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**SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT
CHILDREN'S HEARING**

The following child:—

Surname JONES Date of Birth 26.12.69
Christian Names ANDREW Religion Protestant
or Forenames
School Kirkton High School
Address 8 Balgowan Place, Occupation n/a
..... Kirkton, Dundee.

is to appear on Thursday 15th November 1984 at Dundee Children's Hearing
in connection with 48(3), Annual Review.

Please see previous reports for personal background.

I was introduced to the family on 7th August 1984, as the Social Worker for the family left the area due to Departmental re-organisation.

Andrew last appeared before a Children's Hearing in December 1983, when supervision was varied from 44(1)(b) Ann Street Children's Home, to 44(1)(a) home.

In the short time I have known Andrew he strikes me as a responsible caring youth, who seems to have taken the ups and downs in his life very well. During my contact with the family in October, it transpired that Christina, Andrew's elder sister has returned to the home and has given up the tenancy of her house in Whitfield. Andrew feels that he is left out quite a bit and it seems to me that he misses out on male contact. He spends all his spare time at home, he no longer attends the Boxing Club, although this is of his own choosing. I feel that he perhaps requires some guidance to help him socialise outwith the home.

Andrew spends most of his pocket money on dog food, he is hoping to be a dog handler in the forces when he leaves school next Christmas. Perhaps this could be an area where I can help him get involved in the local dog club.

SCHOOL : Andrew's academic performance at school seems to have fallen off, perhaps this is an indication that all is not too well at home or it maybe that he is experiencing difficulties which are normally associated with adolescence. I intend to keep close contact with the school and therefore will be able to monitor his behaviour both academically and socially.

Andrew Jones (d.o.b. 26.12.69), continued

ASSESSMENT & RECOMMENDATION : Although Andrew seems to have settled back into his home over the past year, and his mother's medical problems which were apparent at the time he was received into care, seem to be stabilised by the treatment she is receiving, I am aware of the fact that Andrew will need time to get to know me and perhaps over the next few months he will feel able to trust me and discuss some of his fears and anxieties he undoubtedly has about his future.

I would, therefore, respectfully suggest to the Panel members that home supervision is continued for a further period.



Ms M. Davie,
Social Worker.