR, Ayrshire, and stole therefrom a pack of cards, a pen stand, a pocket knife, a pair of tights, two pairs of eye goggles, four balls, two packet of headache powders, one bonnet, one toy trumpet, one toy gun, one toy gun set, one toy lipstick set, two toy Sea Explorers, and 23 confectionery bananas, 35½p in money.
- 5) between the dates and at the place last above libelled, while acting together with three other persons, he forced open a lockfast cigarette vending machine and stole therefrom 725 cigarettes, and £10.30 in money.



Area Reporter.