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- p.m. Called to see the Johnstone's. They appreciated that Carrick had been very patient and in fact Lee had acted as anticipated. Lee was subdued but unable to offer any explanation for his behaviour. Both parents showed very clearly to Lee that behaviour of the kind exhibited this morning would not be tolerated anywhere. I reminded him that he would be subject to appropriate discipline at Redbrae.
- Arranged that [REDACTED] would take Lee to Redbrae on 5th June 1989.
- 7/6 Telephoned Redbrae. Lee has been settled although it is clearly too soon to tell how he will ultimately settle. He is well mannered and well behaved at present.
- 26/6 Visited the Johnstone home mainly in relation to the preparation of an SER. The referral related to an incident where Lee had been involved with another boy from our IT Group when windows had been broken. Lee had told me about this at one of the group sessions.
- Lee has settled at school. He enjoys the individual attention he receives in a small class and is taking part in a number of leisure activities organised by the school in the run up to end of term.
- 28/6 Visit to Redbrae. Lee has settled. He tends to use unacceptable language when out with the school and as a result has had pocket money withheld and activities curtailed.
- He will go to the school during the holiday period by mutual arrangement between school and parents.
- 17/7 Visit to Johnstone's. [REDACTED] Lee potatoe picking. No problems. Lee is enjoying the opportunity to earn some money and is tired when he comes home. Mr Johnstone takes the view that he will not have the energy to get into trouble.
- 14/8 Called at the Johnstone home. No reply.
- 15/8 [REDACTED]. Lee is doing well from his point of view and is quite settled. He has returned to school.
- 21/8 [REDACTED] called at the office to let me know that they had received a letter from the Reporter's Department indicating that no further action would be taken re the recent referral.
- 26/10 Saw Lee at Redbrae. No apparent problems at school. Lee is very apprehensive about the forthcoming review to be held at Redbrae on 30th November 1989.
- He likes being at Redbrae and would not like to return to Carrick Academy, however, he does realise that the staff at Redbrae are more tolerant than staff at another school would be able to be. Another factor for him is the fact that he finds the work easier to cope with. We talked about his activities outwith school and it would appear that he spends a lot of time in the house, listening to records or watching television. He does play football but only with other boys from his own street on the grass area outside his house. He tells me he has not been involved in any other incidents since the incident at Girvan Swimming Pool. The money taken at that time has been paid back to the gentleman involved. This money was deducted from the pocket money of the boys involved.

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Mr Johnstone is now working full time as a Lorry Driver for British rail and this involves working shifts. Lee did tell me that he had had an argument with his mum one night and admitted to having had a "temper tantrum". He cannot explain why but did say he and mum had talked about this and he would not behave in this manner again. I suggested that this was a new type of behaviour for him and while he would not admit that he was copying other in the school it was clear that he was aware that others get attention when they "act out" and Lee would manipulate any situation or behaviour in order to get attention. He is currently banned by the school from going swimming to Ayr.

I asked him why he was apprehensive about the review and reminded him that he would soon have another panel. He clearly does not like formal situations where his behaviour is scrutinized. There are no charges pending.

I reassured him that this would be alright. The home situation appears to be calm. Lee is now clear that any arguments between his parents are part of a normal relationship and he admits that while he did not like them arguing he had exaggerated this when he had become involved in the incident at the swimming pool and had felt under pressure.

Lee told me that mum would be at home and I, therefore, told him I would go to see her. Arranged that Lee should come to see me at office after school one Friday if possible.

Visited 16 Minnoch Crescent. No reply.

8/11 [redacted] called at the office - Social Worker out.

Telephone message from Redbrae that Lee's behaviour is causing concern.

Telephoned Redbrae and spoke to Julie. Lee had been at the Swimming Pool in Saltcoats yesterday evening with a school group. He had run away from the pool and the group following a disagreement with a member of the Care Staff. He had presented himself at the Police Station and had been collected from there and brought home. This morning his behaviour is described as outrageous and he is refusing to follow instructions.

He appears to be seeking attention and it may be that he is reacting to the forthcoming review. It would appear that he is trying to manipulate school and parents and direct communication is necessary. Julie agreed to try to see Mrs Johnstone.

Called to see [redacted] [redacted] was already at the house. We agreed that since [redacted] is not working Lee should go home at 3.20 pm each day but would be detained if his behaviour or school work merited such action. [redacted] will not allow him to go out after school during the winter months. [redacted] will contact school and vice versa if there are any concerns.

10/11 Lee called at the office after school. He did volunteer the information that there had been an incident at the school and as a result he was to go home at 3 pm each day. I explained to him that I was aware of this and that he would have to be aware that his behaviour was unacceptable. I reminded him that he would have a Review Panel Hearing before the end of the year. Arranged for him to call at office on 14/11/89.

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██████████ called at the office. She had received notification of a Hearing to be held on 22/11/89. Lee had been charged with two offences both of which we were aware. ██████████ is unhappy that the incident in August is listed as the police officers did not charge him at the time. We discussed his current behaviour and it would appear that he is being rather difficult at the moment. It may be that he is tense and is "acting out" to attract attention as a reaction to the forthcoming review. ██████████ will keep a close eye on him and I will arrange to see him frequently.

Lee came to the office as arranged. He told me that his behaviour at school had not been good lately. Lee appears to have matured and is more ready to accept responsibility for his behaviour but still responds to peer group pressures and sees status in being the one who is "in trouble". Having said that his behaviour pattern has modified and when it comes to a Hearing or Review he loses the bravado and is really a frightened little boy.

I arranged for him to come to see me at the office on Friday 17/11/89 after school at around 1.30 pm - 2 pm.

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As arranged Lee came to the office. He is very tense and rather subdued. We talked about the Hearing next week and I encouraged him to think positively about the last year. I reassured him that there was less likelihood of the Panel placing him in a residential school since he had settled down at Redbrae. In so doing I took the opportunity to remind him that he should not get involved in anything between now and Wednesday. He told me that he liked being at Redbrae and would not like to be sent away from his family and Maybole. I told him I would see his mother on Tuesday to arrange to take her to the Hearing since his father is unable to attend. ██████████
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20/11

██████████ called at the office. Social Worker away on Course.

21/11

██████████ called at the office. Lee had gone to Maybole Swimming Pool on Saturday as had been his habit. While at the swimming pool acting with two other boys he had vandalised lockers. He has been charged with this offence. In addition he had caused quite a bit of disruption at school yesterday. He can give no explanation for his actions ██████████
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██████████ is also concerned regarding Redbrae's willingness to keep Lee at the school under the circumstances.

I attempted to calm ██████████ but trying to get her to understand that Lee is a very immature boy who is very tense at the moment. His behaviour is attention seeking and manipulative. I cautioned her that she was reacting in the way he wanted her to react. Although hard to explain this latest outburst has to be seen as Lee's attempt to infuse "high drama" into the Hearing.

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- I telephoned Redbrae School. While his behaviour is not good it is not outrageous. A member of staff will take Lee to the Hearing tomorrow.
- I advised [REDACTED] to be firm with Lee but not to show him how upset and concerned she was about the Hearing. I also arranged to collect her to take her to Girvan to the Hearing tomorrow morning.
- 22/11 Children's Hearing, Girvan. The Hearing went well. Lee was chastised and at the same time praised for having done well over the past year. The Chairman did, however, say that she hoped that he would not go out and commit an offence immediately after the Hearing. I was sufficiently concerned that this remark was likely to be seen by Lee as a challenge that I spoke firmly to him about his behaviour over the next few weeks.
- Supervision continued with the requirement that Lee attend Redbrae School.
- Lee enjoyed an evening at the Magnum with the IT Group supervised by [REDACTED] and volunteers.
- 23/11 Telephone message from Redbrae School. Lee has absconded. Social Worker not in the office.
- 24/11 [REDACTED] waiting for me when I arrived at the office. Lee had been charged the previous evening with theft of a vehicle, driving without insurance and without the owners permission. He had absconded from school with two other boys. The school had gone looking for them as had she and her husband. The school had been contacted by the Police in Ayr and staff had gone to collect them at around 10 pm. Lee's behaviour had been such that [REDACTED] had had to go to Ayr police Station themselves to collect him.
- She describes him as being very badly behaved, however, she insisted he go to school this morning.
- I telephoned the school. Lee is being kept away from the other boys. He has been extremely abusive and difficult. Apparently on Wednesday evening he and another boy from the IT Group had met a group from Redbrae while at the Magnum. Something was said to a member of staff and, therefore, Lee was asked to report to the Headmaster on Thursday morning. He had, however, absconded.
- Lee will be brought from the school at lunchtime to the office to see me.
- When Lee arrived at the office he was quite aggressive. I told him I was very angry and disappointed - gave him time to calm down and then had a long chat.
- As usual Lee cannot explain his actions. He did, however, apologise for having "let me down". We talked about the seriousness of his actions and it is clear that he has not given any thought to the implications. Lee behaves like a very small child when in a difficult situation with an adult. Some of his more bizarre behaviour is new and he is obviously copying what he sees at Redbrae.
- Lee was much more subdued when I took him home. He apologised to his mother. [REDACTED] had planned to go to a Wedding Reception that evening and [REDACTED] I explained to Lee and [REDACTED] that Lee should not be allowed to manipulate the family activities and that they should go to the wedding as planned.

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- I arranged to see Lee at Redbrae on Monday 27/11/89.
- 27/11 Saw Lee at Redbrae school. He had a good weekend. He is much more subdued though still very tense. Without prompting he promised to keep out of trouble.
- 30/11 Review at Redbrae School. See Minutes.
- After the Review I spoke to Lee who seemed to be relieved and reassured by the outcome.
- 1/12 Lee called at the office. He is much more relaxed.
- 8/12 Lee called at the office. He has pocket money from the school. An indication of improved behaviour.
- 15/12 Lee called at office. He did not have much to say. He is looking forward to Christmas. I arranged to go to see him during next week sometime.
- 20/12 Called at the Johnstone's home. Things seem to have settled. Lee's grandfather had taken ill and Lee had helped him to bed then had asked a neighbour to telephone the doctor. It would appear that he has suffered from a slight stroke. Lee is a little shaken but pleased that he had been praised for doing the right things. The family feel much more relaxed.
- 22/12 Lee called at the office seeking advice about a present for his father. He showed his presents and wrapped them. I took him home. He seems to be much happier and his behaviour has stabilized again.
- 27/12 Lee called at the office. He was passing and decided to look in to say hello. He had a good Christmas.


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- 9/1 Saw Lee at Redbrae. The holidays had been uneventful. Lee is now more interested in his current "girlfriends" and, therefore, expresses the view that he does not wish to be put in a residential unit away from Maybole. The school have said that provided he can stay out of trouble this week Lee will be allowed to stay on after 3 pm and take part in recreational activities. He is disappointed that this was not automatic and I tried to explain that we all have to earn privileges.
- 12/1 Message from Redbrae School. Lee had not gone home at 3 pm yesterday but had gone to Ayr with two boys from the school who had absconded. He has been charged with shoplifting. His behaviour at school today is not good. Staff are of the opinion that I should not go to the school as Lee is beginning to expect immediate attention for unacceptable behaviour.
-  called at the office. We discussed the situation and she will explain to Lee that he is responsible for his own actions and that I will see him when I return from holiday week commencing 29.1.90.


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29.1

██████████ called at the office first thing upon my return from holiday. They have received a letter from the Reporter's Department indicating that there is to be an interview between herself, Lee and parents on Wednesday 31st January 1990. Initially ██████████ had assumed that a Panel had been called for this time, however, it became clear when I checked with ██████████ regarding notification to myself that in fact she is using the new initiative in speaking to child and parents as soon as possible following an offence. I explained this to ██████████ and confirmed with ██████████ that it is not necessary for ██████████ to attend given the difficulties that he has in getting time off.

██████████ was particularly anxious and had convinced herself that Lee would be sent to a residential establishment. Given the recent setback in Lee's offending pattern the family are feeling inadequate and are seeking answers to why this has happened. During my discussion with her we managed to get this into perspective.

Visited Redbrae School to see Lee. He is his usual self and has no real explanation for his recent behaviour. While he is a little tense it is clear that he is uncertain about his position at Redbrae following the Panel, he does have the notion that he may be allowed to stay at Redbrae on a residential basis. Now that this seems to be a possibility he is less sure of himself and home is again a much more pleasant prospect. Lee does not like the idea of being interviewed by the Reporter and is apprehensive about this. As transport to Girvan will be difficult and I have to see clients in Girvan I arranged to take ██████████ and Lee to see the Reporter.

31.1

The meeting with the Reporter had apparently gone well. She will request Reports from the school and myself. Arranged for Lee to come to see me on Friday 2.2.90.

2.2

Lee did not appear.

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19.02 [REDACTED] Red Brae, (Lee's teacher) telephoned to advise that Lee had spent overnight at the school due to an upset at home.

Home visit made also visit to school.

Basically, Lee has been manipulating the situation. He stole money from his father, then when chastised, blamed everyone but himself and took off for the school where he complained about his treatment at home.

To cool the situation, Andy let him stay overnight and contacted S.W.D. on Monday morning.

[REDACTED] has counselled Lee to the effect that he is not a resident at Red Brae and cannot be without the sanction of the Panel. His mother is happy to remain in charge of Lee at home.

Any other issues re this, see [REDACTED]

21.3

[REDACTED] called at the office to see me.

Lee had come home from school the previous evening saying tha he had been out of school in the grounds with two other boys. The police had been called and that six police officer had chased them. Lee claimed to have been kicked by one of the officers to the extent that the school had taken him to hospital where he had been x-rayed. Apparently there may be bruising over the rib area but no fractures.

[REDACTED] had gone to the school to seek an explanation, however, the care staff on duty were not clear about what had happened during the day.

I explained that I had been informed that Lee and two older boys were out of school and that the school had been bound to inform the police because of the status of the other boys. We agreed that [REDACTED] should telephone the school to request an improvement in the communication between herself and the school. As I had an appointment at the school in the afternoon I told her I would raise the issues of concern and contact her at some convenient time later in the week.

Visited Redbrae School. Had a long discussion with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] regarding the events of the previous day. Apparently all three boys had been on the A77 and had been causing major disruption by jumping in front of cars and lorries. Later in the day Lee had complained of being sore around the area of his ribs and as a precaution the school had taken him to be x-rayed.

We discussed the issue of letting the family know when there are problems or when Lee joins school activities after normal school hours. Lee has apparently been hanging around the school when he should be going home and appreciates the attention he gets from staff once the other boys go home.

There are times, now more frequent, when Lee storms out of class and this is seen as a mechanism for avoiding classwork. We discussed the areas of sanctions which could be used to try to modify the outbursts of bad behaviour from Lee. There is agreement that the underlying dangers associated with Lee's inability to settle down are (a) he will be unable to stay out of trouble in the community and (b) the family will find it increasingly difficult to maintain their commitment to coping with him at home.

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It was, therefore, agreed that Lee should stay at the school in the evening and while he would not be given a choice regarding this he would be asked whether he wanted to stay until 7 pm or until 9 pm. Lee joined us and talked happily about the incidents of the previous day. He explained that the boys in his class tended to gang up and "scapegoat" one member and just recently Lee had been the "scapegoat" and had found this difficult to deal with. His response to this is to run out of class. He will in future join staff in the Dining Room should he feel pressurised. By his own choice Lee will stay at the school until 9 pm.

Visited [REDACTED] - she is more relaxed and is happier with the situation.

3.5

As arranged collected Lee from Redbrae. He was initially not very talkative, however, as the afternoon progressed he began to talk about the events of the weekend. He had taken the bottle of whisky from the house to show off but has no real recollection of the events which took place, though he is ready to defend [REDACTED] who it appears did not drink very much. While he has little memory of being in hospital or having his "stomach pumped" he would not like to have a repeat and "swears he is not going to touch drink again". As time went on he started to talk about the future and showed regret for his actions. He, without prompting, said he would go home and would apologise to his parents and would try to avoid further problems.

9.5

Lee has further alleged offences at the weekend. He is partly denying involvement but on the other hand admits to having been in Crosshill supposedly having been invited to a party and then was denied entry. Lee is very negative about himself, unhappy at school, unhappy at home and saying clearly that he wants "put away". When we discussed this he has no real conception of what this means. He is still very immature, feeling insecure about himself and certainly requires to have his self esteem enhanced in some way. I have agreed to see him as regularly as possible, encouraged him to continue to think about his activities in the community. He is at the moment particularly friendly with [REDACTED] who has not been in trouble and seems to be able to resist any attempts by Lee to involve him in anything he does not want to do. Lee recognises this as a strength and in some way feels safe that while with [REDACTED] he will not get into trouble.

As he is going away to a weekend camp with the IT group led by [REDACTED] Social Worker, and a group of Venture Scouts we discussed his feelings about this. He is in a very negative frame of mind and I feel that he has had doubts whether he would be allowed to go and has, therefore, no real feelings about this prospect. I encouraged him to view this positively and hopefully to show that he could do well over the weekend.

6.6

[REDACTED] at Redbrae phoned. Lee stayed at Redbrae last night. Came back to school at 9 pm saying his father had beaten him up. Care staff saw parents, parents came to school spoke to [REDACTED] and as a result Lee spent the night at the school. [REDACTED] not yet at school this morning, therefore, she does not know all of the details. [REDACTED] will ring back when she has full details.

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October, November, December - Social Worker off sick.

17.12

Telephoned Kerelaw School and Reporter's Department. Appropriate officers engaged, therefore, left message asking them to contact me.

18.12

Telephoned [REDACTED] Admissions Officer, Kerelaw School. They expect to receive paperwork from Scottish Office which will allow a boy to leave any time. They will then be in a position to take Lee. He will contact me immediately they have a place.

Telephoned [REDACTED]. Rule 12 about to expire. She will contact Newfield and Kerelaw and get back to me.

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Visited the family home and had a very long discussion with [REDACTED]. There have been minor problems at the weekends, however, on the whole they cope quite well. [REDACTED]

I arranged to take her to the Hearing tomorrow 19.12.90 at the McKechnie Institute, Girvan.

19.12

Telephone call from [REDACTED], Kerelaw School. Place now available for Lee and would like to admit him this afternoon. They will not now have a member of staff attend the Children's Hearing today. Arranged to take Lee directly to Millerston Unit in the afternoon.

Collected [REDACTED] and Lee from home to take them to the Hearing. Lee not happy at all about the prospect of going to Kerelaw. It would seem that he has become more settled at Newfield and attached to his Key Worker who has obviously spent a lot of time with him. On the whole I found Lee to be brighter and less negative about himself and while nervous and rather defiant had more to say for himself to the Panel Members than on previous occasions. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I encouraged both to see the move as the next stage in the longer term plan to accommodate Lee and to deal with his personality and behavioural problems. Lee I feel has a good grasp of his situation and will be well able to take whichever course of action he wishes in relation to choice of peer group and involvement in peer group activity.

Arranged to take both Lee and [REDACTED] to Kerelaw.

I telephoned Newfield and arranged with them to have Lee's clothes and relevant paperwork transferred to Kerelaw.

Lee was very subdued by the time we arrived at Kerelaw. Unfortunately, his Key Worker [REDACTED] has had to go home ill and, therefore, the Unit Staff were not as prepared for Lee's arrival as they might have been. Lee became quite upset and needed a good deal of reassurance about his situation and about the links with home. This was as much to do with an uncertainty about a home leave pattern over the festive period as any anxiety about breaking his ties with his family. Mother reassured him that she would keep in touch with the school and staff told him that it was likely that he would be home at least for a spell at Christmas and again at the New Year.

Staff agreed to request the Unit Leader [REDACTED] to contact me tomorrow.

[REDACTED] - Key Worker Millerston Unit, Kerelaw School 0294 61536 Ext. 51
[REDACTED] - Co-Key Worker

Transfer RIC form 5A completed 19.12.90.

[REDACTED]
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- 08.01 Telephoned Kerelaw School. Spoke to [REDACTED] Lee's key worker who feels that Lee has settled well. He has, however, been at home for much of the time since admission and he has not really got to know him. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Lee is due to return from the New Year break this evening.
[REDACTED]
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- 10.1.91 [REDACTED] called at office. Lee seems to have settled. There has not been any problems during his time at home.
- 11.1.91 Spoke to [REDACTED] Key Worker, Kerelaw regarding Lee. He feels that he hasn't had time to get to know Lee yet, however, he seems to be settling down and gets on well with other boys.
- 14.1.91 Telephone call from Kerelaw. Lee had absconded after his return from home yesterday evening (Sunday). He absconded at 9.30 pm with other boys, was picked up in Ayr by the police at 1.30 am and was returned to the school at 6.40 am this morning. He claims he was upset following being interviewed by the police in connection with the local primary school having been on fire at the weekend.

[REDACTED] came into the office to tell me that Lee had been interviewed by the police however, at the time in question Lee was still at Kerelaw. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
We discussed the issue of making excuses for Lee and the fact that in my view this allows Lee to behave in an unacceptable way. Once she had come to terms with the fact that Lee had absconded and had done so far whatever was his reason at the time she was able to recognise that he was in his present situation because he had made quite conscious decisions in the past. We talked at some length about mechanisms to avoid treating him like a child and making demands upon him to be responsible for his own actions.
- 15.1.91 Telephone call from [REDACTED] Lee had absconded last night and had met his dad on the way home. They had phoned the school and had contacted the police. He had been returned to school via Ayr Police Station.

Telephone conversation with [REDACTED] Kerelaw. He will find the time to have a long talk with Lee to see if he can come to any conclusions regarding his behaviour. As is normal following admission to Kerelaw Lee will be expected to spend a weekend at the Unit. This had not happened before due to the Christmas holidays. The fact that he has absconded twice also means that he is likely to be "grounded" at the weekend. I discussed this with [REDACTED] and emphasised the point that our longer term plan for Lee centred around a return to home base and community as soon as is realistic and the danger in Lee remaining at Kerelaw at weekends would be Lee being astute enough to manipulate situations at home where he would use Kerelaw as shelter from his misdemeanours in the community. I also do not want the situation where Lee uses Kerelaw as a threat against his parents. A weekend at Kerelaw would, however, give the staff the opportunity to get to know Lee on an individual level and this weekend would be used for this purpose.

I arranged to visit Lee on Wednesday 16th January 1991.
- 16.1.91 Visited Kerelaw School. Lengthy discussion with Key Worker [REDACTED] He is aware that Lee tends to exaggerate when he talks about even normal situations and he has cautioned him about this.

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Lee has complained that he was being intimidated by an older boy resident in the Unit and it is recognised by staff that the boy in question has in the past caused problems for younger boys. This boy, however, is due to leave Kerelaw next weekend so hopefully the situation within the unit will settle after that. Meantime Lee has been advised about how to react and tackle difficulties within the unit. [REDACTED] will spend time with Lee at the weekend to assess area where he needs help and support. Parents are welcome to visit if they so wish.

Lee seemed to be reasonably well settled. While he does not particularly like the idea of spending the weekend at the school he accepts that he cannot do what he likes without there being consequences for him.

17.1.91 Visited [REDACTED]. Explained that I visited Lee at Kerelaw and that he would be staying over the weekend. [REDACTED] will phone the school and will arrange to visit at the weekend.

21.1.91 Phone call from [REDACTED] Kerelaw. Lee's weekend at school had gone well.

28.1.91 Phone message from Kerelaw. Lee admitted to Crosshouse Hospital on Sunday 27.1.91. Query appendicitis.

Mrs Johnstone called at the office and in my absence spoke to J Milligan, Senior Social Worker. It would seem that the hospital does not now think Lee is suffering from appendicitis, however, he is being detained for further investigation.

29.1.91 Saw [REDACTED]. Lee much better although he may not be discharged from hospital for a day or so.

31.1.91 Lee discharged from hospital. Following discussion with Kerelaw it was agreed that Lee could be discharged from hospital to home for an extended weekend leave. He will be collected from hospital by [REDACTED] and will return to Kerelaw on Sunday for 8 pm.

1.2.91 Saw Lee in the street with [REDACTED]. He is feeling much better and glad to be home (although he admits to having enjoyed the attention in hospital. Lee was able to tell me that the final diagnosis was "colic" and he has been told that there should be no reoccurrence.

5.2.91 Review at Kerelaw - see minutes.

7.2.91 Telephone call from [REDACTED]. There is the opportunity for Lee to go on a Drake Foundation Outward Bound Course next week. Six days spent at an outdoor pursuit centre near Glasgow plus four days residential in the Trossachs. He is keen to go and this will allow him to experience new activities and hopefully stimulate an interest.

Spoke to [REDACTED] who will sign relevant papers.

12.2.91 Telephoen call from [REDACTED]. Lee doing well and has started the Outward Bound Course today. He will return to Kerelaw each evening.

As discussed weekend leave will be extended to Monday morning. Lee has requested that he be allowed to attend a Youth Club in Maybole at the school on Sunday evening. Telephoned [REDACTED], Community Education regarding Sunday Youth Club. He will keep an eye on Lee and will alert me to any problems.

Telephoned [REDACTED] and agreed the arrangement for extended weekend leave and attendance at Youth Club. Arranged to see Lee at home on Monday 18.2.91 (School holiday).

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- 16.7 Telephone call from [REDACTED] Kerelaw School, to let me know that Lee had returned from Germany this morning, however, following an incident on the ferry where apparently Lee stole a bottle of Vodka and had consumed at least half of it making himself quite ill, he was not being allowed home on leave immediately. [REDACTED] explained that while this had happened the trip had essentially been successful in that there had been no other problems. His view was that Lee should establish contact with home soon and would argue this point with staff as soon as a full report on the incident was available. We discussed briefly the structure that would be necessary to maintain Lee over the summer months in that he would have to know that there are sanctions for bad behaviour and rewards for good behaviour. Unfortunately, this is the only way in which Lee will respond positively and can be maintained over the summer holidays.
- Later in the afternoon there was a telephone message from Kerelaw to let me know that Lee had absconded.
- 17.7 Message from [REDACTED] to let me know that Lee had come home and that she had promptly taken him back to Kerelaw.
- Telephone call to Kerelaw. Spoke to [REDACTED] who explained that Lee had absconded while [REDACTED] had been negotiating home leave for him. Staff had reported that the trip to Germany had gone very well and there had been no problems until on the way home. His behaviour is annoying within the unit but he is not posing a major management problem. [REDACTED] has explained to him that by his own actions he will have to remain within the unit for the rest of the week and over the weekend. A leave pattern will then be discussed and decided upon. Lee has accepted this and [REDACTED] will take the opportunity to spend time with Lee during this week to encourage him to see the next few weeks as his chance of working towards being a day boy early next term.
- 19.7 Visited Lee at Kerelaw. He was in a particularly good frame of mind and seemed to accept that he would have to establish some kind of positive track record before he was allowed to be at home for much of the time during the next few weeks. I was impressed at how well settled he seemed to be. As usual he particularly enjoyed being part of a small group within the unit as this is a situation in which he feels most comfortable. He is keen to be able to go on holiday with his family in a few weeks time and will probably co-operate with myself and staff in order to achieve what he sees as his next goal. This may be the pattern which we will have to adopt in order to sustain him over the next few months in the hope that Lee will adopt this himself as a mechanism of self discipline for the future.
- Lee told me that a meeting had been arranged in the school for Tuesday 23rd July to discuss a home leave pattern. He assured that I had been invited, however, as I had no knowledge of this I made enquiries with the staff who were unable to give me any information. I arranged to telephone the unit on Monday 22nd for further information.
- 22.7 [REDACTED] in the office on her way to work. She had visited at the weekend and he had told her that she would be being invited to a meeting on Tuesday. He was concerned because she would not be able to get time off work at such short notice.

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I explained that it was unlikely that she would be involved in what was essentially a staff matter as in my opinion no formal meeting had been called. She also said that Lee had been saying that he did not like [REDACTED] who had displayed some anger at his behaviour and the fact that he had absconded at a time when he had negotiated home leave. I tried to get [REDACTED] to view this in a less defensive way and encouraged to consider the mechanisms which Lee uses to manipulate protection from her for his actions. She was able to do this but will remain protective of Lee I am sure.

Telephoned Millerston Unit, Kerelaw School. [REDACTED] will not be on duty until tomorrow Tuesday afternoon. Staff have no knowledge of a meeting regarding Lee.

[REDACTED] telephoned back regarding my call. It may be that Jim and the Team Leader will be involved in an informal discussion with staff who were on the Germany trip, however, no formal meeting has been arranged. I agreed to telephone [REDACTED] tomorrow to discuss plans for home leave.

30/8 [REDACTED], Team Leader, Kerelaw, telephoned.

Lee had been 'on the run' for the last nine days. He was apprehended in Girvan yesterday evening. Has been charged with housebreaking and housebreaking with intent. The police were able to tell Kerelaw that he had been working in Girvan for a few days. Lee claims that he has been sleeping rough. Lee was returned to Kerelaw, however, he absconded again at 6.15pm and was apprehended at 10.45pm in Ayr and returned to school at 5.15am. He has again absconded at 7.30 am.

[REDACTED] said that the school would like me to call a Hearing as they felt that Lee required more formal sanctions. I explained that I would want to know when Lee returned to school and would want to discuss issues with them at that time. With regard to the request for a Hearing I explained that I would want to speak to my Senior regarding this and would obviously be in touch regarding this.

Spoke to [REDACTED] who felt that a review at the school would be more appropriate. With regard to sanctions it is felt security would not achieve anything for Lee as he himself is not at risk.

[REDACTED] called at the office. Kerelaw had telephoned her to let her know the up-to-date situation. Apart from one telephone call she had not had any contact with Lee. I asked her to contact me if Lee appeared or to try to persuade him to come to see me.

[REDACTED] telephoned to let me know Lee had not returned to Kerelaw. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I saw her later in the morning and she told me that Lee had appeared at the house late on Friday night. They had allowed him to stay the night on the condition that he returned to school on Saturday morning. [REDACTED] had taken him to Ayr Station and had seen him get on a train. They had not taken back to Kerelaw as he had wanted the school to see that he had returned himself.

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They had accepted his assurances and promises. Lee had not returned to school and they had not heard from him over the weekend.

Lee had again appeared this morning and [REDACTED] had been very angry. She had refused to allow him into the house and he had been quite abusive. She had telephoned the school.

Lee arrived at the office early in the afternoon and spoke to Senior Social Worker [REDACTED] for a short time before I arrived. He had indicated to him a willingness to return to school but at the same time was expressing the view that he would eventually end up either in the secure unit at Kerelaw or 'behind bars' through the court system. I spoke to him for some time and while he initially agreed to return to Kerelaw with me he rapidly moved to the position where he was adamant that he would return to Kerelaw at a time of his own choosing. He is again quite negative about himself and his future but essentially concerned that his parents are now actually giving up on him. We agreed that I would take him up to see his mum and dad and he would then return with me to Kerelaw.

Both [REDACTED] were present when we arrived at the house. They both responded positively to our arrival and tried to reason with Lee about his behaviour while making it clear that they felt that he could not carry on behaving in the manner that he has been. [REDACTED] expressed concern that there are limits to what they or I can do to assist and support Lee if he is not willing to co-operate. Once at home Lee became really quite sullen and determined that he would not go back to Kerelaw. His attitude is again quite childlike and it is difficult to have a reasonable discussion with him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lee made the appropriate promises that I could trust him to do this. While I have a healthy scepticism about him actually fulfilling his promises I feel that this is the best that I will be able to get out of the situation. I do not feel it appropriate to try to drag him 'screaming' into the car, for me a physical impossibility in any case. I explained to Lee that I would phone Kerelaw to let them know that he would get the 4.56pm train and that I would visit him on Thursday.

3/9 Telephone message from Kerelaw to say that Lee is back at school.

4/9 Spoke to [REDACTED] Kerelaw had phoned and had spoken to [REDACTED]. She is under the impression that Lee did not return to school on Monday evening but returned yesterday evening. I explained that I would be visiting Lee on Thursday 5th September and she, therefore, said she would come to see me after the visit.

Telephoned Kerelaw. Spoke to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] explained that due to the fact that he had had some time off he had not really had the opportunity to spend time with Lee. He, however, seems to have settled. I arranged to visit Lee on Thursday morning 5.9.91.

5/9 Visited Lee at Kerelaw. He seems to be more settled at Kerelaw, however, is again saying he will probably 'do something stupid' and end up being locked away. We discussed at great length the fact that he would soon be sixteen and he should be making plans for the future. He again displayed his immaturity by being inconsistent in what he was saying.

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Clearly Lee is at a loss to know what he wants for himself both at the present time and for the future but lacks the insight to realise this. My view is that he needs time to settle down at Kerelaw and re-establish family links before we can move forward.

I arranged to see him again next week.

As arranged [REDACTED] called at the office. She remains committed and while exhibiting some exasperation will continue to be supportive. She will contact the school and reassure Lee regarding his position within the family.

9/9 Telephone call from [REDACTED] Kerelaw School to let me know that Lee absconded yesterday evening just after 9 pm. He was in the company of another boy and three girls. The other boy knows the Ardrossan area very well and has reached a stage where he feels he has nothing to lose in picking up further charges and it is, therefore, felt that there should be some concerns that Lee has absconded with this particular boy.

The appropriate agencies have been informed.

We agreed to keep in touch regarding any new developments.

29/10 Telephone call to Kerelaw school. Spoke to [REDACTED]. Lee is doing well. Arriving at school on time each day and posing no management problem or other problem while there.

February/March/April 1991

Lee is well settled at school and at home. He has progressed to a pattern of extended leave allowing him to be home from Friday to Monday at weekends and one overnight stay at home during the week.

During the easter break he posed no problems at home or in the community however he failed to stay at Kerelaw following the Easter break and absconded several times during the latter part of April and early May.

May/June

Lee returned to Kerelaw mid May and while he had taken time following the Easter holiday to get himself established into the routine of attending school it was surprising how quickly he did settle once he put his mind to it. The school had very few (if any) problems with him and he was, therefore, considered to be eligible to go on the school holiday to Germany.

During his period of absconding he had 'picked up' further referrals, however, the Reporter decided that it was in Lee's best interest not to take further action on these.

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Lee eventually returned to school of his own accord. He promised myself Staff and his parents to keep out of trouble and aim to have his supervision terminated as soon as possible.

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At a REview Hearing (rather earlier than anticipated) it was decided to continue Supervision Requirement. Lee was encouraged to see this as an opportunity to prove himself and I promised to request an early review if he maintained a reasonable standard of behaviour.

November 1991

Lee is back on to an extended leave pattern from school and is doing well. He comes to see me at the office on a regular basis.

December

Lee is anxious to have his supervision terminated. He has a part-time job at a local bakery and is doing well. I have agreed to request a Review Children's Hearing.

1992

January

At a Hearing on 10th January 1992 Supervision terminated.

As Mr and Mrs Johnstone and Lee are very familiar with the system, it is now appropriate to withdraw Social Work involvement.

Agreed with Senior Social Worker that the case should now be closed.

M. Ali
Social Worker

24.2.92 CASE CLOSED [REDACTED] SSW