

Strathclyde Regional Council

Eastwood/Renfrew District

W.J. PARKER
District Manager

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT ON MATTHEW ROSS OF 5 Buchanan Street,
Johnstone.

Court:- Kilmarnock Sheriff

Age and Date of Birth:- 17 7.3.65

Date of Court:- 18th November, 1982

Religion:-

Offence:- RTA 872 SS99(B), 143(1), 175(1)
44(1) 4 M.V. 2 complaints.

Occupation:-

Previous Offences:-

HOME AND FAMILY:

Father	-	Matthew Ross	(43)	Unemployed.
Mother	-	Isobel Ross	(42)	Housewife.
Brother	-	Martin	(20)	Married. Outwith home.
<u>Subject</u>	-	<u>Matthew</u>	<u>(17)</u>	<u>Unemployed.</u>
Sister	-	Lorraine	(16)	Unemployed.
Sister	-	Jacqueline	(15)	St. Cuthbert's High School.
Brother	-	Thomas	(14)	St. Cuthbert's High School.

The family home is a four apartment council flat situated in a quiet area near the town centre. It is of adequate material standards. Due to unemployment finance is tight.

There is a long history of marital disharmony between Mr and Mrs Ross, going back in departmental records to 1972. The main reason given for this is that Mr Ross has a drink problem. This causes a rather tense and strained atmosphere within the house and there are frequent separations. The last one finished about two months ago and Mr Ross has now, with outpatient treatment from Dykebar, stopped drinking.

Matthew's sister, Lorraine, had some difficulties with her parents last year but neither Jacqueline or Thomas have given any serious cause for concern. All four children appear to prefer their mother, but Mr Ross is more effective at controlling their behaviour within the home.

PERSONAL HISTORY:

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After he returned home, Matthew's behaviour improved. Although he still had a negative attitude towards school, he stopped truanting and he was not involved in any further offences.

On leaving school, Matthew was unemployed for several months before finding employment on a Youth Opportunities Scheme in November. He was based at the Maxwellton Trading Estate and specialised in Engineering. Unfortunately Matthew lost his job due to bad time keeping about six months ago. He did not particularly like the artificial nature of the Youth Opportunities Project but would be keen to find a 'real' job.

Matthew has found the lack of work and subsequent shortage of money difficult to cope with. He is permanently bored and spent the first part of this year wandering into trouble to relieve the monotony and provide extra money. He has been fined several times but has been unable to pay them and has recently completed thirty days in a Young Offenders' Institution as an alternative.

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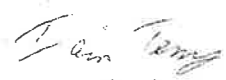
On the 9th of November Matthew appeared in Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on a charge of assault and was sentenced to Borstal Training. I understand he has already been transferred to Borstal.

THE OFFENCE:

Matthew states he borrowed the car in question to visit his grandmother's.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that Matthew has recently been sentenced to Borstal Training I would respectfully recommend to the Court that it considers a disposal which will allow Matthew to make a fresh start on his release.


I. Terry (Mr)
Social Worker.

10 Laighcartside Street,
Johnstone. IT/JF.
11th November, 1982.

Strathclyde Regional Council

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

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Reports from Glenochil suggest that Matthew is working quite well and there are no problems discipline wise. The opinion is that he is doing relatively well considering the stage he has reached in his training.

I have visited Matthew in Longriggend and Glenochil and at last there are signs that he is going to make a genuine effort to avoid further trouble. He talks about looking for work and is considering leisure activities to keep himself occupied.

INCOME:

I understand that Matthew will receive £16. 90 a week supplementary benefit on his release from which he will pay his parents at least £12 for 'keep'.

THE OFFENCE:

Matthew is still denying his involvement in the offence. He states it involves an incident when James Campbell insulted the sister of one of the co-accused. This individual then assaulted James Campbell.

RECOMMENDATION:

Matthew is due to reappear in Kilmarnock Sheriff Court for sentence on the 18th of November concerning Road Traffic Act offences.

Over the past year Matthew's behaviour has deteriorated and he has been involved in several offences. However at present he is in Detention Centre and progressing fairly well.

There would appear to be encouraging signs concerning a change in Matthew's attitude and as a result I would respectfully recommend that the Court consider a disposal that will not interfere with Matthew's proposed release from custody. If the Court feels unable to admonish Matthew on this charge I would suggest the possibility of a deferred sentence. This should have a two fold benefit in that it will place more importance on Matthew's period of after care supervision and also allow the Court time to establish whether Detention Centre has had the desired effect or not.

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I. Terry (Mr)
Social Worker.

10 Laighcartside Street,
Johnstone. EE/JF.
3rd November, 1982.

Social Work Department
Director: F E Edwards RD BA DipASS FISW FBM

Area Office
10 Laighcartside Street
Johnstone



Permitted !!

MEANS ENQUIRY REPORT ON:

Matthew Ross, 5 Buchanan Street,
Johnstone. 7.3.65 17 years.

PAISLEY SHERIFF COURT ON 19TH
NOVEMBER, 1982.

Tel Johnstone 24431

Our ref IT/JF

Your ref

If phoning or
calling ask for Mr Terry

Date 15th November, 1982

Matthew appeared in Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on the 9th of November, 1982,
and was sentenced to undergo Borstal Training. As a result he will be
unable to pay his fine.

I. Terry
I. Terry (Mr)
Social Worker.

Noted - JF

10 Laighcartside Street,
Johnstone.
15th November, 1982.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
RENFREW/EASTWOOD DISTRICT

12th Dec.

INVESTIGATION NOTES (for Social Background Reports)

NAME: Matthew Ross.

ADDRESS: 5 Buchanan Street,
Johnstone.

COURT: Kilmarnock Sheriff
DATE OF COURT: 9/11/82
(req by 5/11/82)

DATE OF BIRTH: 3/3/65
AGE: 17

RELIGION:

CHURCH CONNECTION:

SCHOOL:

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS:

FAMILY:

OCCUPATION:

WAGES:

Father -

Mother -

Children -

Home: Apartments
Rent
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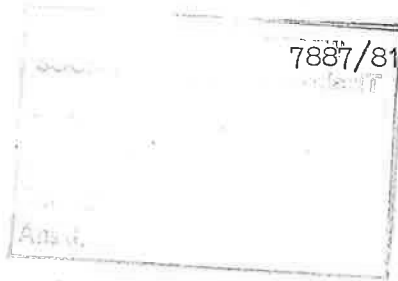
Family Allowance
H.P. Commitments
Other Expenses

EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

PERSONAL HISTORY ON REVERSE SIDE:

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RONALD SCOTT McPHAIL
MATTHEW ROSS
RONALD KERR LINDSAY
EA
KILMARNOCK
23 December 1981



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Under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975

IN THE SHERIFF COURT OF NORTH STRATHCLYDE AT KILMARNOCK

THE COMPLAINT OF THE PROCURATOR FISCAL AGAINST

RONALD SCOTT McPHAIL, (17), (DOB 21.1.64), Unemployed Apprentice Bricklayer,
21 Milton Quadrant, Kilbirnie

MATTHEW ROSS, (16), (DOB 7.3.65), Unemployed School Leaver, 5 Buchanan Street,
Johnstone

RONALD KERR LINDSAY, (15), (DOB 9.2.66), son of and residing with Violet McGowan
or Lindsay, Housewife, 68 Auchenhove Crescent, Kilbirnie

The charge against you is that on 14 August 1981, in Dipple Road, Kilbirnie,
Cunninghame, you did assault James Campbell, Redheugh Salvation Army Hostel,
Kilbirnie and did ~~punch~~ and kick him on the head and body to his injury.

Repute to sign C/F

28-1-82

L PP & C NG.

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10 11-5-82 2
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Abs 3 PP Wright
Both CWP 18-2-82.

11/5/82

All PP

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3) McConn
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TID 23/7/82@10.
ORD

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NG

Ty 23/7/82

11/5/82 ord

Lindsay ~~PP~~ Abs/Wright
plee to competency

Debate 12/3/82

at 10am ord

23/7/82

1) PP McPhail NG

2) Abs w/TA

3) PP Wright G

Adm Par 17/9/82

S/D 17/9/82 @10
ORD

TID

James + Dysan

Procurator Fiscal Depute

12/3/82 Abs/Wright

cont'd

22/3/82 at

10am
ord

14.9.82

Ross PP NG

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ord

22-3-82

As Wright

Abs repelled

NG

T 23-7-82

10 11-5-82

ord

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ACHQ Ref. No.: 2791/82

To: The Warden,
Scottish Home and Health Department,
HM Detention Centre,
Glenochil,
Tullibody,
Clacks.
FK10 3AD

HOME BACKGROUND REPORT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Earliest Date of Release</u>
MATTHEW ROSS	5 BUCHANAN STREET JOHNSTONE		

Changes in home circumstances since social enquiry report was prepared

Can he return home? What is the attitude of his relatives?

Employment prospects

Remarks

ON 9.11.82 MATTHEW APPEARED
IN KILMARNOCK SHERIFF COURT AND
WAS SENTENCED TO BORSTAL
TRAINING. HE HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED
TO POLMONT

Arrangements for first interview after release

Signed _____ Date _____
Social Worker

Address:

Tel. No.: _____

<u>Names of Accused</u>	<u>Date of Disposal</u>	<u>Sentence (if any)</u>
MATTHEW ROSS		
EA		

KILMARNOCK
30 August 1982

Under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975

6309/82

IN THE SHERIFF COURT OF NORTH STRATHCLYDE AT KILMARNOCK

THE COMPLAINT OF THE PROCURATOR FISCAL AGAINST

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MATTHEW ROSS
5 Buchanan Street
JOHNSTONE

Date of Birth: 7.3.65 (17)

Unemployed Motor Mechanic

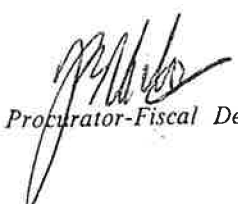
7.10.82
Abs
CVP
28.10.82

The charge against you is that on 22 May 1982, in Milton Road, Kilbirnie, (1) being a person disqualified under the provisions of the Road Traffic Act 1972 for holding or obtaining a licence to drive a motor vehicle of any class or description, having been disqualified on 5 May 1982 at the Sheriff Court Kilmarnock for the period of 12 months, you did, while so disqualified, drive a motor vehicle, namely motor car registered number RGG 475G: CONTRARY to the Road Traffic Act 1972, Section 99(b); and

18/11/82

(2) you did use said motor car without there being in force in relation to the use of the vehicle by you such a policy of insurance or such a security in respect of third party risks as complied with the requirements of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1972: CONTRARY to said Act, Section 143(1).

2 Complaints


Procurator-Fiscal Depute.

Apprehension
and Search

19 —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 participation. guilt or of guilty

Sheriff.

MATTHEW ROSS
EA
KILMARNOCK
30 August 1982

Under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975

IN THE SHERIFF COURT OF NORTH STRATHCLYDE AT KILMARNOCK

THE COMPLAINT OF THE PROCURATOR FISCAL AGAINST

MATTHEW ROSS, (17), (DOB 7.3.65), Unemployed Motor Mechanic, 5 Buchanan Street, Johnstone

The charges against you are that (1) on 21 or 22 May 1982, from the driveway of the house at number 10 Quarrelton Road, Johnstone, you did take and drive away a motor vehicle, namely motor car registered number RGG 475G without having either the consent of the owner thereof or other lawful authority: CONTRARY to the Road Traffic Act 1972, Section 175(1);

(2) on 22 May 1982, in Milton Road, Kilbirnie, you did use said motor car first registered on 24 October 1968 as respects which no test certificate had been issued within the previous twelve months: CONTRARY to the Road Traffic Act 1972, Section 44(1);

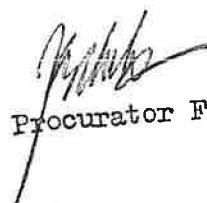
(3) date and place last above libelled, you did use said motor car while the hand operated brake and the means of operation thereof was not maintained in good and efficient working order and was not properly adjusted: CONTRARY to the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1978, Regulation 101(1)(a), and the Road Traffic Act 1972, Section 40(5); and

(4) date and place last above libelled, you did use said motor car while the leakage of petrol from the petrol tank was not adequately prevented: CONTRARY to the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1978, Regulation 104(b), and the Road Traffic Act 1972, Section 40(5).

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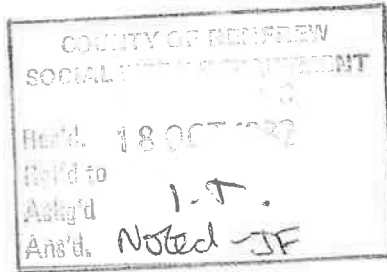

Procurator Fiscal Depute

NOTICE OF PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS APPLYING TO

MATTHEW ROSS

In the event of your being convicted of the charge(s) in the Complaint it is intended to place before the Court the following previous conviction(s) applying to you.

Date	Place of Trial	Court	Offence	Sentence
2 February 1982	Paisley	Sheriff Summary	Theft by Housebreaking	Sentence Deferred to 23 February 1982 then Fined £50
24 February 1982	Paisley	Sheriff Summary	Theft	Fined £50
5 May 1982	Kilmarnock	Sheriff Summary	Con Road Traffic Act 1972, Section 99(b)	Admonished and licence endorsed
			-do- Section 143(1)	Fined £50, licence endorsed and disqualified for 12 months
			-do- Section 44(1)	Admonished



Ref. No. 2791/82

ACF 1

Tel. No. ALVA 60471

SCOTTISH HOME AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
H M Detention Centre Glenochil,
King O'Muir Road,
Tullibody,
Clackmannanshire.

14th October, 1982.

Dear Sir

Detention Centre Release

H M Detention Centre Glenochil

Name	Date of Birth	Home Address	Proposed Date of Release
Matthew ROSS	7.3.65	5 Buchanan Street, JOHNSTONE.	10.12.82

I write to inform you that the above named was sentenced to detention on 12.10.82 and it is proposed to release him to your area.

It will be appreciated if you will nominate a supervising officer and arrange for 2 copies and the Home Background Report on form ACF 2 to be forwarded to this unit by 12.11.82.

Please complete tear-off portion and return to Prison Welfare Service for record purposes.

Remarks:- States he will be returning to his parents on release.

Expects to receive letters and visits.

Willing to take any type of employment.

Outstanding Charge: Kilmarnock Sheriff 22.10.82 Assault

There are no outstanding Fines, Probation or Supervision Orders admitted or recorded.

S.E.R. Received.

Social Work Department,
10 Laighcartside Street,
JOHNSTONE.

Yours faithfully,

WARDEN

~~Encl. pre-paid label~~

To:- H M Detention Centre
Glenochil, Tullibody
CLACKS. FK10 3AD

Ref. No. 2791/82

ACF 1

Detention Centre Supervision

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Name Matthew ROSS

Receipt of notification acknowledged. The supervising officer will be -

Name

Address

Tel. No.:

Signature
Social Worker

Address:

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
RENFREW/EASTWOOD DISTRICT

INVESTIGATION NOTES (for Social Background Reports)

NAME: Ross: Matthew

ADDRESS: 5 Buchanan Street,
Johnstone

COURT: Paisley Sheriff

DATE OF BIRTH: 7/3/65

AGE: 17

DATE OF COURT: 12/10/82
Creg by 11/10/82

RELIGION:

SCHOOL:

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS: RICHARD AINSWORTH CHURCH CONNECTION:
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FAMILY:

OCCUPATION:

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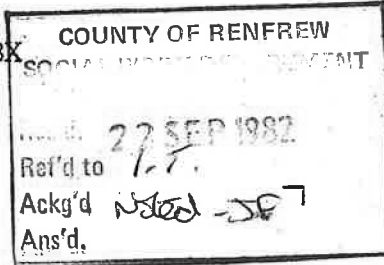
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PERSONAL HISTORY ON REVERSE SIDE:

Social Work Department
Director: F E Edwards RD BA DipASS FISW MBIM

Eastwood/Renfrew District
PO Box 51
7 Love Street, Paisley PA3 2BX



Tel 041-887 9321

JOHNSTONE

Our ref

Your ref

If phoning or
calling ask for

Date 21st Sept 82

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Name Matthew Ross
Address 5 Buchanan St.
JOHNSTONE

D.O.B. 7.3.65

When the above named appeared before Paisley Sheriff Court on
21.9.82 charged with att theft of MV.
sentence was deferred until 12.10.82 for:

☒ Social Enquiry Report

☒ Borstal Report

☐ Community Service Report

☐ Psychiatric Report

☒ Detention Centre Report

I look forward to receiving 4 copies of the _____ Report at
this office by noon on the day prior to the Court.

He/She is:

☐

Ordained

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On Bail

☒

In Custody

A copy of the Complaint and Previous Convictions are enclosed for your
information.

Yours faithfully

Brenda M. Gillard

Enc

c 3900/82.

<u>Names of Accused</u>	<u>Date of Disposal</u>	<u>Sentence (if any)</u>

AHM/82/7844

Under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975

6 September 1982

IN THE SHERIFF COURT OF NORTH STRATHCLYDE AT PAISLEY

THE COMPLAINT OF THE PROCURATOR FISCAL AGAINST

MATTHEW ROSS (17) LAG
5 Buchanan Street
Johnstone

Date of Birth: 7.3.65

The charge against you is that on 5 September 1982 in Burns Drive, Johnstone, you did attempt to steal motor van registered number ESU 216X.

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Handwritten notes:
21/9/82
PP / m. Cullach
G - L
S/O to 12/10/82
@ 10.30am
Bureau Detn Centre
SER. Custody, xtd

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Procurator-Fiscal Depute.

Apprehension
and Search

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Sheriff.

(Over)

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20 April 1982	Paisley	Sheriff Summary	1/3. Con. Road Traffic Act 1972, 1. Section 175(1); 2. Section 84(1); and 3. Section 143(1)	On 29 June 1982 1/3. Admonished and licence endorsed
21 April 1982	Paisley	Sheriff Summary	Theft by housebreaking and opening lockfast place	On 29 June 1982 Admonished
28 April 1982	Kilmarnock	Sheriff Summary	1/3. Con. Road Traffic Act 1972, 1. Section 99(b); 2. Section 143(1); and 3. Section 44(1)	On 5 May 1982 1. Admonished and licence endorsed; 2. Fined £50, licence endorsed and disqualified for 12 months 3. Admonished
29 June 1982	Paisley	Sheriff Summary	Theft by Housebreaking	Fined £20

INVESTIGATION NOTES (for Social Background Reports)

NAME: Ross, Matthew

ADDRESS: 5 Buchanan Street,
Johnstone

DATE: Paisley Sheriff (MEC).
DATE OF COURT: 2/7/82 12 noon

DATE OF BIRTH: 3/3/65
AGE: 17

CCCL:

RELIGION:

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS:

CHURCH CONNECTION:

PLATE IV:

OCCUPATION:

WAGES:

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Children -

Form: Apartments
Rent
Condition of
Home

Family Allowance
H.P. Commitments
Other Expenses

EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

PERSONAL HISTORY ON REVERSE SIDE:

C 1263/2

IMcL/82/2705

29 March 1982

UNDER THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1975

IN THE SHERIFF COURT OF NORTH STRATHCLYDE AT PAISLEY

THE COMPLAINT OF THE PROCURATOR FISCAL AGAINST

MATTHEW ROSS (17)
5 Buchanan Street
JOHNSTONE

Date of Birth: 7 March 1965

The charges against you are that

1. on 23 or 24 March 1982 from J P McAlpine and Company, Floor Street, Johnstone, District of Renfrew, you did steal a motor van, registered number OUS 378 P:

OR ALTERNATIVELY

date and place above libelled, you did take and drive away a motor vehicle, namely, said motor van, without having either the consent of the owner thereof or other lawful authority:

CONTRARY to the Road Traffic Act, 1972, Section 175(1);

2. on 27 March 1982 in Main Street, Kilbirnie, you did drive a motor vehicle, namely, said motor van, without being the holder of a licence authorising you to drive a motor vehicle of that class:

CONTRARY to the Road Traffic Act, 1972, Section 84(1); and

3. date and place last above libelled, you did use a motor vehicle, namely, said motor van, without there being in force in relation to the use of the vehicle by you such a policy of insurance or such a security in respect of third party risks as complied with the requirements of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act, 1972:

CONTRARY to the Road Traffic Act, 1972, Section 143(1).

W.B.



Procurator Fiscal Depute

29/3/82
PP/McCuller
6 to 175(1)
G & L ultra
Rear. Acceptu
S/D 20/4/82
@ 10.30 am
SER. ORS

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

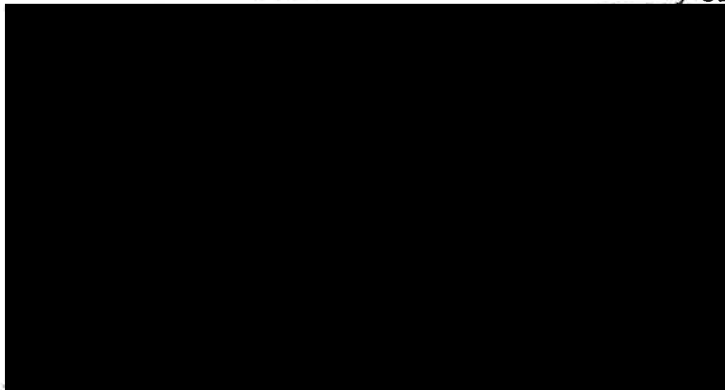
Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on..... Tuesday 6 October 1981
at 2.00pm..... within..... the Hearing
room 34 Newton Street Paisley.....

A full list of those cited is undernoted, along with timing of each case.

Name

Time of Case

Reason for Appearance



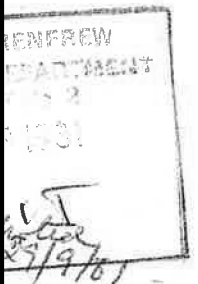
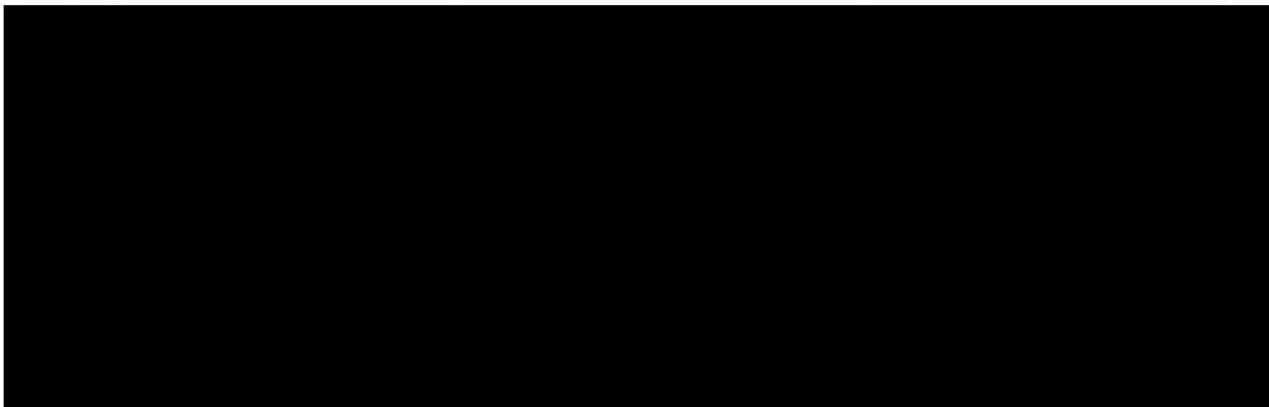
617/72



Mathew Ross
5 Buchana Street
Johnstone

3.00pm

Annual Review



Date.....

24 September 1981

for Reporter

Douglas H. Ke

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

MEMORANDUM

From: Reporters Department

To: SWD

Subject: Reporters' Duties and Transmission of Information, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 6 (1) (2) (3)

In accordance with instruction contained in Rule 6 of the above Statutory Instrument the decision(s) made by a Children's Hearing is/are* undernoted.

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Date of Hearing:

6.10.81

Name:

Decision:

17/72

✓ Matthew Ross
5 Buchanan Street
Johnstone

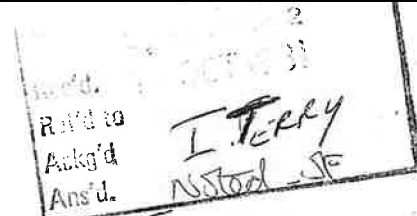
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Date15 October.....1981.....

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for Reporter



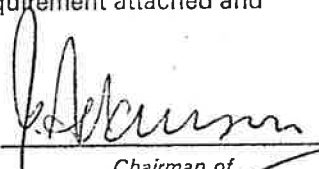
SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Instrument terminating supervision requirement

(Place and date)

CNE 2
6 OCT 1981
30 Nelson St, Paisley

A children's hearing for ~~EDINBURGH REGION~~
hereby terminate [the foregoing supervision requirement]* [the supervision requirement attached and
docqueted with reference hereto]* as from 6.10.81


Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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MATHEW REES
S BOCHANIAN Sr;
JOHN STONE

COUNTY OF DUMFRIES	
SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968	
Rec'd.	6 OCT 1981
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INVESTIGATION NOTES (for Social Background Reports)

NAME: Ross: Matthew

ADDRESS: 5 Buchanan Street,
Johnstone

COURT: Paisley Sheriff
DATE OF COURT: 23/2/82

DATE OF BIRTH: 7/3/65
AGE: 16.

SCHOOL: 0

RELIGION:

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS:

CHURCH CONNECTION:

FAMILY:

OCCUPATION:

WAGES:

Father -

Mother -

Children -

Home: Apartments
Rent
Condition of
Home

Family Allowance
H.P. Commitments
Other Expenses

EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

PERSONAL HISTORY ON REVERSE SIDE:

WARRICK REGIONAL COUNCIL
WARRICK/EASTWOOD DISTRICT

INVESTIGATION NOTES (for Social Background Reports)

NAME:

Matthew Ross

ADDRESS:

5 Buchanan St
Johnston

COURT:

DATE OF COURT:

CH Review

DATE OF BIRTH:

AGE:

SCHOOL:

RELIGION:

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS:

CHURCH CONNECTION:

2 October 1981

FAMILY:

OCCUPATION:

WAGES:

Father -

Mother -

Children -

Home: Apartments

Rent

Condition of

Home

Family Allowance

H.P. Commitments

Other Expenses

EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

PERSONAL HISTORY ON REVERSE SIDE:

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

COUNTY OF RENFREW
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
DISTRICT No. 2

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

Rec'd. - 6 NOV 1980

Ref'd. to

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Ans'd.

MEMORANDUM

From: Reporters Department

To: Social Work Department

34 Newton Street

Paisley

Subject: Reporters' Duties and Transmission of Information, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 6 (1) (2) (3)

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Date of Hearing:

Name:

Decision:

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617/72

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Matthew Ross
5 Buchanan Street
Johnstone

Supervision Cont'd

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Date 5th November 1980

*Delete as appropriate

Douglas
for Reporter

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Instrument continuing supervision requirement

(Place and date)

CHILDREN'S HEARING

- 4 NOV 1980

34 Newton St. Paisley

A children's hearing for STRATHCLYDE REGION
considering that [the foregoing supervision requirement]* [the supervision requirement attached and
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proper so to do, hereby continue the said requirement in force.



Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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MATTHEW ROSS
5 BUCHANAN ST.,
JOHNSTONE

Please acknowledge receipt

SWD/6

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

MEMORANDUM

From..... Reporters Department..... To..... Social Work Department.....
34 Newton Street..... 10 Laighcartside Street.....
Paisley..... Johnstone.....

SUBJECT: SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968 SECTION 48(5)

SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT REVIEWS

The undernoted* is/are subject to supervision requirement(s) which it is now necessary to review

Please submit social background report(s) not later than..... 29th October 1980.....
(Where applicable, background reports should also be requested from residential establishments)

617/72 * Matthew Ross 5 Buchanan Street Johnstone (7.3.65.)

COUNTY OF RENFREW	
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT	
DISTRICT No. 2	
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Date..... 1st October 1980.....

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Douglas Hope
for Reporter

RATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

Reporter to the Children's Panel

SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

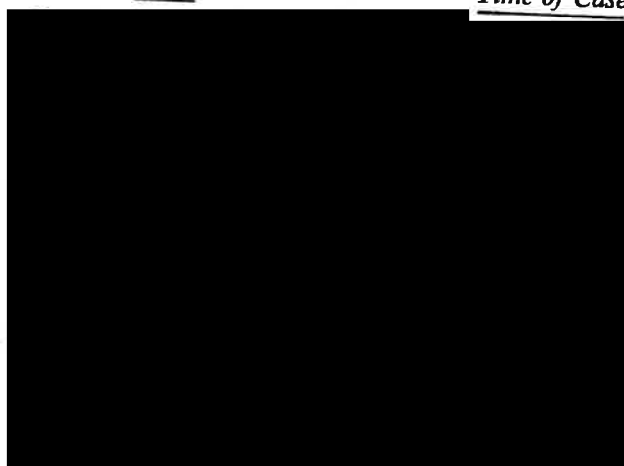
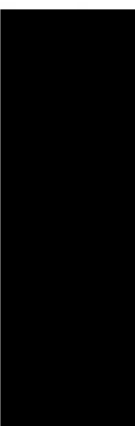
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Street Paisley

A full list of those cited is undernoted, along with timing of each case.

Name

Time of Case

Reason for Appearance



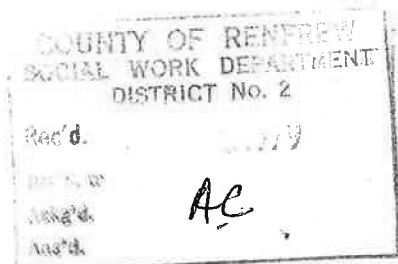
617/72

Matthew Ross
 5 Buchanan Street
 Johnstone (7.3.65.)

11.15am

L.A. Review

Copy to Glen Street/ Johnstone/ Craigielea House/ Maxwell Street



Date 3rd December 1979

Douglas Hope
 for Reporter

STATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on.....Wednesday, 8th August, 1979.....
 at.....2.00 p.m..... within.....the Hearing Room.....
 20 Back Sneddon Street, Paisley.....

A full list of those cited is undernoted, along with timing of each case.

Name

Time of Case

Reason for Appearance

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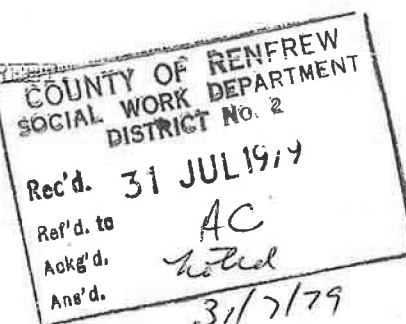
MATTHEW ROSS,
 5 BUCHANAN STREET,
 JOHNSTONE. born 3.3.65
 (Presently in St. Ninian's, Falkland)

2.30 p.m.

Disposal from Sheriff.

TO: SWD CRAIGIELEA HOUSE, JOHNSTONE & MAXWELL STREET

COPY: GLEN STREET.



Date30th July, 1979.....

James L. [Signature]
 for Reporter

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SWD/5

Reporter:
W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

Reporter to the Children's Panel

MEMORANDUM

From AREA REPORTER
HAISLEY
To AREA OFFICER
JOHNSTONE

SUBJECT: SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968
CASES SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION

The undernoted has/have been referred under Section 32. Please submit social background report(s)
not later than 10TH JULY 1979

MATTHEW RESS.
5 BUCHANAN ST.
JOHNSTONE

COUNTY OF RENFREW	
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT	
DISTRICT NO. 2	
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Ans'd.	

Date 15-6-79

Douglas H. H. H.
for Reporter

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1975
THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT OF NORTH STRATHclyde AT PAISLEY

The COMPLAINT of the PROCURATOR FISCAL against

MATTHEW ROSS aged ¹³14 years Date of Birth ⁶7.3.64, son of and residing
with Matthew Ross, 5 Buchanan Street, Johnstone

The charge against you is that

1. on 25 March 1978 in the garage premises at 30 Church Street, Johnstone
you did force open a breakfast motor car registered number FHS 599G
and steal said motor car

or alternatively

Date and place above labelled, you did take and drive away a motor
vehicle namely said motor car without having either the consent of
the owner thereof or other lawful authority;
Contrary to the Road Traffic Act 1972, Section 17(1)

2. Date and place above labelled you did steal 2 car keys

3. Date above labelled, in Collier Street, Johnstone you did use a
motor vehicle, namely said motor car while you were disqualified
from holding or obtaining a driving licence by virtue of your
age;

Contrary to the Road Traffic Act 1972, Section 101 and the
Road Traffic (Drivers Ages and Hours of Work) Act 1976, Section 1

4. Date and place last above labelled, you did use a motor vehicle, namely
said motor car without said being in force in relation to the
use of the vehicle by you such a policy of insurance as such a
security in respect of third party risks as is such a
requirements of Part IV of the Road Traffic Act 1972;
Contrary to the Road Traffic Act 1972, Section 143(1)

sgd. Alan R. Freedman

Procurator Fiscal Depute

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SWD/19

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:
W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

MEMORANDUM

From:The Reporter's Department, To:The District Manager,.....
.....20 Back Sneddon Street,..... Social Work Department,.....
.....PAISLEY..... Glen Street, Paisley.....

Subject: Reporters' Duties and Transmission of Information, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 6 (1) (2) (3)

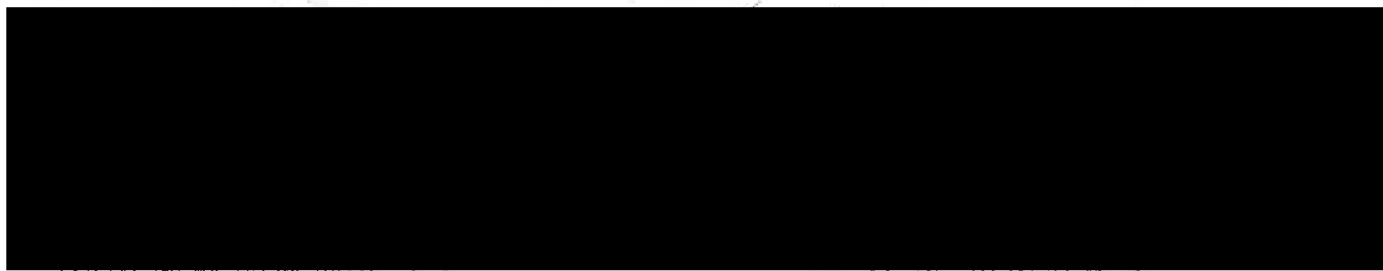
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Date of Hearing: Name: Decision:



19.4.79 MATTHEW ROSS, Supervision Continued
5 BUCHANAN STREET,
JOHNSTONE. born 3.3.65



SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
EASTWOOD/RENFREW DISTRICT HQ

25 APR 1978

REF'D TO _____
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ANSWD _____

Date20th April, 1979.....

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
DISTRICT No. 2
Rec'd. 30 APR 1979
Ref'd. to AC,
Ack'd. Noted
Ans'd. [Signature]

30/4/79

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for Reporter

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Instrument continuing supervision requirement

Paisley, 19th April 1979

(Place and date)

A children's hearing for

Strathclyde Region

considering that [the foregoing supervision requirement]* [the supervision requirement attached and

docquetted with reference hereto]* is due to expire on *4th May 1979*, and being satisfied that it is

proper so to do, hereby continue the said requirement in force.

Mr Cambridge

Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

*Delete where appropriate

Mathew Ross (7.3.65)

5 Buchanan Street,

Johnstone.

St. Ninians School.

Falkland, Fife.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on... Wednesday, 19th April, 1978at... 2.00 p.m. within... the Hearing Room, 20 Back Sneddon Street, Paisley.

A full list of those cited is undernoted, along with timing of each case.

NameTime of CaseReason for Appearance

617/72 MATTHEW ROSS,
 5 BUCHANAN STREET,
 JOHNSTONE. born 3.3.65

2.30 p.m.

Contd. Case (Assess)

TO: SWD JOHNSTONE, CRAIGIELEA
 COPY: GLEN STREET.

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Ans'd.		

Date 10th April, 1978.

Douglas
 for Reporter

Memorandum

From Co-ordinator of Assessment Team,
Social Work Dept., 30 Seadhill Rd., Paisley

Strathclyde
Regional
Council

Tel 041-889 5172 Ext Ourref JL/MEM

To Social Workers named below

Dr. Mair and Mr. Brown Yourref

Date 6.4.78

Subject ASSESSMENT TEAM MEETING - Friday, 14.4.78

The Assessment Team will meet at Child Guidance Clinic, Carbrook Street, Paisley
on Friday, 14th April, 1978 commencing at 10.15 a.m.

Would the social workers who have undertaken to attend please note the times
their cases are due to be discussed.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Psychologist</u>	<u>Social Worker</u>	<u>Hearing</u>
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11.45 *4* Matthew ROSS

Mr. Brown

Miss S. Barker, Johnstone

19.4.78

COUNTY OF RENFREW	
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT	
DISTRICT No. 2	
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MISS S. BARKER, JOHNSTONE

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

24 APR 1978

MEMORANDUM

From:The Reporter's Department,..... To:The District Manager,.....
20 Back Sneddon Street,..... Social Work Department,.....
PAISLEY..... Glen Street, PAISLEY.....

Subject: Reporters' Duties and Transmission of Information, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 6 (1) (2) (3)

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Date of Hearing:

Name:

Decision:

19.4.78

MATTHEW ROSS,
 5 BUCHANAN STREET,
 JOHNSTONE. born 3.3.65

Case Continued.

COUNTY OF RENFREW
 SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
 DISTRICT No. 2

Rec'd. 25 APR 1978

Ref'd. to

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Ans'd.

Date20th April, 1978.....

for Reporter

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

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 at.....9.30 a.m...... within the Hearing Room,.....
20 Back Sneddon Street, Paisley.....

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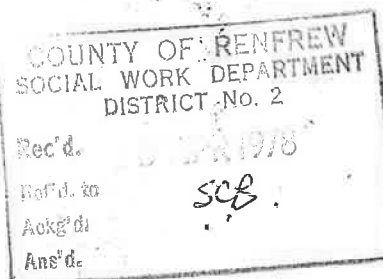
617/72 ✓ MATTHEW ROSS,
 5 BUCHANAN STREET,
 JOHNSTONE. born 7.3.65

10.00 a.m.

Contd. New Referral.

TO: SWD CRAIGIELEA, JOHNSTONE

COPY: GLEN STREET.



Date26th April, 1978.....

for Reporter

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

1 MATTHEW ROSS, born 7.3.65, 5 BUCHANAN STREET, JOHNSTONE.

is being referred to a children's hearing for STRATHCLYDE

on the grounds of the following conditions:

that he has committed the offences specified below, being grounds for referral in terms of Section 32(2)(g) of the above Act.

STATEMENT OF FACTS - In support of the above
condition it is stated:-

1. that he did while acting with another on 24th February, 1978 from the roadway on Canal Road, Johnstone steal Bedford Motor Van, Reg. No. UYS 36H.

Nature of offence:- Theft, or alternatively

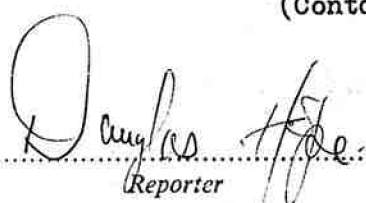
that he did while acting with another on 24th February, 1978 from the roadway on Canal Road, Johnstone take and drive away Bedford Motor Van, Reg. No. UYS 36H without having either the consent of the owner thereof or other lawful authority, or knowing said motor vehicle had been so taken, did drive it or allow himself to be carried in it without such consent or authority.

Nature of offence:- Contravention of the Road Traffic Act, 1972 Section 175.

(Contd. Overleaf)

20 Back Sneddon Street,
PAISLEY, PA3 2DJ.

.....17th April,.....1978.


.....
Reporter

NOTES

At the children's hearing the child or his parents may or may not accept the grounds for bringing the child before the hearing. If the grounds are accepted by the child, and his parents, if present, the children's hearing will discuss and consider with the child and his parents what is best for the child. If any of the grounds are not accepted, the hearing may either discharge the referral or direct the reporter to refer to the sheriff for a decision as to whether or not any of the grounds exist. If this happens the child will have to appear before the sheriff at a later date. If the sheriff decides that any of the grounds do exist, the children's hearing will then discuss and consider what is best for the child, as if these grounds had been accepted. If the sheriff decides that no grounds exist the referral will be discharged.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

MEMORANDUM

COUNTY OF RENFREW	
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT	
DISTRICT No. 2	
Rec'd.	MAR 1978
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Ans'd.	

From: The Reporter's Department, To: The District Manager,
20 Back Snaddon Street, Social Work Department,
PAISLEY. Glen Street, PAISLEY.

Subject: Reporters' Duties and Transmission of Information, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 6 (1) (2) (3)

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Date of Hearing:

16.3.78

Name:

MATTHEW ROSS,
 5 BUCHANAN STREET,
 JOHNSTONE. born 7.3.65

Decision:

Continued for Assessment.

Date 21st March, 1978,

*Delete as appropriate

McBryan
 for Reporter

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
EASTWOOD DISTRICT HQ
22 MAR 1978
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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter:
W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

Reporter to the Children's Panel

SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

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at.....9.30 a.m.

within.....the Hearing Room,.....

.....20 Back Sneddon Street, Paisley.....

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NEW
WORK DEPARTMENT
DISTRICT No. 2
9th March 1978
SCB
Ans'd.

Name	Time of Case	Reason for Appearance
617/72 MATTHEW ROSS, 5 BUCHANAN STREET, JOHNSTONE. born 3.3.65	9.30 a.m.	New Referral.

TO: SWD JOHNSTONE, MAXWELL STREET.

COPY: GLEN STREET.

Date7th March, 1978.....

Albana H. McBurnie
for Reporter

Registered Office:

BRIDGE OF WEIR,
RENFREWSHIRE PA11 3SA

Telephone: BRIDGE OF WEIR 612224

WEST YONDERTON I.T. PROJECT

ASSESSMENT REPORT

Name: Matthew Ross Age: 15 D.O.B. 7.3.65
Address: 5 Buchanan Street, Johnstone.
School: St. Cuthberts
Referred by: S. McCammond, Social Work, Johnstone Office (now left)
Iain Terry, Social Work, Johnstone Office
Attendance: Matthew has attended all sessions throughout the Assessment Period.

Reasons for referral:

1. Unstable home life.
2. Lacking stimulation from home.
3. Poor self-image.

Youngsters Perception of reasons for referral:

1. I would like more things to do in my area, e.g. Youth Clubs.
2. There is a chance I might get into trouble and I don't want to.
3. I would like to make more friends and think the group might offer this.

Initial Contract/...

Initial Contract between youngsters/group worker/social worker/parents/guardians

This contract was a verbal agreement by the youngsters to attend the group for six Wednesday evening sessions, plus a Family/Social Workers' Night plus a residential weekend.

During this period the youngsters also agreed to take part in discussions and activity sessions.

Regular contact by the Group Worker would also be made with the youngsters family/social worker/school and any other relevant bodies. This was also agreed to.

Description of Group

The group consists of nine youngsters aged 13-15 years. There are five boys and four girls, from Johnstone, Howwood, Elderslie, Linwood.

The youngsters are collected from school or home and taken to West Yonderton where tea is given. After tea the evening is divided into two sessions:-

1. Group Meeting

2. Activities

1. Group Meeting - Issues we have covered so far include:-

- (a) Why are we here?
- (b) Social Workers reasons for referral.
- (c) Do group members agree/disagree or would add to, their Social workers reason for referral?
- (d) Strengths of group members
- (e) Planning programme, e.g. weekend and Family Night.
- (f) Areas of difficulty of group members.

2. Activities

At West Yonderton group members have so far been involved in; Candlemaking, baking, pool, football, badminton, volleyball, swingball, table-tennis.

On the third Wednesday evening we had a visit to the Magnum Leisure Centre, Irvine, where group members got involved in skating and table-tennis.

During the residential weekend at The Smiddy, near Glencoe, all the group participated in Orienteering and Hillwalking.

Family Situation/...

Family Situation

I have made 3 visits to the Ross family, during the Assessment Period, but have only met Mrs. Ross, who is interested in the group and likes the idea of Parents Meetings.

Contact with School

The Group Worker has visited all the group members schools to explain what the group is about and to arrange to be given access to attendance records.

Time off school for the youngsters where necessary, e.g. residential weekend, assessments has also been negotiated.

A copy of this report will also be made available to the youngsters school.

Strengths

Matthew's physical appearance and size give the impression of a tough guy, however under that external appearance, he is very friendly and aware of other people's feelings, and helps them out if they are having difficulties expressing themselves.

Matthew is observant and listens well to people. He offers information readily and asks relevant questions, such as, why we are doing a particular activity or group game. During group games he is able to verbalise his feelings, e.g. it gives you a brass neck, or, it was a nice feeling doing that.

Matthew thought his Social Worker's impression of him being shy and quiet was quite funny, but realised how people can get the wrong impression of you. He certainly in the group comes across as being confident and easily approachable. They felt he had a good sense of humour and that he was a very "cuddly" person.

Matthew tries hard at all activities and copes well despite his disability. He is also kind towards other group members (and animals). He has a good relationship with most group members particularly John Winters, and together they offer most to the group discussions, and also offer help readily to others.

Areas of Difficulty/...

Areas of Difficulty

Matthew finds it difficult to get on with one of the girls in the group, but has recognised this and asked for help to get on with her.

We feel Matthew needs some encouragement in building relationships with people to give him enough confidence to enter new situations e.g. helping him find a job, or, getting involved in some club in his own area.

Apart from these, Matthew has not presented any other areas of difficulty during the time spent in the Group.

Programme Outline for the next 3 months of the Group

The initial Assessment Period for the group ended on March 4th. The next 3 week period will be spent working out contracts with each individual and whether or not they will continue coming to the group.

When the group was set up it was agreed that we should use West Yonderton as our base for work with the group. However, we now feel that West Yonderton should be looked at as one resource which we could use, and turn to the areas the youngsters are living in to provide a base from which we can work. Seven out of nine of the youngsters are near Johnstone, so it seems appropriate that the focus for the group should be in the Johnstone area. The other two members are from Linwood.

As yet, we have been unable to find premises in Johnstone, but it is hoped that we will have somewhere for the group restarting on 1st April. Those members committing themselves to rejoining the group will be visited at home on Wednesday evening 25th March, and we should be able to tell them where we will be meeting.

Over the next 3 months we would hope to tackle some of the individual problems that the youngsters have as well as practical things the group could get involved in, e.g. Work experience.

Depending on what premises we get we would like to extend the group over two evenings, one of which would be to tackle individual problems; and the other could be used as a practical evening for project work, allowing us to pull on other peoples experiences to aid in acquiring skills.

Revised Contract and aims and objectives for:

1. The Group

- (i) To help each other with their problems
- (ii) Project work in Johnstone
- (iii) Work experience
- (iv) Building of relationships

2. Individuals/...

2. Individuals

1. To try and get on with Sandra.
2. To continue helping and encouraging other group members.

Contract

I agree to work on the above aims and objectives over the next three months, at the end of which they will be reviewed again formally.

Signature *M. Matthew Ross*

(Group Member)

Catriona McEachran, - Group Worker
4th March, 1981

Telephone
Revised 228
(STD 025 73)

St. Ninian's
House of Falkland
Falkland
Tife KY7 7AB

The Reporter's Dept.,
20 Back Sneddon St.,
Paisley PA3 2DJ.

5th November, 1979.

Matthew Ross (3.3.65), 5 Buchanan St., Johnstone.

Matthew had his last Panel on 19th April, 1979, and at that time it was decided to continue his R.S.O. at St. Ninian's. However after consultations with the Parents and interested parties, it was thought better to allow Matthew home to start at the Secondary School on a trial basis. This took place on 22nd June, 1979.

Between the two dates mentioned above there was the usual progress and Matthew's behaviour was satisfactory. Having been in touch with Mrs. Carswell, Social Work Dept., about Matt's attendance at School and found it to be good, then we have no hesitation in respectfully recommending that Matthew's Residential Supervision Order be terminated.

The Residential School, St. Ninian's, will try to be represented at the Hearing.

(Mr.) M.V. Murphy.

M.V. Murphy.

(Residential Social Worker).

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (Children's Hearings)

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

1. Name of Child Matthew Ross 2. Date of Birth 1-3-65
 3. Address 5 Buchanan Street, JOHNSTONE
 4. Present School St. Cuthbert's High Date of Admission
 Year Reached (e.g. Primary 7, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Year)

5. School Previously Attended
 Date of Leaving

6. Number of Previous Schools

7. Record of Attendance:
 (a) During last Session Possible 194 Absences 94
 (b) During current Session Possible Absences
 (c) During last four weeks Possible Absences

i. Please tick appropriate box:
☐ Absent with Reasonable Excuse
☐ Condoned Absences
☐ Suspected Truant
☐ Occasional Truant
☐ Regular Truant
☒ Chronic Truant

ii. Remarks, if any

8. Teacher's Observations on 1 month:

(a) Hyperactive ☐ Robust ☐ Normal ☐ Weak ☐ Listless ☒

(b) Disabilities known or suspected:—
 Eyesight ☒ Hearing ☐ Deaf ☐ Limbs ☐

Any Other Known Defects:—
Burn scars on hand

Please tick as appropriate and if possible expand on any entry at (b) in 8. viii.

9. Previous reference to Specialist Services:

e.g.
 Social Worker
 Child Counsellor
 Police
 Medical Officer
 Special School
 Other (please specify)

Please Tick	Date	Ref'd to

COUNTY OF RENFREW
 SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
 DISTRICT NO. 2
 Rec'd. 23/7/8
 Ref'd. to SeB
 Ack'd.
 Ans'd.

10. Type of Course Followed:

☐

Primary

☒

Common Course

☐

Certificate

☐

Non-Certificate

☒

Remedial

11. Academic Assessment Set Against Course Group:—

☐

Very Able Pupil

☐

Above Average

☐

Average

☐

Below Average

☒

Well Below Average

12. Child's Application and Potential:—

Both application and potential are negligible. Perhaps because he is unable to cope, perhaps because of a total lack of enthusiasm, but more probably... a combination of both.

13. Character and Personality:

From very limited observations due to prolonged truancy I feel Mathew is not well liked by peer group. He appears incapable of distinguishing truth from fiction and will cling stubbornly to his version of events in face of overwhelming evidence. Some suggestion that he is "scape goat", though not entirely an innocent one, for some other members of class.

14. Behaviour (Please tick as appropriate):—

	Satisfactory	Disruptive	Troublesome	Leader	Easily Led	Boisterous	Co-operative	Apathetic	Erratic
In Class									
Outside Class									

15. The Nature of Previous Contact Between School and Parents:—

Letter re. truancy, visit from mother. Further visits from mother following suspension for truancy and behavioural problems.

16. Part-Time Employment (if known):—

Nil

17. General Comments:—

Struggling, or more accurately not even struggling, to maintain place within school

Date 26 January 1978

Signature.....
Designation Principal Teacher of Guidance

School.....

Name

Address.....

Date of Birth.....

Please note that when the above-named child appeared at a Children's Hearing on.....
the case was disposed of as follows:

Date

Reporter.



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Child Guidance Centre

1 Main Road, Castlehead, Paisley PA2 6AH Tel. 041-887 2281

R. K. McKNIGHT,
M.A., M.Ed.

Principal Psychologist

JAAB/JP

13th June, 1974.

Mr. W.J. Parker,
Assistant Director of Social Work,
Social Work Department,
3-7 Glen Street,
PAISLEY.

Dear Mr. Parker,

Matthew Ross, 7.3.64.
5 Buchanan Street, Johnstone.

This boy and his mother attended for interview on 10.6.74.

Mrs. Ross stated that the situation at home had improved since previous reports. She said that her husband had recently modified his drinking habits and was now more temperate than before. However, there were indications during her conversation that there were still occasional incidents where Mr. Ross' drinking habits became something of an issue. For example, she stated that she had been afraid to tell her husband about Matthew's offence because of his possible over-reaction while under the influence of alcohol.

Mr. Ross has obviously provided little emotional support to his wife, since he is away from home almost every day of the week. His absences from the home are such that one must question the depth of his relationship with his children. It is unlikely that he is seen as a positive figure in the household. From all accounts, Mrs. Ross, who would not appear to be the most capable of women, has had to accept most of the responsibility for rearing the children. Matthew responds to his father when he is present but takes advantage of his mother and is disobedient towards her. This would also suggest that this problem has resulted from Mr. Ross' failure to become involved in the management and training of his children. It is possible that he has realised his failure in this respect since Mrs. Ross did say that he was now making an attempt to relate to Matthew and had purchased fishing equipment so that they could go on a fishing holiday together.

Matthew was assessed during 1971 when he was found to be of below average ability. He was referred on account of the related problems of truancy and retardation. Reports from the school at that time suggested a lack of cooperation from the home, although this may well relate to Mrs. Ross' inadequacy rather than to active antagonism towards the school.

Intelligence testing on 10.6.74 gave a similar result to the previous one. Educationally, his reading showed considerable retardation, his current reading age being only 6 years 7 months. His knowledge of arithmetic was also extremely limited. Personality assessment gave no indication of emotional problems and it appeared that Matthew was a normal, though perhaps slightly manipulative individual.

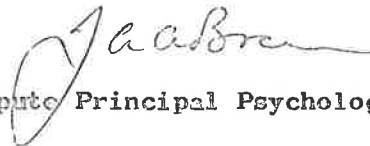
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13th June, 1974.

Overall, it would appear that certain factors within the home, namely Mrs. Ross' inadequacy and perhaps overpermissive attitudes to the children and her husband's lack of support and involvement are at the root of the current problem. Also, Matthew's school attendance has been a problem for some time, and although this is probably due to a lack of supervision and control, his poor attainments must also be taken into account as a possible reason for non-attendance.

I suggested to Mrs. Ross that attendance at Child Guidance Clinic would be advisable and she agreed to cooperate in this. However, I feel that a degree of supervision would also be beneficial and it may be worthwhile to consider compulsory supervision with attendance at Child Guidance Clinic a condition of the requirement.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. A. Brown', written over the typed name.

Deputy Principal Psychologist.



S. McEwan.
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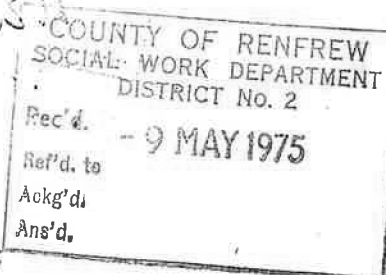
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1st May 1975.

W. J. Parker, Esq.,
Assistant Director of Social Work,
3/7 Glen Street,
Paisley.

Dear Mr. Parker,

Matthew Ross, 3.3.65
5 Buchanan Street, Johnstone
St. Margaret's School



Matthew and his mother have attended clinic at Cochrane Castle School on a regular weekly basis since 28th August 1974.

At first both were very much on the defensive, with Mrs. Ross denying that there were any problems with Matthew and Matthew himself saying very little indeed. Mrs. Ross tended to feel that her son was being 'picked on' more than necessary in school. However, there seems to have been some easing of the conflict between Mrs. Ross and the school recently.

Eventually this defensiveness lessened and Mrs. Ross admitted that Matthew can be very stubborn and quick-tempered. She says that, if he does not get his own way he 'faces up' to her and that only Mr. Ross can really deal with him when he is in these moods.

It seems that up till recently Mr. Ross took very little part in the handling of the children and that Mrs. Ross was not really able to cope adequately with a boy of Matthew's temperament. However, over the past few months Mrs. Ross feels that Matthew's behaviour has improved because of his father's more regular presence at home (due, according to Mrs. Ross, to the fact that he has not had the money to spend on drink as he used to do).

Matthew frequently spends weekends and holidays with his grandmother in Kilbirnie where his older brother lives and attends school. Apparently he used to be too much for her to cope with and was often sent home again. This has not happened recently which seems to indicate that Matthew's behaviour in that situation has also improved.

No further incidents since that with which he was originally charged have been brought to my attention during his period of clinic attendance. It is felt that if Mr. Ross continues to take an active part in the handling of the children in the future, this should go a long way towards modifying Matthew's behaviour.

Yours faithfully,

Christine A Smith
Assistant Psychologist.

W. J. Boland (C)
Mr. Stewart
Mr. Boyd.

Dep. Terminated.

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4th June, 1974.

Mr. Parker,
Assistant Director of Social Work,
Social Work Department,
3 - 7 Glen Street,
PAISLEY.

Dear Mr. Parker,

Matthew Ross. d.o.b. 7.3.64.
5 Buchanan Street, Johnstone.

I have known this boy for some time. In my opinion part of the reason for his truancy is the fact that he cannot do his lessons. An educational assessment placed him in the dull category but he does not seem able to work to that level. Possibly Mr. Brown will have comments to make in this direction. He has extensive scarring from a burn but otherwise is quite healthy.

Yours sincerely,

Community Medicine Specialist (Child Health)
Argyll & Clyde Health Board.

SUPERVISION NOTES

Date

4.11.80

I attended Matthew's Children's Hearing. It was decided that his Supervision should continue. The main reason was a concern that his school behaviour might deteriorate over the next few months.

November/December, 1980

Mrs Ross is of the opinion that Matthew is not a problem, however Mr Ross is of the opinion that he is too quiet. There appear to be no school problems and Matthew's greatest concern seems to be the continual marital problems of his parents. Mr and Mrs Ross were separated just before Christmas and I had to mediate to facilitate a reconciliation. It is difficult to have a conversation with Matthew, who only speaks when asked a direct question.

January/March, 1981

Matthew became a member of an Intermediate Treatment Group which was being run at West Yonderton. For further information see the reports from West Yonderton. Otherwise things remain the same. Although not enthusiastic about school, he continues to attend and does not get into any trouble there. Apart from the Intermediate Treatment Group, Matthew does not appear to have many interests outside the home. Although he is beginning to show an interest in motorbikes, I am not sure if this is a good thing in view of his age.

April/May/June, 1981

Matthew has begun to drift away from the Intermediate Treatment Group. No reason is given by him, apart from stating that he cannot be bothered. He has been charged with two minor thefts which he is denying. No date has been given for the trial as yet. He has left school and has no qualifications. Despite pressure from myself and Mr Ross, he is making no efforts to find employment. Lorraine is causing problems within the house. See Supervision File 2/1906/3 on Lorraine.

July/August/September, 1981

Matthew is very lazy and apathetic. He spends an abnormal amount of time sleeping and appears to have very little interest in life. Mr Ross has tried getting him out of bed in the morning, but Matthew either sleeps on the couch or in the garden (depending on the weather). He is not forthcoming in interview, and I have written to the Reporter requesting a review in order to get his Supervision Order discharged.

2.10.81

A Children's Hearing took place today and Matthew's Supervision Order was discharged. I will continue to have contact with the family in regard to Lorraine.

IT/JF - 25.2.82.

Name ROSS: Matthew

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SUPERVISION NOTES

Date

August '80
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There does appear to be a good deal of friction between Mr and Mrs Ross and this apparently comes to the fore when Mr Ross has been drinking. Mrs Ross did in fact inform me that she was on the verge of leaving again during last weekend. At this point I again tried to express the importance of attempting to make some definite plan for the future of their marriage, in view of the uncertainties that exist and the effect it is having on the children. Although Mrs Ross seems to realise this, it is obvious her decision has been to come and go.

Over the years Mrs Ross has assumed responsibility for the upbringing of the children, and it would appear that Mr Ross has encouraged this role. The paradox of the situation is that Mr Ross does want to be seen as the father figure and will make attempts to do so i.e. taking Matthew and his brother fishing but at the same time opts out of any responsibility which became apparent when Mrs Ross began discussing problems encountered recently with their teenage daughter Lorraine. Indeed in further discussion about this by Mrs Ross she seemed to be suggesting that her husband saw the Social Work Department as having more responsibility in terms of looking at their children's behaviour. Lorraine has apparently been staying out on occasions overnight and lying about her whereabouts, and also stealing money. Any action taken over this has been by Mrs Ross who has physically punished Lorraine. I suggested to Mrs Ross that her daughter's behaviour may be due to a few things and may have as much to do with what was happening within the home, which Mrs Ross tended to agree with.

Apparently Matthew's behaviour in general has caused few problems. Mrs Ross did inform me of an incident that had taken place the previous week. Matthew had apparently threatened to take an overdose of tablets during the middle of the night which was apparently a cry for attention from his mother as he had said to her that she did not care about him. Matthew was apparently talked out of this by his mother. It is difficult to assess exactly what triggered off this exhibition of Matthew's insecurity as the only comment made by Mrs Ross was that despite having chatted to Matthew for quite a while previous to this she had then advised him to go to bed. Further discussion about this however Matthew was brought in to the conversation. This seems to have been one way for Matthew to express his feelings of rejection at being at St. Ninian's for fourteen months. He was able to express this very openly both in the presence of myself and his mother. It is evident for example that he felt that his parents could have visited him more often during his stay at St. Ninian's. He was however home on weekend leave every second weekend. The fact that it was undeniable that the Ross family would have had difficulty getting to St. Ninian's was raised with Matthew. It is felt that the main question does lie in ~~whether~~ Mr Ross saying that the review hearing that Matthew was not ready to return home. However it was the decision of the panel that a Home Supervision Order should come into existence. The indications are as mentioned that there have been no major problems with Matthew's behaviour over the period so far.

Mrs Ross understandably saw herself as coming in for a lot of criticism from all members of the family, mainly in relation to her husband. However has been pointed out to her that as long as she accepts the role of disciplinarian in the household, and the criticism of her husband then she will continue to be cast in it.

TRANSFER SUMMARY

The Ross family have been known to this department for a number of years and initial contact with Matthew was in 1974 following a referral by the Reporter's Department. At a Review Hearing on 13th December, 1979, Matthew's Supervision Requirement was varied to a Home Order. Prior to this, Matthew had returned from St. Ninian's, Falkland on a trial basis on 22nd June, 1979, and appeared to have few problems integrating back into the community and school. This case was transferred to myself in February, 1978, and contact with Matthew to date has reinforced the fact that he continues to make good progress at home despite the tensions and parental disharmony which exists. The indications are that Matthew has caused few problems and both parents appear happy with his current behaviour. Contact with Matthew's school (St. Cuthbert's) also confirms that he has settled down there and his attendance is satisfactory. Matthew is rather a reserved boy and is usually fairly reticent in the interview situation. He is a fairly pleasant boy, who I would suspect requires a fair bit of stimulation in a number of aspects, namely taking an interest in himself and any plans he may have for the future. There are indications that recently he has been able to express himself more. An example being an expression of his rejection to his mother in relation to his stay at St. Ninian's. This is something which could be discussed in more depth with Matthew, particularly as his views were mainly negative. Matthew appears to have few interests outwith his own home and spends a good deal of his leisure time indoors, only having a few close friends. It was hoped that Matthew could be encouraged to be more outgoing and as Matthew had shown an interest in the West Yonderton Project an application was made in his name. Recently it would appear that Matthew is finding a few new interests on his own. Contact with Mr and Mrs Ross tended to be in relation to various financial difficulties which occurred from time to time. Some discussion has taken place about their marriage and the effects the separations were having on the children. This, I feel, has been limited, mainly due to an avoidance of meeting up with myself, particularly on Mr Ross's part. The situation does tend to flare up on occasions with Mrs Ross leaving the family home but usually returning shortly afterwards. Mr Ross has a drink problem and this in addition to his unemployment has created some financial difficulties, and has further reduced his status as a positive figure in the household. Mrs Ross continues to take the onus of responsibility for the upbringing of the family as Mr Ross has failed to become involved in the management of the children, a recent example of this being a lack of support to his wife in the control of their daughter Lorraine who is currently rebelling against her parents. Plans for the future and topics for discussion could include discussion with Matthew in more depth his feelings about the family situation and how he sees the relationships within it. Matthew's own plans for the future i.e. employment, promotion of relationships outwith the home, and trying to encourage him to become involved in things which may provide him with some self satisfaction. The situation at home does give cause for concern but any attempts at discussing difficulties both past and present have usually proved to be futile. It is felt that the Ross family see this Department mainly in relation to providing financial assistance. Any success in this area in the future may therefore be limited. Another point for discussion could well prove to be Matthew's sister Lorraine who has recently caused a few problems within the home and this may be a topic which will ^{Private} discussion about the family as a whole*.

S. Young - SMcc/JF
(11.9.80)

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Date

23.6.80
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He has in the past however had long periods without drinking but usually reverts back to his old habits. Mr Ross spoke with some pride of his eldest son Martin who is now married with a child of his own. Martin had in fact left the family home a number of years ago due to his father's drinking and the unsettled atmosphere. Asked Mr Ross if I could meet up with himself and his wife at a later date and he was agreeable to this. I therefore arranged to see both parties the following week.

July '80

Saw Mrs Ross but was informed that Mr Ross had gone out fishing. She described things at home as reasonable since her return stating that her husband's drinking was now more moderate. Mrs Ross informed me that her husband had never admitted to having a drink problem. This being the opposite from my own contact with Mr Ross. She was in fact rather surprised that Mr Ross had been so open with myself in admitting to this problem. She more or less endorsed what her husband had said the previous week i.e. that he had always been a heavy drinker since the start of their marriage and this was in fact his main leisure pursuit. Over the years Mrs Ross seems to have adjusted to this and the separations. She informed me that the rearing of the children had mainly been left to her. As mentioned Mr Ross does take an interest in the children's well-being however from Mrs Ross's comments it is obvious they feel more secure in her company and I would suspect that Mr Ross has difficulty coping with this rejection.

There is still the problem over money coming into the home in that Mrs Ross used to visit her husband at the Pub to receive money for the family. It again may be a matter of time before the situation blows up again. At present Matthew is living with his grandparents and as I had made an arrangement to see Matthew the following day I advised his mother to get Matthew to inform me of his return. Mrs Ross claims that her husband spends a good deal of his time outdoors because when at home he gets in her way. I would suspect that he was not over anxious to see myself in the company of his wife. I asked the question if Mr and Mrs Ross were able to go out and relax together. Mrs Ross informed me that in the main this usually consisted of going to a Pub which does not suit her as she does not drink.

SMcC/JF

July '80

On the 11th of this month Mrs Ross called in to the office and was seen in my absence by Isabelle Ratcliffe. She had applied for a grant in relation to school clothing and her application had been refused by D.H.S.S. She was advised to apply to Priory Park Education Department for uniforms.

Visited the following week and saw both Mr and Mrs Ross. It was obvious Mr Ross had been drinking which made holding any kind of reasonable conversation with him virtually impossible. For most of my visit Mr Ross continued to make derogatory statements in relation to D.H.S.S. and ourselves. I did however manage to find out from Mrs Ross if an application had been sent to Priory Park, which indeed it had, two days previous to my visit. Informed her that I would make an enquiry to Priory Park on their behalf to see if there was an entitlement to a school clothing grant.

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Spoke to Mr Cummings, Area Education Officer, Priory Park. His initial impression was that the family were above the income bracket to receive a grant as Family Income per week is in the region of £66. After some discussion about the family with Mr Cummings he agreed to invite Mr and Mrs Ross in to see him at Priory Park. Informed the Ross family of this 'phone call, and advised them to inform me of the outcome of their visit. They did not get in touch with me but I 'phoned Mr Cummings at Priory Park and was informed that the grant had in fact been made for clothing for all the children.

Also saw Matthew during this month and did in fact take both Matthew and his friend John Winters (who is also on supervision to myself) along to the West Yonderton Project. Both parties seemed favourably impressed with the facilities at this farm type building and were hopeful that they may be included in a group there in the future. After I had given them a conducted tour we had a game of pool. Both had been rather quiet during the journey over to West Yonderton, with John noticeably the more talkative of the two. As I chatted to the boys while we were playing pool etc, both appeared a bit more secure in my company, noticeably Matthew and the interaction between John and Matthew was interesting in that they were fairly supportive of each other in their comments.

August '80

On the 14th of this month Mr Ross called in to the office. He had in fact made application to Linwood Road for Supplementary Benefit but apparently no payment had been made over the last fortnight. 'Phoned Linwood Road who informed me that a £55 payment had been sent out to Mr Ross last night.

Mr Ross was in a less aggressive frame of mind and I managed to chat to him briefly however as I had another appointment this conversation did tend to be short. From what I can gather, things seem to be going reasonably smoothly at home, in that Mrs Ross has made no move to take herself or any of the children outwith the home. I would suspect however from some of Mr Ross's comments that there is still a great deal of uncertainty and strain within the home. It would appear Mr Ross is still drinking heavily although apparently this is not on the same level as previous months. I expressed the desire to see both Mr and Mrs Ross on their own especially before leaving this department which Mr Ross seemed to agree with although he has in the past avoided these arrangements.

Matthew for his part seems to be doing reasonably well at this point. His father described him favourably and he had in fact been fishing with both his father and his brother over the weekend.

In relation to D.H.S.S. apparently Mr Ross had called into the office the previous week and had been seen by Jan Docherty. The problem was much the same as he presented to myself, in that there was a change in his benefit which had taken various form filling and there was a subsequent delay. During his visit to the office he was again rather irate. It is possible that both Mr and Mrs Ross see this department as mainly providing practical assistance.

Visited the family home later in the month, having arranged to see both Mr and Mrs Ross. The purpose of this visit was to inform them of my departure, as I had in fact already informed both Matthew and his father, but had not seen Mrs Ross. It was also hoped to discuss with Mr and Mrs Ross the importance of seeing both of them in the future to talk about their marriage and the effect it was having on their children etc.

On arrival at the family home I saw Mrs Ross and Matthew who was off school with 'flu'. Mr Ross had apparently gone down to Johnstone to sign on and Mrs Ross tended to make excuses for the fact that he was not there i.e. that he must have forgotten about our arrangement.

Matthew seemed to have quite a bad bout of the 'flu' and had in fact been to the Doctor and received antibiotics etc. Neither his mother or Matthew had informed the school of his absence and I advised them to do so. I saw Mrs Ross on her own for a period before Matthew's arrival, and from talking to her it would be difficult to assess Mr Ross's reaction and indeed hers to a joint interview. I am informed that Mr Ross continues to drink, however this does not appear to be to such an extent as before, partly due to the limited amount of money available.

Name ROSS: MatthewCase No. 2/1906/2Sheet No. 5SUPERVISION NOTES

Date

May '80

Unfortunately Matthew failed to keep an appointment. He did however show up the following week accompanied by his friend John Winters who is also on Supervision to myself. I had a brief chat with both boys and took the opportunity of discussing in some detail how they spent their leisure time. I made the suggestion that perhaps their names could be put forward to the West Yonderton Project and both seemed in agreement with this. I shall take this up with both boys individually at a later date. Matthew claimed that he had forgotten about our appointment and I again stressed the importance of keeping to specified times or 'phoning if any difficulty arose.

10.6.80

Received a message from the Standby Service to say that Mrs Ross had made a call over the weekend. Apparently she had again decided to leave the family home and she was advised by Standby to report to the local Police Office and await a call by the Housing Officer.

Visited 5 Buchanan Street the following day. I was greeted by Matthew outside the door and was informed that Mr Ross was in bed. I enquired why Matthew was not at school for which he could provide no reasonable explanation. Matthew claims that his father has been up in the morning to put him out to school but it does not appear that he had followed this through. Mrs Ross and the other children are apparently outwith the home just now but Matthew was unsure where they were staying. Mr Ross did not get out of bed during my visit but I did manage to have a conversation with Matthew. Matthew was rather reserved in his comments and stated that he was not at home when his mother decided to leave. I strongly advised Matthew to return to school the following day and informed him that I would be checking with St. Cuthbert's as to whether he had done so. Visited the home later in the day in an attempt to see Mr Ross. There was no reply. Returned the following day and again there was no reply. I left a card for Mr Ross to contact myself.

13.6.80

'Phoned St. Cuthbert's School and spoke to Matthew's Guidance Teacher, Mr Young. I was informed that Matthew had not been at school all week. Mr Young informed me that although Matthew does play truant occasionally his behaviour is satisfactory and he causes no real problem within the school.

'Phoned the Ross's family doctor to enquire if there had been any recent contact with this family. Doctor O'Kane informed me that there had not been any contact with any member of the family.

Visited. Saw Mrs Ross and all the children. Mr Ross was apparently in his bed. Mrs Ross tends to be protective of her husband and informed me that the reason why he was in his bed was because he had been working in a pub. I would suspect that he is again drinking heavily. Mrs Ross informed me that following an argument last Thursday evening which was apparently over the cooking of a meal she left the home on her own. I was informed that she returned on the Saturday and took all the children with her except Matthew. This was apparently due to the fact that Matthew did not want to go. Mrs Ross was staying with the children at the Geoff Shaw Lodge in Paisley. She informed me that she returned following a meeting with her husband during the week. She decided to return home following some conversation with Mr Ross where he promised to stop drinking. It is evident that she takes such promises with a pinch of salt but at the same time made the decision to return home.

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I informed Mrs Ross that Matthew had not attended school whilst she was away. She assured me that she would make sure he attended on Monday. Told Mrs Ross that I would welcome the opportunity to speak to both her and her husband about recent events and also Matthew's schooling. Mrs Ross was amenable to the suggestion and I arranged to see both herself and Mr Ross the following Monday.

Saw Matthew later in the day at the office. Matthew is a quiet but likeable boy. He was slightly more outgoing in the interview situation. Matthew was, like his mother, rather defensive of his father. He informed me that his Dad made meals for him etc whilst his mother was away and that there were no problems between the two of them during this period. Matthew made vague references to his father being ill during the times when I visited and he was in his bed. Matthew informed me that he attended the Doctor himself as he had been suffering from stomach pains and diarrhoea. As he had left it until the end of the week to see the Doctor, he was not given a note to excuse him from school. I again tried to impress on Matthew that his attendance was very important especially in view of the fact that it would be taken into consideration at his Review Hearing. Matthew has a rather negative opinion of school although when prompted did confess that there were certain subjects which he derived some enjoyment from.

He still appears keen to join the Army when he leaves school and admitted to myself that this was partly to get away from home. It is obvious that the family situation and subsequent separations must have had an unsettling effect on this boy. It ~~is obvious~~ however from my own contact with him and the comments made by the school that he is making reasonable progress at this time.

Mr and Mrs Ross did not keep their appointment for Monday, 16th June. I wrote to them and made an appointment for the following week. Had advised them to get in touch with me if there was any difficulty, unfortunately this appointment was not kept either. I then visited the home on the same day but did not get a reply. 'Phoned St. Cuthbert's School and was informed that Matthew had attended four days out of the five over the past week and that he had been sent home on one of the days due to illness.

SMcc/JF

23.6.80

Mr and Mrs Ross did not keep an appointment that I had arranged by letter. Mr Ross did however call in to the office later in the week to inform me that his wife was in fact in bed with 'flu'. We discussed at some length the week during which his wife and the children. Also discussed the fact that Matthew had not attended school that week. Mr Ross was very defensive about this and claimed that Matthew had not been well during the week and had gone to Doctor Scade and pointed out that this was towards the end of the week and therefore he was not given a medical line.

Mr Ross is a well built, healthy looking individual who however seemed rather nervous as his hand on occasion was shaking. This can also be seen in relation to his heavy drinking which he was again very open about. From what I can gather he has on occasion had in the past periods of hospitalisation both in the Alexandria and Riccarton, none of which seem to have had any long term effect. Mr Ross claims that the main reason for his heavy drinking is the pressure of finance at home. From what I can gather he has always drunk fairly heavily. He also finds it very difficult to keep away from company that he has drunk with in the past. Apparently they frequently offer him alcohol. We discussed the effects that his drinking must be having on the children and also his wife and the frequent separations which add further to the instability of the home and family set-up.

It is obvious from Mr Ross's comments that he has always seen his wife as having the majority of responsibility for the children and has left their upbringing in her hands. For obvious reasons Mr Ross does not have very good relationships with his children and feels rather like an outsider. It is obvious that Mr Ross does have feelings for his family but it is questionable how motivated he is to try and improve the situation at home.

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Matthew Ross (Junior),
5 Buchanan Street,
Johnstone.

IT/JF

Mr Terry

25th February, 1982

Dear Matthew,

As you should be aware you were fined £50 a week on 23rd February, payable at £5 per week. If for any reason you are unable to meet any weekly payment please contact myself immediately.

Yours sincerely,

I. Terry

I. Terry (Mr)
Social Worker.

Matthew Ross (Junior),
5 Buchanan Street,
Johnstone.

IT/JF

Mr Terry

1st April, 1982

Dear Matthew,

I have received another request for a Social Background Report on you. This is in connection with taking and driving away a van. I will visit you to prepare the report on Tuesday, 6th April, at 2.30 p.m. If for any reason this time is inconvenient please notify me beforehand.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Terry

I. Terry (Mr).
Social Worker.

Mathew Ross
5 Buchanan Street
Johnstone.

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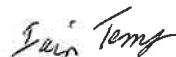
Mr. I. Terry

5th May, 1981.

Dear Mathew,

Could you please come and see me on Thursday, 7th May, 1981,
at about 2.30 p.m. If for any reason you will not be able to
attend would you please telephone me beforehand.

Yours sincerely,



I. Terry (Mr.)
Social Worker.

The Manager
Department of Health & Social Security
Linwood Road
Paisley.

Johnstone 24431

IT/SZ

Mr. I. Terry

30th January, 1981.

Dear Sir,

Mathew Ross
5 Buchanan Street
Johnstone.

I am at present acting on behalf of Mr. Ross concerning an application of his for help from your department with an outstanding electricity account. Mr. Ross was turned down for assistance and has submitted an appeal.

On contacting the Electricity Board I was informed that an officer from your department had contacted them in regard to a postponement of Mr. Ross' disconnection date in accordance with Section 7 of the Electricity Boards code of practice. Unfortunately this official told the Electricity Board that your department would not be making a payment to Mr. Ross as his appeal would be unsuccessful. As a result of this official giving his opinion on the outcome of Mr. Ross' appeal the Electricity Board initially declined to implement section 7 of their code of practice and stated that Mr. Ross would be disconnected before his appeal to you is heard. Fortunately Mr. Ross was in contact with this department and we were able to get the Electricity Board to delay disconnection until after the outcome of the appeal.

I would be grateful if you would give this situation consideration as I am concerned about the possible consequences of any similar cases occurring in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Iona Terry
I. Terry (Mr.)
Social Worker.

The Manager
Department of Health & Social Security
Linwood Road
Paisley.

IT/SZ

Mr. I. Terry

22nd December, 1980.

Dear Sir,

Mathew Ross
5 Buchanan Street
Johnstone.

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Mathew Ross who wishes to apply for an exceptional needs payment to meet his outstanding electricity bill. I would be pleased if you would deal with this claim urgently as he is due for disconnection.

I trust that this letter will suffice as an application from Mr. Ross who would also like to be assessed for any other benefits to which he may be entitled.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Terry

Iain Terry
Social Worker.

The District Accountant
South of Scotland Electricity Board
20 Stevenson Street
Paisley
PA2 6BH

IT/SZ

Mr. I. Terry

22nd December, 1980.

Dear Sir,

Ross
5 Buchanan Street
Johnstone.
Ref. U 7054336

This is to inform you that Mr. Ross has applied to the Department of Health and Social Security for help with the family's outstanding electricity bill. In accordance with the Code of Practice I assume that no action will be taken by yourself until the outcome of this claim (including any appeal) is known. I will ensure that you are kept informed of the progress of this claim.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Terry
Iain Terry
Social Worker.

REFERRAL/ACCEPTANCE FORMReferral Source: Mr S. McCammondDATE: 2nd July, 1980Taken By:

Now Iain Terry - S.W.

NAME: Matthew RossAGE: 15D.O.B. 7.3.65 Tel. No.ADDRESS: 5 Buchanan Street, Johnstone.SCHOOL: St. Cuthbert's HighCLASS:CONTACT TEACHER: Mr YoungComments:ON SUPERVISION: Supervision Requirement varied to a Home Order - 13.12.79.Response: Matthew has kept in regular contact with myself and appears to have had no serious difficulties settling back into the community.DELINQUENCY/OFFENCES:

May, 1974 Children's Hearing Housebreaking with Intent Home Supervision. (Attendance at Child Guidance as a condition).
 May, 1978 Children's Hearing Truancy, Theft Referrals Residential Supervision. St. Ninian's Falkland till Review December, 1979.

FAMILY:Comments:

There is a history of marital disharmony and short separations between Mr and Mrs Ross. Mr Ross has a drink problem which as mentioned causes a rather tense and strained atmosphere at home on occasions. Matthew has two brothers and sisters.

GENERAL PERSONALITY: Matthew is rather reticent in the interview situation but he is a likeable boy who can be encouraged to voice his opinions.

Strengths/Weaknesses:

Has managed over the past 6 months to have regular school attendance and has steered clear of further offences.

Lacks motivation in relation to leisure pursuits. Needs to take more of an interest in himself (clothing, cleanliness etc). Underwent an eye operation (now has little or no sight in one eye). He is however generally a healthy individual.

LEISURE: Seems to spend a good deal of time indoors and seems to lack interest in constructive leisure pursuits. He has a few close friends and takes an interest in football etc off and on.

PEER RELATIONS:

Matthew appears to be on reasonably good terms with both parents although their rather disruptive lifestyle has I feel had a rather unsettling

ADULT RELATIONS: effect on all the children.

REASON FOR REFERRAL: - Matthew presents as rather a shy quiet boy and an involvement in a group may provide the stimulation that he requires to take more of an interest in himself and people around him as well as promoting an interest in leisure activities which would not be available locally.

ACTION:

REASONS FOR ACCEPTANCE (SYNOPSIS):

Presented Problems:

- a. Unstable home life.
- b. Lacking stimulation from home.
- c. Poor self image.

Possible Functions of Project:

The group consists of nine youngsters aged 13 - 15 years. The group will meet for an initial 6 weeks Assessment Period. During that 6 week period we will be asking the youngsters to participate in activities and Group Meetings, set up by the staff Group to try and identify the needs of each individual group member. There is an expectation that not only the youngsters but their families and social worker get involved in the programme for the 6 week period.

At the end of the Assessment Period there will be a 3 week break, during which discussions will take place between each child, the groupwork staff, their social workers and families. The purpose of those meetings will be to discuss whether or not each youngster should continue in the group, or whether their needs could be met elsewhere.

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The main aim for the Assessment Period is to try and clarify and identify, what the needs of each child are, and whether or not these can be met by involvement in a group situation.

INFORMATION RECEIVED:

13/12/79

Matthew Ross.

Tue & Wed. October week.
Chickenpox.

attendance; 29 1/2 days.

accounted for by illness

at mid

more than satisfied

filled in

good relationships - pretty poor

remedial course - applying himself

Good influence on each other -

will resist.

no shyness pattern - at odd

6 weeks

no reason to concern.

- above average - well

below average / - no behavioural

responding well with compliment

Mr Mowbray
Mr Kipt
Mrs Stewart

The Manager,
Department of Health & Social
Security,
Child Benefit Centre (Washington),
P.O. Box 1,
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NE88 1A19.

Johnstone 24431

AC/IWN

Mrs. Carswell

28th August, 1979.

Dear Sir,

re: Matthew Ross, 5 Buchanan Street, Johnstone
Ref. No. CHB 7755 7530 NR

With reference to your correspondence dated 17th August, 1979 I would like to bring to your notice a form which I have already completed giving information about date of admission to care, Section of Act, list of home leaves and stating that Matthew is currently at home and the situation will be reviewed in October 1979. This letter was sent to your office on 21st June, 1979 (photocopy enclosed).

I would also like to bring to your notice a letter I sent on 1st August, 1979 asking if payment of Child Benefit could be made as soon as possible (photocopy enclosed).

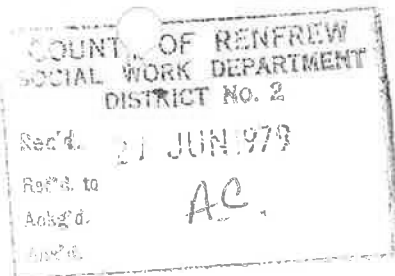
As I have already submitted the necessary information for processing the claim it would be greatly appreciated if this matter be treated as urgent since in the meantime Mrs. Ross is having to do without her weekly allowance for her son.

Yours faithfully,



(ANN CARSWELL),

Social Worker.



St. Ninian's School,
House of Falkland,
Falkland,
Fife KY7 7AE.
12th June, 1979.

SCHOOL CIRCULAR FOR PARENTS AND SOCIAL WORKERS.

The school year ends on Friday, 6th July, when the Summer holidays begin. Boys return for the new School year on Wednesday, 22nd August; NOT Tuesday, 21st August, as stated on the School Calendar.

It is appreciated that for many boys this is too long a period at home. Our summer programme is structured to provide for these boys. The six weeks' period is divide into 3 parts:-

6th - 20th July. Summer Camp in Wales.

20th July - 6th August. The School is closed.

6th - 22nd August. The Home is open and available for any boys to return, at the discretion of the Social Worker and Parents.

6th July: Boys going on home leave will be brought to Buchanan St. Bus Station in Glasgow or Markinch Railway Stn. for the Dundee boys. Boys going to Wales start their journey south.

19th July: Campers return to St. Ninian's.

20th July: The coach will bring the Strathclyde boys to Buchanan St. about 12 noon. Dundee boys will travel home via Markinch arriving a.m.

22nd Aug: The school coach will be at Buchanan St. to pick up the Strathclyde boys. As usual it will leave at 5p.m. Dundee boys make their own way to Markinch as usual.

Summer Camp: The following boys are going on the camping holiday to Wales:

G.Gilhoolley	M.McHugh	J.Devlin	A.Cairney
A.McVey	N.May	H.Wright	T.O'Donnell
T.O'Reilly	T.McDonald	P.Dixon	Ger.Farrell
F.Weldon	D.Ahern	G.Bell	B.Harkins
C.McDonald	J.Bell	M.Murphy	A.Dow.
A.Burns	T.Gaffney	D.Cullen	

Some of the boys wish to go, others have no alternative.

SUPERVISION NOTES

Date

Transfer summary:

Matthew was made subject of a residential supervision order following an assessment in May 1978 and subsequently was placed at St. Ninian's, Falkland. At a hearing on 19.4.79 it was felt by the panel that Matt had made progress at St. Ninian's and although it was felt that there was still room for improvement for the boy to continue at St. Ninian's for another year it would make his reintegration into the school system locally very difficult. It was therefore decided that the supervision requirement be continued but that an early review in July, with a view to Matt returning to St. Cuthbert's in August. In the intervening period Matthew returned home from St. Ninian's on a trial basis on 22.6.79 and after discussion with the staff at St. Cuthbert's returned there. His attendance at school was very good and he seemed to be applying himself to his work. He is not an intelligent boy but seems to be trying at the moment. A review hearing was called and on 13.12.79 his supervision requirement was varied to a home order. There has been a history of marital and financial problems in this family, mostly due to Mr. Ross' drinking. Mrs. Ross frequently leaves the family home and stays with her parents in Kilbirnie. Arrangements have been made on at least two occasions for her to be interviewed by the homeless unit but she usually fails to keep these appointments and returns home without notifying this department that she is there. At the moment Mrs. Ross is staying with her parents again and states that she is going to apply for a house in the Kilbirnie area and when allocated one will take the children to stay with her.

Case transferred to Stuart McCannond. AC/IWN

15.2.80

'Phone call taken by Judith Reid. Doctor O'Kane 'phoned regarding Mr Ross. Apparently he had been out to visit him last night and found him to be suffering from a very bad migraine headache and also the effects of a heavy drinking session. Doctor O'Kane was concerned about Mr Ross being left with the care of the four children. Spoke to Mr Ross on the 'phone. He claimed to be coping with the care of the children at this point. Arranged to visit on the 26th.

26.2.80

Visited on that date and saw Mr Ross, Matthew and his younger brother Tommy. Both seemed to be reasonably well looked after. Mr Ross was anxious to point out that the kids were being looked after properly i.e. they were being fed and sent to school. Mr Ross informed me that his wife and other children were still staying in the Kilbirnie area with Mrs Ross's parents. I was informed by both Mr Ross and Matthew that he was attending school regularly and that there were no problems regarding this. Mr Ross then informed me on some of the background information regarding the separation from his wife, stating that he had a drink problem. Mr Ross informed me that he had not tried to gain any help with this and was finding great difficulty in discussing it. We then discussed the various financial problems that he was experiencing and which he appeared very worried about. Apparently the rent is five weeks in arrears, and there is a heavy electricity bill pending. Mr Ross claims that he has not received full benefit over the past two or three weeks which seems to have exasperated the situation.

He did in fact make an appointment with D.H.S.S. two weeks ago but has heard nothing since. Mr Ross asked if I would 'phone them on his behalf. 'Phoned D.H.S.S. who stated that there was a backlog and a visit would be made to Mr Ross early the following week.

3.3.80

Mrs Ross called into the office accompanied by her son Thomas. Mrs Ross informed me that she was back living with her husband, and pointed out that this was on a trial basis, on the condition that he stop drinking.

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3.3.80
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She informed me that this move had been successful so far and that her husband was prepared to stay indoors with a few cans rather than frequent pubs. She did not speak in any detail about this and preferred to discuss the financial situation at present. I was informed that there had still been no visit from D.H.S.S. and I managed to 'phone them in her presence. After difficulty in getting the case notes it was agreed that a visit could be made in three days time. I asked how Matthew was doing and Mrs Ross informed me that he was causing no problems. Informed Mrs Ross that a few days previously, I had received a 'phone call from the Rector of St. Cuthbert's enquiring about the girls' schooling and advised Mrs Ross to get in touch with him.

10.3.80

Spoke to Mrs Ross on the 'phone. She informed me that they had received arrears of benefit and had paid the electricity and rent arrears with this. Informed me that they were seeking a meter installation for electricity and advised her to contact S.S.E.B. Mrs Ross informed me that things were fine otherwise. Mrs Ross 'phoned a short time after this and said that there had been no reply by S.S.E.B. to a letter written by her and she did in fact ask if I could 'phone on her behalf. Made a 'phone call to S.S.E.B. who informed me that they were in the process of implementing a new policy with regard to meter installation. This, in effect, would make it easier for a coin meter installation. Informed me that Mrs Ross should hear something within the next ten days.

SMcC/JF

9.4.80

Appointment not kept. 'Phoned Matthew's mother who informed me that he had flu. Advised her to 'phone myself when he was better. Mrs Ross informed me that there had been no word from S.S.E.B. regarding a meter installation. 'Phoned S.S.E.B. Was informed that a visit would be made the following day. 'Phoned Mrs Ross a few weeks later. Was informed that she had forgotten to get in touch with myself. It would appear that she has reservations about letting Matthew out on his own. This seems to stem from the fact that Matthew's elder brother was involved in a car accident some years before. However this does not seem to have left any permanent injury to him. In further discussion about this it would appear that although Mrs Ross is rather over protective in relation to Matthew visiting the town centre etc he does go out frequently on his own.

I was informed that they are no further forward in relation to their meter installation as a visit had not yet been made.

24.4.80

Saw Matthew at the office. He was for the most part of the discussion rather withdrawn, being rather reserved in his comments. It was therefore difficult to get a clear indication of his feelings in relation to how he views his life at home at this point. According to Mrs Ross the situation at home has been more stable recently as Mr Ross has apparently stopped drinking heavily. Mrs Ross informed me on a previous visit to the home that although her husband is still unemployed he is occupying his time constructively and spends a good deal of the day fishing. As mentioned Matthew was very reserved but was of the opinion that things were more relaxed at home. I am informed both by Matthew and his mother that he continues to attend school without any problems. Although not in an academic stream, Matthew seems to enjoy certain subjects noticeably technical subjects and has an interest in Mechanics. Recently he has been spending a good deal of his time indoors however he does go out occasionally and attends football matches with his friend. He also enjoys playing football and cycling as he claims there is very little to do in Johnstone. Other than joining the Army Matthew has no thoughts for future employment. He does however see this as a means of gaining a trade.

Having spoken to Matthew and his mother it does not appear that his behaviour at this point either at school or in and around his home is giving any undue cause for concern.

SMcC/JF

S. Young

Name ROSS: Matthew

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SUPERVISION NOTES

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home and of course Matt said so too. The Panel members were concerned that Matt would just be left at St. Ninian's almost "forgotten about", Mr. Murphy, Social Worker at St. Ninian's, and myself voiced our reservations about Matt's ability to reintegrate into St. Cuthbert's High School and about the lack of stability in the family home, although Mr. & Mrs. Ross stated that everything was fine now. The Panel recommended that Matt's supervision requirement be continued with an early review in July with a view to Matt returning to St. Cuthbert's in August.

Subsequent visits to the family home have shown that Mr. & Mrs. Ross are not happy at the prospect of Matt returning home. They do not feel that they can cope with him but did not want to come across as uncaring parents by saying that at the hearing. They wanted to give a good impression.

At the moment it has been left that we will see how Mr. & Mrs. Ross cope with Matt over the summer holidays. In the meantime I will be contacting St. Cuthbert's, Underwood and trying to arrange a case conference with Mr. Murphy and myself to discuss whether Matt would fit into one or other of these school settings.

AC/IWN

25.5.79

Case reviewed by Area Officer (Sec. 44(1)(b)).

May/
December
1979

Matthew returned home from St. Ninian's on a trial basis on 22.6.79. He attended St. Cuthbert's High School that week so that he could choose his subjects for the next session.

Home situation has not been too unsettled. Mr. Ross lost his job on the Friday of Paisley Fair and since then has been unable to find employment. This has led to difficulties within the home as he seems to resent his wife earning when he does not and there have been the usual episodes of Mrs. Ross, either leaving or being put out, but always returning. This has not in any way affected the children's schooling. Mrs. Ross herself is being made redundant from Chryslers so it is likely that the family will experience financial difficulties over the next months.

Matthew's attendance at school has been very good and he seems to be applying himself to his work. He is not an intelligent boy but is trying at the moment and St. Cuthbert's are very pleased with him.

He has settled well with the rest of the family and in fact he and Lorraine appear to be having a good effect on each other as far as school attendance is concerned.

Matthew does not, however, seem to be attending any clubs etc. in the area preferring to stay in at night and watch television.

Taking into account Matthew's progress over past months I called a review hearing and on 13.12.79 his supervision requirement was varied to a home supervision requirement. Mr. & Mrs. Ross were in agreement with this decision.

AC/IWN

11.1.80

Mrs. Ross and Matthew at office. Apparently there have been difficulties with Mr. Ross' drinking since before Christmas but Mrs. Ross has put up with it until last night. Mr. Ross has been spending most of his day drinking with friends/

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11.1.80
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friends at a house in William Street, arriving home about 1 - 1.30 a.m. and insisting that Mrs. Ross gets out of bed to make him something to eat. He also tends to waken the children when he comes home drunk. This had happened again during the evening of 10th/11th January, 1980 - as a result the whole family had slept in and the children had only gone to school at lunchtime. Matthew had refused to go because he had missed the morning's classes.

Mrs. Ross saying that she is definitely not going back to stay at Buchanan Street and wants alternative accommodation. Yet again advised that she should contact Homeless Unit and explain circumstances. Looking for accommodation immediately. Explained difficulties of finding accommodation for herself and all of the children. Mrs. Ross decided to go to Kilbirnie to her mother's house (mother in hospital just now - had a fall and apparently has broken neck) to stay for weekend and will go to homeless unit on Monday morning then come to office to let me know what is happening.

15.1.80

Telephone call from Helen McEwan at Homeless Unit. She had been called out at 6 p.m. to Mrs. Ross last night who was at Johnstone Police office. Apparently Mrs. Ross had not called at their office yesterday because she had no bus fares. Had stayed at Kilbirnie until Sunday when father had gone to stay with another sister - locked up house and told Mrs. Ross she could not stay there any longer. Mrs. Ross had gone to stay with her mother-in-law - she too had put her out.

As far as housing from Homeless Unit is concerned there is no evidence of violence so would find it difficult to rehouse. Helen McEwan going out this morning to discuss transfer of tenancy with Mr. Ross. Explained that I had already done this earlier last year and that he was unwilling to consider it.

Also Mrs. Ross has been advised to contact lawyer re divorce proceedings and custody of children. Helen McEwan will keep in touch re interview with Mr. Ross.

Helen McEwan telephoned back to say that she had called at Buchanan Street to discuss transfer of tenancy with Mr. Ross to find that Mrs. Ross had returned home last night. Mr. Ross refused to transfer tenancy and Mrs. McEwan did not want to push matters because Mrs. Ross was back home. She checked with the mother-in-law with whom she had arranged for Mrs. Ross to stay last night to be told that Mrs. Ross had returned home of her own will last night.

Helen McEwan does not feel that there is much that can be done by Homeless Unit unless Mrs. Ross goes for divorce action. Explained that this has happened before and that despite circumstances Mrs. Ross has always returned to husband.

AC/IWN

4.2.80

Telephone call from Mrs. Ross to say that again she had left the family home because of her husband's drinking and had gone to stay with her parents in Kilbirnie. She was asking again about how to get tenancy of a house in her own name and again outlined the procedure with the homeless unit. Mrs. Ross was adamant, however, that she would not live in the Johnstone area unless she got tenancy of the house in Buchanan Street which Mr. Ross is not willing to sign over. She stated that her plan was to stay with her parents in Kilbirnie, to apply for a house in that area and when the house came up to take the children, to stay with her. She did say that Matt had arrived at Kilbirnie as his father had apparently threatened to hit him and she was concerned that the other children would all end in Kilbirnie and this would mean she could not stay there. Mrs. Ross was advised to take legal advice re divorce and custody of the children.

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SUPERVISION NOTESDate

August '78.

As I was absent from work through illness for most of the month I was unable to see Matthew as planned. Mr. Graham, Social Worker, called at the house at the request of St. Ninian's to ensure Matthew's return to school. Matthew returned as arranged, 22.8.78.

Transfer summary September, 1978.

Matthew was made the subject of a residential Supervision Order following an assessment in May '78 and was subsequently placed at St. Ninian's Falkland. I understand from Brother Ryan at St. Ninian's that Matthew is to appear at Paisley Sheriff Court on 1st September and from enquiries at the Court it would appear that this is in connection with incidents of Road Traffic Offences and Theft which took place on the 25th March. According to the Reporter's Department these charges have not been already dealt with by the Panel.

There is a history of marital problems and separation and Mr. Ross apparently has a serious drink problem. According to Mrs. Ross her husband regularly returns home drunk and shouts at the children and herself. Mrs. Ross has occasionally taken the children and walked out on her husband when he is in this state. I have outlined to her the limited facilities we have available for families in this position and Mrs. Ross has been adamant that at no time will the children be received into care.

Matthew impresses as being a rather limited boy who in the past has made little progress at school. He is pleasant in interview but gives the impression that he could be easily led. According to the school Matthew is rather "tricky" and did not appear to have experienced regular discipline at home.

SCB/SZ

August/
October
1978

Over the past two months there have been at least three occasions when Matthew has failed to return to school on time so there has been regular contact with St. Ninian's. Mr. Murphy, Social Worker, feels that Matthew has settled into the routine but that he is at times rather scatterbrained. The lad has very bad eyesight but there is apparently not very much that can be done about this. I am not convinced that Matthew's failure to return to school on time is totally his own fault and have spoken to both Mr. & Mrs. Ross about this. They are very happy with Matthew's progress so far and feel that he is more manageable when he does come home. However, I feel that to a certain extent they are happy to opt out of all responsibility as far as Matthew is concerned, as Mrs. Ross has often asked me if Matthew can stay at St. Ninian's until he is 16.

Matthew himself comes across as being a fairly quiet boy and never has much to say to his parents when he is at home. Matthew spends most of his time with his grandparents at Kilbirnie when he is at home and I wonder if he is following the same pattern as Martin feeling that he gains more from his grandparents than from his parents. It could be also that Mr. & Mrs. Ross are the type of parents who cannot cope with older children and having given up responsibility for Martin are now in the process of trying to do the same with Matthew.

AC/IWN

November Over the past months Matthew has been seen when on leave from St. Ninian's.
1978/ There has been contact with the school and regular contact with Mr. & Mrs. Ross.
January Mr. & Mrs. Ross seem to find Matthew more manageable at home now but I feel that
1979 a lot of this has to do with the fact that he is "farmed off" to his grandparents
in Kilbirnie for most of his time at home.

Mr. & Mrs. Ross have had their difficulties over the past months. Mrs. Ross took the children and went to stay with her parents during December. She tried to apply for a house in Kilbirnie while she was away but had no success so moved back.

Mr. Ross has been fairly annoyed about a pending court case of Matthew's which because of a mix up and Matthew's non-appearance was postponed until 14.2.79. Mr. Ross felt that the case had taken too long to come to court and that Matthew has been messed about. Advised him to get a lawyer which he has done.

Mr. Ross, however, has been drinking fairly heavily and tends to be very aggressive at these times. When in this sort of mood he is completely unreasonable and makes up all sorts of stories to ~~xxxx~~^{suit} his own ends. I feel that Mrs. Ross has a very difficult time with her husband when he has been drinking and the children are certainly noticeably quieter when Mr. Ross is under the influence.

Financially the family do not seem to be too badly off at the moment, although Mr. Ross feels that it is this department's responsibility to pay for Matthew's keep while he is at home for weekends as he is in our care. It has already been explained to him that he should claim D.H.S.S. for Matthew but he is not at all satisfied about this.

Matthew seems to be doing reasonably well at St. Ninian's and fairly happy there. There has been no further trouble about him not returning to the school on time. Matthew seems to fit in fairly well to the family routine when he does come home and appears to have a good relationship with the younger children.

AC/IWN

January/ Mr. & Mrs. Ross continued to have their difficulties over this period.
May 1979 Mrs. Ross had moved back in to the family home but in February left again and stayed with a friend in Johnstone. Her husband was under the impression at this point that she was staying with her mother in Kilbirnie, although the children knew where she was and this caused problems for them.

Mrs. Ross was adamant that she would not return to her husband this time, although when I suggested that we could perhaps arrange a joint interview to discuss their difficulties Mrs. Ross was willing to try. I visited Mr. Ross on various occasions to discuss this but he was not prepared to discuss anything with me and grudgingly said he might talk to his wife if she came to see him. I was also concerned about the arrangements for the children as by this time Mr. Ross had started work with the renovation scheme. However, he seemed to be well enough organised and refused the help of a family aid. Discussed also with him the possibility of his signing the house over to his wife if he felt he could not cope with the children - adamant that this would not happen. Other interviews with Mrs. Ross involved talking about the options open to her, e.g. homeless unit etc. She made promises to go to see them and I telephoned them stating her case. However, Mrs. Ross decided not to go to the homeless unit and the next time I called at Buchanan Street Mrs. Ross had moved back in and everything in the garden was rosy again. Mr. Ross' drinking has decreased considerably since starting work and they have now bought a caravanette and go away for weekends. This seems to have alleviated the situation considerably.

During this period there was contact with St. Ninian's to try to gauge how Matt was reacting to the situation. There was little evidence of him being at all upset about it.

A hearing was held on 19.4.79 and both myself and St. Ninian's had

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26.6.78.

Home visit. Had quite a lengthy chat with Mrs. Ross about Matthew and about Mr. Ross and the problems she has been experiencing at home recently.

Matthew: Matthew arrived home safely on Friday evening having been directed to the right train at Central Station by the other boys who were travelling in this direction. (Mr. and Mrs. Ross had earlier expressed reservation about Matthew returning home on his own but both stated they were unable to collect him at this time). According to Mrs. Ross Matthew has now settled down fairly well at the school and is happy there although apparently told his mother he would run away if he was not allowed home every second weekend.

Have discussed the arrangements for the summer holidays with both Mr. and Mrs. Ross both are rather concerned about Matthew returning home and Mr. Ross in particular, was of the opinion that Matthew should not come home for the full six weeks. Discussed this with Mr. Kelly at St. Ninian's who agreed that Matthew could attend the School camp in Wales for a fortnight and also return to the school for an extra fortnight if necessary. Suggested to Mrs. Ross that they discussed this with Matthew on his weekend leave and this they apparently did. Matthew has apparently told his mother that he would like to return home for the full six weeks and she has arranged for him to spend part of this time with his grandparents and an aunt. Told Mrs. Ross that I would like to see Matthew regularly during his holiday at home.

Mr. Ross: Mrs. Ross discussed the home situation at length. On a recent visit Mr. Ross appeared very much "under the influence" and it seemed pointless to discuss anything with him while he was in this state.

According to Mrs. Ross, her husband is now drinking very heavily again and is drunk at least four nights in the week, being especially bad at weekends. It seems however that this weekend he was sober until Matthew returned to the school on Sunday evening. When drunk Mr. Ross is apparently rather loud and aggressive and at times has put the family out of the house and finds fault with everything that his wife and children are doing. Mrs. Ross is very much of the opinion that she must find somewhere of her own as soon as possible.

One of Mr. Ross's brother-in-law was also an alcoholic and attends A.A. meetings regularly. He has spoken to Mr. Ross in the past and it seems that he and his wife are able to provide some support for Mrs. Ross.

Suggested to Mrs. Ross that she approach Dr. Smillie her G.P. to ask for advice regarding her husband's drink problem although obviously there is not much he can do until Mr. Ross approaches him for help.

Apparently Mr. Ross at one time was receiving medication from Dr. Carrick but was continuing to drink as heavily and this treatment was discontinued.

Mr. Ross also has sleeping pills and his wife has to conceal them from him when he is drunk in fear that he will take too many.

Mrs. Ross and the children are obviously living under some stress at the moment and I discussed with her the alternative accommodation this Department could offer her in an emergency situation e.g. Douglas House and children received into care - also mentioned the Wives Hostel in Paisley and the Al-Anon association for families of Alcoholics.

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11.7.78.

Home visit. Matthew is at present home from St. Ninian's on holiday and was out in the garden with the other children. Spoke to Matthew on his own for a while - he is not very talkative in interview but answered every question politely. Matthew seems to be fairly happy at the school and told me that he now was catching up with his school work. Also discussed with Matthew the Supervision Order and explained to him that he would be attending a Review Hearing at the beginning of next year and that there would be reports from both the home and the school social worker etc and a decision made whether he remain at St. Ninians or return home and attend St. Cuthberts.

Mrs. Ross is still working on night shift and was sleeping when I called. Matthew assured me however that everything was fine at home.

20.7.78.

Home visit. Mrs. Ross and children at home although Matthew was still in bed and I was not able to talk to him. Mrs. Ross reports that Matthew's home leave has been uneventful so far and he has been spending most of his time around the house. He has also been fishing a couple of times with boys who live nearby.

Electricity. Mrs. Ross still rather anxious about the situation with her electricity account - about £170 is outstanding and a new account is due. Mrs. Ross was previously convinced that more money due to be paid by D.H.S.S. (she was on fuel direct until March '78) although I had contacted S.S.E.B. on her behalf and been told that the final payment had been made. Mrs. Ross has now received written confirmation that no further money is due from D.H.S.S. At the moment Mrs. Ross is paying £15 per week and as both she and her husband are in employment seems to be managing to keep to this arrangement.

Mr. Ross Mrs. Ross again discussed the marital situation at length. Mr. Ross is continuing to drink fairly heavily at weekends and shouts etc. at his wife and children while in this condition. She again left the house last weekend and went to the Police station however, the police explained to her that they could not charge Mr. Ross with being drunk in his own house unless he was creating a disturbance or assaulting his wife and children.

Mrs. Ross is aware of the limited facilities available to women in her position, especially as the Wives Hostel in Paisley is closed for the holidays at present. She has also stated to me that she would not consider the children being taken into care. In the past she has been able to make family arrangements when necessary at weekends.

Mrs. Ross mentioned that she was in need of an electric cooker and at present she can not afford to take out H.P. on one. Name put in book. Mrs. Ross to provide transport if necessary.

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Name ROSS: Matthew

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Date

March/
April '78.

Hearing 16.3.78.

Miss Young, Senior Social Worker, Mr. and Mrs. Ross and Matthew attended. Mr. Ross recently returned to live with the family, partly, it seems, as a result of the difficulties his wife has been experiencing with Matthew. Case continued for Assessment. See Assessment Reports in file.

19.4.78.

Hearing. Mr. Ross unable to attend on this occasion due to work commitments. On this occasion two further charges against Matthew were read out but Mrs. Ross did not wish these discussed until she had spoken to her husband.

4.5.78.

Hearing - see supplementary report in file. On this occasion three further referrals were discussed - two involving cars and one involving the theft of a copper boiler. The Assessment Panel had recommended a residential Supervision Order with Bosco House suggested as a suitable placement. Matthew's case was discussed at Bosco house at it was decided that more continuous supervision was necessary than was possible there.

Place found for Matthew at St. Ninian's School in Falkland. Residential Supervision Order made.

18.5.78.

Matthew admitted to St. Ninian's Falkland. Mr. and Mrs. Ross also accompanied Matthew and seemed to be fairly impressed by the School. Brother Ryan and Mr. Kelly, Social Worker, discussed schooling, home leave etc with the Ross' and both were hopeful that the staff would be able to help Matthew.

SUMMARY TO MAY '78.

Matthew was referred to the Reporter to the Children's Panel on the grounds of truancy. His attendance had been poor since Primary School and it was obvious that Matthew was having problems at St. Cuthbert's School. Mrs. Ross initially seemed to deny any real problem with Matthew but later accepted that a residential school was really the only answer at this time. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ross were concerned that Matthew would be led into further trouble by the older boy with whom he was associating. They were also sure that Matthew's truancy would continue while he was living at home.

Matthew seemed to accept the residential order. He impresses as being rather limited and spoke fairly openly in interview. Matthew seems to have a good relationship with his parents, brothers and sisters and also his grandparents in Kilbirnie. Mr. Ross appears to be strict with Matthew but the truancy was continuing while Mr. Ross was at home and causing friction between the parents. (See S.E.R. and Assessment Report on Matthew and Court Report on Mr. Ross).

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16.6.78.

Telephone call from Johnstone Police at 10 p.m. to Standby Officer, David Docherty. Mrs. Ross and children (3) at station. Husband had put them out of home. Mrs. Ross did not want to involve the police, did not want social worker to visit husband. No room at Women's Refuge, 42 Love Street, Paisley. Mrs. Ross not happy about Douglas House. Did not want to be separated from children decided to spend the weekend with relatives.

19.6.78.

Telephone call from Mr. Kelly, Social Worker at St. Ninian's, regarding home leave for Matthew, explained the situation at home to Mr. Kelly and arranged to call him later in the week about this.

20.6.78.

Home visit. Mrs. Ross and children now settled at home. Discussed weekends happenings with them and was assured by Mrs. Ross that everything was now back to normal again. Mr. Ross working again and according to his wife is drinking very heavily and this has led to rows etc. Discussed possibility of Matthew's home leave with Mrs. Ross and told her that I was very reluctant to arrange this in view of the events last weekend. Mrs. Ross assured me that everything was not settled and that she was sure her husband would make a special effort to be sober this weekend as he is particularly fond of Matthew and has been very upset about him leaving home, although is still sure that this is in his own best interest.

Mrs. Ross also produced an electricity bill of £172.71 which she was sure was wrong as she had been on fuel direct until three months ago and believed some further payments would still be in the pipeline. Checked with S.S.E.B. - new bill £61.96 - £110 outstanding on previous accounts - no further payments to come from D.H.S.S.

Also concerned about Housing situation - checked with Housing and the home appears to be in Mr. Ross' name.

21.6.78.

Telephoned Mr. Kelly to arrange Matthew's weekend leave and explained home situation. Also discussed the summer leave and mentioned that Mrs. Ross is concerned that Matthew may become involved in further trouble and would like him to be included in the school camp, if possible. Told her to discuss this with Matthew at the weekend. Mr. Kelly agreed to include Matthew in the boys going to the camp if he decides that he would like to go.

Visited Mrs. Ross to inform her of arrangements for Matthew's leave.

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date)

Paisley, 13th December 1979

A children's hearing for

Strathclyde Region

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 8-8-79 to which

Matthew Ross
5 Buchanan St
Johnstone.is subject, hereby require him/her* ~~[to reside in]~~

1*†

to be under the supervision of Director of Social Work, Strathclyde.

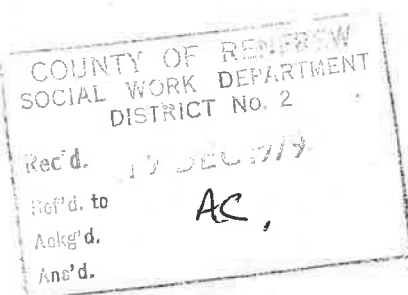
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subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 8-8-79, is hereby revoked.

David KiddChairman of
the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

- †1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.
- †2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.
3.
etc.

Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

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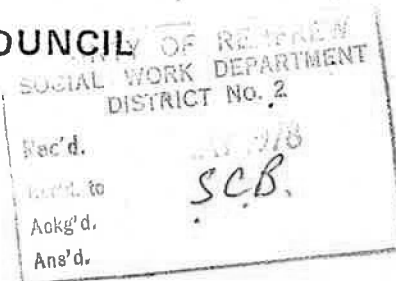
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Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

MEMORANDUM



From:The Reporter's Department, To:The District Manager,.....
20 Back Sneddon Street,..... Social Work Department,.....
PAISLEY..... Glen Street, PAISLEY.....

Subject: Reporters' Duties and Transmission of Information, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 6 (1) (2) (3)

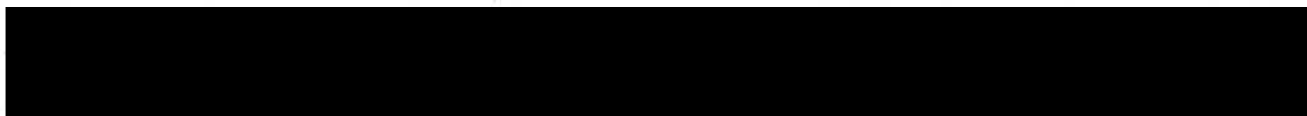
In accordance with instruction contained in Rule 6 of the above Statutory Instrument the decision(s) made by a Children's Hearing ~~is~~are* undernoted.

Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

Date of Hearing:

Name:

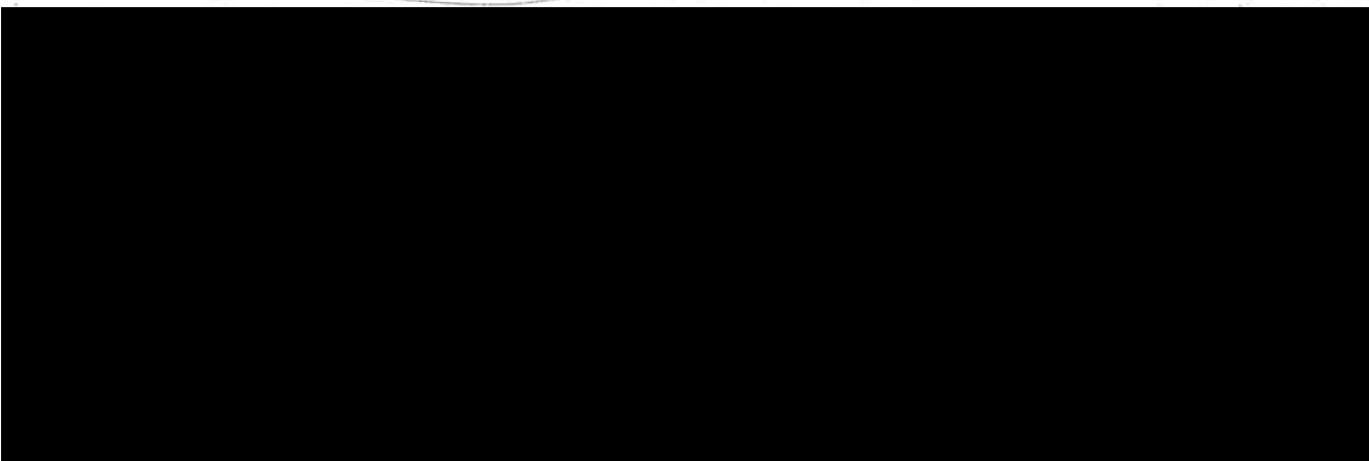
Decision:



4.5.78

MATTHEW ROSS,
 5 BUCHANAN STREET,
 JOHNSTONE. born 3.3.65

Residential Supervision -
 St. Ninian's Falkland.



Date10th May, 1978.....

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for Reporter

Douglas H. J.

12 1978

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision Requirement

(Place and date)

FAISLEY 4th MAY 1978

A children's hearing for STRATHCLYDE

in exercise of the powers conferred by section 44(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, being satisfied

that MATHEW ROSS 4 BUCHANAN STREET, JOHNSTONE

is in need of compulsory measures of care require him/her [to reside in ST. NICHOLAS' CATHEDRAL J*†

[to be under the supervision of Director of Social Work]* subject to the conditions noted below.

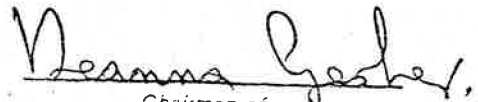
[The operation of this supervision requirement is postponed until

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Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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- etc.


Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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26th March, 1979.

The Reporter,
Children's Hearing Dept.,
20 Back Sneddon St.,
Paisley.

Report on: Matthew Ross (d.o.b. 7/3/65.)
5 Buchanan St.,
Johnstone,
Renfrewshire.

When Matthew arrived at St. Ninian's last May he was a very nervous boy who could read, only with difficulty and it was impossible to read what he wrote. He is now more confident and is socially (functionally) literate in reading and his written work is improving. (R.A. originally 8 - now 11².) His reading has improved tremendously in the past year as can be seen by the accompanying tests. His spelling has improved slightly but is still fairly poor. Matthew may have dyslexic-like tendencies but this is difficult to establish since (a) he is of low intelligence; and (b) he is lacking in confidence. These would make him backward without mind/eye problems. His reading has improved more quickly than I would expect if he was dyslexic; but his spelling, which is far below his expected performance suggests some kind of visual problems. It is very inconsistent e.g. he will spell 'house' correctly on one occasion and 'hosue' on another. Some of his mistakes are careless but many are not. If Matthew returns to St. Ninian's I intend to arrange an intensive spelling programme based on work which will encourage him to look at words to find the letter-order rather than those which use whole-word methods. His general discipline in the classroom is pretty good; but he always seems to be on the fringe of things that are happening,

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but nothing very serious usually. At times he is inclined to nag around the school. He accepts discipline quite well but at times it is 'like water off a duck's back'.

In his relationships with the Staff he is usually ~~reep~~ respectful but at times over anxious to please. However his behaviour is becoming more natural and less tense. He is very reserved in adult company but quite open to adults in younger company. He relates quite well with his peers without having any real close friends. He usually keeps himself fairly clean and tidy (never dirty) but he is never too concerned about this aspect. His weekend leave at home has been regular and, apart from a couple of occasions some months ago, he has never been any problem in returning.

All in all Matthew has made some good progress since coming to St. Ninian's in his education and his general relationships with people, which is giving him more confidence. And there is still room for improvement, with evidence that this will take place. For this reason the School would like to recommend to the Panel that Matthew's Supervision Order be continued without change.

M.V.Murphy.



(Residential Social Worker).

- Trains can often be seen standing in a railway (engine, driver, box, station).
- If you write with a pen, you also need (crayons, money, help, ink).
- Children go to school in order to (sleep, run, cry, learn).
- A horse is an animal with four (teeth, eyes, legs, ears).
- People usually go on their holidays to (enjoy, re-imburse, apite, employ) themselves.
- Coal is usually (yellow, black, white, pink).
- Boys often like to climb up (bees, tents, trials, trees).
- The first meal of the day is called (dinner, breakfast, tea, supper).
- Books are made of (patent, paper, pumper, pepper).
- Oranges and bananas are both (fronts, fruit, poisonous, animals).
- Grass is (blue, green, white, red).
- Before we eat meat, it should be (swallowed, stroked, cooked, crooked).
- Mr. Smith is limping because, yesterday, whilst getting off the bus, he slipped and twisted his (armlet, neck, ankle, umbrella).
- Shoes are usually made of (leather, lather, laces, soles).
- A giant is a (short, tall, thin, hungry) man.
- Men's socks are usually (matter, stolen, wasted, knitted).
- Motor-cars are driven along by petrol being exploded inside the (cabin, pump, engine, steering-wheel).
- When we go out to a friend's house for tea, we often find that the table is already laid with cups and (visitors, sand, sausages, saucers).
- Most houses in this country today are lit by means of (candles, oil-lamps, electricity, tapers).
- If the road is very bumpy, a ride on a bus can be very (uncomforting, uncomfortable, uncontrolled, unconverted).
- Liquids are usually kept in (boxes, fires, drinks, bottles).
- A steam engine usually runs on (rails, reels, stoves, signals).
- One of the best ways of keeping healthy is to take plenty of (examination, samples, excitement, exercise).
- When we send a letter to a friend, it is usual to fold it and put it into an (address, appliance, affluence, envelope).
- The season of the year when young green buds appear on the trees is called (autumn, spring, winter, October).
- The typhoon blew so hard that three thousand houses were (destroyed, annoyed, demonstrated, burst).
- Unless one is very experienced, rock-climbing can be (lucrative, temporary, dangerous, degenerative).
- A place where talking films are shown is called a (theatre, cinema, gallery, house).
- A bald man has little (feet, hair, nose, cap) on his head.
- A male child is called a (boy, girl, dwarf, nuisance).
- The head teacher granted (permission, presentation, permutation, refusal) for the boy to be absent from school on the day of his brother's wedding.
- A prisoner usually longs for his (sentence, toleration, serenade, freedom).
- When people are ill they are often visited by the doctor who prescribes (prevention, disease, radio, medicine) for them.
- In this country, the commonest fuel used for house fires is (wood, oil, smoke, coal).
- The case for the prosecution so impressed the Jury that they found the prisoner (dirty, guiltless, wicked, guilty).
- A mushroom is an edible (fugitive, fungus, parlour, fantasy).
- We use soap to wash clothes because it helps to remove the (grease, dye, goose, shrubs) from them.
- If there is one nearby, you should always cross the road at a (pedestal, railway, channel pedestrian) crossing.
- The visitor went to the manager's office and politely asked the secretary if he could have an (interruption, extradition, interest, interview) with the manager.
- If you want to make sure that the plants in your garden will grow well, it is a good plan to sprinkle them with (seeds, roots, fertiliser, worms).
- When bombs drop on an undefended city, it is almost certain that they will cause a great deal of (demonstration, suspicion, destruction, conservation).
- A city has a bigger (popularity, population, rainfall, postulation) than a village.
- The most important female participant in a wedding is the (groomsman, bridegroom, mother, bride).
- A man who translates the conversation of two people who cannot speak each other's

48. Ships sail from port to port, crossing the ocean and ocean carrying (merchandise, mensuration, meridian, merchandising) to all parts of the world.
49. In spring the farmer is often very busy ploughing the fields, in order to make them ready for (stowing, cattle, sowing, grazing).
49. When two armies are engaged in battle, one of the two (adjectives, adversaries, explosions, swords) usually ends up as the victor.
50. The wheels on a motor-car (rotund, retreat, rotate, excavate).
50. When walking in the woods you must be careful not to throw down lighted matches or you may cause a serious (contemplation, conflagration, stipulation, conflict).
50. The explorers who first reached the South Pole found that the intense cold and the fierce blizzards (receded, impressed, impeded, imposed) their progress.

Matthew Ross has been at St. Ninian's School, Falkland, since 15th May, 1978. Matthew was referred to the Children's Panel on the grounds of truancy. His attendance has given problems since Primary School.

Over the past year Matthew has made good progress at St. Ninian's, both in his education and in his general relationships with people, although there is still room for improvement.

At a recent review hearing, the Panel members were most concerned at the possibility of Matt remaining at St. Ninian's school for a further year as by then he will be 15 and this is likely to make his reintegration to school at this stage more difficult. On the other hand both Mr. Murphy and myself have reservations about Matt's ability to cope with a return to school at this point in time.

Mr. & Mrs. Ross gave the impression at the hearing that they were very keen for Matt to return home, although now have doubts about being able to cope with him. The home situation can be unstable from time to time. Matt's behaviour and the parents' ability to cope with him will, however, be gauged over the summer holiday period when Matt will be at home. Matt himself wants to return home permanently.

School will probably be the main problem and it was decided to call a meeting with the various agencies to discuss Matt's abilities and to try to decide if it is a viable proposition, educationally, for the boy to return home. A review hearing to discuss the possibility of Matt returning home will be held in July so that if a decision is reached the boy can start school at the beginning of the new term.

Anne Carswell

(ANNE CARSWELL),

Social Worker.

10 Laighcartside
Street, Johnstone.
13.6.79. AC/IWN

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1978 - 79

During all leaves and school holidays, except as indicated below on the 20th July, the home is open and available for boys to remain or to be returned as circumstances dictate.

On the alternative weekends when the boys are not on leave they follow a Sports' fixture programme against schools in Fife.

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Aug. 22nd	-	Boys return from Summer holidays
Sept 1st	-	Weekend leave from Friday to Sunday
" 15th	-	" "
" 28th	-	" "
Oct 13th	-	" "
" 26th-30th	-	Mid term leave from Thursday to Tuesday
Nov. 10th	-	Weekend leave from Friday to Sunday
" 24th	-	" "
Dec. 8th	-	" "
Dec. 21st	-	Start of the Christmas holidays
Jan 7th	-	Boys return from holidays. (Sunday)
Jan 12th	-	Weekend leave from Friday to Sunday
" 26th	-	" "
Feb. 10th	-	" "
Feb. 22nd-27th	-	Mid term leave from Thursday to Tuesday.
Mar. 9th	-	Weekend leave from Friday to Sunday
" 23rd	-	" "
Apr. 6th	-	Start of the Easter holidays.
" 22nd	-	Boys return from holidays (Sunday)
Apr. 27th	-	Weekend leave from Friday to Sunday.
May 11th	-	" "
May 24th-29th	-	Mid term leave from Thursday to Tuesday.
Jun. 8th	-	Weekend leave from Friday to Sunday
" 22nd	-	" "
Jul. 6th	-	Start of the Summer holidays. A two weeks' camping holiday is run for boys who need to go on or boys who wish to go.
Jul. 20th	-	Boys who were camping go home and the Home is shut down until Aug.6th.
Aug. 6th	-	The Home re-opens and is available for boys to return.
Aug. 21st	-	School opens and all boys return.

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to be arranged :-

1. Rugby tour to Merseyside for all boys
2. Rugby tour to Sunderland for all boys.
3. Skiing with Army Youth team for older boys.
4. Camping with Army Youth team for older boys.

Miss S. Barker

SCB/SZ

4th September, 1978.

Matthew Ross,
St. Ninian's School,
Falkland,
Fife.

Dear Matthew,

I am sorry that I was unable to see you during the second month of your holiday at home. Unfortunately I was off work through illness during most of this time.

I am writing to let you know that I will be leaving this Department at the end of the week and that a new Social Worker will be seeing you in future.

I hope you had a good holiday at home and that you are now settling down again at St. Ninian's.

Yours sincerely,



S. C. Barker (Miss)
Social Worker.

Miss S. Barker

SCB/SZ

6th June, 1978.

Matthew Ross,
St. Ninian's School,
Falkland,
Figs.

Dear Matthew,

I hope you are now settling down at St. Ninian's and getting to know the other boys and members of staff. I am hoping to manage up to see you before the summer holidays but if not I shall definitely see you when you come home on leave.

I am looking forward to hearing about your time at St. Ninian's.

Yours sincerely,



S.C. Barker (Miss)
Social Worker.

SCB/SZ

Miss S. Barker

10 Laighcartside Street,
Johnstone.

21st April, 1978.

Bosco House Children's Home,
7 Hamilton Road,
Glasgow,
G32 9QD.

Dear Sir,

Matthew Ross (3.3.65.)
5 Buchanan Street
Johnstone.

The case of the above-named boy was recently discussed by our Assessment Team and we are now thinking of a placement away from home. Matthew's case was continued at a Children's Hearing yesterday to allow two further referrals concerning Road Traffic Offences to be discussed. The original referral was for truancy.

I enclose S.E.R. and reports from Dr. Mair, Senior Medical Officer and Mr. J. Brown, Depute Principal Psychologist for your information and wonder whether you feel placement with you would benefit Matthew.

Yours faithfully,



Shona C Barker (Miss)
Social Worker

Enc.

Miss S. Barker

SCB/SZ

10 Laighcartside Street,
Johnstone.

21st April, 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross,
5 Buchanan Street,
Johnstone.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ross,

I would like to call on Tuesday 25th April at about 6.30 in the evening to discuss the new referrals with you both.

If this is not suitable please contact me and we will arrange another time.

Yours sincerely,



S.C. Barker (Miss)
Social Worker.

JWP/SZ

2nd May, 1978.

Father Ryan,
St. Ninian's School,
Falkland House,
Falkland,
Fife.

Dear Father Ryan,

Further to my telephone conversation with you this morning I enclose background and assessment reports on Matthew Ross. He has to appear before a Hearing on Thursday, 4th May, 1978.

It is likely the Panel will request a residential placement and if so Miss Barker, the Social Worker, concerned with the boy, will tell them of our application to you.

There is a sharing link between the family and the boy and coming home for holidays will present no difficulty.

It is some time since I last visited Falkland and should Matthew be allocated a place in your establishment I would like to take the opportunity of accompanying Miss Barker on one of her visits.

Yours sincerely,

J.W. Porter (Mrs.)
Area Social Worker.

JP

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REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT TEAM

Matthew ROSS, d.o.b. 3.3.65
5 Buchanan Street, Johnstone
St. Cuthbert's High School

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Co-ordinator of Assessment
17.4.78

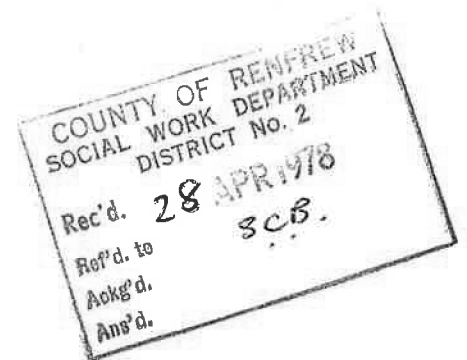
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Bosco House,
Children's Home,
7 Hamilton Road,
Glasgow, G32 9QD

27th April 1978

Miss S.C.Barker,
Social Work Department,
10 Laighcartside Street,
Johnstone

Ref. SCB/SZ



Dear Miss Barker,

Matthew Ross (3.3.65)
5 Buchanan Street,
Johnstone.

I write to inform you that our Admissions Committee, after considering reports on the above-named boy, decided against offering him a place at Bosco House.

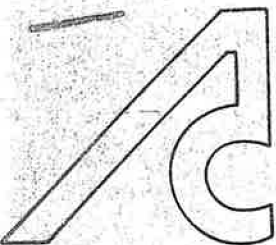
Bosco House is situated in an area of high delinquency and it affords a relatively high degree of freedom and independence. The reports, however, seemed to indicate that Matthew requires more continuous supervision than is possible here. Consequently, it was felt that, in the best interests of the boy, he should not be admitted here.

I regret that we are unable to help you in this case.

Yours faithfully,

D. Higgins
Rev. B. Higgins

Depute Officer in Charge



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Dth Mair.

Date: 13.4.78.

Mr. Leinster,
Co-ordinator to the Assessment Team,
30 Seedhill Road,
Paisley.

Dear Mr. Leinster,

Matthew Ross, d.o.b. 15.3.65,
5 Buchanan Street, Johnstone.

I did a home visit to the Ross family on 12.4.78, because they were unable to fulfil the appointment given them, and his case is to be discussed on Friday. I found a reasonably happy domestic situation when I arrived at the house, in the sense that the family were playing as a unit in the back garden, and Mrs. Ross herself was tidy and the house was also in reasonable shape.

I found Matthew, the second in the family, to be a very pleasant child, though obviously coming in at the lower end of the normal intellectual scale, I think he is finding school on the whole a pretty unsuccessful situation, and has increasingly opted out of it, the problem is that he is just showing the first signs of getting into a little delinquent bother. I got the impression that with the girls, the mother copes tolerably well, they began to be a little bit of a nuisance when I was examining Matthew and very firmly she put them out, and they immediately obeyed and did not attempt to come in again, and I feel, though I would not see her as a very strong character, at least being able to cope with the younger members of her family, and generally she presents as a caring mum, but of course it is a one parent family and there are 5 children, which is quite a big undertaking for any mother.

On systematic examination, I found Matthew to be a sturdy normal boy, and I did not see any evidence of any specific neurological deficit on examination, apart from the fact that he has to wear glasses. He has had a considerable myopic difficulty associated with a squint, and this has obviously been left too long and he ^{is} amblyopic in one eye, so that they have already been told that such future employment, such as driving, would not ever be possible for him. His hearing is normal and there is no record of any significant illness, he has the scar of an extremely bad burn which took him to the Sick Children's Hospital for a considerable period of time when he was a small boy, but he does not seem at all bothered or embarrassed by the scarring.

I think it difficult to know just what should be done about him, and can't help feeling special school might have provided just what he needs, but the move into delinquency possibly should be quickly stopped,

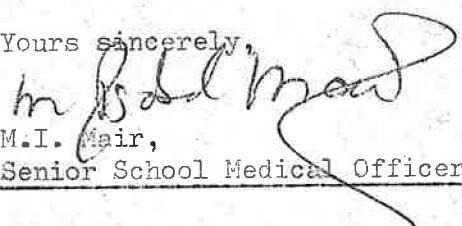
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and though I have not at present got anything other than the referral and therefore know how significant this delinquency is, I should be interested to get the comments of the other members of the panel.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,


M.I. Mair,
Senior School Medical Officer.

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MISS S. BARKER, JOHNSTONE

Social Work Department - Renfrew Division

Divisional Director of Social Work

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17.4.78

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*Bosco House C.H. - have a vacancy.
7 Hamilton Road - Admission Committee*

GLASGOW G32 9PD:

Tel. No. 041/778/1128:



Miss S. Barker

SCB/SZ

10 Laighcartside Street,
Johnstone.

24th January, 1978.

Mrs. Ross,
5 Buchanan Street,
Johnstone.

Dear Mrs. Ross,

The Reporter to the Children's Panel has asked me to prepare a Background Report on your son, Matthew. For this reason I would like to call and see both you and Matthew on Monday, 30th January, 1978, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. If this is not suitable please contact me and we will arrange another appointment.

Yours sincerely,



S. Barker (Miss)
Social Worker.

Ross.

Tel: Falkland 268

ST. NINIAN'S

FALKLAND

FIFE.

8th Dec. 1978

Dear *Mrs. Carswell,*

Just a reminder to let you know that the boys will start their Christmas holidays on Thursday 21st Dec. They will leave St. Ninian's before 10.00 a.m. Boys for Glasgow and the west should arrive at Buchanan St. Bus station about 11.30 a.m. Boys for Dundee will be on the 10.10 train from Markinch.

Not all boys will be able to go on holidays so the Home will be open. Should it be necessary for a boy to return early just phone. The return date for all is Sunday 7th Jan. The school coach will leave Buchanan St. at 5.00 p.m. on that date.

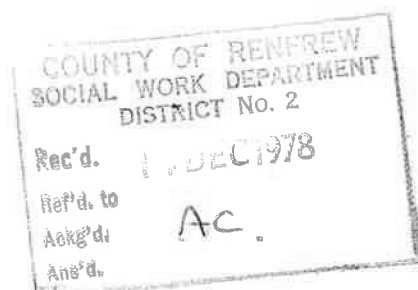
Twenty senior boys will be on a skiing course in Glenshee with the Army Cadet Training Team from 22nd to 25th Jan. Two Cross country teams are entered for the Fife Schools' Championship at Dunfermline on 7th Feb. Later in the term all boys travel to Sunderland for the weekend to play rugby.

After the Christmas we will have at least 10 vacancies.

With best wishes for Christmas and the new year,

Yours sincerely

W. G. Ryan
Headmaster



Strathclyde Regional Council
Eastwood/Renfrew District

W.J. PARKER
District Manager

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT ON MATTHEW ROSS OF 5 Buchanan Street,
Johnstone.

Children's Hearing at Paisley

Date of Birth: 7.3.65 Age: 16 Years.

Date of Hearing: 6th October, 1981

Religion: —

Grounds of Referral: review

Previous appearances before Children's Hearings: —

FAMILY: Over the past few months I have not had regular contact with Matthew although being very much involved in the family due to problems concerning his sister Lorraine. Over most of the past year the family situation has remained as before. At present however Mr and Mrs Ross are separated, with Mrs Ross staying at her mother's home in Kilbirnie. I understand she is endeavouring to get a house in that area and Matthew would be able to choose which parent he wanted to stay with.

MATTHEW: Matthew completed his schooling at St. Guthbert's without any major difficulties. He left school in May and has been unable to find employment. His father is concerned that at present Matthew is lazy and apathetic, and does not show signs of being keen to find work. About four months ago Matthew was involved in two alleged minor offences and I understand these are being processed through the Court System.

Matthew does not seem to use his leisure time constructively, and has difficulty getting up in the mornings. He does not seem to be concerned about his own future plans.

RECOMMENDATION: In view of Matthew's age, a further period of Supervision would not seem appropriate. However I will have a continuing involvement with the family and will be available to Matthew if he needs advice or guidance in the future.

Iain Terry
I. Terry (Mr)
Social Worker.

10 Laighcartside Street,
Johnstone. IT/JF.
2nd October, 1981.

Strathclyde Regional Council
Eastwood/Renfrew District

W.J. PARKER
District Manager

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

*Review?
July?*

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT ON MATTHEW ROSS OF 5 Buchanan Street, Johnstone

Children's Hearing at Paisley Date of Birth: 7.3.65 Age: 13 Years.

Date of Hearing:— Religion:— Roman Catholic

Grounds of Referral:— Review of Residential Supervision Requirement

Previous appearances before Children's Hearings:—

**HOME
SITUATION:**

Since the last report was submitted Mr. Ross has moved back to stay with the family but this in itself has brought problems. Mr. Ross drinks heavily from time to time and, at these times, can be most aggressive. On a few occasions Mrs. Ross has had to leave the home with the children and stay with relatives in Kilbirmie. The last time this happened was in November 1978. Mrs. Ross felt that she just could not take any more and that she was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. She tried to apply for a home of her own in Kilbirmie but with no success, so eventually moved back to stay with her husband. Since then she feels that the situation has improved. Her husband's drinking is more controlled and there haven't been so many arguments. Mrs. Ross is most concerned about the effect this has on the children, however. She feels that the children are unsettled when Mr. Ross has been drinking as there is always the possibility that they will have to leave home. Mr. Ross has never been violent towards his wife or the children but Mrs. Ross is always worried about this aspect as there are times when her husband has no recollection of what he has said or done. Mr. Ross has lost a few good jobs through his drinking habits and has been receiving treatment from his G.P. but this does not seem to be having any long term effect on him. He does not seem to acknowledge that he has a problem.

Financially the family seem to find it difficult to make ends meet but at the moment there are no outstanding accounts.

MATTHEW:

Matthew appears to have settled down fairly well at St. Ninian's and presents few problems when at home for weekends etc. The boy has been late on returning to school a few times but I feel that this is more the fault of his parents rather than any conscious attempt by Matthew not to return.

His parents feel that he is much better behaved now when he does come home but they seem, to a certain extent, to be afraid of the responsibility of having him at home for any length of time - for example I believe he spent part of his summer holidays with relatives in Kilbirmie and also, until recently, has spent part of his weekend leave there.

Matthew's older brother lives with his grandmother in Kilbirmie and I wonder if perhaps Mr. & Mrs. Ross feel unable to cope with the children as they grow older. Mrs. Ross states that she has no difficulty at all with disciplining the other children and she has noticed that Matthew's attitude

towards/

At the moment Matthew is spending most of his time either in the home with his brother and sisters or in the garden. He has always had a good relationship with his mother and his father now seems to have more time for him. The tension within this household has reduced tremendously.

**ATTITUDE TO THE
OFFENCE:**

This offence took place in March 1978, prior to Matthew's admission to St. Ninian's. It has already caused a lot of worry to the parents because of its slow progress through the Court system and the parents have been extremely irate at the number of times Matthew has appeared and the case has been postponed. Eventually on the 29th May, 1979, the case was dealt with and Mr. Ross pled guilty on Matthew's behalf to having car keys in his possession. They did not accept the other charges. Apparently Matthew was involved in this with other boys and Mr. and Mrs. Ross feel that he has been scapegoated.

CONCLUSION:

Taking into account the fact that this offence occurred prior to Matthew's admission to St. Ninian's and that plans are now being set in motion for the boy's return home I would recommend that this referral be discharged. The home situation is, in any case, going to be closely supervised over the summer period.

Ann Carswell

Ann Carswell (Mrs.)
Social Worker.

10 Laighcartside Street
Johnstone.
AC/SZ
6th July, 1979.

S. Rathclyde Regional Council
Eastwood/Renfrew District

W.J. PARKER
District Manager

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

*Mrs Shaw
Mr. McKerr
Mrs. Newble
(Chairperson)*

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT ON MATTHEW ROSS OF 5 Buchanan Street
Johnstone.

Children's Hearing at Paisley. Date of Birth:— 7.3.65. Age:— 14 Years.

Date of Hearing:— Religion:— Roman Catholic.

Grounds of Referral:— Theft of Car Keys

To be read in conjunction with previous reports.

Previous appearances before Children's Hearings:—

HOME SITUATION:

The home situation has settled considerably since last report was compiled in February, 1979. Mr. and Mrs. Ross' relationship seems to be more stable. Mr. Ross is in full time employment with a local renovation scheme and the family have now purchased a caravanette with which they hope to spend weekends away. This appears to have given Mr. Ross the incentive to control his drinking and there have been no further episodes of Mrs. Ross having to leave the home.

Financially too the family is now finding it easier to cope.

MATTHEW:

Following the recommendation of the last Hearing a meeting was held in this office at the beginning of June to discuss the possibility of Matthew returning to school in this area. It was attended by Mr. Murphy (Social Worker at St. Ninian's) Mr. Brown (Educational Psychologist) Mr. Cowan (Underwood Tutorial Centre) and Mr. Docherty (St. Cuthbert's High School). Various options were discussed and it was felt that Matthew was not suitable for Underwood Centre. It was therefore decided that Matthew should return to St. Cuthbert's High School and that his progress should be reviewed in October. Meanwhile the place at St. Ninian's will be held. It was also felt that the parents attitudes and ability to cope with Matthew could be assessed over the summer period. Matthew has already been back to St. Cuthbert's to choose his subjects for next session.

Certainly the boy is very happy about this arrangement and it has been made perfectly clear to him that he must attend school regularly. Also I believe that there was some question of condoned absences previously so it has also been outlined to the parents that medical certificates would be expected if Matthew is absent.

At/

Strathclyde Regional Council
Castwood/Renfrew District

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

W.J. PARKER
District Manager

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT ON MATTHEW ROSS OF 5 Buchanan Street, Johnstone

Children's Hearing at Paisley Date of Birth: 7.3.65 Age: 14 Years.

Date of Hearing: 13/12/79 Religion: Roman Catholic

Grounds of Referral: Review at request of Local Authority

Previous appearances before Children's Hearings:—

To be read in conjunction with previous reports.

HOME SITUATION:

Since last report dated 6th July, 1979 Mr. Ross has lost his job and has been unable to find employment. He does not feel that he has any hope of finding employment until Spring 1980 since the work for which he is eligible is the outdoor type. There is also the possibility that Mrs. Ross will be made redundant in December of this year as she works with Chrysler, Linwood. Despite this, however, the family is managing reasonably well financially.

As far as the marital relationship is concerned there would appear to have been an increase in the friction between husband and wife since Mr. Ross stopped work. Mr. Ross does have a tendency to drink to excess from time to time and I feel that he resents having to depend on his wife's income to keep the family budget running smoothly. This friction does not appear to have interfered with the children's schooling.

MATTHEW:

Matthew returned home from St. Ninian's on a trial basis on 22nd June, 1979 and to date there have been no problems. Because of his regular weekends at home, the boy had no difficulty in settling back into the family setting and there has been no jealousy from his sisters and brother.

He does not, however, do very much with his spare time preferring to stay in during evenings and weekends. His parents did try to encourage him to attend a local Scout Group but Matthew was not interested.

As far as school is concerned Matthew's attendance has been very good and absences have been covered by medical certificates. Regular contact with the school has shown that Matthew has integrated well and also seems to be trying with his school work. He is by no means an intelligent lad and finds basic skills difficult but the school feels that he is applying himself.

Mr. Ross is not very happy about Matthew's level of education, especially writing and spelling and I think finds it difficult to accept that Matthew is trying. On the other hand Matthew seems to be fairly good with hands and has spoken of working as a motor mechanic on leaving school.

ASSESSMENT/

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W.J. PARKER
District Manager

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

5 Buchanan Street
Johnstone.

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT ON MATHEW ROSS

OF _____

Children's Hearing at **Paisley.** Date of Birth:— **7.3.65.** Age:— **15** Years.

Date of Hearing:— Religion:— **Roman Catholic.**

Grounds of Referral:— **Annual Review.** School: **St. Cuthbert's High School.**

Previous appearances before Children's Hearings:—

I have only taken over this case recently and have only had time to visit the family once. As a result most of this report is taken from the previous Social Worker's case notes.

**HOME &
FAMILY
CIRCUMSTANCES:**

Father - Mathew Ross	(42)	Unemployed.
Mother - Isobel Ross	(41)	Unemployed.
- Martin Ross	(18)	Brother. Married outwith home.
<u>Mathew Ross</u>	(15)	<u>Subject of Report.</u>
<u>Lorraine Ross</u>	(14)	<u>St. Cuthbert's High School.</u>
Jacqueline Ross	(13)	<u>St. Cuthbert's High School.</u>
Thomas Ross	(12)	

The family home is a four apartment council flat situated in a quiet area near the town centre. It is of adequate material standards. Due to unemployment finance is tight and in light of the economic state of the area this is unlikely to be solved in the near future.

There is a long history of marital disharmony between Mr. and Mrs. Ross going back in departmental records to 1972. The main reason given for this is that Mr. Ross has a drink problem. This causes a rather tense and strained atmosphere at home on occasions and there have been frequent short separations the last of which was about a month ago. Mr. Ross tends to leave his wife to be the disciplinarian within the home which has led to her receiving criticism from all members of the family. The previous Social Worker noted that 'the situation at home does give cause for concern but any attempts at discussing difficulties/

difficulties both past and present have usually proved futile.' He concluded that any attempts in the future would be limited.

MATHEW:

At the age of 5 Mathew was quite seriously burned and had an eye operation a few years later. He has no sight in one eye and has to wear glasses. Apart from this his health is good.

Mathew was placed on a Home Supervision Order in 1974 following a referral for housebreaking with intent. In May 1978 he was placed on a Residential Supervision Order at St. Ninian's Falkland following truancy and theft referrals. Mathew made progress at St. Ninian's and it was decided to send him home on a trial basis in June 1979 and his Supervision was changed to Home Supervision in December. Although St. Ninian's felt there was room for further improvement they decided another year there would have made reintegration into the normal school system very difficult.

Mathew returned to St. Cuthbert's School. He has had a problem of truancy since his primary schooldays but this appears to be resolved although he has a negative attitude towards school.

Since returning home Mathew has continued to make good progress despite the tensions and parental disharmony that exists and both parents are happy with his current behaviour. He is a rather reserved boy and does not appear to take much interest in himself or others. He has few interests outwith the home and spends a great deal of his leisure time indoors mainly watching T.V. He has only a few close friends.

It appears necessary to encourage Mathew to develop some interests. At present it is planned to start an Intermediate Treatment Group at West Yonderton and Mathew will be a member of this if it gets off the ground. This is likely to happen in the near future. As well as providing Mathew with a wider range of activities it is hoped this will encourage him to take a greater interest in his personal appearance and to provide him with a wider range of relationships.

**ASSESSMENT &
CONCLUSION:**

Since Mathew has returned home he appears to have settled at school and seems capable of coping with the home situation. He has remained out of trouble and I find it difficult to see what an extra period of compulsory Home Supervision can achieve. It would seem unlikely that this department can achieve any significant change in the home situation. Apart from this Mathew's main problem would appear to be a general lack of interest in life. One to one supervision does not appear to have significantly helped with this and it is to be hoped that involvement in the proposed group at West Yonderton would be more successful. If Mathew's/

Mathew's supervision order was terminated it would not effect his membership and I would continue to have contact with him on a voluntary basis.

Iain Terry

I. Terry (Mr.)
Social Worker.

10 Laighcartside Street
Johnstone.
IT/SZ
28th October, 1980.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL REPORT on a child appearing before the Children's Hearing for the Review of a Supervision Requirement.

NAME OF CHILD Ross Mathew DATE OF BIRTH 7.3.69
ADDRESS 5 Buchanan Street, Glasgow
DATE OF SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT 3.7.74 CLASS 209
SCHOOL St Margaret's ATTENDANCE (For past six months) Possible 209
Reason for absence In the main trivial excuses

COUNTY OF RENFREW
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
DISTRICT NO. 2
Rec'd. 975
Ack'd. SMCE
Actual 150

COMPARATIVE ACADEMIC PROGRESS SINCE THE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT WAS MADE:

- (a) General subjects limited progress
(b) Practical work no effort shown

COMPARATIVE GENERAL PROGRESS DURING THE SAME PERIOD (with particular reference to attitude to staff, trustworthiness, diligence, influence on or by companions, general appearance etc.)

Recently has begun to be more attentive and cooperative in class, although he does not display diligence in approach to academic work. There is a noticeable change in attitude of fellow pupils towards Matthew. As others mature they have adopted a more tolerant approach to Matthew who seems to have established a stable social grouping.

Interested and involved in sport, drama, etc.
GENERAL APPEARANCE often lack of hygiene in clothing

OTHER INFORMATION which you consider should be brought to the notice of the Children's Hearing (continue on the reverse side, if necessary)

Mother seems to be largely responsible for children's absences. She has been summoned to appear, for whose of family's repeated absences, on several occasions.

Date: 12/3/75

Signature:

James D'Arcy
Acting Head Teacher

In an appeal against the decision of the Children's Hearing the Sheriff may examine the authors or compilers of any reports or statements.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO THE RENFREWSHIRE EDUCATION AUTHORITY IN TERMS OF
SECTION 39(4) OF THE SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968.

I have been informed by the Reporter to the Children's Hearing for the County of Renfrew, that the undermentioned child appears to be in need of compulsory measures of care and is to appear before a Children's Hearing at an early date. The grounds on which the child is referred to the Children's Hearing are:- Beyond control/lack of parental control/subject of offence/truancy/offence of N.B.M.I.

It would be helpful if you would complete and return this form to me by return post please so that the information it contains may be included in the Social Background Report.

W.Y. McNEIL,
Director of Social Work,
3/5, Glen Street,
PAISLEY.

Date 8-5-74

NAME Ross Matthew

ADDRESS 5 Buchanan St. Johnston

DATE OF BIRTH 7-3-65 (Please verify and initial)

SCHOOL St Margaret's CLASS P 3 B.

ATTENDANCE FOR PAST SIX MONTHS Possible 316 Actual 248

Reasons for absence Patry, carelessness and truancy

PROGRESS IN (a) General subjects Very poor (b) Practical work Very poor

RESULTS OF OBJECTIVE TESTS OF ATTAINMENT NONE
(Standardised) Titles and Dates of Tests.

MENTAL CAPACITY (normal or otherwise:- Titles, dates and results of Intelligence Tests.)
Below normal. NONE

MEDICAL HISTORY No serious illnesses - received bad burn on left hand just prior to starting school.

CHARACTER AND BEHAVIOUR AT SCHOOL Has no regard for staff or instructions or warnings. In my opinion he is most untrustworthy. Has no diligence for work or even school play. Disregards all warnings as to

behaviour and discipline, even at his age. wants to do only what he wants. Mother has reported same to me with regard to his attendance at school - one reason for truancy.

His general appearance and cleanliness are both very poor standard.

INTEREST IN SPORT OR OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES None.

OTHER INFORMATION WHICH YOU CONSIDER SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHILDREN'S HEARING Boy is tacitly encouraged, in some measure, by mother providing bogus excuses both to school and attendance officer when boy has openly played truant.

Other two school children in family appear to be partly affected by leniency shown to this boy at home.

Signature W.B. Beades
HEAD TEACHER.

Date 9-5-74

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