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Juvenile case

- a. **Understands the purpose of the website work and confidentiality?:** Yes.
- b. **Claim/charge against client:** Manslaughter and dealing cocaine and meth.
- c. **Court/Locale:** Washington County, Illinois, USA.

Birth/Race/Gender

- d. **Age:** 16.
- e. **Race:** Black.; Not Hispanic/Latino.
- f. **Gender:** Male.

Contact information

- g. **Address:** I'm in the County Detention Facility in the SIW "Special Inmates Wing" for being a minor.
- h. **Primary Telephone:** [Unanswered.]
- i. **Email:** [Unanswered.]
- j. **Emergency Contacts:**
 - 1. Aleatha Arnold / Grandmother / 312-700-1325.

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Sections

Part A: Legal

1. **Most on the client's mind** ([Up to Flags Page](#))

What's most on the client's mind: I'm afraid I will be waived to adult court, where I hear I can receive a life sentence. I also feel really bad about Jalen getting killed. We were just trying to make money delivering drugs, not get one of us killed.

2. **Client's safety/Emergency needs** ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Client's sense of personal safety:** Mostly unsafe. This is a dangerous jail, even on the juvenile side. If I get waived to the adult side, or have to do adult time, I don't know how safe I will ever be. For now, I'm mostly okay.
- b. **Emergency needs?:** Yes. I have medications for ADHD and anxiety that I'm supposed to take, and I haven't had those since I was arrested 5 days ago. I don't sleep or feel right at all.

3. **This case** ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **What happened:** Jalen and I were supposed to deliver drugs to a house on the west side. When we got there, the people said something about how we were "just punks" and we should just hand the drugs over with no money from them. I had a gun given to me by our lord, so I took it out. Everybody started firing, and I'm afraid I shot Jalen.
- b. **How fair the client considers the claims/charges:** Mostly fair. I didn't mean to hurt Jalen, but I guess I did all this.
- c. **What the client thinks caused this:** Everybody's bad judgment.
- d. **Talked to police or anyone else about this?:** Yes. I lied and said I wasn't there.
- e. **Done this before?:** No.
- f. **Likely to do this again?:** No. I can't imagine, not after how sick I feel about killing Jalen. He was a good friend and a good person.
- g. **Feels how bad about anything he/she did in this case:** Very bad. I'm not sure what else to say. I'm sick whenever I think about what happened to Jalen. And now his family.
- h. **Client's thoughts on what should happen in this case:** I should be punished, but I hope not too much. And I hope I can help to have a better life.
- i. **Anything else the client wants counsel to know about the case?:** No.

4. **Past arrests, cases, or legal troubles** ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Any prior arrests or charges?:** Yes. I was found delinquent twice. Once for selling marijuana at my school, and once for burglary of a garage and stealing some gas and a lawnmower.
- b. **Other legal problems?:** No.
- c. **Wants counsel to know about anything else that could have led to legal troubles?:** No.

Part B: Basic Profile

5. **Client's life overall** ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Proud of:** I've tried to be good to my grandmother. And whenever she's asked, I've done things for the older neighbors who live around her, like mowing their grass or shoveling snow for free.
- b. **Ways client has helped others:** Anything my grandmother needs or asks for.
- c. **Hardest or scariest parts of client's life:** Seeing my mom beat up, high, or threatened by men.
- d. **Feels helped most by:** My grandmother. And some friends, once including Jalen.
- e. **Feels hurt/torn down most by:** My dad the few times I've seen him, memories of the bad times with my mom (even though she tries to be a good person to me), some teachers who used to be on my

case when I was still in school.

- f. **Client's worries:** Being locked up with adults.
- g. **Most wishes had not happened:** I wish my mom hadn't been an addict, didn't have to do tricks, and could have found a place for us to live. I wish my dad could have been there for me and could have been kind to me when he was around.
- h. **Things client most wishes were different today:** I wish I could go back to before this shooting and Jalen could be alive again.
- i. **Other important or interesting things about client:** Here's something odd: I used to fake like I didn't know answers in school. This was in math (that was actually very easy for me), and I didn't want to look smart. My other grandmother was white, and whenever I did well in school, someone would say something like, "Oh, is your white boy coming out today?" or "You sounding white." But I was smart in some things, and I still think I can make something of myself.

6. **Home and family life** ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Lives with:** Before my arrest, I lived with my grandmother, Aleatha Arnold. Now I live with other scared kids at the jail.
- b. **Relationship with mother:** Fair (1 out of 3). I love my mom, but she is a meth and crack addict, and she has to be a prostitute to live. It's not a way that lets a son have a relationship with a mom.
- c. **Relationship with father:** We have no relationship (0 out of 3). He never wanted me in his life. He showed this by never being around and then by being really mean and violent when he was around.
- d. **Ever lived with (or raised by) an adult other than a parent?:** Yes. My grandmother. For small stretches, I was also with a great-aunt and three times in foster care.
- e. **Methods of discipline/punishment:**
 - 1. Having a calm talk with me about how I could do better.
 - 2. Yelling at me. They've all done this, but mostly my mom and dad.
 - 3. Calling me names. Only from my dad--or from my mom when she was high and out of control.
 - 4. Spanking me.
 - 5. Whooping/whipping me.
 - 6. Slapping me.
 - 7. Hitting me with a fist. This happened once with my dad and twice with men who were having sex with my mom.
 - 8. Hitting me with an object. Belts mostly, and one time with a TV cable by Julius (my mom's kind of "boyfriend").
 - 9. Using some other physical punishment. When out of control my mom would sometimes burn me in our shower or with my hands on the stove.
- f. **History of neglect or abuse cases in home?:** Yes. I don't know what happened each time, but there were at least 4 cases about how I was being raised.
- g. **Anyone else think there was a problem in how the client has been treated or raised?:** Yes. 3 different judges found my home no good for me.
- h. **If it were client's choice, preference on who to live with:** My grandmother is probably best. But I guess people may say I was living with her when I did these deals and shot Jalen.
- i. **Ever lived away from family?:** Yes. Foster care 2-3 times.
- j. **Any family member ever lived away?:** Yes. My mom was in jail for street arrests many times, so I would get sent somewhere else.
- k. **History of legal troubles for any members of the family?:** Yes. Both my parents have had arrests. My mom's were for prostitution and shoplifting. My dad's were for things that never got explained to me.
- l. **Other things client wants attorney to know about home life?:** No.

7. **Other important relationships** ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Other important people in client's life:** Pastor Bakker has been very good to me, along with his wife, Jackie.

The gang members have been important, and in some ways good. But they helped me get into this mess.

8. **Good things in the client's life** ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Regarding 12 possible important childhood assets, the client reported the following:**

Consistently present: None.

Somewhat present:

1. A loving and encouraging mother. It was most of the time, but there were times when my mom was very good to me.
2. Other loving and encouraging family. Some of my other family are no help at all. But some (like my grandmother) have been great.
3. A family that makes me feel loved. Mostly not, but there have been moments.
4. Good friends. Too many of them are about drugs.

Missing:

1. A loving and encouraging father.
2. Parents who have stayed happily together.
3. Parents who treat each other well. Absolutely not. The worst.
4. Peace within my family.
5. A home life that always feels safe.
6. A financially secure home life—we have had enough money to meet our needs.
7. A family that other kids would be happy to have.
8. A safe neighborhood. Many shootings and robberies and burglaries.

- b. **Other assets in client's life?:** No.

9. **Challenges in the client's childhood** ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Family structure:**

1. My father never being in my life.
2. Times when my father was gone.
3. My mother never being in my life.
4. Times when my mother was gone.
5. My parents were never together for any of my childhood.
6. A time I lived with someone other than my parents.
7. Unsafe or unhealthy people brought into my life.

- b. **Sexual abuse (including any sexual touching or contact):**

1. Something sexually embarrassing to me.
2. Being watched while naked or having sex. Some of my mom's tricks were very strange, and a couple of them wanted to see me naked, so my mom made me get undressed. I was about 7 or 8. I don't remember them doing anything, but I'm not sure how it ended.
3. Something uncomfortable involving pictures, videos, or texts. They would take pictures and such.

- c. **Attacked or physically hurt:**

1. Physically attacked. I lived in a house and a neighborhood where getting "attacked" or "hurt" happened all the time.
2. Threatened with physical attack or injury.
3. A crime against me.
4. Physical abuse by a family member. My mother beat me with cords, best buckels, pans, and even a knife.

5. Physical abuse by someone other than a family member. My mom was a junkie and had to take money for sex, so she had very scary men around a lot. At least 3 of these men (that I remember) beat me, slapped me, and hurt me.
 6. Violent physical punishment. Whippings with cords and belt buckels that left me bloody and bruised (and screaming). Getting hit with other things very often.
 7. Too much physical punishment.
 8. Physical punishment from someone who was angry or out of control. At least it always seemed out of control to me.
- d. Emotional or verbal mistreatment or abuse:**
1. A lot of criticism from my mother.
 2. Hurtful criticism from someone other than a parent.
 3. Yelled at often.
 4. Made to feel unwanted in the family.
 5. Bullied by other kids.
 6. Excluded (left out) by other kids.
 7. Other emotional abuse. My mom always said having me ruined her life.
- e. Disability, serious illness, or injury:** None.
- f. Family members' functioning:**
1. Alcohol abuse by my mother.
 2. Drug abuse by my mother. My mom had terrible problems with coke, crack, crank, and meth.
 3. Arrest or incarceration of a family member. My mom was arrested for prostitution many times.
 4. A family member with mental problems. The drugs sure seemed to make my mom crazy.
 5. A family member with trouble controlling his/her anger.
- g. Feeling responsible for something bad that happened:**
1. Feeling that a bad or scary thing was my fault. I always felt the craziness in my house and in my mom's life was my fault.
 2. Feeling that there was something bad or scary I was supposed to have fixed or stopped. I just didn't know what to do. And I felt really bad for not doing whatever that could have been.
- h. Other issues:**
1. Often feeling lonely.
 2. Often feeling different from other kids.
 3. Often feeling I didn't fit in. I think I just felt like I must be really different for all other people.
 4. Involvement with a gang. I got involved with DGMs to have someplace to to try to feel safe and protected.
 5. Hurtful or upsetting experiences from some group. People used to make fun of my for having "a ho for a mother."
 6. I've done really dangerous things that could have ended with my being seriously hurt or killed.
- 10. School/education** ([Up to Flags Page](#))
- a. **In school now?:** No.
Most recent school: Central Alternative Middle School.
 - b. **Likes school?:** Very little (1 out of 3). Never did any work, so I didn't do well and didn't like what I heard.
 - c. **School attendance:** Poor (0 out of 3). Missed a lot of school. Kicked out twice for this.
 - d. **Any serious trouble in school?:** No.
 - e. **Success in school:** Almost none (0 out of 3). Mostly Ds and Fs.
 - f. **Grade average over the last 12 months:** D-.
 - g. **Sports, clubs, extracurriculars:** None.
 - h. **Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or remedial classes?:** No.
 - i. **Diagnosed with learning disability?:** No.

11. **Jobs/work** ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Current employment?:** No.
- b. **Past employment?:** Yes. Once worked for Hoffman Scrap in collecting recycles. Just for about 2 months. Paid about \$6 an hour. Got let go for not showing up.
- c. **Regular chores/duties at home:** None. I'm in detention now.

Part C: Specific Issues

12. **Alcohol use** ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Ever used alcohol?:** Yes.
- b. **Age of first alcohol use:** 11. Drank beer and Hennessy with gang members I wanted to join. Felt good to have a buzz, and a break from hating myself. And to have something help me fit in somewhere.
- c. **Number of uses:** 400-500 times.
- d. **Specific alcohol and amounts:** Really, whatever was there.
- e. **Endorsed alcohol responses:**
 - 1. Drinking has caused problems in some part of my life (family, school, etc.).
 - 2. I've gotten into trouble while I was drinking.
 - 3. I have one or more relatives with an alcohol or drug problem.
- f. **Last used alcohol:** About a month ago.
- g. **Other client comments about alcohol use:** I drank whenever there was stuff there.

13. **Drug use** ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Used prescription drugs other than as properly prescribed?:** No.
- b. **Tried any illegal drugs?:** Yes. Always pot. And whenever I could. Hundreds of times.
- c. **Number of times:** 500-1,000 times.
- d. **Endorsed drug responses:**
 - 1. I've used drugs and alcohol at the same time. Beer, alcohol, and pot.
 - 2. I've used drugs while alone.
 - 3. Someone has worried about my use of drugs.
 - 4. I've done something illegal to get drugs.
 - 5. I've sold (or helped sell) drugs.
 - 6. I've been arrested for dealing drugs.
- e. **Other information about drug use?:** No.

14. **Health** ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Health overall:** Good (2 out of 2).
- b. **Specific health problems?:** No.
- c. **History of head injury?:** Yes. I used to get hit in the head a lot by my mom and her tricks.
- d. **History of losing consciousness?:** Yes. Drinking and pot.
- e. **Major surgeries?:** No.
- f. **Hospitalized?:** No.
- g. **Currently on medications?:** No.
- h. **Any other important health information?:** No.

15. PTSD/Repeating bad memories or nightmares ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Bothered by bad memories/nightmares of traumatic events?:** Yes.
- b. **Number of traumatic events still causing symptoms:** Over 10.
- c. **Events:** These were all the beatings (belts, buckles, cords, knives, and such), and all the scary men my mom did tricks with in our home. Most of these men seemed drunk or high and very dangerous.
- d. **Symptoms in the last 12 months:**
 - 1. Unwanted memories of the events.
 - 2. Flashbacks/reliving the events as if happening again. When I smell alcohol on somebody's breath, if I see an adult getting angry, or things like that, it feels like some attack is going to happen. And sometimes I just have these thoughts on my own.
 - 3. Nightmares about the events.
 - 4. Waking up thinking about the events.
 - 5. Trying not to think or talk about the events.
 - 6. Trying not to be around people, places, or things that remind me of the events.
 - 7. Feeling hopeless about the future.
 - 8. Feeling angry a lot.
 - 9. Almost always being on guard for danger.
 - 10. Being easily startled or frightened.
 - 11. A lot of guilt or shame.
 - 12. Trouble concentrating.
 - 13. Trouble sleeping.
- e. **Other PTSD information?:** Yes. Just that no one has ever asked me about these things. As I read these questions, they seem important.

16. Mood and functioning issues ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- I. **Past suicide attempts:** No.
- II. **The client's responses don't include indications of the following in the last 12 months:**
 - a. **Depression** (0 out of 3).
 - b. **More anger than most people seem to have** (0 out of 5).
- III. **Significant responses were given for the following possible mood and functioning issues in the last 12 months:**
 - a. **Thoughts of hurting myself** (2 out of 9):
 - 1. I've wondered if others would be better off without me.
 - 2. I've had feelings of not being important or useful to others.

Client's reflections on these 2 responses: These would be the times I felt bad about not being able to protect my mom.
 - b. **Anxiety, worry, and nervousness** (4 out of 4):
 - 1. Worrying a lot.
 - 2. Often worrying about the same one or two things.
 - 3. Trouble controlling my worrying.
 - 4. Often feeling anxious, nervous, or uneasy.

Client's reflections on these 4 responses: I used to worry about the way my mom and I would be treated by the men she was having sex with. Or what she and the men would do to me. Now I worry more about what is going to happen with me with my case.
 - c. **Thoughts of hurting others** (2 out of 5):
 - 1. Sometimes threatening someone.
 - 2. Sometimes using a weapon.

Client's reflections on these 2 responses: This was part of my getting into my gang.

d. Other mood or emotional difficulties:

1. **Problems paying attention.** I think I worried so much about my mom and me, I couldn't think about the things other people think about.
2. **Problems concentrating.** The same.
3. **Problems finishing assignments or other things.** The same.
4. **Not having close relationships.** I don't think my friendships are real friendships.

17. Counseling ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **In counseling currently?:** No.
- b. **On medication now?:** No.
- c. **Using medications currently for mental or emotional issues?:** No.
- d. **Prior counseling/therapy?:** No.

Part D: Life Assets, Challenges, Vision, and Goals

18. Vision and goals ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Things someone could do that would help the client the most:** Maybe I should see a counselor who won't tell other people what I say or what we talk about.
- b. **Things the client would be helped the most by doing:** I don't know. I'd like to know what other people have to say about this.
- c. **Some good the client can imagine coming from the current circumstances:** No.

19. Wants known in this case ([Up to Flags Page](#))

- a. **Most wants judge to know:** I didn't mean for anyone to get hurt.
- b. **Favorable witnesses, contact information, and testimony:** Yes. Can we talk about this face to face?
- c. **Has something else counsel should know?:** No.

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