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21.02.01

Mr David Thompson
Travel Inn
West Highland Gate
Main St
Milngavie G62

Dear David

Marion tells me the Panel will be held at 11am, not 2pm as I was originally told. Sorry for the confusion! I will pick you up by 10-30am at the latest on Friday.

Phone me if you have any problems with this arrangement.

Yours sincerely



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16 February 2001

Mr David Thompson
C/o Travel Lodge
West Highland Gate
Main Street
Milngavie G62

Dear David

Court Report for Kilmarnock on 26.02.01

I will call out to see you to discuss your report on Tuesday 20 February 2001. I will try to be out about 11am. If this does not suit you, you must let me know immediately.

Yours sincerely



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SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSESSMENT

Name: David Thompson
DOB: 08/06/84
Address: c/o Travel Inn
West Highland Gate
Main Street

Court: Kilmarnock Sheriff Court
Date of Court: 26/2/01
Report compiled by: Kirsty Kennedy
Social Worker
Criminal Justice

Tel No:

Offence: Theft of a Motor Vehicle

FAMILY DETAILS:

Name	Age	Relationship	Income and Source
David Thompson	16	Subject	Unemployed
[REDACTED]		Mother	Lives in Milngavie
[REDACTED]		Stepfather	Lives in Carntyne
[REDACTED]		Father	Lives in France
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Half brother	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Half Brother	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Half Brother	

General Financial Situation: Mr Thompson has applied for Income Support. His rent is supported by this Department

OFFENDER - FINANCIAL DETAILS:

Income per week: £ 41.35

Source: Income Support

Fines:

Disposable available income:

Expenses	Per Week	Arrears

Introduction

This report is based on one office interview with Mr Thompson at the above address. Reference has been made to substantial records held by this Department and to Ms Marion Corcoran, Social Worker, Children and Families Team. The writer has also consulted Mr [REDACTED] Community Service Officer.

Mr Thompson did not report any specific outstanding Court matters, but it would appear there are several yet to come to trial. SCRO information was not made available to the writer in this case. Mr Thompson is currently subject to a supervision requirement via the children's hearing system, this being reviewed on 30 January this year. He is also subject to a deferred sentence in Glasgow Sheriff Court on RTA offences committed last summer. Sentence was initially deferred by Sheriff Rae for 3 months from 8 November last year, and was subsequently deferred again until 8 June, for good behaviour and progress.

Current Circumstances

Mr Thompson is currently residing on a temporary basis in Bed and Breakfast accommodation at the above address. He has resided here for about 6 weeks, having been moved from a more distant establishment after he broke his ankle on 7 January this year. Mr Thompson has lived in Bed and Breakfast establishments since late September 2000 while efforts continue to find him a suitable placement in supported accommodation. It is understood he has interviews for two such projects later this week.

Mr Thompson was officially accommodated in Kenmure St Mary's School until 31 July last year. At this point he moved to supported accommodation in Hillhead, Glasgow. This placement broke down due to his unsatisfactory behaviour on 5 September last year. He stayed with his mother then his stepfather, but was unable to sustain these arrangements.

His mother continues to express interest and concern about his behaviour and how his needs are to be met. The writer understands that she is strongly of the opinion that, at this stage, Mr Thompson should be held responsible for his behaviour and punished accordingly.

Family Background

Mr Thompson's mother hails from South Lanarkshire and his father, [REDACTED] from Greece. They were living in Lesmahagow when Mr Thompson was born in Bellshill, the only child of this union. The family went to live in Greece the following year, but the marriage broke down in 1986 and [REDACTED] returned to Scotland with her son. She moved to live in Crow Road, Glasgow in 1987, staying here for 4 years. By this time she had met [REDACTED] and after they married in 1991, they moved to London. Three boys were subsequently born [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Mr Thompson is said to have regarded his stepfather as his real father. [REDACTED] appears to have suffered some form of [REDACTED] around 1996 - 1997. She separated from [REDACTED] and in late 1996 returned to Scotland to live with the children. After a reconciliation, the family moved back to London, but the marital relationship continued to be unstable. [REDACTED] came back to Scotland to live in late 1997 with the three younger children settling in Kirkintilloch. They separated again last year.



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Acting Head of Service:
Mike Moran

20 February 2001

David Thomson
13 Hillhead Street, Glasgow

Dear David Thomson,

SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT

Kilmarnock Sheriff Court have asked this Department to provide a Social Enquiry Report for your appearance on 26/02/01. Please attend this office for interview for your report on at

Please contact this office immediately if you cannot attend, to arrange another time.

Yours sincerely

Kirsty Kennedy
Social Worker
Criminal Justice Team

**KILMARNOCK SHERIFF COURT
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR REPORT

Social Enquiry Report

Address report to be returned to: **Social Work Department (Court Unit)
Criminal Justice Services
43/49 John Finnie Street
KILMARNOCK, Ayrshire, Scotland
Tel: (01563) 539888 Fax: (01563) 538055**

1. S.E.R. No. dt/080201
2. Complaint/Indictment No. 2000061657
3. Office Sent to: Criminal Justice Services
The Quadrangle, 53 Ruchill S
Maryhill, GLASGOW G20 9PY
4. Court Name: Kilmaranock Sheriff Summary
5. Name of Accused: David Thomson
6. Sex: Male
7. Address: 13 Hillhead Street
GLASGOW
8. Date of Birth: 08/06/84
9. Date Report Requested 08/02/01
10. Date Report Required: 23/02/01
11. Date of Court: 26/02/01
12. Coded Crimes (Any additional details overleaf)
Theft of Motor Vehicle
13. Status: Pled Guilty
14. Other Reports Requested:
Children's Hearing Advice
15. Form of Continuation: Ordained
16. Number of Previous Disposals: 0
17. Was Client interviewed by Court Social Worker No
18. Was Client issued with a guidance leaflet? No

72 FEB 2001

Signed:

J. Johnston

for Social Worker

Date: 09 February 2001

KILMARNOCK SHERIFF CLERK'S OFFICE, ST MARNOCK STREET KILMARNOCK
Tel: 01563 520211

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

08-FEB-01

DEAR SIR/MADAM

DAVID THOMSON

I am writing to request a (Supplementary) Social Enquiry / Community Service Report for the above named accused. The details of the case and continuation are as follows :

Case Details

Case No. : 2000061657

Accused Name : DAVID THOMSON

Date of Birth : 08-JUN-84

Address : 13 HILLHEAD STREET GLASGOW

The accused was Ordained to appear on 26-FEB-01 at KILMARNOCK Sheriff Court

Reports requested:

I would be obliged if you could supply the Court with the Report(s) at least 24 hrs before the next hearing.

Yours Faithfully



Sheriff Clerk Depute

Enc.
Copy Complaint
Previous Convictions

Names of Accused

Date of Disposal

Sentence (if any)

00608995/ROS

Under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1995

IN THE SHERIFF COURT OF NORTH STRATHCLYDE AT KILMARNOCK

The COMPLAINT of the PROCURATOR FISCAL against

DAVID THOMSON
13 HILLHEAD STREET
GLASGOW

Date of Birth : 08.06.84

The charge against you is that

(001) on 16 June 2000 in Sundrum Place, Kilwinning, you did steal motor vehicle
registered number [REDACTED]

J. J. [Signature]
Procurator Fiscal Depute

Apprehension
and Search

20 .-The Court grants Warrant to apprehend the
said Accused and grants warrant to search the person, dwellinghouse, and repositories of
said Accused and any place where they may be found and to take possession of the
property mentioned or referred to in the Complaint and all articles and documents likely to
afford evidence of guilt or of guilty participation.

SHERIFF

Diet

20 .-The Court Assigns
20 , at .m., within the SHERIFF Court-House,
as a Diet in this case.

Clerk of Court.

CASE NO. 2000061657

SHERIFF COURT: KILMARNOCK
DATE: 08TH FEBRUARY 2001
SHERIFF: TERENCE F RUSSELL ESQ

ACCUSED: DAVID THOMSON - ABSENT
REPRESENTED BY: TEMPLETON

THE COURT Adjourned the diet in terms of Section 201 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 for the ADVICE OF A CHILDRENS HEARING, SER

until 26th FEBRUARY 2001 at 10 00 a.m.
and Ordained the Accused then to appear



FIONA BRUCE
CLERK OF COURT

HOW TO USE THE FRAMEWORK

SUMMARY SHEET

ASSESSING OVERALL RISK OF REOFFENDING AND HARM LEVEL OF CONCERN

Name D Thompson Reference number

Date 28/2/01 Social worker KL

Current offence R22 Theft

Using the matrix -

From RA1 identify the Risk of re-offending and identify the appropriate row (low, medium or high) on the matrix below;

From RA3 identify the Risk of harm and identify the appropriate column (low, medium or high) on the matrix below;

Indicate the box on the matrix where the risk of re-offending row and the risk of harm column intersect.

The box indicates the overall level of risk the offender poses to the public.

↑ RISK OF REOFFENDING	HIGH	low	medium	high
	MEDIUM	low	medium	high
	LOW	low	low	medium
		LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
	→ RISK OF HARM			

Comments

Comments, date and signature of line manager in those cases which are identified as high risk.

HOW TO USE THE FRAMEWORK

RISK OF REOFFENDING		RA1
PREDICTIVE FACTORS		
Age The younger the offender the greater the risk.		
Age at first conviction - The younger the age at first conviction the greater the risk of reconviction.		
Sex - Males are much more likely to be reconvicted than females.	M	F
Number of custodial sentences whilst aged under 21. The greater the number the greater the risk.		
Number of criminal convictions The greater the number the greater the risk. Attach list of previous convictions.		
	H	M
Offence seriousness - The more serious the offence the greater the risk.		
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COMMENTS		
RISK OF REOFFENDING		
	H	M
Based on the above analysis, what is the risk of reoffending -high, medium or low? -explain your thinking below.		
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HOW TO USE THE FRAMEWORK

CRIMINOGENIC NEED

RA2

The following factors have been identified as those most associated with re-offending. Include only those problems that relate to re-offending or require attention if offending is to stop.

NEED OR PROBLEM

✓

2

Financial problems

9

Alcohol misuse

1

Employment difficulties

☐

Drug misuse

1

Limited education/work/social skills

4

Mental health problems

1

Poor relationships and/or social isolation

9

Accommodation

1

Negative peer influence

7

Anti-social attitudes to the law and law enforcement.

7

How might these needs be addressed?

Priority need	How will these be addressed	Offender motivated to address? Y/N

Are resources in place to address them?

Has the offender previously complied with court orders?

Yes/No

In the light of your analysis do you need to modify your assessment on RAI? Amend RAI as appropriate and explain your thinking.

Signature (social worker) Date

HOW TO USE THE FRAMEWORK

ASSESSING HARM		RA3		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION	WHERE USED STATE SOURCES			
Full details of the offence				
Previous convictions				
Details of previous offences				
Other (unconvicted) offending behaviour				
Employment, health, education				
Social information				
Personal information				
Media/public response				
Initial analysis		Comment		
Has the offender already caused significant harm?				
Is the number of offences, the frequency or the harm escalating?				
Does the offender commit different types of offences?				
Is there a risk to children or other vulnerable groups?				
Are there aspects of the offender's life that might increase risk e.g. alcohol abuse or mental health problems?				
Does s/he comply with court orders?				
Is the offender at risk of being harmed and what impact might this have on his or her behaviour?				
Is the offender motivated to reoffend?				
Is the offender motivated to avoid reoffending?				
Judgement				
Based on the above answers, what is the risk of serious harm? High medium or low?		HIGH ☐	MEDIUM ☐	LOW ☐
If there are concerns about future risk of harm (high risk) a more detailed assessment should be undertaken. (RA4)				

██████████ assisted her son to trace his natural father in France last year, and he spent holidays at New Year and Easter last year with ██████████. Mr Thompson expressed only positive feelings about his parents and brothers, and it would seem he remains attached to them all despite the difficulties in his relationship with them.

Personal History

Mr Thompson was born by caesarean section, but did not experience any developmental problems as he was growing up. Records indicate that his mother has described him as being an "██████████" from the age of 2 and it would seem she had some difficulties managing him before he went to school. He began his education in Glasgow, and after moving to London (Thamesmead Estate), he attended a further two primary schools. He was generally described as being disruptive in class and disrespectful to adults. In 1995, he transferred to secondary schooling in Woolwich and received good reports during this period. In 1996, when the family moved to North Lanarkshire for a few months he attended a local secondary school and it would seem here his behaviour began to attract specific concern. On returning to London, he displayed considerable problems at home and school and was placed with various foster carers and residential placements in a short space of time from March 1997, after his mother indicated she could not control him. Specific concerns raised about Mr Thompson over this period included his tendency to abscond overnight or for weeks (literally) at a time, with the suggestion that he was frequenting the West End in the City. He was reported as aggressive and abusive, and displaying sexualised behaviour. Mr Thompson remained in Orchard Lodge, an assessment centre, after the rest of the family moved back to Scotland in late 1997.

In August 1998, Mr Thompson moved to Scotland under a supervision requirement. He was immediately placed at Springboig St John's a 'List G' school, since his emotional and behavioural difficulties precluded mainstream schooling. However, these difficulties, and the behaviour mentioned above, persisted and in March 1999, he was placed temporarily in Oakbank School in Aberdeen until a secure placement was obtained at Kenmure St Mary's, Bishopbriggs. In September 1999, he moved to a semi-secure unit, staying there under a supervision requirement until his leaving date in July this year. The same concerns continued to trouble those caring for him, and were added to by escalating involvement in alleged offending. Mr Thompson did not achieve any exam passes, but did have positive work experience prior to leaving school. He did begin a training placement in August, but left this after a few hours. He indicates he is keen to find rewarding employment and will be assisted in this endeavour by Ms Corcoran. He has been referred to the Princes Trust, and Fairbridge, but was unable to start either programme due to his recent incapacity.

Health and Addictions

Mr Thompson broke his ankle on 7 January this year and was in a full leg plaster for 5 weeks. He is deemed unfit for work by his doctor at this time and continues to demonstrate discomfort and pain from this injury. Mr Thompson states he is generally in reasonable physical health and he is adamant that he does not experience any mental health problems. As noted, records suggest he has displayed emotional and behavioural difficulties throughout his childhood. He has been previously been subject to various assessments which suggest his

psychological difficulties are linked to his problematic relationships. Mr Thompson admits to having used a variety of illegal drugs during his teenage years. He indicates he drinks regularly, usually in the form of Buckfast. Mr Thompson did not think his alcohol use caused him any problems, although he did suggest he had consumed alcohol before committing previously admitted offences.

Attitude to Offence and Offending

Mr Thompson said he could not remember the exact circumstances leading up to the libelled offence. He suggested he had stolen the vehicle so he could get home. He seemed evasive about whether he was alone when he committed the offence. Mr Thompson said he knew he had broken the steering lock, but did not think he had caused any other significant damage to the car.

Mr Thompson suggested he had taken cars with a friend to drive on previous occasions while he was under 16 years old. His previous offences were driving related. Mr Thompson had not expressed much remorse for the inconvenience he would have caused to the owners of the cars he admits to have taken. He did however show some discomfort when questioned about the damage he had done to the car in the libelled offence. He does appear to be beginning to realise that he will have to bear the consequences of his actions as an adult. It may be that the restriction on his movements caused by his broken ankle will have helped impress this on him. In view of Mr Thompson's youth, history and needs, he would be seen, he would be seen as highly vulnerable in a custodial environment.

Summary

Mr Thompson has experienced a disrupted upbringing due to unstable family relationships and geographical moves. He was received into care in 1997 and has been accommodated by local authorities from that time until July this year. He has no qualifications and is currently unemployed. He is in Bed and Breakfast accommodation pending placement in a supported accommodation Project for ex-"looked after" young people. As well as continuing problems with relationships, his attitude to authority and behaviour management, difficulties with substance use are emerging. Mr Thompson has one previous conviction, and sentence has now been deferred on this matter until June. He remains on a Supervision requirement. He is currently assessed as at high risk of reoffending and low risk of causing harm.

Community Service Assessment

Mr Thompson is currently unfit for work due to his ankle injury and hence unable to perform Community Service at this time. Should the Court wish to consider making such a disposal in relation to the libelled matters, sentence could be deferred until such a time as Mr Thompson is likely to be recovered from his injury.

Probation Assessment

Mr Thompson has various needs associated with his offending which require to be addressed if the risk of further offending is to be reduced. These include homelessness, budgeting, drug and alcohol misuse and peer influence. He has not experienced much stability in his life and

and alcohol misuse and peer influence. He has not experienced much stability in his life and would also, in the writer's opinion, benefit from a focus on emotional / behavioural management. Mr Thompson requires specifically to address his offending behaviour, particularly including victim awareness. The package being provided via his current supervision requirement has been planned to meet these needs. Progress in some areas has been planned to meet these needs. Progress in some areas has been impeded by Mr Thompson's recent injury but it is evident that he still lacks maturity and this affects his engagement with the programme. At this stage, therefore, the writer would be of the opinion that he would not be able to benefit from Probation, which requires the capacity to take full responsibility for one's actions.

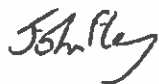
Financial Penalty

Mr Thompson should be in receipt of income support by today's appearance. The writer discussed with him the possibility of making a reparation or compensation payment to the owner of the car. This would certainly be a challenging commitment for Mr Thompson.

Other Options

At the time of writing this report, the Children's Panel had yet to meet to decide on what advice to offer the Court.

It may be the Court would want to consider deferring sentence for good behaviour and progress co operating with the Social Work Department via his supervision requirement.



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REVIEW OF PROBATION/THROUGH CARE

NAME: David Thompson

ADDRESS: c/o Lion Hotel, Colston Rd
Bishopbriggs

3 MONTH REVIEW OF ORDER

DATE OF ORDER: 26.02.01

DATE OF REVIEW: 21.05.01

- 1.
- 2.
- 4.
- 5.

DATE ORDER SIGNED: 09.03.01

DATE OF 1ST INTERVIEW: 02.03.01

INTERVIEWS	HOME	PRISON	OFFICE	OTHER
OFFENDER	2		8	
FAMILY			2	
OTHER			3	1

ACTION PLAN/OBJECTIVES (including changes from last Review if appropriate)

1. **Accommodation and independent living skills (including employment and budgeting):** initially via David cooperating with services made available to him through his continuing supervision requirement. In the longer term, to explore a possible move to live with his father in France.
2. **Drug and alcohol misuse:** via education programme being provided by Addictions worker
3. **Relationship issues and skills, including peer influence and emotional/behavioural management:** David will be provided with support from [REDACTED] to explore these issues from an offending behaviour focus, using cognitive behavioural methods
4. **Comply with compensation payment (£250):** this is David's responsibility, although he will be provided with appropriate assistance
5. **Active liaison between CJS and Children and Families workers to ensure David has access to advice/support throughout week on a consistent basis**

PROGRESS TO DATE

1. David's compliance with the Order has not been entirely satisfactory. He is £40 in arrears for his Compensation Order, according to the Sheriff Clerk at Dunbarton, making the balance owed £240. He has not attended appointments with Kirsty as directed, and has been issued with a formal warning. At this time [REDACTED] is not aware of any new charges.
2. David has been assisted to apply for places in supported accommodation projects, particularly Glengowan in Glasgow and YMCA Cumbernauld. Unfortunately, due to his own

actions, he has not managed to obtain a place in either project. His mother is keen for him to make use of the opportunity provided by his father. [REDACTED] would like David to go to France on a trial basis initially, so as to be sure a permanent move is more viable. However David has still to obtain his passport, and this would suggest he is not very keen himself on such a move. David has been offered advice and practical support to manage his money, but unfortunately seems unable at present to budget over the fortnightly cycle. [REDACTED] involvement in the past few weeks has included supporting David in terms of these issues.

3. David attended sessions with [REDACTED] of EDAS. This service has terminated since David maintains he does not have any difficulties in terms of his alcohol use, even though it seems linked to his involvement in offending behaviour and some of his unreliability in terms of budgeting, contact with the Department and relationships.

4. David has been provided with some exercises to begin to look at his involvement in offending and related issues with [REDACTED] but it is not clear that he sees any link between these and the choices he makes. Work done has been limited due to David's missing appointments or presenting with other pressing practical needs. Since [REDACTED] has become involved, David has had the opportunity to explore these issues via a work book with her.

CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

David was asked to leave the Travel Lodge in April due to his behaviour becoming unacceptable to them. Since 25 April he has been placed in the Lion Hotel in Bishopbriggs.

MATTERS ARISING

No new matters are reported. David has however received notification of other charges predating the Order which may yet be tried in Court)

CHANGES TO ACTION PLAN (if required)

Continuation of supervision requirement will need to be reviewed

RESOURCES REQUIRED

As previously identified, but in particular: **Includem**

LEVEL OF CONTACT TILL NEXT REVIEW/END OF ORDER

Has been weekly to date: To be discussed

DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

6 month stage: August 2001

COMMENTS

_____ Team Leader _____

Kirsty Kennedy, Social Worker _____

David Thompson, Probationer _____

Date _____

CRIME-PICS II

G	A	V	E	P
6	4	0	8	6

Each indicator is scored out of 9. David's scores suggest that David had accepted criminal behaviour as part of his life (A), but also recognised he had a number of problems which he was having difficulty with (P): i.e. He was not happy with his lifestyle. The problems David identified himself as having are similar to those identified by those assessing his needs. David scored particularly highly on the value he puts on what he gets out of offending (E) and it is important to identify what the rewards are for him, so to help him identify other ways of obtaining these rewards. David does however appear able to appreciate his behaviour can hurt others apart from himself, and this could be a strength to build on.

David has developed a much stronger understanding of how his alcohol use and peer relationships increase the risk of offending behaviour and has taken steps to change these existing patterns to reduce offending behaviour. David has also re-established regular contact with his Mother and Stepfather and has worked hard to maintain this. His Mother reports David as being considerate and concerned regarding some recent family health problems. Further to this David has been actively considering college options and seeking employment. His motivation to deal with issues and engage in the work programme has increased steadily since Includem's involvement, evidenced by David accepting increased responsibility and acting on his own decisions. David is now residing in supported accommodation which offers 24 hour support and more stability than the previous bed and breakfast establishment he was living in.

Based on the work I have done with David his risk of re-offending has reduced over the time we have been working together, due mainly to his developing awareness and understanding of the contributory factors and consequences of his offending. His family are more supportive and David utilises and accesses Includem's support effectively.

Assessment and Conclusion

Includem will continue to have a minimum of 4 planned contacts a week with David. A proportion of this contact will be planned and offence-focused. We will also be working with David to ensure he maintains the supported accommodation. We will continue to respond to any crises and David can access us through the 24 hour Helpline. David's work with Includem is not time limited and his work with us will continue to be reviewed every 8 weeks.

Project Worker
22.11.01



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Supplementary
SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT



Name: David Thomson
DOB: 08/06/84
Address: Dorothy McCall House
2 Somerset Place
Glasgow

Court: Glasgow Sheriff Court
Date of Court: 26/11/01
Report compiled by: Kirsty Kennedy
Social Worker

Tel No:

Offence: Theft M/V, Con RTA x 3 (Deferred Sentence)

FAMILY DETAILS:

Name	Age	Relationship	Income and Source
David Thomson	17	Subject	Unemployed

OFFENDER - FINANCIAL DETAILS:

Income per week: £42-00

Source: Income Support

Fines: £240 @ £5 pw

Disposable available income:

Expenses	Per Week	Arrears

General Financial Situation: Mr Thomson is dependant on state benefits. He is being assisted to manage his money by Dorothy McCall House staff.

SER: David Thomson
DOB: 08/06/84
DOC: 26/11/01

Introduction

This report is based on two interviews with Mr Thomson at the above address and a review meeting at this office. The writer has consulted staff of Dorothy McCall House, Ms Marion Corcoran of Milngavie Children and Families Team, and Ms Lynsey Clark of Includem. Reference should be made to the previous reports submitted in relation to these matters.

Behaviour

Mr Thomson has not reported being charged with any fresh offences since appearing on 8 October this year. He still has to appear for trial on the RTA offences he is charged with committing in May this year.

Compliance with Other Conditions of Probation

As previously reported, Mr Thomson has breached the Order by failing to pay compensation as ordered and this has been reported to Dumbarton Sheriff Court. His contact with the writer and the other individuals and agencies trying to help him has been satisfactory since 5 November 2001.

Change of Circumstances

Mr Thomson was offered a place in Dorothy McCall house from 5 November this year. This is a supported accommodation project run by Blue Triangle (YMCA) for young people who were looked after by the local authority. They aim to provide the young people with structured opportunities to improve their independent living, life and employment skills. Mr Thomson would be offered support to move on to his own tenancy when appropriate.

Mr Thomson's stepfather, who had again provided him with support in September this year, moved back to London in October. It seems Mr Thomson found this change in his family circumstances unsettling and wished to help his stepfather move. He failed to attend appointments with the writer in October due to these reasons.

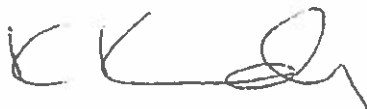
Unfortunately, Mr Thomson's maternal grandmother died suddenly on 29 October this year. However, he reacted in a creditable and mature manner, providing his mother with emotional and practical support while keeping his own needs, (for example, for settled and secure accommodation), in mind.

Mr Thomson is due to attend a Children's Panel in December to review his supervision requirement.

SER: David Thomson
DOB: 08/06/84
DOC: 26/11/01

Progress

Given Mr Thomson's accommodation problems over the past year and his consequent lack of stability and security, it has been understandably difficult for him to demonstrate substantive progress in terms of his other needs (employment, substance misuse, peer and relationship issues). Now he has a settled address, it is envisaged the intensive support package provided by Includem and Dorothy McCall House should begin to impact on these areas. He should also be in a better position, thanks to a specific budgeting programme, to pay compensation. It should be noted again that, despite his unsatisfactory circumstances, Mr Thomson has only been charged in relation to one incident since being placed on Probation on 26 February this year. This does represent a significant change in his pattern of offending, which would not have been achieved without a growing sense of responsibility, and conscious effort on his part. In this sense, the writer believes Mr Thomson has responded relatively well to the adult behaviour demanded of him on Probation.



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22 November 2001



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SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSESSMENT

Name: David Thompson
DOB: 08/06/84
Address: c/o Hamilton House
2 Hamilton Avenue
Glasgow

Court: Glasgow Sheriff Court
Date of Court: 08/11/00
Report compiled by: Kirsty Kennedy
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Tel No:

Offence: Con RTA x 3

FAMILY DETAILS:

Name	Age	Relationship	Income and Source
David Thompson	16	Subject	
		Mother	Lives in Kirkintilloch
		Stepfather	Lives in Carntyne
		Father	Lives in France
		Half brother	
		Half Brother	
		Half Brother	

General Financial Situation: Mr Thompson has just applied for Income Support /
Jobseekers Allowance

OFFENDER - FINANCIAL DETAILS: His rent and living expenses to date have been
paid for by this Department

Income per week:

Source:

Fines:

Disposable available income:

Expenses	Per Week	Arrears

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Introduction

This report is based on two office interviews with Mr Thompson. Reference has been made to substantial records held by this Department and to Ms Marion Corcoran, Social Worker, Children and Families Team. The writer has also consulted [REDACTED], Community Service Officer.

Mr Thompson did not report any specific outstanding Court matters. SCRO information was not made available to the writer in this case. He is currently subject to a supervision requirement via the Children's Hearing System.

Accommodation

Mr Thompson is currently residing on a temporary basis in Bed and Breakfast accommodation at the above address. He has resided here since 28 September this year, while more secure and stable supported accommodation options are sought on his behalf. The writer understands these include "Blue Triangle" projects designed to provide such accommodation for young people who have previously been "looked after" by local authorities.

Mr Thompson was officially accommodated at Kenmure St Mary's School until 31 July this year. At this point he moved to supported accommodation at Hillhead House. Due to his unsatisfactory behaviour (including the libelled offences), this placement was terminated on 5 September. He was then accommodated by his mother until 15 September when, again it seems due to unacceptable behaviour on his part, his mother felt unable to support him any further. At this point, his stepfather agreed to accommodate him at his home in Carntyne: unfortunately, Mr Thompson was also unable to sustain this placement.

His mother continues to express interest and concern about his behaviour and how his needs are to be met. The writer understands that she is strongly of the opinion that, at this stage, Mr Thompson should be held responsible for his behaviour and punished accordingly.

Family Background

Mr Thompson's mother hails from South Lanarkshire and his father, [REDACTED], from Greece. They were living in Lesmahagow when Mr Thompson was born in Bellshill, the only child of this union. The family went to live in Greece the following year, but the marriage broke down in 1986 and [REDACTED] returned to Scotland with her son. She moved to live in Crow Road, Glasgow in 1987, staying here for 4 years. By this time she had met [REDACTED] and after they married in 1991, they moved to London. Three boys were subsequently born [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Mr Thompson is said to have regarded his stepfather as his real father.

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██████████ appears to have suffered some form of ██████████ around 1996 - 1997. She separated from ██████████ and in late 1996 returned to Scotland to live with the children. After a reconciliation, the family moved back to London, but the marital relationship continued to be unstable. ██████████ came back to Scotland to live in late 1997 with the three younger children settling in Kirkintilloch. They separated again last year.

██████████ assisted her son to trace his natural father in France last year, and he spent holidays at New Year and Easter this year with ██████████. Mr Thompson expressed only positive feelings about his parents and brothers, and it would seem he remains attached to them all despite the difficulties in his relationship with them.

Personal History

Mr Thompson was born by caesarean section, but did not experience any developmental problems as he was growing up. Records indicate that his mother has described him as being an "██████████" from the age of 2 and it would seem she had some difficulties managing him before he went to school. He began his education in Glasgow, and after moving to London (Thamesmead Estate), he attended a further two primary schools. He was generally described as being disruptive in class and disrespectful to adults. In 1995, he transferred to secondary schooling in Woolwich and received good reports during this period. In 1996, when the family moved to North Lanarkshire for a few months he attended a local secondary school and it would seem here his behaviour began to attract specific concern. On returning to London, he was placed at Abbey Wood. He displayed considerable problems at home and school and was placed with various foster carers and residential placements in a short space of time from March 1997, after his mother indicated she could not control him. Specific concerns raised about Mr Thompson over this period included his tendency to abscond overnight or for weeks (literally) at a time, with the suggestion that he was frequenting the West End in the City. He was reported as aggressive and abusive, and displaying sexualised behaviour. Mr Thompson remained in Orchard Lodge, an assessment centre, after the rest of the family moved back to Scotland in late 1997.

In August 1998, Mr Thompson moved to Scotland under a supervision requirement. He was immediately placed at Springboig St John's a 'List G' school, since his emotional and behavioural difficulties precluded mainstream schooling. However, these difficulties, and the behaviour mentioned above, persisted and in March 1999, he was placed temporarily in Oakbank School in Aberdeen until a secure placement was obtained at Kenmure St Mary's, Bishopbriggs. In September 1999, he moved to a semi-secure unit, staying there under a supervision requirement until his leaving date in July this year. The same concerns continued to trouble those caring for him, and were added to by escalating involvement in alleged offending. Mr Thompson did not achieve any exam passes, but did have positive work experience prior to leaving school. He did begin a training placement in August, but left this

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after a few hour. He indicates he is keen to find rewarding employment and will be assisted in this endeavour by Ms Corcoran. He has been referred to Princes Trust for their 3 month programme.

Health and Addictions

Mr Thompson states he is in reasonable physical health and he is adamant that he does not experience any mental health problems. As noted, records suggest he has displayed emotional and behavioural difficulties throughout his childhood. He has been previously been subject to various assessments which suggest his psychological difficulties are linked to his problematic relationships. At present, Mr Thompson is refusing to cooperate with an up to date psychological assessment.

Mr Thompson admits to having used a variety of illegal drugs during his teenage years. He indicates he drinks regularly, usually in the form of Buckfast. Mr Thompson did not think his alcohol use caused him any problems, although he did suggest he had consumed alcohol before committing the libelled offences.

Attitude to Offences

Mr Thompson suggested he had taken cars with a friend to drive on previous occasions while he was under 16 years old. He said he had been managing to avoid thinking about driving. However, on the day on question, it seems the sight of an expensive car, a discussion about "Grand Theft Auto" (a Playstation game) and, later, alcohol triggered him and his co-accused into offending. In describing the incident, Mr Thompson did not express any remorse for the damage he inflicted on the vehicles, consideration of inconvenience he caused to the car owner, or concern about the harm or distress his behaviour may have produced. He did appear to appreciate the potential for serious judicial consequences for himself. Ms Corcoran reports that Mr Thompson has seemed to be making efforts in the past four weeks to behave in a more acceptable fashion. His co-operation with this Department by way of his supervision requirement has been more satisfactory and no further reports of involvement in alleged offending have been advised.

Summary

Mr Thompson has experienced on disrupted upbringing due to unstable family relationships and geographical moves. He was received into care in 1997 and has been accommodated by local authorities from that time until July this year. He has no qualifications and is currently unemployed. He is in Bed and Breakfast accommodation pending placement in a supported accommodation Project for ex-"looked after" young people. As well as continuing problems with relationships, attitude to authority

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and behaviour management, difficulties with substance misuse are reportedly emerging. Mr Thompson states this is his first appearance before Court. He is assessed as at high risk of reoffending and low risk of causing harm.

Community Service Assessment

Mr Thompson is suitable for Community Service and [REDACTED]. Community Service Officer, confirms there is a place available on the local scheme. However, given the level of instability in Mr Thompson's life at present, together with his lack of maturity, it is thought that such a disposal is not viable at this stage.

Other Options for Disposal

In reviewing Mr Thompson's presentation and circumstances, the writer formed the opinion that he is a highly vulnerable young person who continues to require to be "looked after". It is evident that he still lacks the capacity to take full responsibility for his actions and thus would be unlikely to make best use of disposals, such as Probation available to the Court.

It is the writer's understanding that, following the Panel on 2 November, it was decided to recommend that these offences be remitted to the Children's Hearing. As noted, Mr Thompson continues subject to a supervision requirement. Elements of the package he will be offered while under supervision, will include supported accommodation (Blue Triangle); access to training/employment opportunities (Princes Trust) and a programme, based on cognitive behavioural methodology, addressing his offending behaviour and paying particular attention to victim awareness. The writer would also consider such a programme should focus on relationship issues and skills and emotional/behavioural management, and that Mr Thompson should continue to be encouraged to cooperate with a psychological assessment. Overall this package will aim to enable Mr Thompson to develop his capacity for behaving responsibly and living independently.

Conclusion

Given the circumstances, the Court will wish to consider the Panel's recommendation to remit the libelled offences to the Children's Hearing for disposal.



Kirsty Kennedy
Social Worker
Criminal Justice Department

Introduction.

This report is based on contact with Mr Thomson as the supervisor of a Probation Order imposed by Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on 26th February last year. Mr Thomson was reported as Breaching this Order by failing to pay compensation as required but the writer has no information when the Breach will be called in Dumbarton Sheriff Court.

Reference has been made to Unit Records; Ms Marion Corcoran, Social Worker, Children and Families Team, Milngavie and [REDACTED], Project Worker, Includem.

Behaviour.

Mr Thomson has been charged with a number of offences since sentence was deferred in November.

Mr Thomson pled guilty to driving offences (committed in May last year) in Dumbarton Sheriff Court on 7th March this year and sentence was deferred for background reports until 4 April. This will represent a further Breach of the Probation Order.

Change of Circumstances.

Housing.

Mr Thomson was asked to leave Dorothy McCall House in December last year due to his unacceptable behaviour. He subsequently stayed with friends, refusing to co-operate with Includem, Ms Corcoran or the writer or to advise them where he was living. This situation persisted for about 6 weeks.

Mr Thomson subsequently responded to Includem's efforts to re-engage with him and was placed in a succession of hotels in the Charing Cross area of Glasgow until last week when he was placed in Hillhead House. He has a place there until 28th March.

Mr Thomson's accommodation was being obtained and paid for by this Council's Children and Families Service. The writer understands that from next month, responsibility will lie with this Council's Housing Department. It seems Mr Thomson is likely to be offered a place in supervised homeless accommodation and, with acceptable progress, eventually be offered a tenancy.

Supervision Requirement.

Mr Thomson's Supervision Requirement was terminated by a Children's Panel on 29th January this year.

Ms Corcoran has continued to be involved with Mr Thomson as a voluntary throughcare basis.

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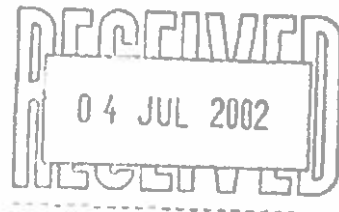
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Glasgow Sheriff Court, Admin Office,
40 Carlton Place (Basement), Glasgow,
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1. S.E.R. No: 35928

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2. Complaint/Indictment Nos: 00045745B ,02001683B ,02005921

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4. Court Name: GLASGOW & STRATHKELVIN SHERIFF COURT (SUMMARY

5. Ref No: 14724

6. Name of Accused: DAVID THOMSON

7. Sex: Male

8. Address: 40 GLASGOW ROAD
MILNGAVIE
GLASGOW

9. D.O.B: 09/06/1984

10. Date Report Requested
02/07/2002

11. Date Report Required
22/07/2002

12. Date of Court
23/07/2002

13. Coded crimes (Any additional details overleaf):

Assault x 2
Theft of Motor Vehicle x 1
Road Traffic Act 1988 Sec2 x 1
Road Traffic Act 1988 Sec143(1)+(2) x 1
Other Crimes x 2
Road Traffic Act 1988 Sec87(1) x 1
Police (Scotland) Act 1967 Sec41(1)(a) x 3
Breach of the Peace x 1
x
x

14. Status: Pled guilty

15. Other reports requested:
Community Service
Governors Prison Report
Probation Progress Rpt

16. Form of continuation: Remanded in custody

17. Number of previous disposals: 2 Attached

Signed : PP MU Social Worker

Date : 03/07/2002

Additional details for coded crimes

OTHER CRIMES

CONTRARY TO THE CRIMINAL LAW (C) (S) ACT 1995 SECTION 50A (1) (B)
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Comments

SOLICITOR - [REDACTED]

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