

Children's Panel for Tayside

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

FORM OF STATEMENT BY REPORTER OF GROUNDS FOR THE REFERRAL OF A
CASE TO A CHILDREN'S HEARING

ANDREW JONES

AGED 10 YEARS

8 BALGOWAN PLACE, DUNDEE
presently c/o The Officer
in Charge, Roineach Mhor
Assessment Centre, Dundee

is being referred to a Children's Hearing for Tayside on the grounds of the following conditions:

that lack of parental care is likely to cause him unnecessary suffering or
seriously to impair his health or development

and may, therefore, be in need of compulsory measures of care in terms of Section 32 (subsection (2)(c))
of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Andrew was born on 26th December, 1969, and is the son of Ann Jones known as Mill, 8 Balgowan Place, Dundee. Mrs. Mill has two other children, namely Christina born on 2nd April, 1967 and Sarah Jane born on 15th July, 1972.
2. Christina is a pupil of Kirkton High School, Dundee, and during the 1979-80 session the school staff, becoming concerned about her behaviour, referred the matter to the local office of the Social Work Department. A Social Worker then visited Mrs. Mill at home, and as a result of an interview with her the Social Worker formed the impression that Mrs. Mill might be psychiatrically ill. On 9th July, 1980 [REDACTED]
3. On the following day Christina [REDACTED] She was found wandering in the Fintry area of Dundee, and was taken to Ninewells Hospital, where she was detained in Ward 15. On 24th [REDACTED] Registrar in Child Psychiatry, who then also became concerned about Mrs. Mill's mental state, and he contacted the Social Worker, Miss Jean Buttars. Miss Buttars and her Senior Social Worker, Mr. J. R. Anderson, then visited the family home, as did the family doctor, Dr. Prodban, but it was not felt at that stage that Mrs. Mill was detainable under the Mental Health Act.

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Thereafter both Miss Buttars and Dr. Lewis became increasingly concerned not only about Mrs. Mill's apparently deteriorating mental state but also about the welfare of Andrew and Sarah who were still at home. Eventually, on 4th August, 1980 a domiciliary psychiatric visit was arranged, as a result of which Mrs. Mill was compulsorily detained in Royal Dundee Liff Hospital under an emergency certificate. Andrew and Sarah were then admitted to Roineach Mhor Assessment Centre in terms of Section 15 aforesaid. Mrs. Mill was diagnosed by Dr. Hector Fowlie, Consultant Psychiatrist, as suffering from schizophrenia of uncertain duration, rendering her unable to look after the children.

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