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date 11 December, 1981

Dundee Children's Hearing on 17 December 1981 at 7 p.m.

REPORT: on

Stewart Fraser, (d.o.b. 5.12.69),
 91 Dunholm Road,
 Dundee.

BASIS OF REPORT:

Stewart was referred to this Department by the Reporter on 6 November 1981 after he had been charged by the Police for assault. After some enquiries and more alleged offences a hearing was arranged for 17 December 1981. I understand there were two previous offences, but no further action was taken.

The family were not known to this Department before. This report is based on several discussions with Stewart and his mother, Mrs. Johnson, Guidance Teacher at Menzieshill High School, Mrs. Mitchell, Educational Social Work Assistant and prior to the Hearing I shall contact Sgt. Ramsay, Community Police Involvement and the Headmaster of Charleston Primary School.

FAMILY:

Father - Stewart Fraser	(45) Refuse Collector -
died 29.1.81.	
Mother - Eirecilla Jamieson or Fraser	(30) Housewife.
Brother - William James Fraser	(13) Menzieshill High.
Son - Stewart Fraser	(12) Menzieshill High.
Brother - Philip Fraser	(10) Charleston Primary.

The family occupy a four apartment Council flat. As the family are on Rent relate the rent is £0.36 per week. The flat is well furnished and satisfactorily maintained. Mrs. Fraser receives a Widow's Pension of £11.40 plus Child Benefit of £15.75 per week. Although the income is small she has no particular financial difficulties.

Mr. Fraser was born in Dundee, is the second of five children. Some of his brothers have been in and out of jail and his father drank a lot. At the age of 15 he left school. For a number of years he worked in delivering coal. On one occasion he was unemployed/...

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unemployed for 1½ years. Prior to his death in January this year he was a refuse collector for about 3 years. Mr. Fraser had a drink problem which he, did not acknowledge as a problem. In time it increased in amounts. When Stewart was about four there was a drastic increase. Mrs. Fraser feels that there was no family life as he always started fights at home when drunk. He drank every night if he had enough money. The children came to the stage that they wanted him out of the home, although he was alright when sober. Three weeks prior to his death Mrs. Fraser applied for a divorce. Mr. Fraser died in January this year after a drunk driver had knocked him down.

Mrs. Fraser is the youngest of 7 children and was brought up in Beechwood. Her father worked in a jute mill and her mother was often in Hospital. At the age of 15 she left school and started work in the jute mill. When she was 16 she met Mr. Fraser and became pregnant by him with Billy. They married when she was 17. She wanted to get married to him. Mrs. Fraser likes skating and swimming with the children. I got the impression that she finds it difficult to cope with the children and to meet their needs. Mrs. Fraser comes across as a very concerned mother. At the same time she seems to find it difficult to show her children her feelings and give them the emotional support they need.

PERSONAL:

Stewart was born and brought up in Dundee. He seems to be a healthy and normally developed boy. At the age of 3½ until the age of 4½ he was at the nursery in Dens Road which he seemed to have liked. Stewart then went to Charleston Primary School which he attended until the Summer of this year when he started at Menzieshill High School. I understand that Stewart presented many problems at Primary school. Stewart finds school alright and prefers the Secondary School as there are more people. Mrs. Johnson his guidance teacher says that Stewart is not a problem at school although he is often late. He usually has notes from his mother. At times the boy looks to be a bit down but seems to cheer up quickly. Mrs. Johnson feels as well that his mother does not cope with home and that Stewart needs firm handling. Stewart tends to choose the trouble-makers as his companions and has a fascination about gangs. Mrs. Johnson is very concerned about the boys welfare outwith school hours, especially his behaviour on the street.

Mrs. Fraser feels that Stewart "Cracked Up" when his father died, although on the surface he was not close to him. After the death he started glue sniffing and getting into trouble. Before Stewart was happy and then changed completely. He also seems to be getting more aggressive. Mrs. Fraser also blames his cousin who she feels is a bad influence, who seems to be known to our department. Mrs. Fraser also feels that since the assault on his cousin he is getting slowly back to normal as he seems to have got something out of his system. The glue sniffing and breakins were also acted together with the cousin and some friends. Mrs. Fraser had contacted her G.P. who referred Stewart to Dr. Mather, Child Psychiatry who has already seen the boy.

Mrs. Fraser says that Stewart is no problem at home and that he accepts her authority there. During the interviews Stewart was in tears, mostly keeping his back to me or turned away. There was occasional eye-contact. Mother did not approach him to calm him down as "he does not like it". Stewart enjoys drawing, watching...

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watching T.V., reading comics and playing outside.

OFFENCE:

His responses to the Assault were "dina ken myself what happened", "was angry".

ASSESSMENT AND
RECOMMENDATION:

Stewart Fraser appears to be a boy with a number of problems. He has experienced an unsettled and unhappy childhood as a result of his father's drink problem and the difficulties this caused in his parents relationship. Stewart has also experienced the shock of his father's tragic death.

Family life has been disrupted by Mr. Fraser's drinking patters and Mrs. Fraser appears still to be in the process of adjusting to her present situation of having to bring up her three children on her own with a limited income. There are indications that she may need some support in making a satisfactory adjustment to her present situation.

Stewart appears to have had problems in his primary school years but his difficulties have intensified since his fathers death. He seems a boy who is easily influenced by his peers and his cousin in particular appears to have a bad effect on him.

I feel that Stewart and his family are in need of considerable support and assistance and would recommend that a full assessment is made of the families circumstances to see how best Stewart and his families' needs might be met by the helping agencies. I feel that an assessment should be made while Stewart remains at home rather than in a residential situation.

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Previous Hearing Requested by Social Worker

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REPORT:

ON

Stewart Fraser (44.5.12.60)
21, Dundee Road, Dundee

Stewart was placed under compulsory supervision at a Children's Hearing on 17.12.81. Since the Hearing the following developments have taken place.

It proved very difficult to get to know Stewart. An attempt to get him into our Intermediate Treatment Group failed. At the end of January, Stewart and his cousin broke into a Post Office - the cousin was sent to Borstal. At the same time Stewart was getting into school late at times and was punished for this. He also started to sniff glue. Neither Mrs. Fraser nor the school or myself could get any response from Stewart.

At the beginning of this month, Stewart started truanting from school. Also sniffing more often, and trying to climb out of the windows. At that point Mrs. Fraser felt helpless and didn't know what to do.

From 5th. March until 14th. March, Mrs. Fraser went to Spain for a week's holiday with her boyfriend and the children were looked after by a relative. Stewart has not been at school since 7th. March. On Monday 8/4th. March, Stewart came home at 12.20 a.m. The police were looking for him but could not trace him. He was smelling of glue and had glue on him. On Tuesday, his aunt took Stewart in and he again attempted to climb out of the window which was on the second floor. On Thursday, 11th. March, I tried to collect Stewart in the morning to take him to school but he ran away while I was waiting for him to get ready. On Friday morning, 12th. March, I went through the same routine but managed to get him to school. I also learned that he came home for tea, left home about 6 p.m. and returned at 2.20 a.m., smelling of glue and having some glue in his possession. Again the police had been searching for him. That same day Stewart ran away from school at 10.20 a.m. Just then Stewart promised to go to school and left the house, to all intents going to school, but never arriving there. On Tuesday, 16th. March, his mother wanted to take him to school herself and sent him to get some messages for breakfast but Stewart did not return. Mrs. Fraser and myself informed the police to look out for him. The police found him in the early afternoon and took Stewart to school. The school informed us right away and handed him over to me in order that I return him to the custody of his mother. The school also found two cans of glue and

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empty plastic milk bags in his possession which they handed to me. Stewart came with me peacefully to the office but later in an unobserved moment, he ran away again taking the glue with him. I ran after him but he was lost to sight by the time I got outside. At that point I discussed the case again with my Seniors and we felt that Stewart required to be in a place where he would be safe and controlled. The police again was informed straight away as well as his mother.

Until this morning, Wednesday, 12th. March, Stewart has still not been traced. I therefore request an urgent review of this case in order that the boy's health and safety can be secured.

MR. IRE FETTERSON
Student Social Worker.

A. W. Nichol
Mr. ALEXANDER J. NICHOL
Assistant Area Controller.

12 March 1982
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date 7 April 1982

Dundee Children's Hearing - 14.4.82 at 2.15p.m.

REPORT:

on

Stewart Fraser (d/b.5.12.69) 21 Dunholm Road, Dundee

I have worked intensively with Stewart and his mother since his placement. His initially unco-operative attitude has changed and he has understood the need to use this period as a time for serious thinking and getting in touch with his feelings.

He has responded sensitively to work I have set him and identified problem areas. He has become more verbal, looks brighter, and makes more eye contact. Mrs. Fraser has visited Stewart regularly on her own and at times with me. She works closely with me. Since Stewart has shown the will to begin to identify and work with his problems, I would like to see a Home Supervision Order.

John Cumming has offered Stewart a place in the I.T. Group at Folepark. I would work closely with Stewart, Mrs. Fraser, the family as a group, the school, and John Cumming. Dr. Mathai has offered to see the whole family for Family Therapy, which we may do jointly.

My goals would be:-

- 1) To work with the identified problems.
- 2) To help Stewart feel more secure in his mother's affections.
- 3) To look at and work with the functioning of the family as a whole.
- 4) To help Stewart work through the mourning process for his father.
- 5) To help Stewart stop the self-destructive behaviour.
- 6) Have Stewart return to school and begin to apply himself.

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MRS. I. CAPLAN
Social Worker.

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date 6 May 1982

Dundee Children's Hearing - 11.5.82 at 3.00p.m.

REPORT:

on

Stewart Fraser (d/b. 5.12.59)
91 Dunblair Road, Dundee

Stewart has settled reasonably well at home. The glue sniffing appears to be under control. While he returned to school for 31 days, he is now school refusing. He has also persistently declined to attend the I.P. Group.

I would suggest that Ellen Street Hostel might provide Stewart with the boundaries he needs at present. They have 100% success in helping young people to return to school. There is a place available.

Mrs. S.J. Rank, Vocational Psychologist, will work with us if necessary to help resolve the situation.

MRS. ELANA CAPLAN
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Dundee Children's Hearing - 11.6.82

REPORT:

on

Stewart Fraser (d/b.5.12.69)
91, Dunholm Road, Charleston, Dundee

As a result of a Hearing on 11th. May, Stewart was placed at Ellen Street. Mr. Mowatt was on holiday. Stewart did not settle and school attendance broke down after the first 2½ days of term.

On Friday, 28th. May, we placed Stewart in Burnside House as a Place of Safety as Ellen Street was understaffed and Stewart was absconding daily and there was evidence of solvent abuse. On 31st. May he returned to Ellen Street. Working closely with Mr. Mowatt and a young volunteer we had 2½ days when it seemed there had been a turnabout, but then the constant abscondings recommenced. He disappeared on Friday, 4th. June (p.m.) until 5 a.m. on Monday, 7th. June when he was picked up by the police miserable, dirty and smelling of glue. Staff at Ellen Street felt they could not contain him and asked the Police to take him to Burnside House.

Mrs. Fraser feels she can no longer cope with Stewart at home. Stewart is feeling rejected by his mother. The family are presently engaged in Family Therapy with Dr. Mathai. Stewart has shown he can respond to intensive work but has not been contained for long enough at any point for the work to be more than momentarily effective..

The decision to keep Stewart at Burnside for 3 weeks was made partly to give Stewart and ourselves some breathing space and time to work with him, and partly to solve the educational problem until the end of the school term. The plan at present is that he will return to Ellen Street on Tuesday, 29th. June when there will be a full summer programme in operation, including daily outings and holiday.

Ilana Caplan

MRS. ILANA CAPLAN
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date 25 June 1982

Dundee Children's Hearing on 29 June 1982

REPORT:

on

Stewart Fraser (d/b 5.12.69)
91 Dunholm Rd., Charleston, Dundee

As a result of the panel on 11 June 1982 Stewart was placed in Burnside House. The placement has not proved successful. Stewart has absconded three times. His erratic behaviour has sabotaged any plans to work with him over this period. The situation has deteriorated seriously since Stewart was in care.

After Stewart stayed at Burnside House for assessment between 23 March and 14 April, his behaviour was unproblematic until pressure was put on him to go to school.

As the schools are on holiday for six weeks, this pressure is removed. We shall have this period to consider alternative schooling, with the help of [REDACTED], (Psychologist).

I feel the only course consistent with the welfare of this child as made out in Section 59 of the Children's Act 1975 is that Stewart return home.

Mrs. Fraser understands that much hard work will have to be done to produce the change needed for this step to succeed. I see her as being highly motivated.

The family undertake to do family therapy with Senior Social Worker, Alistair Clark and myself.

Due to guilt over his father's death, there seems to be a considerable element of self-punishment in Stewart's behaviour and to fall into that would be most unproductive.

I feel it is important to take advantage of this opportunity to work with Stewart in his home setting with no pressure from the Education Authorities.

I. Caplan
Mrs. I. Caplan

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Dundee Children's Hearing - 17.7.82

REPORT:

Stewart Brown (44, 5, 12, 60)
21, Dundee Road, Glenrothes, Dundee

While the period since the last Hearing on 23rd June 1982 has not ^{been} entirely ~~been~~ unproblematic, the last week has been without incident. There are clear indications that this family are prepared to work for change.

Stewart looks fitter and happier.

We have a contract for weekly family therapy sessions, to be reviewed early in September.

Provisional arrangements have been made for Stewart's educational needs.

I have no hesitation in recommending that Stewart remain at home.

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date 8 September 1982

PRELIMINARY REPORT TO THE REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

REPORT:

on

Stewart Fraser (d/b. 5.12.69)

Since the August 10th. incident when Stewart was taken to Burnside after a glue and cider spree, he has chosen to remain there - "otherwise I'll get into trouble".

His constant abscondings indicate an ambivalence that might be attributable to a testing out of his mother.

Stewart is attending Balgowan School. His attendance is erratic. Balgowan staff have no complaints and find him pleasant (though at times sullen) and quite able. He reluctantly admits that Balgowan is "not bad".

There was an incident with glue on Sunday, 5th. September, the first since 10th. August.

The family has been committed to Family Therapy sessions and generally appear to be functioning with less friction. Stewart was in high spirits at the last session for the first time displaying a good sense of humour. He said he would like to stay at Burnside till the end of the school term.

The consensus of review at Burnside on the 7th. September was that we could either pursue our policy of returning and keeping the youngster at home, or if we were considering a residential placement - Burnside House was not the right agency to meet Stewart's needs.

But the old pattern of Stewart's behaviour is becoming evident, i.e. worse in care than at home. His mother is off on holiday till 17th. September and we shall review the situation on her return.

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date 8 March 1983

DUNDEE CHILDREN'S HEARING

REPORT:

on

Stewart Fraser d.o.b. 5.12.69
91, Dunholm Road, Dundee

I would refer Panel members to previous report.

INTRODUCTION: Stewart last attended a Children's Hearing on 14.12.82. At that time a variation was made in the Supervision Order to allow Stewart home on supervision and to attend Menzieshill High School.

Stewart started at Menzieshill High School in January, 1983. Mrs. Caplan left the Social Work Department and the case was transferred to me on 11.1.83.

SCHOOL: Initially Stewart appeared to present little problem at school. His attendance and timekeeping were acceptable. He did little work either in school or out of school and this caused problems for Stewart with a few of the teachers. Stewart was either unable or unwilling to make the necessary improvements. The difficulties therefore increased as did the pressures and Stewart has absented himself from school since. The school have shown willingness to have Stewart back, but we have been unable to reintroduce him.

HOME: Mrs. Fraser has told me that relationships at home have been better than previously but that stress is being caused by Stewart who has in recent weeks been glue sniffing and on occasion stolen money and apparently alcohol from the house. There are alleged offences outstanding on Theft and Housebreaking charges. The most recent situation is that Mrs. Fraser is very reluctant to have Stewart home. Stewart himself is unable to identify any problems outwith school and sees this problem as the root cause and reason for the others.

COMMENT & CONCLUSION: I have found it exceptionally difficult to get involved with this family and feel I have not been able to get a clear picture of the dynamics. It is clear however from Stewart's behaviour that all is not well, and that a clear assessment of the causes of the problems together with some intensive family work may be necessary. While at the moment his behaviour may appear to have regressed and is extreme his earlier weeks at home prove he is capable of living in his community and attending normal school with help and support. I feel the time has now come to review the situation closely and consider ways of encouraging Stewart's/

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motivation and to sustaining him, particularly because of his young age, within the community, this being the only positive focus for intervention.

I propose to have detailed discussion with the Education Authority prior to a Children's Hearing.

Pat Page.

ISS PAT PAGE
Social Worker.

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DUNDEE CHILDREN'S HEARING - 28.6.83

REPORT:
on

Stewart Fraser

Home Address: 91 Dunholm Road, Dundee
Placement: Rossie Farm School, Montrose

Immediately following the last Hearing Stewart absconded and was apprehended the following day by police in Dundee. I returned him to Rossie and he was later placed in the McDonald Wing, the secure unit at Rossie. Despite a very natural reluctance to return to Rossie, Stewart has now settled and presents no problems. I find it quite disturbing however that Stewart is saying he is content in the McDonald Wing and would like to remain there. He says this is because he does not get into trouble there and cannot abscond. While initially this is necessary to break the very destructive pattern Stewart has established, it does not help him accept responsibility for his actions, and make the choice of refraining from offending and absconding.

It was clear from the time Stewart spent at Colonsay that he was very much influenced by others and perhaps even got some kind of thrill and excitement from delinquent activity. He certainly was not a leader and in general behaved in a very immature way.

I feel we are, unfortunately, at the stage with Stewart now where we must plan for the three years until he is sixteen, as it is most unlikely, unless there are dramatic changes, that he can return home and attend normal school. I feel Stewart requires a structured environment without the negative influences that are generally to be found in most List 'D' Schools and certainly that Colonsay feel would be present within that establishment given the very nature of the role they fulfil. I have been in contact with residential schools and Children's Homes in other areas to discuss the possibility of a placement for Stewart, and would intend to follow these contacts up with visits to the various establishments. I feel this is particularly necessary as we will be in effect planning long-term and it is crucial we find a resource to meet Stewart's needs. I would therefore ask panel members to continue the Hearing to allow me to explore resources further and secure a suitable placement for Stewart.

MISS PAT PAGE

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DUNDEE CHILDREN'S HEARING - 19.7.83

REPORT:

on

Stewart Fraser d.o.b. 5.12.69

Home Address: 91 Dunholm Road, Dundee

Present Address: Rossie School, Montrose

INTRODUCTION

I regret the late submission of this report. This was to allow maximum time for assessment and discussion, but was delayed further because of my absence from work. The report submitted by Rossie School will give the details of the assessment period, and the result of the multi disciplinary review.

It was clear from the very earliest stages that Stewart was very definitely inappropriately placed in Rossie School, and the McDonald Wing in particular. Stewart presented again as a rather immature 13-year old, completely out of his depth with the more 'experienced' residents.

It was generally agreed that Stewart's situation required a complete reassessment and decisions and recommendations based on that. Myself and the workers believed that we had to make very clear, definite plans for Stewart if we were to avoid falling into the traps of the recent past where Stewart moved through a variety of residential establishments, interspersed with periods at home. We agreed we should consider basically two options, viz. (1) that Stewart should remain in residential care and a suitable place be found, and (2) that Stewart should return home. While the assessment was being carried out I contacted many residential establishments to determine their suitability. As the assessment progressed our ideas for the type of possible suitable placement firmed up, but at the same time it was becoming clear that Stewart returning home would be the most suitable alternative. There were several reasons for this, first and foremost, Stewart's age. It was recognised by all those involved in the assessment that if Stewart were to move on to yet another residential establishment at this stage, then he almost certainly would remain until he was sixteen. Also taken into consideration were the positive feelings Stewart expressed about his mother and returning home. Another important feature was Stewart's immaturity and how easily and detrimentally he can be influenced by others more delinquent than himself. It was further noted (and I believe recognised by Panel members in the past) that in general Stewart's behaviour deteriorates when he is away from home. It was clear that nowhere near Dundee would be in a position to meet/

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meet Stewart's needs nor fulfil the criteria we believed necessary, i.e. small establishment with strong male influence, catering for adolescent children, with a great deal of emphasis on activity and children's participation in decision making. The latter point being very important to help Stewart establish some control over his life which he feels is lacking at the present time. We had sought, and had been successful over the past few weeks in involving Stewart in the plans, and he responded to this with interest and in a responsible way.

The view, therefore, was that the most appropriate place for Stewart was at home, but recognised that several serious problems would require attention. Firstly, there is little doubt that Stewart is committed to returning home, but feels that the changes he needs to make are big, and lacks confidence in his ability to change. It is important to point out that Stewart is not saying he will not change but that he does not know where to start and he will require detailed guidance. It was also recognised that the problems would not be resolved overnight, and that we needed to respond more appropriately to 'crises' than in the past. One very important area given consideration was Stewart's lack of involvement, in age, appropriate activity and that the only excitement in his life was from offending. As a consequence of this recognition of the kind of help Stewart and his family and school would require, we asked MARS to become involved and lend the additional necessary support. In discussion with them we agreed to cover the above areas with myself and MARS working in tandem. One of the male MARS workers will take a particular interest in involving Stewart in activities designed to increase his self esteem and others for pure enjoyment. We envisage some family counselling sessions and a level of contact that would quickly identify and avert any crisis before it occurs, and help Mrs. Fraser to again assume ^{the} responsibility for Stewart that she has all too readily been prepared to hand over to the Social Work Department.

I hope Panel members will find this account of the process undergone helpful in understanding the recommendation by all those involved, that Stewart should return home with the support outlined above. We are not in a position to give guarantees about success, and there is little doubt there will be problems. This should be accepted as part of the 'rehabilitation' and dealt with within the context above. We firmly believe, however, that a return home is by far the best option and more likely to succeed than the alternative of residential care.

Pat Page

MS. PAT PAGE
Social Worker.

19 July 1983
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STEWART FRASER, d.o.b. 5.12.69

Stewart appeared in Chambers at Dundee Sheriff Court on 27.8.84 in front of Sheriff Cox. No plea or declaration was made. He was fully committed and bail was applied for.

Sheriff Cox was willing to allow bail but Crown objected therefore Stewart was to be held in custody until a decision from the Secretary of State (3-4 days) was made. Confusion arose over where he was to be held. Perth Prison was thought by Fiscal to be suitable however according to Criminal Proceedings Scotland Act 1975 Sect. 23, Stewart to be handed over to Local Authority.

Clerk of Court signed Place of Safety Warrant and I checked with Mr. Middleton if, as was suggested by Mr. Courtney-Dunn, Stewart could be taken to McDonald Wing, Rossie, and it seems authority for this has to come from Social Work Services Group. Mr. Middleton instructed me to take Stewart to Burnside and to pursue secure accommodation with Social Work Services Group in the morning.

Phoned Burnside to tell them of situation and arranged with Diane Gordon of M.A.R.S. to inform Mrs. Fraser of events.

Jim Thornton agreed to act as escort and together we took Stewart up to Burnside. Stewart ran off once out of the car and before going into the building. I informed staff at Burnside, Police and later in evening contacted Mrs. Fraser and Stuart Eno, M.A.R.S. re events.



MRS. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

28 August 1984
JS/EG.

Director of Social Work
H.J. Macleay



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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname.....FRASER..... Date of Birth.....5.12.69.....
Christian Names.....Stewart..... Religion.....
or forenames..... Address.....61 Dunholm Road..... Occupation.....Schoolboy.....
.....Charleston..... Marital State.....N/A.....
.....DUNDEE.....

is to appear on.....6th October, 1983..... at.....Dundee Children's Hearing Court..... in connection
with the crime or offence of.....Alleged Offences - Advice under Section 37 2(3) to Sheriff.....

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

INTRODUCTION:

This report is compiled on one brief interview with Stewart and Mrs. Fraser in the presence of Billy and Philip Fraser at their home, discussions with senior staff of Social Work Department, Managers of H.A.R.P. Project, Mr. Bisset of Monieshill High School, Mr. Bowie School Attendance Officer, and information from records held by this Department.

HOME AND FAMILY SITUATION:

Father - Stewart Fraser (Deceased)
Mother - Priscilla " - Housewife
Brothers - William " - Attends Monieshill High
Subjects - Stewart " " " "
Brother - Philip " " Charleston Primary
Mother's Cohabitee - Michael Quinn - Works on Oil Rigs.

The Frasers have lived in their present accommodation for approximately 7 years and Mr. Quinn for almost 2 years. Mr. Fraser died in a road accident in January 1981 during a 3-week separation from his wife. There had been a history of marital disharmony resulting mainly from Mr. Fraser's excessive drinking. Prior to his death Stewart had called the police during a family argument and Mr. Fraser had been excluded from the home and it was after this exclusion the accident occurred.

Mrs. Fraser keeps the home warm and clean and in good decorative order.

Mrs. cohabitee, Mr. Quinn, had just left to return to his job on the day of this interview. He works for two weeks then is home for 2 weeks. According to Mrs. Fraser, Mr. Quinn takes an interest in the family and disputes the boys' interpretation that he interferes.

PERSONAL HISTORY:

Stewart was born and brought up in Dundee, a healthy child with a normal development. From the age of 3 until 4½ he

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SPECIAL HISTORY/ COMMENTS:

attended Bone Road Nursery which he appeared to have enjoyed. He attended Charleston Primary School and although early school reports show Stewart to be working below his capabilities, and his behaviour left a lot to be desired, he improved tremendously and this effort was noted by school staff.

He is presently in a 2nd Year class at Menzieshill High school and his secondary schooling has presented difficulties. These difficulties seem to coincide with the death of his father and attempts to curb his behavioural problems have so far been unsuccessful.

Stewart has over the past 2 years spent spells in residential care for purposes of assessment and attempts to divert him from the path he was treading. He is presently on home supervision and a referral has been accepted by the staff of M.A.R.S. Project. I believe M.A.R.S. are to submit a full report of their involvement to the Reporter.

SCHOOL:

When questioned about school Stewart confirmed that he has not attended for approximately 3 weeks. He had apparently been suspended, unfairly he thinks, and although had returned since that event, has now opted to stay away. Stewart could not put into words his reasons for truanting but both his mother and brother Billy agreed as it was staff attitudes he could not contend with and fear of physical punishment was not an issue.

Stewart claims he spends his time with friends who have left school. These friends are also involved with him in glue-sniffing and offending.

Mrs. Fraser is critical of the parents of these boys who have Stewart is still at school yet allow him to remain in their homes during school hours.

INTERVIEW:

Stewart spends most of his time wandering around with friends mostly boys older than himself. He does not appear to have any interest in sport or group activities apart from sniffing glue with others at Greyhound Park. It is while he is under the influence of glue he offends and in turn, his offences are either to steal glue or to get finances with which to buy glue. Both Billy and Mrs. Fraser feel Stewart is easily led and is used by the others. Billy describes Stewart as a "bunch" because he does not get his fair share of the stolen money and seems to take most of the risks.

ATTITUDE TO CHANGES:

Mrs. Fraser feels Stewart is entrenched in a way of life and that he does not wish to change. She would like to believe that Stewart could be helped but feels that if he is not willing to co-operate then all the goodwill in the world will make no difference to Stewart's behaviour.

Mrs. Fraser is feeling that little account is taken of whether or not she is willing to put up with Stewart's behaviour and feels that if he would show some signs of wanting to change then she would give him her support.

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ATTITUDE TO
OFFICES/CONT'D:

Stewart is noncommittal about any change in behaviour and seems ambivalent as to his future. He does not appear to regret his offences but sees them as necessary acts in order to indulge his glue-sniffing habit.

ASSESSMENT AND
RECOMMENDATION:

At present Stewart is acting autonomously with little regard for any authority figure, be it parent, teacher or social worker. Since his previous Hearing on 28th. June, when Stewart was returned home and a referral made to M.A.R.S. the proposed plan of working with Stewart has had certain hiccups. The social worker involved with this case had a lengthy spell on annual leave coupled with recurrent illness making continuity of the social work input impossible.

The school setting broke down and Stewart found himself without a structured support system. Successful reintroduction into school now seems unlikely and I would wish to look at imaginative alternatives to that, e.g. one to one teaching at I.C. Centre.

The lack of social work input at this time may also have been a component in the unsatisfactory situation which resulted at this time but this situation is now resolved. It has been recognised in the past that Stewart's behaviour deteriorates when he is away from home and it may be indicative of his problems that at present he frequently sleeps away from home and is outwith parental control.

While feeling that Stewart would benefit from living at home and co-operating with the social work agencies involved I fully appreciate that this has not been happening and am in no position to give guarantees that this will happen if Stewart is allowed to remain on H.O.(a).

Should the Panel members feel that Stewart requires closer supervision meantime, then perhaps a return for further assessment to Reesie School for a period of three weeks to allow time for the workers involved in this case to formulate a cohesive plan of working with Stewart to be discussed.

Janet Smith

MR. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

6 October 1987
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STEWART FRASER (d.o.b.5.12.69)
94, Tullideph Road, Dundee
Formerly 91 Dunholm Road, Dundee

Present Placement: McDonald Wing
Rossie School
Montrose.

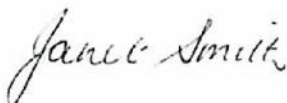
Stewart was placed in secure accommodation at Rossie School, Montrose, following his court appearance on 27.8.84 at Dundee Sheriff Court. There was No Plea, No Declaration made and Bail was granted.

The Crown appealed against the granting of bail resulting in the boy being made subject to a Place of Safety Order under Section 24(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975.

During his stay in Rossie, Stewart has presented no management problem and has conformed to the rules of that establishment.

Prior to Stewart's appearance in court on 27.8.84 he was subject to a Supervision Requirement under Section 44(1)(a) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and the Social Work Department in conjunction with M.A.R.S. Project were involved with the Fraser family to place Stewart back in the family unit and to re-introduce him to community education. These plans, of necessity, have had to be put in abeyance, however they are still relevant to Stewart's re-introduction to family/school.

Rockwell School was prepared to accept Stewart and is still committed to this objective and his mother is willing for Stewart to live at home. Stewart is prepared to co-operate in these plans for his future and both agencies involved are prepared to give considerable commitment to the proposed aims.



MRS. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

10 October 1984
JS/EG

Depute Director of Social Work
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DUNDEE CHILDREN'S HEARING - 20TH. OCTOBER, 1983

REPORT:

on

Stewart Fraser d.o.b. 5.12.69
91 Dunholm Road, Charleston, Dundee

Remit for Disposal Under Section 37 2 (3)
Review by Social Worker

At Stewart's Hearing on 15th. July, 1983, it was decided that it would be best for Stewart to remain at home with maximum resources injected into the situation in order to support that recommendation.

Unfortunately these supports have proved inadequate and Stewart's behaviour in recent weeks has deteriorated considerably. He appears to be completely outwith parental control and frequently stays away from home overnight. He does not keep to mealtimes and will not be disciplined.

Stewart lives on the top floor of a tenement block in Charleston yet he climbs out of a window and down a drainpipe to evade authority figures, e.g. of Mum, Police, social workers. He is putting himself at considerable risk in so doing yet he seems to disregard his personal safety in pursuing his own course.

Mrs. Fraser is at the stage of feeling used and abused both by Stewart and the various agencies involved. She no longer feels able to tolerate Stewart's behaviour and subsequently does not want him to return home.

Stewart is currently in Burnside House where he was taken on 16.10.83 in emergency circumstances arising from an incident in his home whereby he threatened his mother with violence. He seems to be provoking a response to be removed from the community and perhaps the response should not be to collude with this. However recent experience has shown that Stewart cannot be coped with in an undisciplined setting and it is somewhat reluctantly that I would recommend a further period of assessment at Rossie School, Montrose, for the purposes of reviewing past mistakes and looking to planning what response is best designed to help Stewart, taking into account the reality of co-operation in this from Stewart.

MRS. JANET SMITH

Director of Social Work
S.J. Moxley



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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname.....FRASER.....

Date of Birth.....5.12.69.....

Christian Names

Religion

or forenames.....Stewart.....

Present Address.....c/o Rossie School, Montrose.....

Occupation.....Schoolboy.....

Home ".....91 Dunholm Road.....

Marital State.....N/A.....

.....Charleston, Dundee.....

is to appear on.....7 February, 1984.....at Dundee Children's Hearing.....~~conv~~ in connection
with ~~the crime of offence of~~ Review by Social Worker.....

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

INTRODUCTION:

Prior to his Hearing on 20.10.83 Stewart's conduct within the community was such that the only option was to recommend removal from home.

To date there has been no significant changes in Stewart's ability to deal with life within the community and past experience has shown that this extends to open residential placements.

Because of new legislation a review is necessary to look at the criteria for Stewart remaining in secure accommodation.

Criteria - that he has a history of absconding and -

- i) he is likely to abscond whether he is kept in secure accommodation and
- ii) if he absconds it is likely that his physical, mental or moral welfare will be at risk.

In support of the above criteria there is well documented evidence of Stewart having absconded on numerous occasions between March 1982 until prior to admission to Rossie from every establishment in which he has been placed except for his present placement in the secure unit at Rossie School.

During his various absences from these establishments Stewart has been glue-sniffing to varying degrees and on one occasion whilst in Colonsay, Perth, on 7.6.83, he took and drove a car down the Dundee/Perth carriageway to the danger of himself and others. Prior to admission to Rossie Stewart threatened and attempted an assault on his mother. These incidents may have occurred as a result of Stewart glue-sniffing and are indicative of his behaviour when glue-sniffing has occurred.

HOME SITUATION/
CONTINUED OVERLEAF:

HOME SITUATION:

Father - Stewart Fraser - Deceased
Mother - Priscilla " Housewife
Brother- William " Menzieshill High
Subject- Stewart "
Brother- Philip " Charleston Primary
Mother's Cohabitee - Michael Quinn, Works on Oil Rigs.

Prior to admission to Rossie Stewart was excluded from home by his mother following frequent overnight absences from home culminating in an attempted assault on his mother. Mrs. Fraser felt unable to cope with Stewart and her views on this have not significantly changed. This is partly due to the time spent in setting up constructive meetings with unit staff, M.A.R.S. Project re programme for Stewart's development that work with the family has yet to get under way. Mrs. Fraser is also having difficulties with Stewart's elder brother which is making it difficult for her to look at coping with Stewart at this time.

SCHOOL:

Stewart had problems within the school setting mainly with certain members of staff and at the last Hearing the school representative gave clear indications that it was not a viable proposition for Stewart to return to Menzieshill High. Since then the school have experienced changes in that Stewart's Guidance Teacher moved post to another school and the sudden and unexpected death of the Head Teacher.

Given that Stewart is very definite towards reintroduction to Menzieshill High and the above mentioned changes that have occurred I feel it appropriate to re-establish links with the school with a view to negotiating a planned return for Stewart to Menzieshill High School. To help accomplish this it would be essential that certain educational achievements are met while Stewart is in Rossie to minimise the difficulties of reintegration to mainstream schooling.

FUTURE PLANS:

During discussion with staff both at Rossie and M.A.R.S. Project it has been agreed that Stewart has benefitted from the containment already experienced at Rossie and that now a more aggressive approach has to be made in order for Stewart to move out of the McDonald Wing.

It is accepted that the home/school situation has to be seen to be viable and if that cannot be established then to look to alternative community based options. Therefore it is proposed that family therapy sessions take place weekly alternating between being held at Rossie and home so that mum's commitment can be verified and that Stewart can be tested out as to his coping capabilities within the community before he is returned home and that meanwhile he remain in the McDonald Wing at the discretion of the people concerned.

ASSESSMENT AND
RECOMMENDATION:

I have had frequent contact with Stewart, Staff of M.A.R.S. Project and Unit staff at Rossie School where Stewart has been kept in the McDonald Wing.

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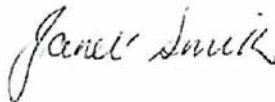
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ASSESSMENT AND
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While there Stewart has posed no managerial problems and his home leaves have passed without incident. I feel that this indicates security is meeting the needs of this youngster and have no evidence to support the fact that should this security suddenly cease that Stewart would continue to cause no problems. On the contrary there is every indication in the past that Stewart's needs are not being met within the community nor has Stewart the necessary social skills to live without the support of security at present.

Stewart feels compelled to abscond from the residential units as to remain would indicate an agreement with authority with which he does not agree. Security has removed the unbearable weight of choice from Stewart to abscond and allows time and space for residential workers to work with Stewart on the problems he faced prior to his admission to Rossie. Unfortunately this has so far not been attempted and it could be that Stewart has needed this time to adjust to merely existing without outside pressures of school and home.

However to move Stewart now to an open unit without helping him to make the adjustment seems to be a recipe for disaster. To support this view is Stewart's behaviour after his release from Rossie in the summer of 1983 which prompted his return to the McDonald Wing in October 1983. I would therefore ask that Stewart be returned to Rossie with the added discretionary authority that he be detained in secure accommodation as and when necessary.



MRS. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

6 February 1984
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DUNDEE CHILDREN'S HEARING - 10.11.83

REPORT:

on

Stewart FRASER d.o.b. 5.12.69
91, Dunholm Road, Dundee

After the Hearing on 20.10.83 when a Place of Safety warrant was granted for a 21 day period Stewart absconded. He was subsequently picked up by police the following evening and escorted to Rossie. He is presently in the McDonald Wing, a closed unit at Rossie School.

During his spell at Rossie I have seen Stewart on 3 occasions and met with Care staff, Teaching staff and attended a Referrals Meeting at Rossie on 8.11.83. I have also been in contact with Mrs. Fraser and the staff of M.A.R.S. Project with a view to looking at Stewart's future re school and home.

Stewart himself seems much more relaxed in the McDonald Wing and is resisting any attempts to transfer him to the Training Unit. Mrs. Fraser is still reluctant to have Stewart home at this stage but has visited him in Rossie and is willing to look at the eventuality of Stewart returning home.

All the professionals involved with Stewart seem to agree that the McDonald Wing seems inappropriate for Stewart but that it is serving a purpose at present by removing the weight of responsibility from Stewart re making decisions relating to his behaviour and giving Mrs. Fraser a breathing space from having to appear a failure in not coping with Stewart when his behaviour becomes seemingly uncontrollable. The problem lies in assessing the length of time this can continue without allowing either Stewart or Mrs. Fraser to become comfortable because the responsibility of controlling that behaviour and therefore the burden of making decisions is removed from them.

I therefore see the immediate future work involving Mrs. Fraser and exploring with her the difficulties she experiences in her fear of Stewart being unable to control his behaviour, i.e. whilst under the influence of glue and how she relates this to seeing Stewart as outwith her control and therefore in need of residential care. I feel it is necessary for this to be resolved before Stewart is returned home or at the first sign of breakdown in Stewart's behaviour Mrs. Fraser will react as if the situation is outwith her control and Stewart again returned to a/

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residential placement.

Stewart Mo is to continue to pursue building a relationship with Stewart and hopefully by the time Stewart returns home then a support system will be well established both for Stewart and for Mrs. Fraser.

Intertwined with plans for Stewart returning to live in the community is a return to community education and I have still to look into the feasibility of day school either at Menzieshill or another school within Dundee. Alternatively provision can be made for a teacher to be appointed to Stewart to pursue his education in conjunction with I.T. at an I.T. Centre with a view to returning to full time education in school. Stewart is ambivalent about his education although showed some signs of interest in the I.T. Scheme.

I would recommend that meantime Stewart be returned to Rossie School with constant review of his situation with the aim of returning him to the community at an appropriate time.

Janet Smith
MRS. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

9 November 1983
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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname.....	FRASER	Date of Birth.....	5.12.69
Christian Names or forenames.....	Stewart	Religion.....	
Home Address.....	91 Linholm Road, Dundee	Occupation.....	Schoolboy
Present ".....	c/o Rossie School, Montrose	Marital State.....	N/A

is to appear on 24th April 1984 at Dundee Children's Hearing Court in connection with the crime offence of Review of Secure Accommodation Condition and Alleged Offence Reported by Police.

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

INTRODUCTION:

Stewart Fraser has been in secure accommodation in the McDonald Wing of Rossie School, Montrose, since the date of his previous Hearing on 7.2.84. This report is to look at his progress during this time with a view to considering returning Stewart to the community.

HOME SITUATION:

Father - Stewart Fraser - Deceased
Mother - Priscilla " Housewife
Brother - William " - Attends Menzieshill High School
Subject - Stewart " - Presently Rossie School, Montrose
Brother - Philip " - Attends Charleston Primary School
Mother's Cohabitee - Michael Quinn, Works on Oil Rigs.

At present the Fraser family and Mr. Quinn live in the Charleston area of Dundee in a top floor four-apartment flat. Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Quinn have recently negotiated the purchase of a house in Collieston Street but as yet they have no fixed date for entry.

SCHOOL:

Since Stewart returned to Rossie on 7.2.84 he has been contained in secure accommodation. His privileges included every second weekend home leave. After one such home visit Stewart absconded just as he was about to be collected by Rossie staff on Monday 27.2.84 at 4 p.m. for returning to school and remained away from home until he was apprehended by police on Saturday, March 3rd, and returned to Rossie. During this period Stewart remained in the Charleston area visiting home and sleeping at the home of his relatives. I had contact with Stewart at his home on one occasion that week but could not persuade him to return voluntarily to Rossie. The police were informed of his whereabouts but to my knowledge made no attempt to pick him up. He subsequently committed an offence.

Since his return to Rossie he has made two unsuccessful attempts to break through the roof resulting in him losing all privileges including home leave.

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OFFENCE/ATTEMPTS:

According to Stewart the alleged offence occurred on the evening of Friday, 2nd. March 1984. He and his cousin Albert Williams (12), were alone in their aunt's house when Albert went to get bread from a cupboard. He attempted to open the pre-payment electric meter which was situated in the cupboard by using a screwdriver to break the padlock. He was unsuccessful in this attempt. Stewart subsequently broke the padlock with his hand and removed the cash amounting to £48.50 in 50 pence coins. He left the house to visit another relative. This cousin was not at home and Stewart states he spent the rest of his time in Charleston. He slept that night in an unlocked taxi cab and went into town on Saturday. He was seen by police outside a chip shop in Gourdie Street and apprehended. Approximately £30 was recovered, the rest having been spent on food, sweets, and gaming machines.

Stewart gives no explanation for this offence and did not consider the ensuing family feelings surrounding such an action. Mrs. Fraser's first reactions were understandably horror at Stewart stealing from a relative who had given him shelter and that she had nothing to offer Stewart and at this point thought Stewart's actions stretched the limit of her tolerance. However, she and the rest of the family have since rallied round understanding that Stewart needed their support more than their condemnation.

SITUATION TO DATE:

At the previous Hearing, panel members were made aware of a planned approach involving family therapy sessions at home and at Rossie. Because of Stewart losing home leaves, all these meetings have taken place at Rossie and have required considerable commitment by the Fraser family, and co-operation by Rossie staff, social worker and staff of M.A.R.S. project. There have been six evening meetings to correspond with times suitable to Mr. Quinn who works 2 weeks off-shore and is home for 2 weeks. The whole family have shown over the weeks that Stewart is a much wanted part of their group and through each session have been able to look at the problems, where these problems may have arisen, previous responses to problems and how they may be handled in future.

Alongside these family sessions Stuart Eno has been seeing Stewart Fraser and discussing with him individual issues which he will be reporting to the Hearing.

Mr. Mill, staff member at Rossie, and Stewart's key-worker has been in contact with Stewart during his time at Rossie and has kept in close contact with the situation. He feels that Stewart's behaviour in Rossie reached a peak just after his Hearing and then deteriorated rapidly about the time that focus was intensified on the family. His behaviour has again improved to its previously high level and may be explained by a clearer commitment of the family to Stewart and a set date for a Hearing.

FUTURE PLANS:

If Stewart is returned home then family therapy sessions will resume on a less intensive basis to follow through with supporting and reinforcing the issues discussed at previous sessions and to allow for expression of family fears once Stewart is again in the night. The relationship Stuart Eno has formed with Stewart Fraser will give continuity to Stewart returning to the community and hopefully will ease any discomfort Stewart may have during the changeover period.

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FUTURE PLANS/ CONTINUED:

In the past school has been a big problem for Stewart and the Education Department have been informed of the situation but will not consider his future educational needs until a Hearing decision is reached.

H.M.R.S. Project have suggested that should Stewart be returned home without educational provision that they could provide a programme for him as necessary. Rossie have agreed to liaise with Stuart Fno in this so that when educational provision is agreed Stuart Fno can help with introducing Stewart into community schooling.

It has also been recognised that Stewart will require construction to his leisure time and Mr. Quinn has come forward with ideas to include Stewart in weight-lifting classes that he and Billy attend at Ardler Community Centre.

With the family's proposed move there will be plenty to occupy them in the weeks ahead and as the whole family will be expected to participate in these preparations it seems an ideal way of using both Stewart's spare time and energy and in reintegrating him into the family.

ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION:

During his spell in Rossie Stewart has remained in secure accommodation and while physically holding Stewart allowed work with both him and the family, as time progressed, and focus was intensified, Stewart's behaviour deteriorated. As the family sessions progressed and the family's commitment to Stewart was clarified his behaviour correspondingly improved.

What has become clear is that while Stewart has been in Rossie the relationship between the remaining family members gelled. The family had moved on and left Stewart behind until focussing on their situation made them more aware of informing Stewart of changes in the family thus not allowing Stewart to be cut off from them. Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Quinn have made a commitment to each other by the purchase of a house and thus have strengthened Mr. Quinn's role in the family. The danger now is that the family move out of Charleston and into a new life together without Stewart. It will then be infinitely more difficult for this boy to catch up with these changes and space made for him in this group. How would we find an appropriate time for him to go home when changes are occurring so that in being part of the upheaval he would also be part of the reformed group. These moves also coincide with an anticipated change of school which causes the anxieties for Stewart surrounding such a change. I feel I can give no guarantees as to Stewart's future behaviour nor do I feel that a move home will be without problems. Stewart has had periods in various residential establishments interspersed with home placements and a common theme throughout has been absconding, glue sniffing and offending. These incidents have been viewed by workers as indicative of Stewart feeling left out of the family and in his way of drawing attention to the fact.

The difference in Stewart moving home this time is that the whole family have banded together to claim Stewart and are motivated to keeping him at home. To reinforce their resolve a support programme will be in force during the relatively quiet times as has been the pattern/

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ASSESSMENT/
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pattern in the past and the problematic times to come, and will remain for as long as necessary.

I therefore recommend that Stewart be returned home and his supervision requirement varied to 44(1)(a).

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17/ MRS. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

20 April 1984
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Director of Social Work
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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname.....	FRASER	Date of Birth.....	5.12.69
Christian Names or forenames.....	Stewart	Religion	
Address.....	94 Tullideph Road	Occupation.....	Schoolboy
	Dundee	Marital State.....	N/A

is to appear on 7th November, 1984 at Dundee Children's Hearing Court in connection
with the crime or offence of Remit for Disposal 372(3)

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

The Hearing is convened following the court appearance and subsequent conviction of Stewart Fraser for a variety of offences to which he pled guilty.

This report is compiled on knowledge and contact with Stewart and his family over a period of 1 year and information held by this Department. The Panel members may find it helpful to refer to previous report of 24.4.84.

HOME/FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES:

Father - Stewart Fraser (Deceased)
Mother - Priscilla Fraser - Housewife
Step-father - Michael Quinn - Oil Rig Worker
Brother - William Fraser - Schoolboy, Menzieshill High
Subject - Stewart Fraser - " Rockwell High
Brother - Philip Fraser - " Charleston Primary/
transferring to Ancrum Road

Mr. Quinn and Mrs. Fraser have recently purchased a bungalow on the edge of Lochee Road and are presently decorating. This move has involved considerable expense for the family and was intended to establish the family in a home of their own.

Accommodation consists of living room, kitchen, bathroom, and three bedrooms. Stewart presently shares with Philip although it is intended that Philip will move into an attic room once conversion is completed.

Mr. Quinn works offshore and is home for two weeks out of four.

CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING OFFENCES:

At Stewart's last appearance at a Hearing on 24.4.84 he was returned home and the proposed plans for Stewart's reintroduction to school and community were put into action along with supporting family sessions.

Reintroduction to school was a prolonged affair with Stewart of necessity spending a great deal of his time

CIRCUMSTANCES/
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at the M.A.R.S. project. He began school a short while before the start of the summer break and had little time to establish himself in a new situation. During the summer months Stewart's progress continued with him presenting no problems at home or in the community and he developed good friendships with boys of his own age appearing to thrive on healthy outdoor activities. Although contact with Stuart Eno of M.A.R.S. was to be continued during this time this proved too easy for Stewart to evade.

Because of his apparent ability to conform and enjoy normal adolescent activities this contact was not forcefully pursued until a couple of weeks before the start of term when it was felt essential that Stewart make efforts to concentrate on going back to school.

About this period his cousin, with whom he had spent a great deal of time over the summer, went off on holiday and his co-accused in the recent offences came on the scene. Stewart began to stay out overnight and contingency plans were made by the Social Work Department and M.A.R.S. to try to combat what was seen as a very vulnerable period for Stewart. However events overtook planning and the situation rapidly deteriorated until Stewart was held on an unruly certificate by the police. He was placed in secure accommodation at Rossie School, Montrose, following his court appearance on 27.8.84 at Dundee Sheriff Court subject to a Place of Safety Order under Sect.24(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975. Stewart remained in Rossie until his release on 10.10.84.

ATTITUDE TO OFFENCES:

The offences in question are varied, the most serious being Theft by H/B. Stewart was involved in 2 such offences with his co-accused and appears to have been encouraged to participate. He states he does not like breaking into someone's home feeling it to be intrusive and an act which he would not wish on himself or his family.

The R.T.A. offences seemed to have happened without thought being given to the actions and involved riding pillion on a motorbike without a crash helmet and without knowledge of the owner.

A common element in all these offences is his co-accused who appears to have a charismatic quality which Stewart finds difficulty in rejecting.

Stewart has no clear understanding of why this deterioration in his behaviour occurred when it did consequently can give no reasons for the offences.

PROPOSED PLANS:

Prior to his placement in Rossie the Social work Department in conjunction with M.A.R.S. project were working with Stewart/

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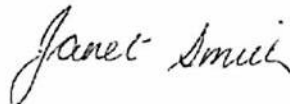
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and his family towards establishing Stewart back into the community. This took two forms, one dealing specifically with Stewart and which is proceeding accordingly, and one dealing with the family unit which is presently under review.

ASSESSMENT AND
RECOMMENDATION:

When Stewart returned home from Rossie in April the prognosis for reintegration into family and school looked positive. A combination of circumstances blunted the initial enthusiasm for Stewart and his family to work towards the perceived goals. Integration into school was unduly delayed as was the family's move into their new home. Coupled with the summer break when contact was at a minimum due to annual leave it is understandable how the momentum slowed down and enabled Stewart to go off at a tangent thus diverting both him and his family from the eventual confrontation of school etc.

While some divergence was not unexpected the situation that occurred involved Stewart in legislation outwith our control and the working arrangements, of necessity, had to be put in abeyance. However these are still relevant and although subject to review remain a basis for working towards our original aims. Central to these plans is Stewart remaining within the community and I would recommend that the supervision requirement be continued with Stewart residing at home.



MRS. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

2 November 1984
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Depute Director of Social Work
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DUNDEE CHILDREN'S HEARING 15.1.85

REPORT:

on

Stewart Fraser d.o.b.5.12.69

94 Tullideph Road, Dundee

Presently Placed in Rossie School, Montrose

INTRODUCTION

This review was requested in response to a change in circumstances contrary to expectations and in opposition to the aims of the workers involved and it was hoped this action would avoid the very situation which necessitated the Hearing on 29.12.84.

BRIEF CASE HISTORY

Stewart first came to the attention of the Social Work Department in December 1981 when he was placed on 44(1)(a) supervision requirement. This followed a series of offences and a general deterioration in his behaviour which coincided with the death of his father in a road accident and the emerging relationship with his mother and Mike Quin.

A pattern of behaviour and response then evolved with Stewart being placed in various types of residential establishments alternating with spells at home culminating in being placed in Rossie School on 1.6.83 on a 21 Day Order which was extended for a further 21 days for Residential Assessment. He was referred by the Social Worker at that time to MARS Project in July 1983 the aims being to keep Stewart in the community.

Stewart returned to Rossie in October and was placed in the McDonald Wing following an incident at home. Since then he has spent two further periods in security and was returned home from Rossie in April 1984 to allow an opportunity to move with the family to a new home and a firmer commitment by Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Quin to establish a family unit.

Throughout these upheavals an essential element in Stewart refraining from offending has been his attendance at school. Stewart has faced considerable problems at Menzieshill High School and arrangements had been made for him to attend Rockwell High School on his return home in April 1984. However re-entry was delayed

and Stewart spent some time with the MARS Project. He had approximately two weeks at school before the summer break and his performance both at home and school gave no cause for concern. This progress was abruptly halted in August 1984 when Stewart faced charges at Dundee Sheriff Court. At a second appearance the Crown opposed bail following a breach of bail and Stewart was again placed in McDonald Wing, Rossie School, where he remained until his release on 10.10.84. At a Hearing on 7.11.84 Stewart was returned home on 44(1)(a). He returned to Rockwell School where he successfully merged back into full time education.

SOCIAL WORK INTERVENTION TO DATE

Since the involvement of MARS Project in July 1983 Stewart Eno has been involved with Stewart with specific aims designed to improve Stewart's self-esteem by various methods and to liaise with school to minimise any potential problems which may arise.

Diane Gordon, Project Leader, and the social worker to be involved in work with the family to take the form of family meetings where problem areas could be aired and ways of dealing with these problem areas discussed.

The workers involved have identified a pattern to Stewart's offending and noted that he had not been in Secondary School for more than 3 consecutive months. It had also been noted that a sharp deterioration in behaviour had occurred on each occasion just prior to removal from home. It seemed to suggest that Stewart was orchestrating his own removal from home and when on occasion it seemed that action was not forthcoming quickly enough through normal channels his offending escalated forcing police intervention to remove him to security.

When at the beginning of December Stewart missed school it was recognised as the beginning of the downward spiral and action was taken to counteract this. This proved unsuccessful and Stewart stated his intentions not to return to school. A meeting was sought with Miss Crawford, Area Fieldwork Manager, Dundee West, to look at possible courses of action:- (1) Stewart to be removed to a Children's Home and return to school, 2) Stewart to be placed with a foster family and schooled in the community, 3) a List D placement be sought and links with home maintained.

No apparent reasons have presented themselves for this recent rejection of school. Stewart was performing well and seemed to be coping with the new school despite the delays in getting there. Staff were happy with his behaviour and attitude to school and were understanding and co-operative during the attempts to redress the initial mistake Stewart made in failing to attend without due cause. His home situation too seemed without problem. His mother refused to excuse his absence from school by producing a note and is evidence of the change recently seen in the family whereby Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Quin are taking more control. This may have 'thrown' Stewart so that he couldn't deal with the situation or he may have been testing the strength of his will against that of his mother. Because of the aforementioned indications it was felt a List D placement would be more appropriate as it seemed Stewart was singling out school as a problem area. This is the area which is presently being explored.

CONCLUSION

As I understand it this Hearing is convened to consider if Stewart should be returned to the community pending jurisdiction from the court re the alleged offences. Stewart has survived for the past few years between home and residential care and latterly this has effectively meant the secure unit at Rossie School and it may be that the Panel feel this pattern is inevitable given the past history. Stewart could be returned home but as he is not attending school then it seems from past experience to reasonably expect he will commit further offences thus ensuring a secure future.

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The third option is to continue the Order and for Stewart to return to Rossie until the court have given judgement on Stewart's involvement in the alleged offences. This course of action will have the dual purpose of protecting Stewart from himself and give time for reflecting on what options are available for the future.

MRS. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

14 January 1985
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CHILDREN'S HEARING

The Child	FRASER	Date of Birth	5.12.69
Current or Formerly	Stewart	Religion	Protestant
School	Rossie, Montrose		
Home Address	94 Tullideph Road Dundee	Occupation	Schoolboy
Date	4th. February, 1985	Place	Dundee
By	Review by Social Worker		Children's Hearing

INTRODUCTION:

This Hearing has been convened to deal with an offence of H/B w.i. to which Stewart pled guilty in the Sheriff Court, Dundee, on 18.1.85. It is also to review the current home supervision requirement at the request of the social worker. The review was requested in response to a breakdown in the school situation and prior to knowledge of the offence. Proposed plans were formulated in anticipation of a Review Hearing and were considered as a move to avoid Stewart becoming involved in offences in a situation which had been foreseen. However it was not foreseen that this pattern of offending would follow so soon after the school breakdown. The fact that it happened underlines the predictability of Stewart's behaviour and the need to review a future placement for Stewart to break the polarisation which has occurred between security at Rossie School and a home placement.

HOME/FAMILY
CIRCUMSTANCES:

Mother - Priscilla Fraser - Housewife
Father - Stewart Fraser - Deceased
Brother - William " - Unemployed
Subject - Stewart " - Schoolboy presently placed at
Rossie School, Montrose
Brother - Philip " - Schoolboy, Ancrum Primary
Mother's Cohab - Michael Quin - Works on Oil Rigs.

Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Quin have recently purchased a house in Tullideph Road and live there with Mrs. Fraser's 3 sons. The family moved in August 1984 after considerable time/

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HOME/FAMILY
CIRCUMSTANCES/
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time and expense spent in alterations before the move. This move has heralded greater commitment from the couple to form a family group and relationships in the family are bonding. The area of control and management of the boys remains with Mrs. Fraser although Mr. Quin has a stronger position in the group but because of work commitments it is Mrs. Fraser who is the constant parent figure in the family. This has proved a difficult area for her although recently she has shown a stronger more consistent approach in dealing with the boys although it is too soon to assess the effectiveness of this change.

BRIEF PERSONAL
HISTORY:

Stewart was born the second son of Priscilla and Stewart Fraser and according to Mrs. Fraser was scapegoated by his father from an early age.

Stewart had a reasonably stable childhood although there were considerable parental disputes through the years and Mrs. Fraser was subjected to abuse from her husband while he was under the influence of drink. There were frequent short separations and during one such separation following an argument when Stewart and Billy were instrumental in having Mr. Fraser put out of the marital home, Mr. Fraser was killed in a road accident.

A period of disrupted behaviour followed this bereavement and gained momentum on Stewart entering Menzieshill High School where Billy was already causing his name to be noted.

A pattern of behaviour has so far emerged which indicates that school is a crucial factor to Stewart refraining from offending. Once school breakdown occurs offences follow. This has evoked responses of removing Stewart from home to various residential establishments interspersed with periods at home. Latterly this has meant McDonald Wing Rossie or home.

Stewart is presently in Rossie following a renewal of a 21-day order first imposed on 29.12.84 and renewed on 15.1.85.

SCHOOL:

Stewart spent less than 3 consecutive months in Menzieshill High School transferring to Rockwell in June 1984 following a return home from Rossie School in April 1984.

This reintroduction to community education was delayed and the intervening time was spent at M.A.R.S. Project with a gradual move back to school one month before the summer holidays. Prior to the start of the new term Stewart was involved in offences and returned to Rossie for a period of 8 weeks while court proceedings continued. He returned home in October 1984 and again gradually re-entered full-time education at Rockwell School. The breakdown in school seemed unconnected with any one incident and despite attempts by the school staff and Stuart Eno of M.A.R.S. Project Stewart rejected school. Rockwell staff were impressed by Stewart during his time there and have shown considerable understanding and flexibility in their approach to Stewart.

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PROPOSED PLANS:

Following the breakdown in the school situation and given past history which indicated that offences would follow, a meeting was held by the professionals involved with Miss Ann Crawford, Area Fieldwork Manager, Dundee West, to discuss what alternative methods of intervention could now be effectively used. It was recognised that once Stewart started offending past experience has been that his behaviour deteriorates and offending escalates so that he has to be removed from home. Stewart seems to be able to orchestrate his own removal and by absconding from all 'open' establishments in which he has been placed virtually assures himself of a place in the McDonald Wing.

To avoid this course of action and eliminate the extremes of security or home it was felt a residential school where he would have weekends at home would meet these needs. It seemed that if community school was the trouble and he coped better in small groups such as in Rossie then residential schooling such as previously described would allow Stewart opportunity to break the established pattern. It would give him choice and the responsibility for the consequences of choice, e.g. if he chose to abscond then he would be choosing to accept responsibility for that choice.

Three schools were identified as having something to offer Stewart; St. Joseph's Tranent, Wellington, Penicuik and Loaningdale, Biggar. After visiting these schools with Stuart Eno the school which seemed to offer both suitable education and social work support to Stewart was Wellington. An arrangement was made for Stewart to visit Wellington with his mum and Mike and an offer of a place has now been received.

Stewart's initial response was to dismiss the possibility of Wellington. He felt he would abscond thus conforming to previous established behaviour and also that the school was situated too far from Dundee and home. This view was supported by Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Quin.

Were this place to be accepted then regular reviews would be built in to monitor progress. If Stewart chose to co-operate and not abscond from Wellington he would have weekends at home as well as holiday periods with the possibility of a return to community education for his last school term.

OFFENCE/ ATTITUDES:

Stewart admitted an amended change of H/B w.i. by saying he and his co-accused were drinking with a relative of his prior to the offence. He admits to being under the influence of alcohol but states he was not so inebriated that he could not run from the police. He further states that he and his friend noticed a house without lights and seemingly unoccupied and Stewart broke a small pane of glass in the kitchen and opened the window. Both boys entered and Stewart remained in the kitchen while his friend went upstairs. Stewart saw the police and shouted to his friend who came downstairs carrying a radio/cassette. Both boys ran off leaving the radio/cassette in the house. They were later apprehended and

OFFENCE/ATTITUDES/
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detained overnight in police custody.

When Mrs. Fraser was informed of the incident she went down to the Police Station but was unable to see her son. Stewart's view is that his mother was not pleased with him. He also felt that his removal to Rossie was premature and that action gave him a considerable shock.

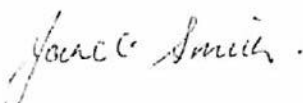
He can offer no reason for his actions and does not feel the offence occurred as the result of him drinking alcohol.

ASSESSMENT AND
RECOMMENDATION:

Since his mother was widowed Stewart's behaviour has been periodically problematic with offences such as glue sniffing, theft, H/B w.i., R.T.A., vandalism. These actions are symptomatic of a child in need of care and guidance from significant adults in his life. His mother for the most part was unable to provide this, maintaining she could not control Stewart's behaviour. Statutory controls were slow to act when his behaviour deteriorated and I suspect subconsciously Stewart recognised this, and by experience, found that escalation of offences and deterioration of behaviour brought the security he required, and the abdication of the responsibilities for his behaviour which had been thrust upon him at a time when he was too young to cope with such responsibility. Unfortunately Stewart has orchestrated his move into security via McDonald Wing, Rossie, and sees this as the only alternative when he wishes to have others take responsibility for controlling him.

He prophesises that he will abscond if he were placed in Wellington as that has been his past experience and gives no thought to the element of choice nor of shared responsibility. If Stewart were to experience an existence which allowed him to influence his future without carrying all responsibility for controlling his present he might learn that there need not be extremes, i.e. total responsibility or abdicating total responsibility.

If Stewart continues his present pattern there is every chance he will graduate to penal security. He needs to learn to cope with accepting responsibility for his actions and to see that he need not act in such a way as to merit secure accommodation. I would hope that residential schooling with weekends at home would give Stewart the opportunity to change his pattern of behaviour and I recommend that he be placed in Wellington School, Penicuik, and his supervision requirement varied to 44(1)(b).


MRS. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

31 January 1985
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DUNDEE CHILDREN'S HEARING - Review and Case continued: 5.3.85

REPORT:

on

Stewart Fraser, d.o.b. 5.12.69
94 Tullideph Road, Dundee.

INTRODUCTION

At the Hearing on 4.2.85 Stewart was returned home on 44(1)(a) Order and the Hearing was to be continued until 26.3.85 to allow time to assess Stewart's ability to remain within the community and to attend day school through to his school leaving date. This review has been requested because Stewart has failed to attend school and past history has indicated that offences are likely to occur during this time. It therefore seems reasonable to review the options considered at the Hearing of 4.2.85 and to reconsider the decision of that Hearing.

HOME

Since Stewart returned home from Rossie he has presented no problems to his parents. Mrs. Fraser states he is coming in at a reasonable time in the evening and to her knowledge has refrained from committing further offences. The police have questioned Stewart regarding being in town during school hours and have advised him to attend school but Stewart maintains he has not come to police attention for any other reason.

SCHOOL/ATTITUDES

Mrs. Fraser states she gets Stewart up for school in the morning. Although she is aware he is not attending she feels there may be extenuating circumstances for this. Stewart was being treated by his G.P. for scabies so was unable to resume school after the Hearing. On his return to school there was a mix-up with his timetable. He is presently absent because of a suspected urinary infection although she feels he is fit enough to attend school. Mrs. Fraser wishes to persevere with the present arrangements.

According to Mrs. Fraser, Mr. Quin has withdrawn his support from Stewart regarding school because Stewart's failure to attend. He will, e.g. help the boy mend his bike, but generally he ignores Stewart who reciprocates this attitude towards Mr. Quin. Stewart feels he will be able to attend school and finds difficulty in explaining his failure to attend to date, except to say that other children ask him /

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him questions about his reasons for not being at school and he feels the pressure of this.

Stewart availed himself of the assistance of Mr. Eno to return to school but was unable to sustain his presence for more than 2 periods. He feels he no longer requires that assistance and can get back to school now. Stewart confirms that he needs to have no options left before he is compelled to act.

Mrs. Fraser states she gives Stewart no pocket money while he is out of school although she buys him crisps and sweets.

CONCLUSIONS

Stewart may be out of school with good cause and it may help to look at possible reasons for this.

- 1) The momentum to returning to school was broken first by Stewart's incapacity and then by a mix-up in timetable.
- 2) Stewart cannot cope with community education.
- 3) By his actions Stewart is seeking removal from his present situation.
- 4) Stewart has decided he is not going to attend school because he prefers not to.
- 5) His failure to return to Rockwell may be a combination of the above.

Options to dealing with the situation were detailed in Mr. Eno's previous report to the Hearing and I should like to add to that list -

- 1) Special education facilities, i.e. (i) one/one teaching
(ii) selective timetable
(iii) Parkview School.

All of these would have the benefit of Stewart remaining in the community but (i) and (ii) would single him out as having different treatment from the other pupils. While (iii) is worthy of note it must also be noted that this school is in the early stages of development and as yet is untested.

The school report from Rockwell does not indicate a need for special education arrangements being made for Stewart and past attendance at Rockwell also indicates an ability to cope, at least for short spells, with full-time community education.

Stewart has not shown that he is capable of accepting what is on offer at Rockwell and seems unable or unwilling to take advantage of the support offered towards helping him achieve his stated wish to remain at home and attend school.

To avoid this situation deteriorating to the point where Stewart requires secure accommodation I would ask Panel members to reconsider placing Stewart in a residential school where the option not to attend is drastically reduced and pressure is removed from Stewart to explain his behaviour to his peer group.

MRS. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

1 March 1985
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Religion.....Protestant.....

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Occupation.....Schoolboy.....

He " 94 Tullideph Road, Dundee.....

Marital State.....N/A.....

is to appear on 9th. May 1985 at Dundee Children's Hearing ~~XXXXXX~~ in connection
with ~~his own offences~~ Advice to Sheriff

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

INTRODUCTION

This Hearing has been convened to give advice to the Sheriff following Stewart's recent appearance at Dundee Sheriff Court in connection with offences. At the time of his apprehension by police Stewart was an abscondee from Wellington School having failed to return from weekend leave.

SITUATION TO DATE

Failure to attend school brought Stewart in front of a Panel on 5.3.85 where a decision was taken that he be placed in Wellington School, Penicuik. This decision proved difficult to implement and Stewart remained at large until he was apprehended by police and placed in Burnside House overnight before being taken to Wellington School on Friday, 29th. March, 1985. After a stormy entry into school he settled well and expected weekend leave on Friday, 12th. April 1985. However it had been arranged that Stewart's first leave would follow a meeting held by staff at Wellington, staff of the MARS Project and social worker on 1st. April 1985. Because of lack of communication this was not conveyed to Stewart and he was understandably upset by having to remain in Wellington for a further week before getting home. He absconded but was returned later the same day. The meeting at Wellington were advised that as Stewart now had a long term plan for future care and given the practical difficulties of working directly with Stewart plus the problems indigenous in communicating when there are several agencies involved, that MARS would now withdraw their involvement. Stuart Eno agreed to offer his services to return Stewart to school as this was identified as an area of difficulty for Stewart. Agreement was reached that Stuart Eno collect Stewart from home on Monday, 22nd. April and take him to the railway station to catch a train to Edinburgh where he would be met by Wellington staff and taken back to school. Unfortunately Stewart absconded at the station, was subsequently picked up by police on 24.4.85 and charged with various offences. He appeared in court on 25.4.85 and was allowed bail on condition he return to Wellington. He was returned to school on 25.4.85 without further incident.

OFFENCES

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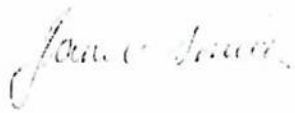
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On his return for weekend leave Stewart did not spend either the Friday night nor Saturday night at home although did return for meals. He met a former friend and co-offender and the two involved themselves in housebreaking. Stewart states he did not steal anything and referred to money from a pre-payment meter which had apparently been forced. He fervently denies his involvement in this stating a further break-in must have occurred as the meter was intact when he and his friend entered the house.

CONCLUSIONS

Stewart's eventual placement in Wellington followed a long period of work with Stewart and his family where areas of difficulty were identified and tackled in a variety of ways. The recommendation to place Stewart in a residential school was the result of his apparent inability to cope with community education and the recognition that Stewart could not continue to spend his life between extremes of freedom at home and the confines and restrictions of the secure wing at Rossie. Stewart is now at an age where he has to exercise his right of choice and to accept the consequences for that choice. Wellington was seen as giving him opportunity to make choices yet have support and guidance of adults if necessary. Stewart has to also choose to seek that help and it seems he still has difficulty in this area. Wellington are willing for Stewart to remain with them for the rest of his school career but if Stewart continues to abscond and to offend there seems little future for him there. Stewart has to face the biggest choice of his life so far and if he chooses to use the service offered him at Wellington then I would recommend that the Court defer sentence to allow Stewart to demonstrate his commitment to that choice.


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is to appear on 16th. May, 1985 at Dundee Sheriff Court in connection
with the crime or offence of Theft H.B. & O.L.P. w/i; Att. H.B. w/i.
(APPEARANCE RESCHEDULED FOR 6TH. JUNE 1985)

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

INTRODUCTION:

This report is based on contact with Stewart and his family over a period of 19 months. Until recently M.A.R.S. project were involved to a fairly intensive degree and co-operated in working with the family and on individual work with Stewart.

Stewart has had a pattern of truanting from school, offending whilst outwith school and because of absconding from open residential establishments has found himself in the McDonald Wing of Rossie School on 4 occasions. To break this pattern of secure accommodation alternating with the freedom of home a decision was taken at a Hearing on 5.3.85 to place Stewart in Wellington School, Penicuik, where he would get regular weekends home yet still have the controls of a unit such as Wellington.

Stewart failed to return from his first weekend leave and was subsequently detained by police and appeared at the Sheriff Court, Dundee on 25.4.85 on the above charges. He was bailed and returned to Wellington the same day. A Hearing was convened on 9.5.85 to consider advice to the Sheriff but Stewart absconded prior to the Hearing taking place. He was apprehended by the police on 11.5.85 and detained in Burnside. He absconded the following day and was subsequently returned to Wellington at his own request by his parents.

HOME/FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES:

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CIRCUMSTANCES
SURROUNDING
THE OFFENCES:

Given past experience it was recognised that Stewart might find difficulty in returning to Wellington and plans were made for him to be collected from home. Stewart had not spent the previous two nights at home although had returned for meals and his mother had reports that he was drinking heavily. However he returned on the Sunday evening with the intention of returning next day to Wellington. He absconded at the Railway Station and was apprehended by police and charged with various offences.

Stewart admits he and his co-accused broke into two houses with intent to steal but denies they stole money from an electric meter.

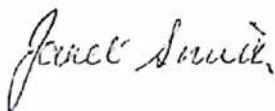
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CONCLUSION AND
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MRS. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

Sh/Bowen 6/6/85

S.D G.B + Supp SHR 6/12/85

Deputy Director of Social Work
~~Jack C. Rogers~~ S.J. Moxley



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FORM OF REPORT

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Mrs. J. Smith - ext. 31

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our ref JS/EG

date 3 June 1985

DUNDEE CHILDREN'S HEARING -4. 6.85

REPORT:

on

Stewart Fraser d.o.b. 5.12.69
Home Address: 94 Tullideph Road, Dundee
Presently c/o Wellington School, Penicuik

Situation to Date: Stewart absconded prior to the last Hearing on 9.5.85 and was subsequently picked up by police on 11.5.85 and taken to Burnside House, Dundee to be detained until he could be returned to Wellington. Stewart absconded from Burnside at 9 a.m. the following morning and made his way to the Charleston area of the city where later that same day he phoned his mother and requested to be returned to Wellington. Mrs. Fraser collected Stewart from Charleston and transported him back to school.

Since his return Stewart has presented no problems. He had weekend leave from 24th. returning on 27th. May. Significantly, although the train was late in leaving Dundee resulting in Stewart missing his connection with the minibus from Wellington, he acted with great initiative. He phoned Wellington from Haymarket Station and obtained directions to the Bus Station some distance away. He made his way to there and despite having no money explained his situation and was given transport to Wellington.

At a review of Stewart's placement at Wellington on 29th. May, general school and behaviour reports were satisfactory. Concern was expressed at how Stewart spends his time while at home when he tends to go out drinking with friends. The company he keeps all seems to have had some involvement in offences and mention was made of the easy access to drugs which to date has not influenced Stewart. It was also recognised that Stewart may continue to have difficulty in returning to Wellington which may be influenced by the events of the weekend leave. Another pointer to the difficulties which Stewart may face if he continues to imbibe alcohol is that Mrs. Fraser is apt to be very annoyed if Stewart were to return home under the influence. Similarly if he were to come home very late or to stay out all night she would be very annoyed. This kind of reaction may well jeopardise Stewart's weekends home.

Despite these potential problems both Stewart and Wellington staff agreed to continue the placement.

Assessment/Recommendation

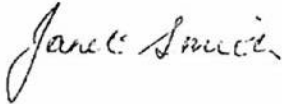
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At last we see a break to the pattern of home v. security and a clear choice from Stewart to opt for Wellington. What brought about this change is pure speculation but we may suppose that his court appearance may have been an influencing factor. It could be that Stewart is tired of the involvement of police in his life and he wants to separate from his friends in Dundee to put his own contribution to this lifestyle into perspective. Whatever the reasons I am satisfied to accept that at present Stewart is showing some commitment to change and while I do not feel confident enough in Stewart's ability to maintain this road to recommend that the Hearing deal with these offences, I do feel that a deferred sentence would allow Stewart to prove otherwise and show his confidence in his own decision making. I would therefore recommend that advice to the Sheriff be to defer sentence for a period of six months.



MRS. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

3 June 1985
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S.J. MOXLEY

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PROBATION REPORT of Subject's Behaviour

The following is a

Probation Report of

FRASER

Date of Birth 5.12.69

Subject's Name

Stewart

Address

94 Tullideph Road

City

Dundee

Occupation Schoolboy

Date 30 October 1985

Dundee

Children's Hearing

Reference for Advice 372(3) and 48(2) Review at Request of
Social Worker.

INTRODUCTION:

This report is based on contact with Stewart and his family over a period of 2 years. Until Stewart's entry to Wellington School, MARS Project were involved to a fairly intensive degree and co-operated in working with the family and on individual work with Stewart.

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HOME/FAMILY
CIRCUMSTANCES:

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CIRCUMSTANCES
SURROUNDING
THE OFFENCE:

On the day of the offence Stewart met with [REDACTED]. They, along with Billy Fraser and his friend [REDACTED] went to the Charleston area of the city. Stewart states Alan repaid him £5 and he used this money to buy Merrydown Cider from an Off-Licence in Charleston. He claims only he and [REDACTED] were drinking. At approximately 7 p.m. [REDACTED] went to see his girlfriend in Menzieshill arranging to meet Stewart at 10 p.m. Stewart left Billy and [REDACTED] to wander about with a group of friends before making his way to meet [REDACTED]. By this time he states he had consumed 2 bottles of cider. On their way back to Charleston they discussed breaking into B & Q Superstore, and picked up bricks with the intention of breaking a window. Stewart claims they changed their minds and threw the bricks away, however they noticed a broken window so on impulse entered the building and stole three tins of glue which they later disposed of in a refuse bin. They continued on to a swing park in the centre of Charleston where they further consumed more cider and where they were apprehended by police. Stewart gives no explanation regarding his involvement, except to say the incident was unplanned and he was under the influence of alcohol at the time.

Mrs. Fraser had believed Stewart to be innocent in accordance with his account of the circumstances to her and was surprised at his 'Guilty' plea.

CONCLUSION AND
RECOMMENDATION:

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Wellington are willing for Stewart to continue with them but would be seeking a clear remit as to what will be expected of them in working with Stewart.

Stewart has indicated by his absence to what extent he sees his future at Wellington and given the amount of social work input to date and Stewart's rejection of social work intervention it is perhaps time to take account of Stewart's choice to reject the help offered and for Stewart to accept the consequences of that choice.

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RECOMMENDATION/
CONTINUED:

legally Stewart is required to attend school until December 1985 when he will be 16 and I request that panel members reconsider the suitability of continuing a 44(1)(b) Supervision Requirement. At Stewart's appearance in Dundee Sheriff Court on 6th. June 1985 sentence was deferred until 5.12.85. He was fully aware that this deferment was to allow him to make choices as to his future behaviour and to demonstrate his commitment to that choice. I see no alternative than to suggest that Stewart now faces the consequences of that choice and that he be returned to the Sheriff Court for sentencing.

MRS. JANET SMITH
Social worker.

29 October 1985
JS/EG.

Director of Social Work
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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

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Date of Birth 5.12.69

Christian Names
or Forenames Stewart

Religion

School

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Presently in H.M. Prison, Perth

Marital Status N/A

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PERSONAL HISTORY/
CONTINUED:

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ATTITUDE TO OFFENCE:

Stewart fully admits entering B & Q with his co-accused and stealing 3 tins of glue which he later disposed of in a refuse bin. He states that this action was as a result of being under the influence of alcohol and the opportunity of entering through an already broken window to the store, being taken.

He further states he did not steal glue for gain and can give no explanation for the theft. He intends to stop drinking and refrain from meeting with his co-accused on future occasions as he feels a combination of the two is a formula for trouble.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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The Court may wish to consider the following points before passing sentence:-

- 1) Stewart is required to be in full-time education until December 1985.
- 2) Stewart has rejected the help offered him through the Children's Hearing system and has on numerous occasions absconded from all residential establishments in which he has been placed.
- 3) He refused an offer to return voluntarily to Wellington the day prior to his apprehension by police.
- 4) During the period when he absconded from Wellington until his detention by police Stewart had no fixed address and although his mother is willing for him to live at home she cannot influence Stewart's choice of residence nor his behaviour outwith the home.

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CONCLUSION/
RECOMMENDATION/
CONTINUED:

RESIDENTIAL TRAINING
UNDER SEC 413 FOR
UP TO 2 YEAR PERIOD

- 5) When the Hearing convened on 30.10.85 no secure accommodation was available for Stewart within the Region. However, if the court were to consider a short term custodial sentence to allow Stewart opportunity to break the pattern of drinking alcohol and offending it may aid the Court to be aware that there now exists a vacancy at Rossie School, Montrose.

In conclusion, it appears that Stewart would be at risk if he were to return to live in the community and that he requires to be detained for his own benefit until he reaches the age of 16 when alternative disposals may be considered if necessary.

Janet Smith
MRS. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

4 November 1985

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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person

Surname FRASER Date of Birth 5.12.69

Christian Names or Forenames Stewart Religion

School

Home Address 94 Tullideph Road, Dundee Occupation

Currently c/o Rossie Farm School Marital Status Single

By Montrose

is to appear on 22 May 1986 at Dundee Sheriff Court in

connection with the offence of Att. H/B, w/i.

INTRODUCTION:

Stewart Fraser has been known to this Department since 1981 when he was placed on a home supervision order in terms of 44(1)(a) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. This order continued with variations over the years to residential supervision under Section 44(1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 until 30.10.85 when the order was discharged. This report is based on information contained in records held by this department, personal contact with Stewart and his family over a period of 2½ years and consultation with staff at Rossie School, Montrose, and a Mr. Richmond of Social Work Services Group, Edinburgh.

HOME AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES:

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HOME/FAMILY
CIRCUMSTANCES/
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Stewart has been placed in various residential establishments interspersed with periods at home and has managed to abscond from them all making it difficult to sustain progress.

While absconding Stewart seldom fails to offend and his supervision order was terminated in October 1985 following absconson from Wellington School when he committed offences. The Panel felt that they had nothing more to offer a boy of Stewart's age within the powers of the Hearing system and at Dundee Sheriff Court on 11.11.85 Stewart was sentenced to 2 years residential training in terms of Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 - Section 413.

CIRCUMSTANCES
SURROUNDING
THE OFFENCE:

Twice while out on weekend leave from Rossie School Stewart came to the notice of the police and charges followed. Because of this his home leave was curtailed but it was agreed that a plan to re-integrate Stewart into the community would go ahead as planned. This involved Stewart attending for interview at the Skill Centre at Staffa Place, Dundee, with a view to acceptance on a pre-YTS course then entry to a 2-year work experience programme. This would have required him to live at home and it was felt that Rossie should monitor his progress for the first 4 weeks requiring him to spend 4 weekends at Rossie. All being well a recommendation would go to the Secretary of State for Scotland to secure his release on licence during which time he would remain in the community. Stewart absconded from the interview despite a 2-man escort and it was during this time the offence occurred. Stewart states that he was given shelter by a friend who could not afford to feed him and that his intention was to enter the house with a view to finding food. When he put his hand in an open window someone screamed and he and his co-accused ran away. He was subsequently detained by the police and is currently in the McDonald Wing of Rossie School.

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ASSESSMENT:

Over the years a pattern of behaviour has so far emerged which indicates that school/employment is a crucial factor to Stewart refraining from offending. He finds difficulty in taking advantage of the support offered to him and in accepting that he has a choice in how he behaves.

Stewart is currently serving 2 years residential training and if he is returned to Rossie the plan would be to recommend to the Secretary of State an early release date on licence until his 2 year period is up in November 1987.

I have little confidence in Stewart being able to co-operate with the conditions of licence without the structured support of full-time employment but neither can his retention in Rossie offer him more than containment with the likelihood that he will again abscond or fail to return from leave.

This present offence was predictable in the circumstances and if placed in the same situation Stewart would similarly respond. Stewart has all the indicators to being institutionalised and it seems that he thwarts all attempts to keep him in the community.

If the Court were to consider imposing a custodial sentence it may wish to take into account that since his appearance in Court on 18th. April, Stewart has remained in security at Rossie.

MRS. JANET SMITH
Social Worker.

19 May 1986
JS/EG.

22 - 5 - 86, Sheriff Mervin,

subscribed,

H. Hetherington (G. W.)