

BURGH OF PAISLEY
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
RECORD OF COMPULSORY SUPERVISION

1973/182

PROBATION : COMPULSORY SUP. REQUIREMENT : VOLUNTARY REQUIREMENT

SURNAME : BARR ADDRESS : 50 Dundonald Road

First Names : Maria Changes of Address : 1.

Date of Birth : 7.4.61 Age : 12 2.

M/FM. NATIONALITY : 3.

Religion : Active/Nominal :
Single/Married.

OFFENCE : Theft (3) Date of Court : 29.8.73

COURT : Paisley C.H. SHERIFF :

Previous Offences :
Date : Court : Offence : Decision :

ORDER REQUIREMENTS : Supervision Requirement

SECURITY :

TERMINATION DATE : RESULT :

SUPERVISING OFFICER :

FAMILY :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Weekly/Monthly Income.</u>
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SUPERVISION NOTESDate

23.6.76

Attended case conference at Tynepark with Nell Munro. It came over very strongly that she is becoming too involved with staff and doesn't want to go home. Doesn't attend lessons regularly. Can see difficulties in establishing any kind of relationship with the girl as she is so fond of Nell.

Summary
to 12.7.77.

Marita's behaviour at Tynepark can be disruptive, she encourages other girls to run away and is altogether a bad influence. Staff would like her transferred to a home at the west side of the country as it is anticipated that she would not last long living in Renfrew. Marita herself has expressed a wish to live in Blackpool with her sister Isabel, but this would appear to be out of the question as Mrs. Major are now living there said to be permanent. Marita was supposed to be there for Xmas but was sent home to Tynepark because Christine and Alex's were there with their boy friends. Marita, to give her credit, realised that she would disrupt the staff's Xmas and suggested she would stay with her father. I visited Mr. Barr who is living in Alex's house, he appeared willing to have her and I understood that the holiday went well, although I would suspect that she stayed most of the time in Bils Rd.

Case discussion arranged in Edinburgh for 8.2.77.

11.3.77 *ES*

8.2.77

Case conference at the Castle Street Hostel in Edinburgh. Miss Hibberd was to attend, but was unable to go. For report of the meeting see copy in file. It was decided to allow Marita to stay at Tynepark as she had settled down well after giving them a very bad time since the New Year. Mr. Wilkie to do a report for a Childrens Hearing which is imminent.

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NAME: Marita Barr.Case No. 3/5161/5.Sheet No. 6.SUPERVISION NOTESDate

14. 3.77

Went to the house at Birks Road to find that Mrs. McGirr was packing up to go to Blackpool for good. Said she had never received notification of the Childrens Hearing and had no intention of going. Asked her what would happen about Marita, and the impression I got was that none of the children came into her list of priorities.

2.30 p.m. Childrens Hearing, Managed to see Mr. Robertson and Mrs Gremson Staff from Tynepark before the Hearing, as this virtually means that Marita is homeless. The Hearing went quite well with the panel members pleased at progress made by Marita, but afterwards she nearly broke down when she heard that her mother was away. They were going to take her down to Renfrew just to let her see that Alexis and Christine were still around before returning to Tynepark. Arranged that when the situation had settled a little Marita could come to Renfrew to stay with Alexis. Panel continued Residential Supervision requirement.

April '77.

Tynepark arranged for Marita to go to Blackpool for Easter but this did not work out and she went back to Tynepark on the 13th April. Staff rang and asked if she could go to Alexis, and they took her there on 14th April.

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14. 4.77

Saw Marita in Renfrew. She came down to Bellfield with other members of the family. She was her usual bouncy self although upset at seeing Billy.

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15. 4.77

Telephone call from Tynepark asking if I would visit Alexis' house. Christine is supposed to have rung the school saying that Marita was missing after violent rows. At a visit to the home I saw Marita who laughed when I explained the purpose of my visit and said nothing was wrong. I rang the school back.

MMcI/ADA.

2nd May 77

Telephone call from Mr. Robertson at Tynepark telling me the dates when it would be expected that Marita would be going to Alexis' for the weekend (see letter from Tynepark received on 6th May). Mr. Robertson also asked if I could attend a Case Conference on 26th May, said that he was going to contact Mr. Ian Bailie at Region to ask if he could attend. He explained that Marita's behaviour had been deteriorating gradually over the last month and all the job prospects she had came to nothing. I explained that I would be on holiday until the 23rd May. Agreed to attend Case Conference.

MMcI/ADA.

23. 5.77

Rang Tynepark to ask about Case Conference was told that it had been cancelled. They had taken Marita to Blackpool on 18th May hoping that she would settle down and that she would get work, but she came back on 22nd May, and refused to return. In spite of my expressing doubts about the outcome, Marita was again taken to Blackpool on 24th May, (see letter in file, also copy of letter Mr. Wilkie sent to Mrs. McGirr).

MMcI/ADA.

June '77.

Heard unofficially from the girls that Marita was back at Tynepark at the beginning of the month but did not hear from Tynepark until 16th June. Telephone call from Mr. Robertson saying that Marita had been staying at the Castle Street Hostel since her return from Blackpool. Her behaviour had been unsatisfactory, she was not attending her job interviews, and on the previous evening she had been drinking and sniffing 'Lady Esquire' a shoe dye. She was at present in hospital and he asked that a place be found for her in this district immediately. Miss Hibberd was not available. Rang Calder House explained the position to them, Mr. Rance was not available until the following day.. Tried to contact Mr. Bailie at Region as Tynepark had already been in contact with his department, left a message asking him to ring me. Rang Tynepark back and asked them if they would hold on to Marita until I had spoken to Mr. Rance and Mr. Bailie. They agreed to do this very reluctantly when I explained that it was impossible for her to go to Alexis' house as Mrs. McGirr was there.

MMcI/ADA.

17. 6.77

Spoke to Mr. Rance at Calder House who was unable to take Marita immediately, but said he would consider it in the middle of the following week. Spoke to Mr. Bailie, arranged to meet him on 20th June to discuss the case. Rang Tynepark and asked them if they could hold Marita until the following week. Mr. Gillan had intended taking Marita to Renfrew, but agreed to consider holding her.

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c/w no wtu

M. Dye
Mrs Young

Terminated -

MARITA BARR,

4 Houston Street, Renfrew.

Paisley.

7.4.61

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Protestant.

REVIEW.

Marita last appeared at a Childrens Hearing on 14.3.77 when her Residential Supervision was continued. Staff at Tynepark found that there was a marked deterioration in her behaviour from the Easter period. Eventually the situation became so impossible for staff that she was placed at the Castle Street Hostel. Unfortunately this arrangement also broke down after Marita was found 'glue' sniffing which led to a charge of Breach of Peace. She appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Summary Court on 6.7.77 and was committed for Borstal Training.

I would suggest that the Residential Supervision requirement be terminated and request that Marita be excused from attending the Hearing.

10 St. James Street,
PAISLEY.

MMcI/ADA.
13.12.77.

H. M. McIntosh
Mrs. M. McIntosh,
Social Worker.

Renfrew

Strathclyde Regional Council
Eastwood/Renfrew District

W.J. PARKER
District Manager

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT ON MARITA BARR, OF No Home Address,
recently c/o Tynepark School,
Haddington.

Court:- Edinburgh Sheriff Summary Court. Age and Date of Birth:- 7.4.61 - 16 yrs.

Date of Court:- 6.7.77 Religion:- Protestant.

Offence:- B.O.P. Occupation:- Unemployed.

Previous Offences:- 3.10.75 - Glasgow Sheriff Sum. B.O.P. 2 years Residential Training.

FAMILY: Father - Alexander Barr (41) Unemployed.
Step Father - Guy McGirr
Mother - Jean Johnstone Barr
or McGirr (42)
Alexis Barr (22)
Christine Barr (20) Married but separated.
or McGregor
Isabel Barr (19) Lives in Blackpool, factory worker.
David Barr (17) Unemployed.
Marita Barr (16) Subject.
William Barr (14) Schoolboy.
Cameron Barr (10) Schoolboy.

HOME CIRCUMSTANCES:

Marita's parents are divorced and her mother has remarried, neither parent is in a position to be able to offer her a home. Mr. Barr who was granted legal custody of the younger children following the divorce, lives in digs and appears to have a high dependence on alcohol. Mrs. McGirr gave up the tenancy of her house in Renfrew in March, 1977 because of financial problems and has since spent a large part of her time living with her daughter Isabel who has a flat in Blackpool.

The family have been known to the Social Work Department for a number of years and all the children have been in the care of the Local Authority at least once because of eviction. Mrs. McGirr has had several convictions for shoplifting, has spent a few months in prison for assault, and is at present subject of a two year Probation Order for shoplifting offences committed while in Blackpool. Alexis and Christine are also subject of two year Probation Orders from the same Court for offences committed at the same time.

Alexis has a small flat in Renfrew for herself and her illegitimate child Jason aged three years and following Mrs. McGirr giving up her own home, the two younger boys have also lived with her. Because of the size of the flat, the Housing Department refuse to allow any other members of the family to live there.

Mr. Barr took care of the children to the best of his limited ability following the divorce, but now shows little interest in their lives. Marita's mother does have affection for her family but tends to become rejecting when they are found to have committed offences. She can be well intentioned in her efforts to care for the family, but seems unable to keep up the efforts over a longer period. Her relationship with Marita has been poor for several years now and although Marita has stayed with her it has only been successful for a few days at a time.

PERSONAL HISTORY:

Marita is a tall, well developed girl who has always enjoyed good health. Her early days were unsettled with frequent moves of home. She has lived at times with her mother, her father and also various relations. For some time she was in the care of the Local Authority with other members of the family when their parents separated.

She was made subject of a home supervision requirement on 29.8.73 because of truancy and following a gradual deterioration of behaviour she appeared at Glasgow Sheriff Summary Court on 3.10.75 for Breach of the Peace. During the summer of 1975 she became addicted to glue sniffing and was also seen to be the worse for drink several times. Prior to her appearance at the Court she was held at Gateside Prison on an unruly certificate.

Marita went to Calder House Assessment Centre under Section 413 of Criminal Justices (Scotland) Act, 1975 to await a residential place and eventually went to Tynepark School Haddington on 31.3.76. The School will submit a separate report on progress made while she was with them. They have found great problems, where she has become very dependent on members of staff and she has not been particularly co-operative about finding a job and settling into a hostel situation. This would seem almost inevitable, as Marita's schooling has suffered through truancy, although she is below average intelligence and functions at below her chronological age. Unfortunately, Marita has again been glue sniffing, which is how the offence for which she is appearing before the Court was committed.

ASSESSMENT:

It is felt that Marita needs time to mature and firm but caring handling to curb her, at times, outrageous behaviour. Alternatives have been considered as Tynepark School feel unable to have her back. She seems unable to benefit from a hostel situation and no member of her family is able to offer her a home.

It appears that Marita needs a more structured environment which could be provided in a custodial setting.

10 St. James Street,
PAISLEY.

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1. 7.77.

M. McIntosh

Mrs. M. McIntosh,
Social Worker.

c.c. Mrs. McIntosh. ✓

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GWG/MD.

30th June, 1977.

REPORT FOR SHERIFF COURT ON MARITA ROSS BARR (Do.B. 8.4.61).

Marita has been in Tynepark for eighteen months. Although she was initially a difficult girl and presented many problems for staff, her behaviour certainly modified and she became more settled. In keeping with school policy, Marita was reminded of the importance of her share in the responsibility of working towards her departure to the next stage in her development. However, recent difficulties have arisen in the course of her phased move from Tynepark.

We knew from the beginning that Marita's problems would focus on her departure and for this reason we initiated a conference with Strathclyde Region and other supportive agencies to talk about Marita's future employment and, if necessary, accommodation. It was decided that we should try some form of voluntary work and we were fortunate in obtaining a part-time post in a Residential Home for the Mentally Handicapped in East Lothian, working three days per week and returning to the school each evening. As we expected dependency difficulties soon arose. She was staying away from her job and eventually presented difficulties in moving out to work in the mornings. The Superintendent of the Home was willing to give Marita another chance and, in fact, he made allowances after three complete break-downs, but without success.

We thought that this failure was probably due to the proximity of the home to Tynepark and an attempt was made to settle Marita with her family who seemed to have settled with some permanency in Blackpool. It was thought that the variety of work obtainable would help Marita towards a suitable type of job. Co-operation was also obtained from the local Social Work Department who agreed to monitor the situation. The first few days seemed to go well but by the week-end Marita had returned to the school for no apparent reason. She was returned to Blackpool the next day with a strong reminder of the importance of her making some effort towards settling. This period lasted longer but, unfortunately, after an attempted suicide and a return to her glue sniffing she left Blackpool and eventually turned up at our Hostel in Edinburgh, where she pleaded to be given a chance to work from there. We agreed to this request but from the beginning it proved disastrous. Marita returned to Tynepark on various occasions leaving problems in her wake. In the Hostel she proved extremely difficult having again returned to her glue sniffing activities, shoplifting on occasions, drinking, and sometimes associating with undesirables. The Matron of the Hostel was concerned about her safety as Marita had appeared on the roof during one of her sniffing bouts and the last incident was particularly dangerous when she locked herself in a cupboard then made off down the street, weaving in and out of traffic under the influence of a heavy dose of glue fumes. The Police were called and Marita was placed in custody.

Subsequent to this latest event, a meeting was held in our Hostel to review the situation and consider Marita's future. The meeting was attended by Mrs. McIntosh, Marita's Social Worker, Mr. Docherty, Senior Social Worker, Dr. John Evans of the Young People's Unit, Hostel staff and four staff from Tynepark. After a great deal of deliberation the consensus of opinion was that Marita was at great risk and it was also felt she was still operating well below her chronological age. She clearly needs physical containment on a longer term basis to allow her to mature further, security, and the opportunity to make positive relationships with adults.

We did not see Marita as too delinquent at this stage and would look at Borstal Training as a positive stage towards helping her to develop towards maturity.

Further to this report I enclose copies of reviews and a letter to Mr. Richmond, Senior Adviser, Social Work Services Group, prior to her arrest. Hoping these will be of help to the Court.

George W. Gillan
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GEORGE W. GILLAN
Depute Headmaster.

JRW/MD.

11th March, 1977.

The Reporter,
Children's Panel,
20 Back Sneddon Street,
PAISLEY.

Dear Madam,

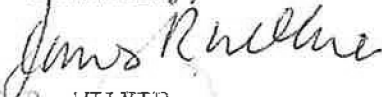
Marita Barr, 4 Birks Road, Renfrew: Annual Review.

Marita's early days were marked by frequent changes of home, and the family are well known to local social work agencies, and the police. Marita came to Tynepark on 10th March, 1976, after careful preparation from both groups of staff at Tynepark and Calder House Assessment Centre, Blantyre, where Marita had been domiciled since 6th October, 1975. The transition to Tynepark was as expected inasmuch as Marita was soon testing out limits, and trying hard to establish herself in yet another residential establishment. Her emotional deprivation was quickly picked up by our staff who noted her attempts to force and manipulate the needed emotional and material supplies denied at home.

Within some weeks, as expected, her attachment to Calder House began to wane, and while she still recalls with some affection members of staff there, her whole life now seems centred on Tynepark. She has slowed down her basic impulses, managed to internalise some controls, and while she is at times the same hyper-active child we knew last year there is no doubt that her year here has been productive and she has grown up. She is at present working three days per week at East Linton Mentally Handicapped Centre, some 5 miles from the school, and after an initial reluctance to make new contacts, has adjusted to this problem quite well, and we are fairly optimistic that by summer she should be in a position to work in the outside world. She will find it difficult to break her attachment to Tynepark, and the ensuing problems of dependency, but we are attempting to support her through these months of separation. There does not seem to be much future for her in Renfrew, with either father or mother. Some weeks ago we tried to arrange a meeting with Strathclyde Regional Social Work advisers in a forlorn search for some future accommodation when Marita has completed her 'time' under Section 413, but, unfortunately, the Department involved in the Renfrew Division were unable to send a representative at the last moment. So we have forged ahead, with her Social Worker, and the school staff here.

We would not wish to paint too glowing a picture of Marita's future, but we are confident that she has matured, and is much more susceptible to adult authority and is now able to start making relationships with staff and members of her peer group. Our recommendation to the Panel would be to continue the Supervision Order at Tynepark, and have this reviewed in the summer when her Section 413 Order is terminated.

Yours faithfully,


JAMES R. WILKIE
Headmaster.

CASE CONFERENCE : FEBRUARY, 8th, 1977.

SUBJECT: Marita Barr, 4 Birks Road, Renfrew.

DATE OF BIRTH: 7/4/61.

REASON FOR COMMITMENT: On the 3rd October, 1975 Marita was directed to 2 years' training to such place as the Secretary of State may direct by the Sheriff Court in Glasgow in accordance with the provisions of Section 413 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975. Marita was already the subject of a supervision requirement made by a Children's Hearing at Paisley on 17 September 1975, and the imposition of the sentence under Section 413 does not affect the validity of the supervision requirement. The supervision requirement has to be reviewed at the end of March 1977.

Marita has had the previous Court/Hearing appearances:

Theft (3)	29/8/73.	Supervision required.
Truancy	11/10/73	No action.
Truancy	1/4/74	No action.
Review (no parent or child)	31/7/74	Case continued.
Review (no parent or child)	6/8/74	Case continued.
Review (no parent or child)	19/8/74	Case continued.
Review (Warrant)	29/8/74	Supervision contd.
Police Report/Malicious mischief	14/7/75	
Police Report Theft (2)	24/7/75	
Police Report/Breach of peace	24/7/75	
Police Report/Malicious mischief	24/7/75	
Review - above referrals	30/7/75	Supervision contd.
Theft by Housebreaking	13/8/75	Place of Safety Warrant.
Advice for Sheriff Court	17/9/75	Request for List-D. School.

FAMILY:

- Father - Alexander Barr (39) retired bus driver, works in local Public House. Divorced.
- Mother - Jean Johnstone or Barr or McGirr (42), resident at Renfrew and in Blackpool.
- Sister - Alexis Barr (21) lives with mother and away from home at other times. Been on probation for theft.
- Sister - Christina (20) Married, one daughter, Jacqueline. Been in Gateside Prison for theft.
- Sister - Isobel (18) Married, lives in Penilee.
- Brother - David (17) Lives with father, recently moved on.
- Brother - William (13) Lives with father, on supervision.
- Brother - Cameron (10) Lives with mother - favourite.

Step-father - Guy McGirr, 4 Birks Road, Renfrew. Alleged to 'manage' shop-lifting sorties of Mother & family.

HISTORY OF THE FAMILY:

Marita's early days were marked by frequent changes of home. She went from Renfrew to Paisley to groups of relatives, and for part of her early childhood was in Quarrier's Homes, Bridge of Weir. The family were fractured because of their inability to cope. In 1970 Mr Barr was involved in an accident which caused permanent damage to his foot - it is alleged he received £4000 in compensation. It was just after this incident that Marita's mother left home to set up with Guy McGirr. During the divorce proceedings Mr Barr gained custody of all the children - apparently because of Mrs McGirr's prison record. It appears that Marita lived with her father until July 1975 but was often found in her mother's house, usually if father was drunk. At the Children's Hearing Review, 30/7/75, it was agreed to vary the Order and allow Marita to stay with her mother. All she required, said her mother, was some firm control under her guidance. It should be noted that between August 1973 and October 1974 Marita had three different social workers. She had run away from home on a number of occasions, and her school reports are marked by statements

such as 'suspected thefts'; 'boys reported for interfering with her'; 'found by cleaners in the early hours of the morning'; 'if she is in class no teaching is possible'; 'damaged the deputy head's car'; 'class-mates are absolutely fed-up with her'; 'telephoned a member of staff's home about 100 times'; During the summer holidays of 1975 her anti-social activities seem to have been focussed on her own relationship with one of her teachers, Mr. Joiner. He was the member of staff inundated with telephone calls. It is important to place her activities in some kind of perspective, and Mrs Munro, Marita's former Social Worker, and who had a good relationship with Marita, writes about this Joiner incident as follows:

"Werksworth is a large comprehensive school which has a good reputation in the locality for dealing with difficult adolescents. Marita appeared to have a good relationship with a young teacher who came to the Youth Club - Mike Joiner. When Marita was excluded from school this also meant exclusion from the Youth Club and Marita hung around the area to see Mike Joiner. Marita was chased on each occasion, and she then began telephoning him. They began as giggly encounters but soon became malicious. One week-end the GPO recorded a total of 150 calls made by Marita and her younger friends..... As the summer progressed, Marita's behaviour became more distressing. She began to visit Mr. Joiner's home late at night, often with younger members of her 'gang'. Marita is alleged to have written obscenities on his walls, and those of his neighbours, destroyed part of his garage, broken windows, slept several nights in the back garden, frequently chanting outside early in the morning. Eventually Marita and two other young boys broke into the house and stole approximately £150 and also personal goods such as a camera, watches, jewellery, etc.Mr Joiner also complained that on some occasions Marita and her friends have been quite drunk when calling to his home. Marita said she started drinking wine when she lived rough in derelict buildings, sometimes sniffing shoe-conditioner, and sometimes in the interview setting would talk absolute jibberish....."

Marita was taken to Beechwood Assessment Centre, Glasgow, and then to a Children's Home and because of her absconding was removed to Gateside Prison, being moved to Calder House Assessment Centre, Blantyre on the 6th October, 1975, and she remained there until the 10th March, 1976 when she was transferred to Tynepark. Her stay at Calder House was very constructive, and clearly Marita started to grow up where there was firm, consistent care and control. The emotional deprivation of Marita was very quickly picked up at Calder House and how she attempted to force and manipulate the needed emotional and material supplies denied at home. Marita seems to have passed through Bowlby's stages of protest and despair to one of "detachment" where the suffering and pain is somehow relieved at a cost of making permanent relationships. Marita finds it difficult to love; looks after number one, exploits and manipulates others without regard to her own needs and welfare, and since she has come to Tynepark we have watched Marita struggling very hard with her relationships to staff. Her marked deprivation is also to be seen in her dealings with her peer group, finding it almost impossible to relate to her peer group, preferring the older staff members who, while challenging and tough, nevertheless can offer warmth and support to Marita.

She has clearly responded to Calder House and Tynepark. She attends classes and copes extremely well with conformity pressures. She has become far less of a tomboy, and her own sexuality is emerging, at times she can look very attractive and appealing. She has managed to internalise some controls, albeit with some difficulty, but there is little going for her at home or with her relations. To this extent there is the danger of dependency, and how one eases Marita back into the community. She is beginning to talk of not wanting to come back to Tynepark after her week-end leaves. Whether she is acting out a more maternal role in Renfrew - looking after the younger children - we shall have to wait and see. There are some things which she can do in a quite outstanding way. She has tremendous dynamic and a real gift to cope with mentally handicapped patients. She can lead them in singing, and gets them up on the floor to dance and there are few who have this ability.

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 Mother - Jean Johnstone or Barr or McGirr (42) resident at 4 Birks Road, Renfrew.
 Sister - Alexis Barr (21) lives with mother.
 Sister - Christine Barr or McGregor (20) lives with husband and daughter in own home at 6 Birks Road, Renfrew.
 Sister - Isabel Barr (18) lives with parents in law at Penilee.
 Brother - David Barr (17) lives with father.
 Brother - William Barr (13) lives with father.
 Brother - Cameron Barr (10) lives with mother.
 Nephew - Jason Barr (3) lives with mother.
 Step-father - Guy McGirr, 4 Birks Road, Renfrew

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 Marita's early childhood must be seen against a background of constant migration between Renfrew, Paisley - relatives and friends, and Local Authy. Care. Marita was in temporary foster care when her mother was serving a prison sentence. Six years ago Mr. Barr was involved in an accident which caused permanent damage to his foot - and he got over £4000 as compensation. Shortly after this accident Marita's mother left the home and set up with Guy McGirr. During the divorce proceedings Mr. Barr gained custody of all the children. Marita lived with her father more or less until the summer of 1975 when a Supervision Order was served on her with a condition that she live with mother who had recently returned from Blackpool. Mr. Barr said she was quite out of control. Mrs McGirr maintaining that all she needed was a firm hand! Between August 1973 and October 1974 Marita had three different social workers. She had run away from home on a number of occasions. Her school days were marked by very disruptive behaviour, frequent attention-seeking, and very demanding. Towards the end of the summer term she was excluded from school. At this point of time Marita had been attracted by one of the school teachers - Mr. Joiner who was also the local Youth Club leader. The school exclusion included being banned from the Youth Club, and Marita proved to be extremely difficult at this point, becoming quite malicious and this involved making more than 150 telephone calls. As the summer holidays progressed Marita's behaviour became more and more distressing. In August 1975 Marita appeared before the Sheriff Court in Glasgow and was placed in Gateside Prison on an Unruly Order. On 3rd September 1975 she was sent to Beechwood Assessment Centre, Glasgow but was removed on the 5th as her behaviour was uncontrollable. She was totally unruly, and had assaulted other girls, and was accused of making sexual advances to them. She was transferred from Beechwood to a Children's Home in Paisley. She absconded the next day. She was later taken back to Gateside Prison Remand Unit where she remained until the 6th October when she was admitted to Calder House Assessment Centre. Marita stayed at Calder House until the 10th March 1976 when she came to Tynepark.

Her period at Calder House seemed to be constructive and Marita undoubtedly started to grow up. Their Report (3/11/75) said: "...revels in her physical size....afraid of no one....tends to make and develop relationships in very physical terms.....older girls see her as impulsive, immature who resorts to childish attention-seeking behaviour....noisy and disruptive. Resents any form of authority, challenging it to the utmost by testing out, disrupting and exploiting any weakness in the structure to the limits. She is constantly asking to be locked in the detention cell, purposely creates situations in the hope someone will place her in isolation. She infers the 'cell' is where she should be.....is of the opinion that she is completely bad and bad people are locked away.....limited intelligence.. ..Our long-term prognosis is not a good one, as even after a long-term List-D. stay it may be inevitable that she will eventually go to Borstal training."

The above Report was considerably modified after her winter stay at Calder House where Marita built up strong feelings of dependency. Her initial entry into Tynepark was wary and everyone expected fireworks. Marita has been in Tynepark for 31 weeks today - 217 days - 5208 hours - 312,480

minutes - 18,746,800 seconds! Most of them seem to feature Marita and her St. Vitus Dance. She has grown up over the months but is in real danger of building a dependency which might prove to be counter-productive when she eventually comes to leave the school. She still finds considerable difficulty in relating to her peer group who find her an easy 'scape-goat' and a focus for anti-authority expressions of feeling. She likes to be around staff, playing and kicking the slats off her play-pen as Tony Hancock might say. She has managed to control her constant perambulations round the streets, but is still struggling with authority. Marita enjoys meeting with staff, and is well on the way to sorting out her sexual identity. She has cut her hair, and become less-tomboyish, and can look attractive. She seems to respond much better to praise than blame, but is still bedevilled with swings of mood - highs and lows - ups and downs.

We feel that plans should be being laid for her eventual 'lift-off' from Tynepark. A Children's Home in the West of Scotland is being suggested by the S.W.S.G. Psychological Service, and overtures are being made. Her therapy is clearly in long-term, and if the staff (and girls) can survive the winter then balmy Mediterranean breezes may waf in the spring. Herdmanflat may be full of Tynepark staff by that time but this is the impossible impossibility.

Home visits have been few and far between, but now that we are on to a regular three week cycle Marita wants to go home, and we are hopeful that things may grow at home.

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goes to class to prove a point.
some improvement, dressed with age and height
on private conversation - sensible
went on holiday to farm and enjoyed it although
she was apprehensive.
can't relate to peer group.
group excluded her at one time

CASE CONFERENCE - 23rd June, 1976.

Name:- MARITA BARR

D.o.B. 7.4.61.

Address:- 4 Birks Road,
RENFREW.

Admitted:- 10.3.76.

Reason for Committal:- Section 413 (2 years) Numerous offences.

Family:- Father:- Alexander Barr (38)

Mother:- Now remarried to Mr. McGirr (has been in Gateside for Theft)

Stepfather:- Mr. McGirr.

Siblings:- Alexis (20) Lives with Mother - has son age 2.

Christina (19) Married - has been in Gateside.

Isobel (17) Married.

David (16) Lives with father.

William (12) " " " (Has been on supervision)

Cameron (9) " " mother. Said to be favourite of
Marita and mother.

Calder House.

Marita, aged 14 and 10 moths has been at Calder House Assessment Centre, Blantyre since October, 1975. Attempts to place her at Balgay, Langlands Park, Dr. Guthrie's and St. Euphrasia's have failed. A report from Calder House, dated November, 1975, is appended. Since that time she has become more settled at Calder House and it is thought that the move from there will in itself provoke difficult behaviour in any other institution.

Physically she is described as a big girl (5'5", 10 st. 4 lb.), well developed, strong and tomboyish in appearance.

Early History.

Her Social Worker, Mrs. Munro, reports:-

"Marita's early days witnessed a chaotic life with frequent moves of home from Renfrew to Paisley to groups of relatives and for part of her early childhood was in the care of the Local Authority when the family split up because of their alleged inability to cope. It is also understood that Marita was in temporary foster care when her mother was serving a prison sentence for shop-lifting. Records are not available for confirmation." (August, 1975)

In 1970 (Marita aged 9 or 10) her mother left home to live with Mr. McGirr. In the subsequent divorce proceedings, Mr. Barr obtained custody of all the children. Mother has since married Mr. McGirr.

Marita appears to have lived with her father until July, 1975, appearing occasionally at her mother's when her father was drunk. In July, 1975, the Children's Hearing ordered that she should live with her mother, at the request of her mother who believed that she was "requiring no more than firm control". (Social Worker's Report, September, 1975.)

School.

After a series of incidents at school, Marita was suspended in June, 1975. She had formed a close attachment to one of her teachers, Mr. Joiner, and after being suspended she used to hang around the school in the hope of seeing him. She 'phoned him at home and when he objected her calls became increasingly "malicious". During the holidays she began to go to his house, late at night, with a group of younger girls, writing obscenities on walls, breaking windows, sleeping in his garden and "chanting obscenities" into the early hours of the morning. It was in consequence of this behaviour that she found herself in Court and sentenced to 2 years under Section 413.

The Hearing's advice to the Sheriff reads "The members of the Hearing, whilst having great feeling for Marita and the predicament that she has landed herself in, feel that Mr. Joiner who is the centre of all the unwarranted attention is in need of care and protection and this can only be achieved by the removal of Marita to a secure List "D" Establishment away from the West of Scotland".

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Psychologist's Report.

Dr. Stallard says, "From the background reports it is clear that she has had an extremely unstable life and has been subjected to a great deal of deprivation. It would seem that the mother is alternatively very involved with her and very controlling and will then lose interest in her. I understand too that conditions in the father's home have been very bad and that she and the other children have been neglected. As her mother and the other members of the family are almost professional thieves it is not extraordinary that Marita has many anti-social attitudes. I understand that the school has tried hard to deal with her but that she has been impossible to manage. Marita told me that she had very good relationships at school and would be happy to return to school again. She struck me as being an extremely immature, impulsive girl who is lacking in inner control and who responds to inner anxiety and tension by disturbed behaviour. She is driven by the needs of the moment and has very little ability to take an objective view of the situation."

Comment.

Despite the instability of her background and the criminal activities of other family members, Marita's behaviour was within the bounds of the community's tolerance until last summer. The excesses recorded at that time seem to centre around her relationship with Mr. Joiner, about which there is insufficient information.

I think that this application should be pursued by Tynepark. Discussion with staff at Calder House should provide a good basis for deciding her suitability for Tynepark and assessing the kind of management problems she may create. Arrangements for interviewing Marita should take account of the number of interviews she had had in the past and of her feelings about leaving Calder House. These should be made with the advice of the Calder House staff.

Tynepark School.

A visit was made to Tynepark by Mr. Rance of Calder House. He made it clear he could foresee difficulties when Marita left Calder House and after forming good relationships with staff we would have to begin all over again both with staff and girls in Tynepark. It was agreed from this meeting that we would accept Marita and she was admitted to Tynepark on 10th March, 1976. It was also agreed that she would spend her leaves at Calder House but both parties accepted that this desire on Marita's part would cool as she established herself in the school. This, in fact has happened and she no longer wants to go to Calder House but, occasionally, will ask to 'phone to find out how staff are keeping, especially Mr. & Mrs. Rance and Mr. Haley.

The leave situation has presented some difficulty and we are indeed concerned over the fact that she has virtually no motivation to go on leave from the school. This would certainly seem to indicate that she feels reasonably secure in Tynepark but at the same time there is the chance of becoming totally dependent on the school. Initially she spent the first two leaves at Calder House but after the second week-end she stated she did not want to return.

Marita's Easter leave was arranged to be spent with her friend Ann Conn but proved unsuccessful. Both girls absconded from home and subsequently were picked up at Dumbarton Police Station. Anne was returned to home and Marita spent the remainder of her leave at Calder House. Since then, one leave has been attempted at home but this proved unsuccessful, Marita returning on the Saturday after a blow-up with the family.

Counselling and Staff Report.

Very willing. Helpful to staff (prefers ^{their} company to girls). Abusive to girls who have threatened staff. Prefers female company. She has little interest in males, but can work quite well with men.

Marita seems to be confused about sexual identity and is unable to discuss the subject, except in a frivolous way. She sees sex as something dirty, to be whispered about in corners. She was particularly disturbed about a birth film shown to the girls and I believe, in fact, walked out during the film.

Marita is a guardian to the girls in absconding escapades but it seems only for the release of her own aggressions. Most of the time she wishes to be shown as a staff aide and on occasions has been helpful when other girls have run away or misbehaved badly.

Marita is distrustful of relationships with adults and needs constant reassurance of our liking for her. She constantly tests and provokes to excess, becoming extremely upset and unhappy when she has gone too far and is quick to offer retribution.

Marita was very unhappy when Angela, the C.S.V., left the school. She became very quiet and withdrawn that whole day, curling up in a corner most of the time.

Relationships with girls are superficial but she certainly seemed to form a very strong protective attachment to Anne Conn. This friendship was not always helpful to the girls. They indulged together in frivolous abscondings and glue sniffing. The positive side was apparent when Anne Conn was away on her own. Consequently Marita would become very agitated and run out of school to look for Anne (to bring her back to safety). "She is all right when she is with me but in danger with others or on her own".

A report has been sent to Mrs. Reddie of the Social Work Services Group as follows:-

"I am happy to be able to say that Marita has settled down reasonably well and is obviously going to be difficult to break away from the school when her time is finished.

She is rather boisterous and mentally much younger than her fifteen years. Nevertheless, things are going as well as might be expected and she seems reasonably secure with the staff and girls at Tynepark."

case conference June 1968

Mr Gorman George

Mr Robertson John

Mrs McIntosh

Mrs Molly

Mrs Black

Mrs Rosemary Bennett

Christine

worker

educ. care

student USA

social worker

Dr John Evans

Sally - student

Violence

End of wk / end

going to staff house - Mary's

aggressive towards Mary. Very agitated

fight with Joan Anderson

Dislikes Guy. Guy's dad! good and kind.

Not really acknowledged birthday

Holiday - no big arrangement.

Didn't want to see "baby" bath

problem with leave

won't keep still

? cerebral damage

Gets on well with teacher Christine Main

Educational attainments - very poor

Christine - psychologist - assist in teaching.

Setting her limits.

Marita and sister asked in

New programme. Horses, gardening, school work.

Absconding worried about police

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT.

EASTWOOD / RENFREW DISTRICT.

REPORT ON MARITA BARR (7/4/61) 18TH AUGUST, 1975.

At present in Gateside Prison on unruly certificate from Glasgow Sheriff Court.

Previously contact with Children's Panel.

Theft (3)	29/8/73	Supervision requested.
Truancy	11/10/73	No action.
Truancy	1/4/74	No action.
Review (no parent or child appeared)		31/7/74 Case continued.
Review (no parent or child appeared)		6/8/74 Case continued.
Review (no parent or child appeared)		19/8/74 Case continued.
Review (Warrant)		29/8/74 Supervision continued.
Police Report	Malicious Mischief	14/7/75
Police Report	Theft (2)	24/7/75
Police Report	Breach of Peace	24/7/75
Police Report	Malicious Mischief	24/7/75
Review including above referrals		30/7/75 Supervision continued.
Left by H.B.		13/8/75 Place of Safety Warrant.
appeared Glasgow Sheriff Court (B. of P.)		16/8/75 Unruly certificate.

At the time of writing this report - 19th August 1975 - Marita is in Gateside Prison, Remand Unit, for a period not exceeding 21 days. It is intended that Marita will be seen by a Psychiatrist during this time.

FAMILY:

Father - Alexander Barr (38) Previously employed as Bus Driver, difficulty in walking due to foot injury.

Mother - Jean Johnstone or Barr or McGirr (41) Recently completed 2 year Probation Order, spent some time in Gateside Prison most previous convictions are for theft.

Alexis Barr (20) Lives with mother, also on Probation recently for theft (shop-lifting) has child - Jason.

Christina Barr or McGregor (19) Lives with husband and baby daughter in father's house. Recently served 60 days in Gateside Prison for theft.

Isobel Barr or ? (17) Lives in Penilee with parents-in-law

David Barr (16) Very unhappy with home.

Marita Barr (14) Subject of this Report.

William Barr (12) Pupil at local school, recently Supervision Order terminated.

Cameron Barr (9) Very much favourite of Marita and mother.

Jason Barr (2 years) [REDACTED]

Jacqueline McGregor (1½ years) daughter of Christina [REDACTED]

Guy McGirr (?) Married to Mrs. McGirr appears to manage the professional - like shop-lifting activities of mother and her children.

PERSONAL HISTORY:

Marita's early days witnessed a chaotic life with frequent moves of home from Renfrew to Ferguslie Park to relatives and for some time she was in care of the Local Authority when the family split up because of their inability to cope. It is also understood that she was in short-term foster care when mother was serving a prison sentence for shop-lifting. Records are not available for confirmation. Five years ago Mr. Barr was involved in an accident which caused permanent damage to his foot - in the settlement he obtained what is believed to have reached £4,000. Mr. Barr used a small part of this to purchase an old van but has recently sold it as he was found guilty of drunk driving and subsequently lost his licence. This was the only apparent purchase made with the money of which approximately £2,000 remains - Mr. Barr lives off the interest.

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He indicated that there was little point purchasing goods for the house or children as he felt they were unable to appreciate the effort.

It was just after this accident that Marita's mother left the home to set up with Gavin McGirr. During the divorce proceedings Mr. Barr gained custody of all the children - apparently because of Mrs. McGirr's prison record. Both parents described themselves as heavy drinkers but Mrs. McGirr now appears to indulge very rarely as she suffers from ill health.

Marita lived most of the recent years at her father's home but was to be found infrequently at her mother's home - usually if father was very drunk. Recently Mrs. McGirr obtained a house in Renfrew which is in the process of being decorated in a very tasteful style. At Marita's recent Review, 30th July, 1975, the Children's Panel agreed to make a variation to the Supervision Order to allow Marita to stay with her mother.

It was Mrs. McGirr's strong conviction that Marita was requiring no more than firm control under her guidance which was why she asked for Marita's alteration of Supervision Order. Mr. Barr had practically relinquished all responsibility especially during Easter and Christmas terms.

GROUND'S FOR REFERRAL:

Marita's supervision between August 1973 and July 1975 was infrequent as she had four supervising officers with large gaps between appointments. Her behaviour during this time was generally erratic and on several occasions she ran away from home. She was most difficult at school frequently attention-seeking and most disruptive. Mr. Barr refused to call at the school when requested. Towards the end of term Marita's behaviour became uncontrollable and she was excluded from school.

Merksworth is a large comprehensive school which has a good reputation in the locality for dealing with difficult adolescents. Marita appeared to have a good relationship with a young teacher who came to the Youth Club - Mike Joiner. When she was excluded from school this included the Youth Club and for some time she hung around the area in the evenings to see him. Marita was chased on each occasion, she then began to telephone Mr. Joiner at home in Hillhead. These conversations began as giggly encounters but as they progressed they became malicious. One weekend the G.P.O. recorded a total of fifteen calls made by Marita and her younger friends. It was a major feature of Marita's behaviour in school that she involved younger pupils in causing disturbances and stealing from local shops. Failure to agree with her demands usually involved severe treatment.

As the summer holidays progressed, Marita's behaviour became more distressing. She began to visit Mr. Joiner's home late at night, often with younger members of her 'gang'. She is alleged to have written obscenities on his walls and that his neighbours, destroyed part of his garage, broken windows, slept several nights in the back garden, frequently chanting outside early in the morning. Eventually Marita and two other young boys broke into the house and stole money (approximately £150) and personal goods (camera, watches, jewellery etc. An emergency hearing was held and a Place of Safety Order made, although it was not implemented as there was no suitable place available.

There are also several charges pending which include shop-lifting and Malicious Mischief which have not, as yet, reached the Children's Panel. Since Marita moved to Renfrew she has formed new friends again considerably younger than herself who enjoy the excitement of Marita's exploits and the bravado attached to being with such a well known personality. Marita is aware that persons under seven cannot be charged with an offence.

It is recorded in Mr. Joiner's complaint that on occasions Marita and her friends have been quite drunk when calling to his home. She had stated to me that she began to drink wine when sleeping rough in derelict buildings. For some time too she has been sniffing shoe conditioner and would occasionally sit in the interview setting talking absolute jibberish.

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CONCLUSION:

Marita has fought very hard against Authority and the people who represent it. Nevertheless, she continues to try very hard to find an adult who meets her expectations. For part of this year Mrs. McGirr was in Blackpool and Marita tried frequently to get to her until her mother finally returned to Paisley to set up home. However as with her school teachers, father and older sisters Marita's acting out became too difficult for Mrs. McGirr to cope with - she, is herself, a very strong willed, capable person.

Whilst it is recognised that Gateside Prison is not a suitable caring unit for a girl of Marita's years it is acknowledged that she requires a controlled setting during her present mood of misconduct. It is hoped that a more suitable unit will accept Marita if so directed by the Courts.

.....*N. Munro*.....
Mrs. N. Munro - Social Worker.

Eastwood/Renfrew District,
Social Work Department,
11, Maxwell Street,
Paisley.

NM/ML.

19th August, 1975.

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

1 Marita Barr
50 Dundonald Road
Paisley

is being referred to a children's hearing for the Strathclyde Region on the grounds of the
following conditions: that she has committed the offences specified below:

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In support of the above condition it is stated:

- (1) That the said Marita Barr did, on 2 September 1975 in the common close at 34 Hillhead Street Glasgow, conduct herself in a disorderly manner by persistently ringing the door bell of the house occupied by Michael Joiner at 34 Hillhead Street, bawl, shout, make abusive remarks and commit a breach of the peace.
- (2) That the said Marita Barr did, on 3 September 1975 in the common close at 34 Hillhead Street, Glasgow, conduct herself in a disorderly manner by persistently ringing the door bell of the house occupied by Michael Joiner at 34 Hillhead Street, bawl, shout, make abusive remarks and commit a breach of the peace.

115 WELLINGTON STREET
GLASGOW G2

4 September 1975

A. Shaw
Area Reporter

Mrs A F MacVicar

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.

1 Name and address of child

2 Address of reporter

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Form of statement by reporter of grounds for the referral of a case to a children's hearing

(Conditions in section 32(2)(a) to (g) of the Act)

(Name and address of child)

MARITA BARR
50 Dundonald Road,
Paisley.

is being referred to a children's hearing for ~~the Parish of Paisley~~ Strathclyde
on the grounds of the following conditions:—

That she has committed an offence contrary to Section 32(2)(g) of the above Act.
At the Sheriff Court of Glasgow & Strathkelvin at Glasgow on 12th September, 1975
she pleaded guilty to the offence specified below. The Court has remitted the case
to the Reporter to arrange a Children's Hearing for the purpose of providing advice.

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

That she did on 14th and 15th August, 1975 in Hillhead Street, Glasgow, near
Great George Street, and in the common close and landing at 34 Hillhead Street,
Glasgow, conduct herself in a disorderly manner, bawl, shout, swear, throw stones
through an open window into the house occupied by Michael Joiner at
34 Hillhead Street, aforesaid and commit a breach of the peace.

NATURE OF OFFENCE: Breach of Peace.

(Address of Reporter)

20 Back Sneddon Street,
PAISLEY.
PA3 2DJ

17th September, 1975

date

Douglas Hope
*Reporter/On behalf of the Reporter

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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.

*Delete as appropriate

Review for

PAISLEY

30th July '75
continues

MARITA BARR

14 years.

PREVIOUSLY : 50, DUNDONALD ROAD, PAISLEY.

7.4.61

PRESENTLY : c/o McGIRR, 24, ABERCORN STREET,
PAISLEY.

ATTENDS
MERKSWORTH SCHOOL.

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Marita has been living away from her father's home for approximately six weeks and has spent her time either living in derelict buildings, along with friends or more recently in her mother's home at 24, Abercorn Street. Marita indicated that she found life unbearable with her father who has custody of all the children since his recent divorce.

RECENT OCCURRENCES Marita's school report reflects her very difficult behaviour during the last few weeks of term. This behaviour continued into the holidays when she "hounded" the school teacher mentioned in connection with obscene telephone calls. This manifested itself in appalling behaviour late at night. When she banged the teacher's door, sprayed the walls with paint, sat in the building with others chanting songs and shouting obscenities. On at least three occasions Marita was removed with force by the Police and at least once she was charged for her conduct during the arrest. Marita has enjoyed being the leader of a small gang of local children, usually younger than herself, who idolise her daring behaviour.

For some weeks during these escapades Marita was inhaling the fumes of shoe conditioner and she admits that often the effects caused her to completely forget or even be unaware of her actions.

PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES

Throughout the period of supervision Mr. Barr has totally relinquished the responsibility of his daughter and constantly negated proposals that she is in need of firmer control and flexible understanding of her emergent adolescence. When Marita's school requested that he call, Mr. Barr refused until finally it was agreed that he would be taken by myself. An appointment which he did not keep. He continues to drink to excess and last month he lost his licence because of this. When Marita was away from home Mr. Barr refused to report her as missing and at the times when she was found and held, he refused to go for her which necessitated in this department going on his behalf.

During this time Marita's mother was living in Blackpool but she has now returned to Paisley to secure a home for Marita. At present she is staying in furnished accommodation but hopes to move to Renfrew where she expects to be given a Council house in the very near future. There has been a remarkable change in Marita's behaviour since her mother's return and it would seem she is now receiving appropriate control.

Marita's behaviour is the surface manifestation of underlying fear, hate and distress at her situation. Only recently has Marita been able to take full advantage of the interview setting and now calls

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Marita Barr

almost daily to the office. She seems genuinely remorseful that she has caused such inconvenience to so many people and realises that although she is totally responsible for her actions it was a direct result of the unhappy time she was having at home. Mr. Barr had made it quite clear that Marita is beyond his control and stressed that she should be placed in residential care. For some time attempts have been made to find a suitable placement for the girl but no establishments were willing or able to accept her.

Eventually Mrs. McGirr returned from England and take charge. She has been made fully aware of the circumstances and appears shocked that her daughter has been so mishandled. Despite the severity of the situation Mrs. McGirr is determined to set up a suitable home for Marita and hopes that the Children's Hearing will make a variation of the Supervision Order to allow her to do this. This department fully endorses this proposal. Whilst recognising that Marita has been behaving in an unsuitable manner it has always been emphasised that the paramount feature is one of prevention and care rather than punishment and for so long as her mother is prepared to accept responsibility for her it would seem essential to support this move.

.....*N. Munro*.....
N. Munro - Social Worker.

Social Work Department,
Area Office,
11, Maxwell Street,
PAISLEY.

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Kershaw
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NM/ND

25th July, 1975.

Report on Mr. Alexander Barr,
50, Dundonald Road,
PAISLEY.

Mr. Barr has been known to this Department for some time. Approximately two-and-a-half years ago he was involved in an accident resulting in his foot being badly injured. He was in receipt of sickness benefit for two years and only recently has he been passed as fit to work.

Shortly after his accident Mrs. Barr left her husband and went to live with another man at 24, Abercorn Street. There are seven children of the marriage. The two eldest girls are out of the home but the other five children live with Mr. Barr.

When Mrs. Barr left the house there was debt. Mr. Barr handed in the Family Allowance Book to this Department and cleared all the debt. An electricity bill came in which he claimed was wrong so he refused to pay it. Mrs. Barr came round and reconnected the electricity and this was reported and there was another cut. The bill for reconnection is now £93.47 the original bill is £35.97, there is a reconnection fee of £7.50 and surety of £50 is demanded.

For the last six months the five children have led a very unsettled life, they visit their mother in Abercorn Street and their sister in Gordon Street. Mr. Barr has been drinking heavily and on several occasions lately he has not been coming home to sleep. Marita (12) is currently on supervision and William (10) is due to appear before the Panel. Both children seem to be out of control at the moment. Both Mr. and Mrs. Barr say that the children would be much better behaved if they could sit in at night watching T.V.

Mr. Barr's lawyers, McNair, Clyde and Ralston have been pursuing his claim for compensation. Mr. Barr told me that it should be settled shortly and the sum in question was "thousand". The Glasgow Office has agreed with him on the sum, but it is so large that sanction is needed from head office in London. This should come within the next month. Mr. Barr suggests that a signed letter from Mr. Barr authorising him to repay a loan from us would be adequate security. He will then be able to repay the debt before Mr. Barr receives his capital.

I therefore am requesting that this Department pay the electricity account for Mr. Barr after receipt of his letter. I also request that this payment be expedited as the approach of the Christmas holidays brings even further risk to the family. I appreciate that the sum involved is very large, but there seems no doubt that it will be repaid in full in the reasonably near future.

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J.R. Selare - Social
Worker.

Social Work Department,
11, Maxwell Street,
PAISLEY.

ERS/ND

20th December, 1973.

Our Ref: FS/RAC

The Douglas Inch Centre,
2 Woodside Terrace,
GLASGOW. G3 7UY

4th September, 1975

PSYCHIATRIC REPORT

ON

Marita Barr, D.O.B. 7.4.61
4 Birks Road, Renfrew

The above named was referred to the Douglas Inch Centre by the Assistant Reporter, Children's Panel, Paisley. I then learned from Mrs. N. Munro, her Social Worker, that Marita had been sent to H.M. Prison, Gateside on an unruly Certificate and I interviewed her there on 20th August, 1975. I had background Reports from Mrs. Munro and we also had a telephone discussion.

At interview Marita was preoccupied with being in Prison and at frequent intervals would ask me whether I could get her released. Her mother had visited her shortly before I saw her and she was in some distress when her mother left. Marita did not give an accurate account of the events described in the Social Enquiry Report. She claimed that she had telephoned the teacher whom she had been annoying on only two or three occasions and denied causing a disturbance in or near his home. She told me that she had been inhaling shoe conditioner on a few occasions only but I do not know how accurate this is.

From the background Reports it is clear that she has had an extremely unstable life and has been subjected to a great deal of deprivation. It would seem that her mother is alternatively very involved with her very controlling and will then lose interest in her. I understand too that conditions in the father's home have been very bad and that she and the other children have been neglected. As her mother and other members of the family are almost professional thieves, it is not extraordinary that Marita has many anti-social attitudes. I understand that the school has tried hard to deal with her but she has been impossible to manage. Marita told me that she had very good relationships at school and would be happy to return to school again. She struck me as being an extremely immature, impulsive girl who is lacking in inner controls and who responds to inner anxiety and tension by disturbed behaviour. She is driven by the needs of the moment and has very little ability to take an objective view of her situation.

It would appear that Marita would be very difficult to help in the community at the moment and she requires to be treated in a situation of stability and control. I would recommend that St. Euphrasias be approached with a view to considering a placement there for Marita.

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Fergus Stallard, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C. Psych.
Consultant Psychiatrist D.P.M.

EASTWOOD/RENFREW DISTRICT.

GLASGOW SHERIFF

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3RD OCTOBER,

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Marita Ross Barr,

14½ years.

c/o McGirr, 4, Birks Road, Renfrew.

7/4/61.

Schoolgirl.

Breach of the Peace.

Previous appearances before Children's Hearing.

Theft (3)	29/8/73	Supervision Requirement.	
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Police Report	Theft (2)	24/7/75	
Police Report	Breach of the Peace	24/7/75	
Police Report	Malicious Mischief	24/7/75	
Review including above referrals	30/7/75	Supervision Continued.	
Theft by Housebreaking	13/8/75	Place of Safety Warrant.	
Advice for Glasgow Sheriff Court	17/9/75	Request for List 'D' School Placement.	

At the time of writing this Report Marita is in Gateside Prison having been placed there on an Unruly Certificate by Glasgow Sheriff Court on 11th September 1975.

FAMILY:

Father - Alexander Barr (38) Previously employed as a bus driver but has retired because of accident to leg, resident at 52, Dundonald Road, Paisley.

Mother - Jean Johnstone or Barr or McGirr (41) Resident at 4, Birks Road, Renfrew.

Sister - Alexis Barr (20) lives with mother and son Jason (2 years).

Sister - Christina Barr or McGregor (19) lives with husband and daughter in own home at 6, Birks Road, Renfrew.

Sister - Isobel Barr or ? (17) lives with husband and parents-in-law in Penilee.

Brother - David Barr (16) living with father.

Marita Barr (14½) subject of this Report.

Brother - William Barr (12) living with father.

Brother - Cameron Barr (9) living with mother.

Nephew - Jason Barr (2) living with mother.

Step-father - Guy McGirr, 4, Birks Road, Renfrew.

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PERSONAL HISTORY:

Marita's early days witnessed a chaotic life with frequent moves of home from Renfrew to Paisley to groups of relatives and for part of her early childhood was in the care of the Local Authority when the family split up because of their alleged inability to cope. It is also understood that Marita was in temporary foster care when her mother was serving a prison sentence. Five years ago Mr. Barr was involved in an accident which caused permanent damage to his foot - in the claim he obtained what is believed to be in excess of £4,000. Mr. Barr used a small part of this to purchase an old van but has recently sold it because he has been disqualified from driving. This was the only substantial purchase made with the money of which approximately £2,000 remains - Mr. Barr is saving this and using the interest for financial necessities. He indicated that there was little point purchasing goods of furniture for the house or children as he felt they were unable to appreciate the effort.

It was shortly after this accident that Marita's mother left the family to set up home with Guy McGirr. During the divorce proceedings Mr. Barr gained custody of all the children. Both parents describe themselves as heavy drinkers but Mrs. McGirr now appears to indulge very rarely as she suffers from ill health.

Marita lived most of the recent years at her father's home but she claimed that when her father became very drunk she would run away and was often to be found at her mother's home. At a Review (30/7/75) Marita was continued on a Supervision Order with a condition of residence with her mother who had recently moved to her present address. It was Mrs. McGirr's strong conviction that Marita was requiring no more than firm control under her guidance. Mr. Barr indicated that he was unable to cope with his daughter.

PERIOD OF SUPERVISION:

Marita's supervision between August 1973 and October 1974 was held by three separate supervising officers. During this time she ran away from home on several occasions. She was most difficult at school, frequently attention-seeking, and highly disruptive. Mr. Barr only accepted one of the many requests to call to the school to discuss his daughter. Towards the end of the summer term of this year her behaviour became uncontrollable and she was excluded from school.

Throughout this term Marita had shown an attraction towards one of the school teachers - Mr. Joiner - who was also a leader at the school Youth Club. When Marita was excluded from school this punishment included a ban from the Youth Club, Marita stated that she hung around the school building in the evenings in order to see him. Marita was ordered to leave the premises on each occasion whereupon she waited until later and telephoned Mr. Joiner at his home in Hillhead. Marita admitted that these conversations had been initially giggly encounters but when Mr. Joiner indicated his displeasure at being interrupted in his private life they became quite malicious. Investigation into this incident showed that the G.P.O. had recorded a total of one hundred and fifty calls made by Marita and other younger friends. Marita indicated that she often involved younger children in causing disturbances and was severe if they failed to agree with her.

As the summer holidays progressed, Marita's behaviour became more distressing. It was reported at her appearance at a Children's Hearing that she began to visit Mr. Joiner's house, late at night, often with younger members of her "gang". She admitted to; writing obscenities on his walls and that of his neighbours, destroyed part of his garage, broken windows, slept several nights in the back garden from which they chanted obscenities until early in the morning. Eventually Marita and two other young boys broke into the house and stole money (approximately £150.00) and personal goods. An Emergency Hearing was held and Marita was placed with her mother in Renfrew. When Marita moved to Renfrew she formed new friends, again considerably younger than herself who enjoy the excitement of Marita's exploits and the bravado attached to being with such a well known personality.

Marita indicated that on occasions she was highly intoxicated from drinking wine during a number of these incidents. She had stated to me that she had begun to drink wine when she ran away from home and was sleeping in derelict buildings. During two interviews in my office Marita was unable to hold a reasonable conversation because she had been sniffing shoe conditioner and was quite unaware of what she was doing.

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On 16th August 1975 Marita appeared before the Glasgow Sheriff Court and was placed in Gateside Prison on an Unruly Order. Marita re-appeared on 27th August 1975 when she was placed at Beechwood Assessment Centre as a Place of Safety. Bail of £40.00 was paid for Marita's release on 29th August 1975 to the care of her mother. Marita ran away from her mother's and on the same offence as present she was referred to the Glasgow Children's Panel. On 3rd September 1975 Marita was made subject to a place of Safety Order and was sent to Beechwood Assessment Centre. On 5th September Marita was removed from the Centre as her behaviour was uncontrollable. The staff complained that she was totally unruly and assaulted other girls and were also concerned with the sexual advances she made towards younger girls.

On 5th September Marita was transferred from Beechwood Assessment Centre to Beech Avenue Children's Home Paisley, (the following day Marita absconded). Marita was returned to the Sheriff Court Glasgow on 11th September charged once more with an offence related to Mr. Joiner's home at Hillhead. The Eastwood/Renfrew Social Work Department requested that consideration should be given to placing the girl on an Unruly Certificate. Marita was taken to Gateside Prison Remand Unit and has remained there since.

Guidance has been requested from the Social Work Services Group but at the time of writing this report it has not been received. It is understood that no vacancies exist at any List 'D' Schools until early 1976 and privately run centres are both unwilling and unable to accept Marita.

ASSESSMENT:

Despite the many times Marita has absconded and caused distress, Mrs. McGirr continues to feel certain that she can manage her daughter and wishes her to be returned home. However at the time of writing this report Mrs. McGirr is believed to be in Blackpool living with friends with the intention of setting up home again. Mrs. McGirr admitted that her request to have Marita returned to her is based on her desire to have her daughter removed from the Remand Unit at all cost.

Marita has been visited by myself on four occasions at the Gateside Prison and only on one of these was she calm enough to converse in a natural manner. She indicated that she reacted strongly against the staff and on at least one occasion had to be physically restrained. Marita continues to speak bitterly against her teacher and holds him totally responsible for her appearance in the Court and subsequent remand. It is alarming to note her excessive hate of any person in authority. Marita appears to be totally lacking in inner controls and is driven by the needs of the moment. However she refers to the Remand Unit as a form of refuge and despite aggressive outbursts appears to benefit from the contained setting in which she is now placed.

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Mrs. N. Munro - Social Worker.

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Paisley.

NM/ML.

29th September, 1975.

The Douglas Inch Centre,
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FS/RC

8th January, 1976.

PSYCHIATRIC REPORT.

ON

Marita Barr, d.o.b. 7/4/61, 4, Birks Road, Renfrew.

I interviewed this girl on 5th January, 1976 at Calder House Assessment Centre. She has been referred for an up-to-date psychiatric report by the Social Work Services Group. I had a number of background reports including an assessment report prepared by Calder House staff and on this occasion I discussed her current behaviour and attitudes with senior members of the staff. I had previously done a psychiatric report on her on 20th August, 1975 when she was in H.M. Prison Gateside on an unruly certificate. She recognised me and was quite pleased to see me and the initial contact allowed the recent interview to go quite well.

She is a well-developed girl, is quite strong physically and, I understand, enjoys physical activities, for example, football, P.T. and horse play. However, her emotional development is that of a pre-adolescent and she has not yet come to terms with her difficulties in developing a more feminine identification. As mentioned in numerous reports she has had a very neglected and deprived childhood and in addition has been exposed to extremely negative influences in her own social environment.

She seems to have responded quite well to the Calder House situation: she certainly feels secure there. She feels positively about many members of the staff, both male and female, and indicated that she felt many of her needs were met by being there. It was interesting to note that she returned early from her Christmas leave which indicated a positive attachment to Calder House and at the same time her worry and concern about getting into difficulties with her companions in her own area.

At interview, she makes a positive but dependent relationship. I understand that she can be demanding in her relationships and can be somewhat erratic in her responses but does respond to a mixture of control and understanding. The presence of male members of the staff has been extremely beneficial to her as she has not had any positive relationships with older males which is essential to normal emotional growth.

The question arises as to her future placement. It is unfortunate that she could not continue at Calder House as she has established good relationships there and will possibly feel the separation from there eventually when she has to leave. The situation of control, good care, relationships with young boys and girls and with male and female staff is a very good one for her. I note that several List D Schools and St. Euphrasias' have turned down an application for admission.

I have discussed the matter with Mr. Vallance as well as with Mr. Hayley and Mr. Rance. The consensus was that a further approach should be made to the List D Schools in the light of the new observations and information about Marita during her period at Calder House which might affect decision making in one of the appropriate List D establishments. My feeling is that it should be a long term placement and that two years would be an appropriate period for her training and treatment as I do not see that returning home in the next year or so would be helpful to her. Of course, relationships with the home would need to be maintained. It might well be that the long term plan of action would be that she live in a hostel or some other suitable place when eventually she returns to live in the community. It would be most unfortunate if placement in the prison system has to be considered because of the absence of other facilities. In my opinion this would be most undesirable.

Fergus Stallard, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C. Psych., D.P.M.
Consultant Psychiatrist.

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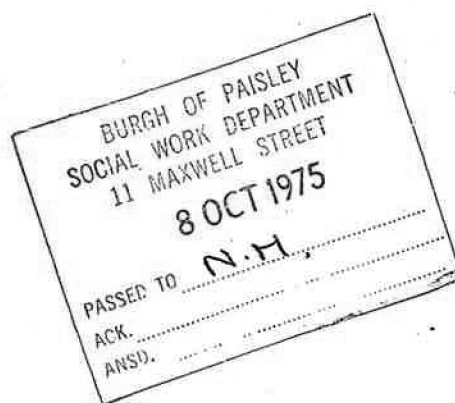
Dear ~~Sir~~/Madam

Re: Marita BARR
..... 4 Birks Road RENFREW
.....

I acknowledge receipt of papers regarding the above who is/are to appear
at a Children's Hearing on ?

B.D. Hibberd

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Your reference NM/MGM
Our reference RH121/3/2
Date 30 September 1975

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After considering the papers submitted, we are unable to accept any proposal that the girl should be temporarily placed in a penal establishment if sentenced under Section 413, and hope that you will be able to have the girl accommodated in a place of safety between any such sentence and placement by the Secretary of State. It may be that placement in an Adolescent Unit would be suitable for this girl.

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Yours faithfully

M. E. DeLorey

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PROGRESS NOTES

SHEET No. 1

DATE OF CONTACT	NAME <i>Marita BARR</i>	S.W'S INITIAL
8.10.73	Mr. Barker had told me that the police had reported that Marita is at risk, wondering about not at school. I explained that I had seen Marita that day and she had told me she was waiting for clothes to arrive before she could go to school. Her father is supposed to have ordered them for her. I told Marita I would return the following week. When I did so, no one was at home so I went to Mrs. Barr's house at 24, Abercorn St. Marita was there and Alexis with her new baby also Marita's fifteen year old sister who doesn't go to school either. Mrs. Barr agreed that it was dreadful that Marita didn't go to school and blamed her father for never being at home, not paying his electricity bill and not buying school clothing for the girls. Mrs. Barr was beautifully dressed herself and she was sporting the remains of a beautiful black eye. I impressed again on the importance of schooling for Marita and also the fact that she might get into further trouble if she were left to wander about. Mrs. Barr sent her daughter round to the office later to collect a W.R.V.S. line for clothing which will not be available for yet another week.	E.S.
19.11.73.	<u>HOME VISIT:</u> Mrs. Barr was in bed, feeling ill and depressed. We had our first long talk and she was able to tell me a great deal about herself. She said that Mr. Barr had always been a very heavy drinker and she had never been able to get money out of him for her household expenses. She had taken to shoplifting as the only way she could get what she needed for herself and the children. The present poor situation is making her feel ill with worry. The younger children are obviously poorly cared for, and the older ones have their troubles too. Alexis now has a home of her own where she stays with her four month illegitimate baby Jason at 12, Gordon Street. Christine who is sixteen, is married and has a baby of three months. Her husband seems about to leave her. Mrs. Barr is concerned about them all. I referred to the black eye she had the last time I saw her. She said the man she lives with had given it to her as he does not like her to go shoplifting but wants her to work instead. We talked of her going to her doctor for treatment of her depression (which seems to be the genuine article) and then, when she feels better, seeking employment. She admitted that she drinks too and says she does this because she feels so rotten she thinks it will help. She said she felt worse after drinking. Alexis, according to the mother, only pinches baby foods now. There was not much discussion about the other children, except in a general way to say that she is most unhappy about them. I told her of the school's concern for Billy.	E.S.

PROGRESS NOTES

SHEET NO. 2

DATE OF CONTACT	NAME	S.W'S INITIAL
	MARITA BARR	
	Since the Hearing Marita has finally returned to School but truants from there a great deal. There is much concern about the whole family. Mrs. Riddell, Headmistress of Gallowhill Primary School telephoned to express concern about the two youngest children. Isobel has been seen in Paisley pushing Alexis' baby - it seems unlikely that she will return to Oakshaw at this late date. As I have never seen Mr. Barr I wrote to him and asked to meet him. I will also try to visit Mrs. Barr.	E.R.S.
7/12/73	Telephone call from Glasgow police to say that Marita was picked up with Ian McKenzie wandering in the streets of Glasgow. The police were told to put Marita on a bus for Paisley as she is quite capable of finding her way home. Further telephone call from Paisley police to say that neither Mr. nor Mrs. Barr could be contacted, nor the sister residing at 14 Gordon St. A further request was made to go to Glasgow to collect Marita. Ian's parents would be back at tea time so there seemed to be no anxiety about them. Visited Abercorn St. Mrs. Barr was not there but I met Isobel in the street. She said she had been coming to see her mother, for the first time in two weeks. She also said she had been to school. I told her the story about Marita and she explained that the whole family would be gathering at Alexis' house in Gordon St. The children seem to sleep in different houses all the time but they are together as a family unit most of the time. The electricity is still off in Dundonald Rd. and Mr. Barr is still unemployed. He says he fell down some stairs the previous evening and would not go to hospital although his head was bleeding. Isobel reports that her mother has said she will return to the father if he gets the electricity re-connected but this may be wishful thinking.	E.R.S.
13.12.73	After a report from Mr. Spalding that Mr. Barr had not been home for several nights I visited the house early in the hope of catching him. I met Marita who was on her way to school (she said). There was an older girl staying in the house who seems to be a friend of the family. Marita told me her father was staying with Alexis in Gordon Street, so I went round there. Mr. Barr was still stretched out on the floor in front of the dead fire and Alexis was in bed with her baby. William was on the point of leaving the house and I was told he had been suspended from school. Mr. Barr was at rather a disadvantage during the interview in that he couldn't get up as he seemed not to be dressed. I told him how I had been trying to talk to him about his family and the money problems they are now facing. I also told him of the good report I had received from Miss Burns of how well he had coped last year with the debts his wife had left.	

PROGRESS NOTES

SHEET No.2.....

DATE OF CONTACT	NAME ..MARITA BARR - ..WILLIAM BARR.....	S.W.'S INITIAL
19.2.74	<u>HOME VISIT:</u> Mr. Barr was at home with Marita - she is off school because of crash - the doctor has been consulted and Marita is having treatment. Mr. Barr says he is now staying at home more and sleeping at home. He still has trouble with Isobel who is staying out very late. So far he has not had news of his compensation. We talked of Marita and the possibility that she might have to return before the Panel if she continued to truant and to be beyond his control. It was pointed out to Marita that the Panel will not tolerate continuation of such behaviour and she is at great risk of being sent away if she does not improve in her behaviour. Marita knows that this is not an idle threat as her playmate, Ian McKenzie is currently in a residential setting. I asked Mr. Barr about William who was placed on Supervision the previous week and who had not attended the Mary Ruseell on the first day he should have. Mr. Barr knew of this and said it had been his fault as he had slept in that morning. Since that William has been at school every day. This chaotic family seemed to be a little improved on this visit. The headmistress of Gallowhill Primary, who has Cameron, the youngest child as a pupil, had expressed very great concern the previous week. It is to be hoped that the Barrs are entering a slightly more stable phase. When Mr. Barr receives his money the family will be in a great state of upset and it will be necessary to have constant supervision at that time. <u>TRANSFER SUMMARY:</u> This case is well known to the new Team Senior, Mr. Rafferty. It seems probable that Marita will be brought once more before the Childrens Panel either for continual truancy or for offending. It is my opinion that Marita would not co-operate in a residential setting, at least initially, but would run away. However it may be the only course open if she gets into any further trouble.	E.R.S. E.R.S.

PROGRESS NOTES

SHEET No. 3

DATE OF CONTACT	NAME	S.W.'S INITIAL
	MARITA BARR	
	They said they would pass on a message from me to their father that things might become rather difficult if he was not there. I then called at Mrs. McGirr's house but obtained no reply. None of the Barrs attended the Hearing and the warrant would be issued for Marita's arrest on Friday morning to ensure that she appeared before the Panel at 11 a.m.	D.P. ✓
8.8.74	HOME VISIT: - hoping to make sure that Marita and her father would attend tomorrow's Hearing so that the Warrant would not require to be issued for her arrest. Discovered that Alexis had visited the Reporter's Office this morning, said that her father was now working and arranged for the Review during the evening of 19th August. She and her father would accompany Marita. Alexis asked if we could help her with a cot for baby Jason and said that her father would not consider doing this. I agreed to see if we had one in store and write to her, since she did not seem at all keen to approach Social Security.	D.P. ✓
9.8.74	Verified change of Hearing with Reporter - 7.15 p.m. Monday 19th August.	D.P. ✓
12.8.74	Wrote to Alexis - no cot available etc.	DP ✓
19.8.74	Fifth unsuccessful attempt to have Review Hearing. Warrant to be implemented. Father to be reported to Fiscal.	D.P. ✓
20.8.74	Discussion with Reporter, who would hold Warrant until a place was found for Marita at Cardross.	D.P. ✓
21.8.74	Discussion with Team Senior: agreed not to contact Cardross until consulting with J. Rafferty, who knew M. Barr fairly well.	D.P. ✓
22.8.74	Further discussion with Reporter, who would ask Police to see Mr. Barr on Wednesday night and warn him about the consequences of he did not bring Marita to the Panel on Thursday at 5.30 p.m. Agreed to write Reporter giving details of my own attempts to have Marita and the father attend a Hearing, also support his referral to the Procurator Fiscal. Copy letter in file.	D.P. ✓
Nov.'74	This case was passed to me after the difficulty which Mr. Porter had encountered with Mr. Barr. I attended a conference at Herksworth High School where we discussed Marita at great length. She seems extremely popular at school and the teachers are very keen that she should be removed but it must be admitted that she is extremely difficult in the classroom. It was agreed that if Mr. Barr called to the school Marita would be allowed to return to the classroom and they would also expect promise of good behaviour.	

PROGRESS NOTES

SHEET NO. 4

DATE OF CONTACT	NAME	S.W.'S INITIAL
	MARITA BARR	
	Marita has become completely unruly and neither parent seems able to cope with her.	HM/ME.
JULY '75	Marita continues to pursue a teacher she is fond of and making life extremely difficult for him. I cannot find a residential unit prepared to take her.	HM/ML.
AUG. '75	ENTRY: Marita appeared before Sheriff in Glasgow and reporter requested Unruly Certificate 16/8/75. Marita taken to Gateside Prison. She reappeared in Court 27/8/75 and was placed in Beechwood. Two days later she reappeared before Sheriff who granted bail of £10.00 which mother paid and shortly after that Marita shot off from her mother.	HM/ML.
SEP '75	Marita had Place of Safety made on her (3/9/75) and taken to Beechwood Assessment Centre. Beechwood could not hold her and demanded she be withdrawn. Mr. Hogg authorised she be sent to Beech Avenue F.U.H. THE following day (6/9/75) she absconded from F.U.H. Marita was caught by police in Glasgow and reappeared before Sheriff. She was placed on another Unruly Certificate and taken to Gateside Prison.	HM/ML.
OCT. '75	ENTRY: Marita reappeared in Sheriff Court and was placed in Beechwood Assessment Centre on Section 413. On 6/10/75 she was transferred to Calder House. See reports from Calder House indicating her behaviour whilst there.	HM/ML.
FEB '76	ENTRY: Confirmation that after great struggle to find Marita a placement Tyneport will take her. Tynepark.	HM/ML.
APRIL '76	Entry : Marita settled extremely well and was quickly weaned off Calder House. She visited office over Easter holidays as she was staying with friends, in Dumbarton. However, she left this prematurely and spent the remainder of the holiday in Calder House.	
JUNE '76	Entry : Marita's weekends with mother have been completely abortive. She left immediately the morning after arriving as she had fight with mother. Tynepark have asked me to get father interested again but he just does not care about Marita at all.	NM/NH. 2200

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11 FEB 1978

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

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

MEMORANDUM

From: The Reporter's Department,.....
20 Back Sneddon Street,.....
PAISLEY.....

To: The District Manager,.....
Social Work Department,.....
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.

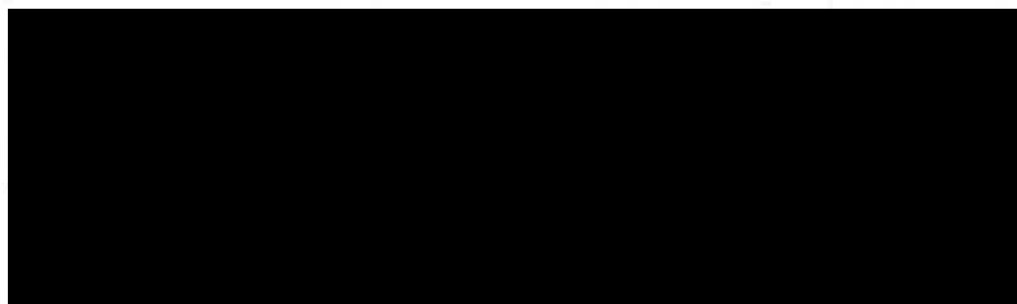
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Date of Hearing:

Name:

Decision:

23rd January, 1978



MARITA BARR
50 Dundonald Road,
PAISLEY.

Supervision Terminated

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
31 JAN 1978

Date 27th January, 1978

Danielle B. Glasser
for Reporter

*Delete as appropriate

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Instrument terminating supervision requirement

(Place and date)

23rd January 1978

A children's hearing for STANTHILLAN

hereby terminate [the foregoing supervision requirement]* the supervision requirement attached and
docketed with reference hereby as from 23rd January 1978

W. Wood

Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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INDUCTION MEETING - 23RD AUGUST, 1977

No. 53 - NAHITA ROSS BARR

Nita is the fourth child in a family of seven, there being five girls and two boys. Her parents were divorced some seven years ago and mother remarried. Since the parents split up, Nita has lived with both at different times and with other relations. She has not had a settled home for some years. It was almost inevitable that she should become subject to supervision and this happened at a Hearing in August, 1973. Following this, there has been a gradual deterioration which led to her being placed in Tynepark List 'D' School.

It was while Nita was still at Tynepark that she committed the offence which brought her to Borstal.

During interviews, Nita has been pleasant and co-operative. She is quite prepared to talk about her family even though it is obviously a painful subject. She does not seem to have any close relationships with family but expressed a fondness for a member of Staff at Tynepark. None of her family have visited as yet, but she has had letters from a sister.

Nita has no realistic thoughts on her future. She talks about returning to Baddington where she says she has a 'boy-friend' but even this is said in a fairly flippant way.

It is hoped that some stronger family contacts can be made while she is here and her Social Worker is very willing to help regarding this.

Nita reckons that she has settled fairly well here, even though she has been on Report a couple of times. She said that she gets on with most of the girls and "quite likes" the Staff.

This girl could gain considerably from training but she will fall down a few times during the process.


Thos. P. Quinn
Social Worker.

22nd August, 1977.



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Date

15th August, 1977.

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10 St. James Street,
PAISLEY.

Dear Mrs. McIntosh,

Re: No. 53 - Marita Barr

Further to your recent visit to Cornton Vale and our discussion, I now write formally to invite you to attend the Induction Meeting to be held here on Tuesday, 23rd August at 11.30 a.m. Rita's progress and further treatment will be discussed at this Meeting by Staff responsible for her management. If you would like to see Rita while you are at the Institution for the Meeting, I would suggest that you arrive in time to have your interview with Rita prior to the Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Thos. P. Quinn
Social Worker.

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6th July, 1977

Dear Mrs. McIntosh

Re: BARR, Marita Ross

Many thanks for your report concerning the above named.

When ~~he~~ she appeared today at Edinburgh Sheriff Summary Court, the
disposal was as follows:- Borstal Training

I return spare copies of your reports together with the referral form
indicating any post sentence activity that was undertaken.

Yours faithfully

C. J. Wood

C J WOOD
Divisional Court Officer

Notice of: * <u>Continuation for S.E.R.</u> * Fine Supervision * Deferred Sentence * Other Disposal		Area Team CS3 <u>E. S. S.</u> Court	Date continued from 22. 6.77 Date to appear 6. 7.77 Court Register Ref. 769
SURNAME BARR (Alias)	FIRST NAME(S) Marita Ross	Age 16 d.o.b. 8. 4.61 Marital Status S Religion Prot.	
ADDRESS Last stayed Tynepark Hostel (14 months) PRESENT ADDRESS (if different from above) N.F.A. (Telephone No.)		* Bail * Cited * Ordained * Committed for Trial	* <u>Prison or</u> Corntonvale. Assessment Centre * Medical Report * <u>Borstal Report</u> * Detention Vacancy
OCCUPATION		AGENT Yes	
OFFENCE(S)—or details of fine(s) Co-accused B. of P. Circumstances			
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS Check			
Social Worker Allocated to Case 10 St. James Place Paisley. Mrs. Mackintosh (Renfrew)		Social Worker Initiating this Form P. Cassidy (6)	
SENTENCE DEFERRED UNTIL			
FINAL DISPOSAL IN <u>ES</u> COURT ON BENCH (* Judge ; Sheriff ; Bailie) REMARKS DISPOSAL <i>Borstal Training</i> (Disqualified) (Time to Pay)			
RETURN TO C. & P. SECTION BY 5. 7.77		No Rept.	TURN OVER

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LOTHIAN REGION COUNCIL,
Department of Social Work,
Edinburgh Division,
Court Section.

J. G. Gardner,
Director

1 Parliament Square,
High Street,
EDINBURGH.

Your Ref:

In Reply Please Quote CS3
Or Ask for C. J. Wood

031 - 226-6454
229 9292
Ext.2987

22nd June, 1977

Dear Sir,

Re: BARR, Marita Ross

The above-named appeared to-day at Edinburgh Sheriff Summary Court and
pled guilty/was convicted of B. of P.

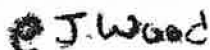
The case was continued until 6th July, 1977 in order that
a Social Enquiry Report might be obtained. I attach a copy of our Court referral
form giving the available information about this accused person.*

I would be grateful if six copies of a Social Enquiry Report could reach me at this
address on or before 5.7.77

Please return the SW F7 referral form along with the reports in order that the
disposal can be entered, and any post sentence interview recorded.

Thanking you in anticipation of your help.

Yours faithfully,



C. J. Wood,
Divisional Court Officer.

*NOTE: If assistance is needed in the preparation of this report due to the fact
that the accused is being held in custody in this area, please contact this office
within 24 hours of receipt of this notice, in order that the matter can be negotiated.

Strathclyde Regional Social Work Department,
10 St. James Place,
PAISLEY

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

COURT SOCIAL WORK FORM RSW-F7

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SURNAME <i>BARR</i> (Alias)	FIRST NAME(S) <i>Marika Ross</i>	Age <i>16</i> d.o.b. <i>8-4-61</i> Marital Status <i>S</i> Religion <i>Prot.</i>	
ADDRESS <i>Last stayed Tynecastle Hostel (14 months.)</i> PRESENT ADDRESS (if different from above) <i>N.F.A.</i> (Telephone No.)	* Bail * Cited * Ordained * Committed for Trial	* Prison or Assessment Centre <i>BORNTON VILLAGE</i> * Medical Report * Borstal Report * Detention Vacancy	
OCCUPATION	AGENT <i>Yes.</i>		
OFFENCE(S)—or details of fine(s) <i>B.o.P.</i> Co-accused Circumstances			
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS <i>Check.</i>			
Social Worker Allocated to Case <i>10 St James Place Paisley</i> <i>Mrs. Mackintosh (Renfrew)</i>		Social Worker Initiating this Form <i>P. Cassidy (6)</i>	
SENTENCE DEFERRED UNTIL			
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Tynepark List D School for Girls

Headmaster: Mr. M.A.M.M.Th.
Telephone: 011 5 (011 003012)

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17th June, 1977.

Mr. H. Richmond,
Adviser,
Social Work Services Group,
St. Andrews House,
Regent Road,
EDINBURGH.

Dear Mr. Richmond,

Marita Barr, (D.o.B. 7.4.61),
4 Birks Road, Renfrew.

You are aware that for some time now we have been considerably exercised over the future of this girl. She has been in Tynepark for nearly seventeen months, and clearly she has found a measure of care and control which did not exist before she came. Her impulsive acting out behaviour has been considerably modified, although it must be said she still operates well below her chronological age.

When we accepted Marita from Calder House her admission to the school was well prepared and discussed with representatives from Calder House and Tynepark meeting to ease her into yet another institution without undue stress and acting out. This was achieved and over the months Marita slowed down, and given the pattern of her early childhood and nurturing Marita fitted in well. We knew from the beginning that Marita's problems would focus on her departure and, for that reason, you are aware that in February of this year we initiated a conference with Strathclyde Region to talk about Marita's future employment, and, if necessary, place of abode. It was unfortunate that Miss Hibberd was unable to attend - at the last moment. Nevertheless, we pressed on, tried Marita in voluntary work in East Lothian, and, as we expected, dependency difficulties were soon manifested. I know that you are only too aware that some children are 'over-protected' by the umbrella of the List "D" School!

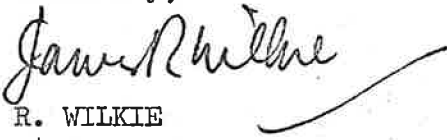
Some weeks ago, with the family apparently settled in Blackpool, we decided to take Marita to her home there, and, because Blackpool is the kind of seaside resort it is, we felt employment could be secured, and we sought, and received, the co-operation of Blackpool Social Work Department to monitor Marita's re-entry into the community. This proved to be unsuccessful, and Marita, with an attempted suicide, and a return of her glue-sniffing activities, again resorted to manipulative pressurisation to keep within the Tynepark security net, understandable in the light of the family patterns of rejection, but proving increasingly difficult to manage from our end.

We now feel that Marita has gone beyond the optimum of a Tynepark treatment plan, and now requires firm pressure, backed up by the due legal processes, to move to the next stage in her nurturing and development. We are, therefore, recommending termination of her Section 413 Order, and, her residential supervision order from the Children's Hearing. She is now over sixteen years of age, and, while she is still in need of after-care and support we feel that we have offered all we can for the present. Her dependency problems have to be faced and come to terms with, and in her own interests it is better to face this in the community, with the family. A strong part of Marita is drawn to home, mother and her brothers and sisters. This is clear and proper.

Mr. H. Richmond, S.W.S.G. (contd.)

We would, therefore, formally request termination of the Order.

Yours sincerely,


JAMES R. WILKIE
Headmaster.

c.c. Mrs. McIntosh, Social Worker.



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26th May, 1977.

Mrs. McIntosh,
Social Work Department,
11 Maxwell Street,
PAISLEY.

Dear Mrs. McIntosh,

Marita Barr.

Further to our recent telephone conversation regarding Marita, I felt that I should write to you to let you know the up-to-date position. As you are well aware it is very complicated because the situation can change from day to day or from hour to hour.

She is now, once more, back in Blackpool residing with her sister, Isobel, at 2A Durham Road. I, myself, escorted her there on Tuesday, 24th May. In our eyes the situation in Blackpool seems to offer the best prospects. Isobel is certainly willing to have her and has been encouraging her to find employment, but Marita has been sticking her heels in, and this was one of the reasons she returned to the school earlier in the week.

I have made contact with the Social Services at South King Street, Blackpool, and Mrs. Fisher has agreed to give Marita all the support that she can.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter that was sent to Mrs. McGirr by Mr. Wilkie our Headmaster when I returned Marita to Blackpool on 24th May.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN G. ROBERTSON
Senior Assistant.

Encl.



Tynepark List-D School for Girls
Polaris
Haddington EH41 4BZ
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HEARING FOR MARITA BARR, 4 BIRKS ROAD, RENFREW,
at 20 Back Sneddon Street, Paisley,
on 14th March, 1977.

At the Review Hearing on the above date the school was represented by Mr. John Robertson, Senior Assistant, and Mrs. Mary Gremson, Residential Child Care Officer.

The Panel commented on the change in Marita and how well she looked, and, after reviewing the case, finally agreed to the school's recommendation that Marita continue at Tynepark and the case be reviewed again in the summer.

The Panel noted that the family situation had further deteriorated with most of the furniture being sold and the prospects of a place at home being offered to Marita virtually non-existent.

The Panel noted with pleasure that Marita had obtained a part-time voluntary job at Prestonkirk House, East Linton, where she goes three days per week and helps with the Mentally Handicapped and general household tasks.

.....*James R. Wilkie*.....
JAMES R. WILKIE
Headmaster.

23rd March, 1977.



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MARITA BARR, 4 BIRKS ROAD, RENFREW.

REPORT ON SPECIAL CASE CONFERENCE

HELD AT

TYNEPARK HOSTEL, 30 CASTLE STREET, EDINBURGH
on 8th FEBRUARY, 1977.

Present:-

Rev. James R. Wilkie	-	Headmaster, Tynepark School.
Mr. John Robertson	-	Senior Assistant, Tynepark School.
Dr. John Evans	-	Young People's Unit, Edinburgh.
Miss Christine Wilson	-	Psychologist, S.W.S.G.
Mrs. Evelyn Okoli	-	Houseparent in Charge, Tynepark Hostel.
Mrs. McIntosh	-	Fieldwork Social Worker.

Apologies:- Mr. Richmond, S.W.S.G. and representative from Strathclyde Region Residential Resources Dept.

Marita had been in Tynepark since March, 1976, and it was felt that she had settled down remarkably well considering home circumstances and her own style of institutionalism. The Case Conference had been convened to look at the next stage in Marita's treatment programme. Clearly, there are going to be problems of dependency and it was felt that some time and discussion should be given to Marita's next move, as her Section 413 Warrant expires in the early autumn.

Various possibilities were explored and it was a pity that the Strathclyde Social Work Department called off at the last moment as it had been suggested that she might have been able to find a home and employment in some Children's Home in the West of Scotland. This would not have been an easy problem to negotiate but we felt we needed time and a meeting with the appropriate representatives.

Mrs. McIntosh communicated the recent wanderings of the Barr family and it was apparent that there is little future in Marita going home. The mother, apparently, spends most of her time on the A74 between Glasgow and Blackpool, while the father has just been evicted from the home of one of his daughters.

The Case Conference concluded that more time was necessary to find Marita a stable future. It was decided to explore the possibilities of part-time work and Mr. Robertson was left to attend to this.

We also agreed to ask her Review Hearing in March for an extension of Supervision with the recommendation that the whole matter be looked at in some detail in the summer before her Section 413 Warrant expires.

.....*James R. Wilkie*.....
JAMES R. WILKIE
Headmaster.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

MEMORANDUM

From: The Area Reporter To: Mr. Parker, District Manager,
..... 20 Back Sneddon Street, Social Work Dept.,
..... 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:

14.3.77

MARITA BARR (7.4.61)
c/o Social Work Dept.
St. James Street,
Paisley

Residential supervision continued.

Supervision requirement for Marion Blyth to follow.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
EASTWOOD/RENFREW DISTRICT HQ

17 MAR 1977

REF'D TO

ACK'D

ANSW'D

Date 16th March, 1977

for Reporter

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Instrument continuing supervision requirement of 31st March 1976on Mairita Sam (7.4.61)

(Place and date)

Paisley - 14th March 1977

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 30th March 1977, and being satisfied that it is
proper so to do, hereby continue the said requirement in force.

I. J. Brown
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

MEMORANDUM

9 FEB 1977

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ANSD. _____

From: The Area Reporter,
20 Back Sneddon Street,
PAISLEY.

To: The District Manager,
Social Work Department,
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:

4th February, 1977



MARITA PARR
 50 Dundonald Road,
 PAISLEY.

Case continued.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
 SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
 EASTWOOD DISTRICT HO

- 6 FEB 1977

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ANSD _____

Date 7th February, 1977

*Delete as appropriate

M. Sujan

for Reporter

Tynecpark List D School for Girls
 Edinburgh
 Headmaster: Mr. James R. Wilkie, M.A., M.Ed.
 Tynecpark Road, Edinburgh 8 (031 462 332)

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121 GLASSFORTH STREET
 EDINBURGH EH2 4YN
 Telephone 031 226 5722 Ext

JRW/MD.

5th January, 1977.

Mrs. S. Reddie,
 Social Work Services Group,
 St. Andrews House,
 EDINBURGH, EH1 3DB.

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Dear Mrs. Reddie,

Marita Barr, 4 Birks Road, Renfrew.

In my last Review of 22nd June, 1976, I was happy to tell you that Marita had settled down reasonably well. This progress has been maintained and there are signs that she is growing up but she is still extremely hyper-active and young for her age. She has built up strong attachments to certain members of staff and to the school itself and clearly we are going to be faced with separation difficulties when we come to think of Marita's departure.

To keep us in touch with reality I suggested to Marita before Christmas that she should be thinking of her future in terms of a job and somewhere to stay. I feel it is important to take this very slowly and I have initiated a possible Children's Home placement for Marita when she comes to the end of her stay at Tynecpark. This is being thought out by the Psychologist in the west area and we hope to have more information about this soon.

The family problems have compounded and it is clearly going to be very difficult to see Marita back with her family in Renfrew or in Blackpool. There are strong delinquent traits in this family and it would need intensive case work which we are unable to do from this distance. To have Marita re-established at home she would require to be re-habilitated in some institution and this is giving us serious problems.

There is nothing much wrong with Marita herself that the proper care and control could not cope with. Whether she could survive in a Children's Home or not is something that we shall have to test out, but more of that in the next review.

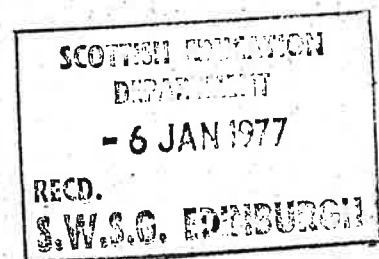
With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES R. WILKIE
 Headmaster.

George W. Gillan

Dictated by Mr. Wilkie and signed in his absence.



STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
EASTWOOD/RENFREW DISTRICT - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT.
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Review for
XXXXXX

PAISLEY

XXXXXX

14 years

MARITA BARR

7.4.67

PRESENTLY CALDER HOUSE ASSESSMENT CENTRE.

Previously
Merksworth

Parents

Father - 4, Birks Road, Renfrew.

Address

Mother - Flat 5, 1A, Kirby Road, Blackpool.

This review is being called at the request of the Social Work Department to approve the variation of her order of residence to Tynepark School Haddington.

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Marita's last appearance at a Hearing was in September, 1975 when the Panel requested that she be placed in a List 'D' School away from the West coast. All List 'D' Schools for her group were approached and each declined to accept her and she has therefore had to remain at Calder House Assessment Centre. Recently however, the Church of Scotland Unit at Haddington, Tynepark, has indicated their willingness to accept her.

This offer meets with the approval of the Social Work Services Group and also the Secretary of State who are involved because of the decision of the Sheriff Court to commit Marita for two years Residential Training. It is respectfully requested that the Panel will endorse this move.

.....*N. Munro*.....
N. Munro - Social Worker.

Social Work Department,
Area Office,
11, Maxwell Street,
PAISLEY.

NM/NH 9th March, 1976.

DP/GN

22nd August, 1974. Ext.30 - D. Porter

Mr. John Barker,
Reporter to Children's Hearing,
20 Back Sneddon Street,
Paisley.

Dear Sir,

Marita Barr (7.4.61.),
50 Dundonald Rd., Paisley.

I am most concerned about this 13 year old girl about whom I was required to prepare a Report for a Review Hearing on 23rd July, since the Social Worker concerned was off sick.

My efforts to contact the girl's father in the preparation of the Report were completely unsuccessful. I saw Mr. Barr on 19th June, when I was preparing a Report on Marita's brother William, and made repeated attempts to see him subsequently, to no avail.

A Review Hearing was arranged for Marita on 23rd July but, as you know, Mr. Barr did not attend. After the next Hearing on 31st July, which none of the Barrs attended, I called at the house on 6th August to see Mr. Barr, who was not at home, and left a message with Marita and some of the other children, to remind him of a third Hearing arranged for that afternoon. None of the Barrs appeared and a fourth Hearing was arranged for 9th August. I again called on the Barrs on 8th August hoping to impress upon them the need to attend the Review Hearing and saw Marita's sister Alexis, who had already visited your office and gave assurances that she and her father would come to a fifth Hearing on 19th August. I pointed out the possible consequences of failing to attend and, as on previous occasions, none of the Barrs appeared.

It distresses me deeply that it seems necessary to arrest this 13 year old child in order to ensure that she attends the Review Hearing and that, even after such a serious step has been taken, we still cannot be at all sure that her father will come to the Hearing. I understand that you intend reporting this matter to the Procurator Fiscal with a view to having Mr. Barr prosecuted under Section 41 (3) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and I would strongly support this action, in the hope that this will persuade Mr. Barr to look again at his responsibilities and co-operate with the Agencies which are concerned about the welfare of his children.

Yours faithfully,

SP.

Social Worker

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Instrument continuing supervision requirement of 29th August 1973
and last continued on 31st July 1974, on
Mairia Ross Barr, formerly residing at 50 Dundonald
Road, and now at % McGivra, 24 Abercorn Street, Paisley.

(Place and date) 20 Back Snaddon Street Paisley.

30th July 1975

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region
considering that [the foregoing supervision requirement]* ~~the supervision requirement attached and~~
~~documented with reference hereto]~~* is due to expire on 31st July 1975, and being satisfied that it is
proper so to do, hereby continue the said requirement in force.

J K Cameron
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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LIST 'D' SCHOOLS

ENQUIRY FOR A PLACE

BY Eastwood/Renfrew District Social Work Department

SWSG (D) FORM 1
Complete Part 1 of
Forms 1, 2 and 3 and
send all three to
SWSG

To

Social Work Services Group
York Buildings
Queen Street
Edinburgh EH2 1HY

PART I

Particulars of the Child

Surname BARR Forenames MARITA
Address 50 DUNDONALD ROAD, PAISLEY Date of Birth 7.4.61.
Sex FEMALE
Religion ROMAN CATHOLIC Prot

Date by which report to Hearing must be completed.....

If previously in an Approved School:

Last School..... Date of Release.....

Any special considerations (e.g. IQ, physique, social or personality problems, any siblings/co-offenders in list D school).

Social Work Department officer for enquiries:—

Name Miss G. New,
Address Social Work Department, Signed Geraldine New
11 Maxwell Street, Paisley Date 8th July, 1975
Tel. No. 041-889-8865

PART 2

To Langlands Park School

The Social Work Department have been asked to forward full information on the child to you for consideration of admission if the Hearing make a supervision requirement in this sense.

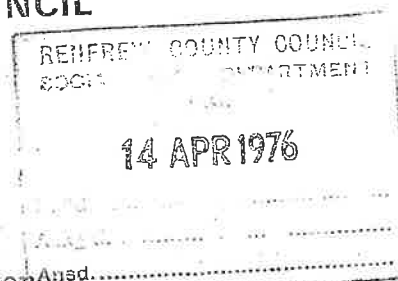
Signed Kayg. Robertson (Miss)
Date 11-8-75

Social Work Services Group

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

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



MEMORANDUM

From: The Area Reporter
20 Back Sneddon Street,
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To: Mr. Parker And.
District Manager
Social Work Dept., Paisley

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

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Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

Date of Hearing:

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31.3.76.

Name:

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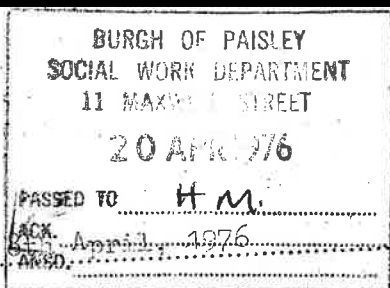
MARITA BARR (7.4.61)
4 Birks Road,
Renfrew.
(Maxwell St. S.W.D)

Decision:

[Redacted]

Residential supervision varied to
name Tynepark School.

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Date

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M. Bryan
for Reporter

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) PAISLEY 31ST MARCH 1976

A children's hearing for STRATHCLYDE REGION

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 17.9.75 to which

MARITA BARR

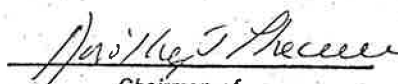
is subject, hereby require him/her* [to reside in TYNEPARK SCHOOL
HADDINGTON

]†

~~[to be under the supervision of~~

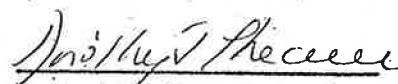
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subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 17.9.75 is hereby revoked.


 Chairman 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.

*Delete as appropriate

FORM 15

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Warrant for detention under section 37(4) of the Act

(Place and date)

13th August 1975

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region,
 in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 37(4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, [being
 satisfied that the further detention of
 is necessary in his/her* own interest]* [having reason to believe that Mairi Bann (7.4.61)
 will run away during the investigation of his/her* case]* grant warrant for the detention of the said
Mairi Bann in a place of safety [chosen by the Director of Social Work,
 for the period from 13.8.75 to 3.9.75 both days inclusive.

J. Stewart
 Chairman of
 the Children's Hearing

*Delete as appropriate

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Notification of children's hearing to child required to attend hearing

To

MARITA BARR,
c/o McGirr
4 Birks Road,
RENFREW.

You have been referred to a children's hearing for Strathclyde on the basis of the attached grounds for referral.

You are required in terms of section 40(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to attend the hearing on Wednesday 13th August, 1975 at 6.30 p.m. within the Hearing Rooms, 20 Back Sneddon Street, Paisley.
Please read the Notes set out below.

(Address of Reporter)

20 Back Sneddon Street,
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date 13th August, 1975.

M. Bryan
*Reporter/On behalf of the Reporter

NOTES

A children's hearing is a group of three people specially selected for their interest and concern in understanding and helping children who are in trouble. They meet to discuss with a child and his parents any difficulties that may have arisen, to discover the reasons for these difficulties and to find an answer which is in the best interests of the child. In some cases this may involve compulsory supervision or even removal from home. Further information on the hearing is set out in the leaflet entitled *To tell you about the Children's Hearing* a copy of which accompanies this notification.

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27th October 1975.

JAAB/JB

Miss B. D. Hibberd,
Assessment and Child Care Consultant,
Social Work Department,
30 Seedhill Road,
Paisley.

Dear Miss Hibberd,

Marita Barr, 7.4.61
4 Birks Road, Renfrew

I interviewed this girl in Calder House Assessment Centre on 16th October 1975.

Marita presented as a tall, physically mature girl. On this occasion she seemed reasonably relaxed and made some attempt to relate during interview. I spent some time with her discussing her behaviour and the events which had led up to her removal to Gateside Prison. Throughout, Marita attempted to minimise her role and gave a very sketchy resumé of the affair. Whether, in fact, she has achieved a more objective view of her almost obsessional conduct is doubtful. Marita's background is such that she has obviously never been faced with the need to evaluate or assess her own behaviour. She appears to behave in an immaturely spontaneous and untrained fashion, with little or no appreciation of the effect her behaviour might have on others. Her pattern of conduct is largely what one might expect from such a criminalistic and generally disturbed background. Marita's own concepts of her identity and self-worth appear to be weak, and it would seem that, basically, she sees herself as something of a 'lost cause'. However, she does have the need to form relationships with adults (particularly males). Unfortunately, her spontaneity and lack of internal controls are such that her demands on such a relationship rapidly become excessive.

Intelligence testing gave a score in the below average range of ability. Assessment of her educational attainments indicated that she was functionally literate, though considerably retarded. Her knowledge of basic arithmetic was also barely adequate and would indicate the need for remedial intervention.

Personality assessment showed Marita as a mature, though excitable and unrestrained girl. She presented as a socially confident girl, able to fend for herself and resourceful to a degree. It might seem that her social maturity has been brought about mainly through the lack of parental involvement and supervision and that she has been forced into a 'rough and ready' social competence for survival.

The issue of Marita's placement will obviously be a difficult one, since there are few establishments willing to cater for a girl with her background and record. She seems to have responded to the positive approach of the staff at Calder House and it is unfortunate that this is not a longer term placement.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Barr
Depute Principal Psychologist.

N. D. MacCOLL,
Divisional Director of Social Work

Our Ref. BDH/IW

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Your Ref.

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REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT TEAM

Marita Barr, d.o.b. 7.4.61,
4 Birks Road, Renfrew.

Marita's case was discussed at Calder House Assessment Centre on 22.10.75, Mr. W. Hailey was Chairman of this Meeting, Marita's housemother and two other members of staff being present, Mrs. H. Munro, Social Worker and myself also attended. After this meeting Mr. Hailey said he would report to the District Manager and this report was not to hand at the time of the Eastwood/Renfrew Assessment Team Meeting on 27.10.75.

On 27.10.75, Marita's case was discussed by Dr. M.I. Mair, Senior School Medical Officer, Mr. J.A.A. Brown, Depute Principal Psychologist, Mrs. H. Munro Social Worker and myself as co-ordinator. Reports by ~~Dr. Mair~~ and Mr. Brown are attached. Mrs. Munro brought forward the information from Calder House. There Marita has made relationships which can be seen as normal considering her background, with both sexes. She is unsure of her own development and needs a structured environment in which she can continue to grow. Marita also needs remedial educational help.

At both assessment meetings Langlands Park List D School, Port Glasgow, was considered the best placing. Marita's relationship with Mrs. Munro is very important and regular visiting is possible at Port Glasgow. When Marita ran away from Calder House she went to her father's house where there was little for her and did not seek Mr. M. Joiner at Hillhead, therefore this former adolescent attraction to her school teacher should not preclude a Clydeside placing. As second choice Balgay List D. School, Dundee, was suggested as there are also male staff there. Mrs. Munro told the meeting that there would not be a vacancy at Langlands Park until January. Calder House have requested Marita's removal within a few weeks.

Dr. Mair who had not seen Marita suggested she should do so to ascertain if Marita would be well placed in a Hospital Adolescent Unit until January. This would be a setting in which Marita would have the chance to look at herself and her identity problem. She has behaved in an obsessional manner. At Calder House Marita has questioned the staff's scrutiny and concern and has had to live with the consequences of her disturbed behaviour. This should continue rather than Marita being "taken out of circulation" as in Gateside. Marita will not be suitably placed in a Children's Home during the waiting period for List D School. It may be necessary for her to be placed at Cardross Park Assessment Unit.

B. D. Hibberd

Co-ordinator of the Assessment Team

28th October, 1975.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

CALDER HOUSE ASSESSMENT CENTRE

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Officer-in-Charge

Tel. Nos. BLANTYRE 823133
BURGH OF PAISLEY 823202
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
11 MAXWELL STREET

3rd November 1975

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ASSESSMENT REPORT

PASSED TO N.M. MARITA BARR (D.o.B. 7.4.61) Age 14 yrs. 6 mths.
ACK. 4 Birks Road, Renfrew
ANSD.

Date of Admission: 6.10.75
Days in Residence: 23 days at 28.10.75

Internal Assessment held on 22.10.75. Present at meeting:-

Mr. Hayley, Depute Officer in Charge, Calder House
Mr. Comrie, Instructor, Calder House
Miss Bowman, Care Staff, Calder House
Mrs. Brown, Care Staff, Calder House
Mrs. Munro, Social Worker, Eastwood/Renfrew District
Miss Hibberd, Renfrew Social Work Department

Previous Court/Hearing appearances:

Theft (3)	29.8.73.	Supervision Requirement
Truancy	11.10.73	No Action
Truancy	1.4.74	No Action
Review (no parent nor child appeared)	31.7.74.	Case Continued
Review (no parent nor child appeared)	6.8.74	Case Continued
Review (no parent nor child appeared)	19.8.74	Case Continued
Review (Warrant)	29.8.74	Supervision Continued
Police Report. Malicious Mischief	14.7.75	
Police Report Theft (2)	24.7.75	
Police Report. Breach of Peace	24.7.75	
Police Report. Malicious Mischief	24.7.75	
Review including above referrals	30.7.75	Supervision Continued
Theft by Housebreaking	13.8.75	Place of Safety Warrant
Advice for Glasgow Sheriff Court	17.9.75	Request for List D placement

Medical Report:

Height - 5'5" Weight - 10 st. 4 lb.

General appearance - clean and tidy

Teeth - good condition - ears clear, no sign of infection

Vision - Right eye 6/6. Left eye 6/6

Nose - clear - no sign of infection

Hair - free from infection

Chest - clear. Heart - normal B.S. 110/70. Pulse 76 regular

Abdomen - normal. Skin - Rash on forearms - recently treated with antibiotics and now clear of infection.
Recently had a crop of boils.

Nervous system - intact - no sign of disease. There has been no evidence of menstruation during her placement in Calder House.

Impressions: A healthy fourteen year old girl whose physical development appears normal and is free from infection.

Dr. D. Bancewicz, M.B. Ch.B.

Report from Merksworth High School:

After a bad start in August and September culminating in suspension on the 19th September 1974, Marita appeared to settle down for a short time. In December 1974, she was again in trouble; for suspected thefts. The matter was referred to the police.

Mr. Barr was informed by recorded delivery letter 9.12.74. He eventually called at the school 24.1.75 and promised we would see an improvement in Marita's behaviour.

8.5.75. Marita reported four boys for interfering with her. On investigation it appeared that Marita encouraged the advances to some extent. Mr. Barr was written to 9.5.75 but did not contact the school.

22.5.75. Marita was punished by Mr. Brown for swearing and being generally disruptive in class.

27.5.75. Mr. Barr was written to informing him that Marita had stayed away from home for 2 nights. She was found by cleaners in the school in the early hours of the morning. She said a boy was with her. Later this boy was identified. The police were notified.

Mr. Barr did not contact the school.

10.6.75. Marita was forbidden to leave school early by depute head. Marita ignored this and went off on her bicycle at 2.00 p.m.

11.6.75. Reports from Marita's teachers showed that her behaviour generally is disruptive - if she is in the class no teaching is possible in many cases. She comes in late and leaves when she feels like it. Mr. Barr was notified and Marita was suspended. Her father did not contact the school.

From then on Marita has caused trouble. She has telephoned a member of staff's home about 100 times and threatened them on several of these occasions. Police have been informed, also the G.P.O.

12.6.75. Marita damaged the depute head's car. This was witnessed by a pupil. The police have been notified.

24.6.75. Social worker Mrs. Munro called with Marita at the school. We brought Mrs. Munro up to date with Marita's behaviour. She was not allowed to resume school. At lunch time on the same day she threatened another pupil and tried to extort money from her.

Since 11.6.75 Marita is constantly hanging around the school premises and has had to be shown off the premises on several occasions. Unfortunately she is beginning to influence at least one other girl.

She makes no attempt to co-operate with anyone at school. Her classmates are absolutely "fed up" with her and say she gets the class a bad name.

School Report (cont.)

During the Summer holidays Marita and her friends were a constant threat to Mr. and Mrs. Joiner. Mr. Joiner is the member of staff previously mentioned as having been pestered with 'phone calls. She and/or her friends broke into the Joiners' flat and apparently stole a large sum of money and other items. Marita spent the night in the flat. She and/or her friends broke in again. On another occasion the windows in the flat were broken, although they live several stories up.

On the resumption of school she was frequently in or around the building in spite of having been transferred. The police were called several times.

She appeared with a large dog which she claimed was hers and was reported to have set the dog on another pupil and threatened to set it on Mr. Joiner.

OBSERVATIONS AND REPORT:

Marita was admitted to Calder House on 6.10.75 following several unsuccessful short term placements. Initially she was placed on Compulsory Supervision in 1973 for theft, and since then there has been a long succession of various offences which culminated in her appearance before the Sheriff on 3.10.75 for Breach of the Peace where an Order was made committing her to 2 years residential training.

On admission to Calder House, Marita seemed relaxed and unperturbed about her latest transient placement. She was pleasant, amiable and somewhat excited when informed that there were boys also in residence. She was also very much aware of her surroundings and clearly taking stock of everything that was going on around her.

Our impressions of Marita are of a girl with very limited intelligence who appears brighter than she is, but has the capacity to hide her deficiencies. Initially she projected an air of confidence with the self assurance of a girl much older in years, but as one becomes more aware of her it is most evident that she has a poor opinion of herself and what was felt as being confidence is no more than bravado and a verbose manner. In certain instances a foolish bravado which she has to resort to to establish herself, but which very easily lands her in difficulties.

Marita appears to be a girl who revels in her physical size. She is afraid of no one and tends to make and develop relationships in very physical terms, but has not necessarily any leadership qualities and certainly not a popular member of the group. Her peer group associations fluctuate constantly, as does her temperament, consequently she is invariably in dispute and disharmony, or in total compliment with others. There is a tendency for Marita to be more interested in girls much younger and smaller than herself and enjoys exciting them with a mixture of intimidation and bravado. The older girls look upon her as an impulsive and immature individual who will readily resort to silly childish behaviour in order to gain attention, but are wary of her physical assertive and aggressive behaviour and tend to give her a healthy respect. Marita can be extremely noisy and disruptive, particularly when physically confined. She will try to annoy her supervisors in order to bring about a conflict situation and excitement and is easily bored, preferring to be physically occupied at all times.

Staff relationships with Marita are very superficial, based mainly on control and firmness. She clearly resents any form of authority, challenging it to the utmost by testing out, disrupting and exploiting any weakness in the structure to the limits. Yet in the end she herself respects and accepts firmness and consistency, but never gives up trying to abuse the structured regime of our community.

Marita is constantly asking to be locked in the detention cell and purposely creates situations in the hope that someone will locate her in isolation. She regularly infers that the "cell" is where she should be and cannot understand and only becomes more confused when we neither punish or reject her because of her disruptive behaviour. Her past life style experiences do not allow her to think that there are people who wish to help her. She is clearly of the opinion that punishment and restrictive measures also include rejection. She has been rejected and is of the opinion that she is completely bad and bad people are locked away.

There are many confused thoughts in Marita's mind at present and many irrational actions have been brought about by such thinking. She is bewildered and unsure of her identity and clearly anxious of progressing into late adolescence. Her physical development has made rapid progress during the last twelve months, but at present she has not the mental capacity to cope with the many emotional problems which arise from these changes. There are suggestions that Marita has lesbian tendencies, but the indications are that she is not wholly sure of her sexual identity and is going through a stage of bisexuality. Marita has always considered herself a "tomboy" and portrayed this role with success. However, as her physical development has increased, she has become more aware of these changes, but clearly confused and not sure how to handle the situation.

Certain facets of Marita's problems can be attributed to her limited intelligence. Her somewhat flat personality prevents her from making any kind of worthwhile rapport and much of her dialogue is shallow and limited. In situations devoid of aggression she is almost at a loss and occasionally when caught off guard, she is embarrassed to find herself trying to relate at a serious level; consequently she invariably reverts to frivolous juvenile behaviour which allows her a higher degree of security.

In concluding our findings on Marita, it comes over most evident that she is an immature girl who will need considerable support and guidance from patient and understanding adults. Firstly, however, she will need to be in a closely controlled environment where firm and consistent handling is a prime factor. A basic trust between adults and the girl has to be essentially established and relationships developed and fostered. Unfortunately, until Marita is secure enough in herself, she will be unable to accept help from adults and little, if any, progress can be expected.

When considering a residential placement which can effectively cater for the immediate needs of Marita, Langlands Park School is thought of as the one most likely to succeed. Our long term prognosis for this girl, however, is not a good one, as even after prolonged List B School training, it may be inevitable that she will eventually progress on to Borstal.

Bill Hayley
A. G. Hayley,
Depute Officer in Charge.

Marita Barr (7.4.61)
50 Dundonald Road.

4 Binkla Rd
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19th December, 1975

Miss Hibbird,
Social Work Department,
Seedhill Road,
Paisley.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT RENFREW DIVISION
22 DEC 1975
Refd.....
Ack'd.....
Ans'd.....

Dear Miss Hibbird,

Marita Barr, d.o.b. 7.4.61
4 Birks Road, Renfrew.

Marita was brought to see me by Mrs. Munroe. We had a cup of coffee together and gradually Marita began to relax a little after her ^{initial} suspicions.

She is a big well built, boyish but rather attractive girl, admitting to some problems about her weight. She has completed puberty and looks in fact much more mature than her age would suggest. Systematic examination was negative in terms of heart and lungs, abdomen, vision and hearing. She has no deformity and is in fact a very athletic and active girl. Her central nervous system is completely normal in terms of hard findings but I would feel that she has just a degree of cerebral dysfunction in the sense that she is inclined to ^{correctly} ~~bush~~ at things, not greatly estimating the amount of force required. ^{for any action}

There is beginning to emerge much more definitely a sense of self-criticism and looking at her own image in many ways is not being quite sure about it and I feel that a great deal of this new self criticism is due to both Mrs. Munroe's help and to the help of Calder House. Care of her has obviously been extremely good.

The next moves are very difficult to fulfill. She is a fairly robust girl and think therefore needs help, set in quite a firm way, but there is also the factors of some self confusion about her sexuality and she had cast herself in the role of the tom-boy, but the new move of herself as a girl has emerged and in that situation there is a new reversal of her relationships with boys.

I would feel that at this level she requires a great deal of help and would suggest that whatever placing is thought off, there should be the availability of good social and psychological help. ^{I would think Langlands Park}

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

M. I. Mair

Senior School Medical Officer.

*She seems some stability as well as
newly established - she has not*

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
EASTWOOD/RENFREW DISTRICT



Your Ref.

My Ref. NM/MGM

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Date

Tel: 041-889 8865

17th September, 1975

Ext. 28

Mrs. S. Reddie,
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11 MAXWELL STREET,
PAISLEY.
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Dear Madam,

Marita Barr - D.O.B. 7.4.61, 4 Birks Road,
Renfrew. At present on Remand at Gateside
Prison

You may remember previous correspondence on this girl when she was admitted to H.M. Prison, Gateside Prison, Greenock on 16th August, 1975.

The girl was re-admitted on 11th September, 1975, after a request for an Unruly Certificate was submitted to Glasgow Sheriff Court.

I enclose a Background Report on the girl written in August, shortly after she was admitted to the Prison. Since this date Marita again appeared before the Glasgow Sheriff Court and was placed at Beechwood Assessment Centre, as a Place of Safety. Bail at that time was requested and Marita was later released. After committing the same offence Marita appeared at a Glasgow Children's Hearing and re-admitted to Beechwood Assessment Centre. A request was then made by Beechwood to have her removed as Marita was uncontrollable. She assaulted other girls, and made sexual advances to younger ones (since then she continues to threaten the life of one of the girls who displeased her). On the 5th September, Marita was taken from Beechwood to Beech Avenue Children's Home, Paisley, from which she absconded. Marita was returned to the Sheriff Court in Glasgow on 11th September, having been held over, for the same charge of victimising the teacher referred to in my Report. Although no request is to hand at present it is understood that a Social Enquiry Report has been asked for her re-appearance on 3rd October, 1975. I have sent Reports on this girl requesting an immediate placement to:

St. Euphrasia's School, Bishopton	- total refusal as school cannot cope with this type of behaviour.
Langlands Park - Port Glasgow	- No vacancy until possibly January, 1976.
Cardross Park - Dumbarton	- No vacancies
Calder House - Blantyre	- No Vacancies
Woodfield - Edinburgh	- Unsuitable

The local authority Children's Homes run by this Department are totally unsuitable for Marita especially when one considers her menacing behaviour with younger girls.

I therefore respectfully request your guidance on this matter as there seems to be few alternatives for placing this girl and the facilities at Gateside Prison are naturally totally unsuitable. I understand that Marita continues to be highly aggressive with the staff at the Prison and is proving to be a difficult girl to contain.

Yours sincerely,

Nell Munro
Mrs. N. Munro,
Social Worker

Enc:



Social Work Services Group
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The Director of Social Work
Strathclyde Regional Council
Social Work Department
11 Maxwell Street
PAISLEY

Your reference
NM/ND
Our reference
CA 142/34/1/856
Date
22 March 1976

Dear Sir

MARITA BARR (DATE OF BIRTH 7 APRIL 1961) 4 BIRKS ROAD, RENFREW

I refer to Mrs Munro's letters of 23 and 28 October 1975 enclosing case papers in respect of Marita Barr who was sentenced in the Sheriff Court at Glasgow on 3 October 1975 to 2 years' residential training in accordance with the provisions of Section 413 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975.

The Secretary of State has accepted the recommendation that Marita should be admitted to a List D school and has directed that she should be detained in Tynepark School where she was admitted on 10 March 1976.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the headmaster who has already been given the case papers and Court Warrant.

I would be grateful if your authority could make arrangements to notify Marita's mother of the Secretary of State's decision and the date of transfer to the school together with the name and address of the head of the school. Her mother will be anxious to know how the provision in section 58A(3) of the Children & Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 for the release of children sentenced under Section 413 of the 1975 Act may be applied in this instance and she may therefore be told that Marita's case will be kept under review by the Secretary of State in consultation with the Managers of the school.

Marita is already the subject of a supervision requirement made by a Children's Hearing at Paisley on 17 September 1975 and the imposition of the sentence under Section 413 does not affect the validity of the supervision requirement. Accordingly, I have sent a copy of this letter to the Reporter and should be glad to know in due course what decision the hearing reach on any review of the supervision requirement. If the hearing decide to continue the supervision requirement, it will be desirable for subsequent reviews in the case to be co-ordinated with any consideration by the Secretary of State of the question of release under Section 58A(3).

For your information I am enclosing copies of my letters to Dr Stallard and Mr Vallance about the continuing need for liaison with your Department and Tynepark School with a view to determining how best to assist Marita in preparing for release and resettlement in the community. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Mr Rance.

The Social Work Services Group will be pleased to consider any account, duly certified, presented by your authority in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Appendix to Circular No SW13/1971 of 15 April 1971.

Yours faithfully

M. E. DeLorey

Miss M E DeLorey

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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

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on WEDNESDAY 31st MARCH, 1976
 at 2.00 p.m. within the Hearing Rooms,
20 Back Sneddon Street, Paisley.

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

NameTime of CaseReason for Appearance

196/73

MARITA BARR
 d.o.b. 7.4.61.
 c/o Calder House
 Assessment Centre.
 H.A. 4 Birks Road, Renfrew.

2.30 p.m.

Local Authority request review

Copies to: Mr. Parker
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BURGH OF PAISLEY
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 11 MAXWELL STREET

18 MAR 1976

PASSED TO N. M.
 ACK.
 ANSD.

Date 16th March, 1976

McGregor
 for Reporter



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The Director of Social Work
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Your reference NM/MGM
Our reference RH121/3/2
Date 30 September 1975

Dear Sir

MARITA BARR (DATE OF BIRTH 7 APRIL 1961)
4 BIRKS ROAD, RENFREW

I refer to Mrs Munro's letter of 17 September 1975 requesting authority from the Secretary of State, on a contingency basis, for the temporary placement of Marita Barr in a penal establishment (viz, HM Prison, Gateside, Greenock) following her next appearance in court. This is to provide for the assessment and further holding of Marita in the necessary conditions of security in the event of her being sentenced under Section 413 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975.

After considering the papers submitted, we are unable to accept any proposal that the girl should be temporarily placed in a penal establishment if sentenced under Section 413, and hope that you will be able to have the girl accommodated in a place of safety between any such sentence and placement by the Secretary of State. It may be that placement in an Adolescent Unit would be suitable for this girl.

I shall be grateful if you will provide us at your earliest convenience with an indication of the disposal of the court. If sentence is passed under Section 413 please submit 2 copies of the social enquiry report and any other relevant reports, 2 copies of the extract of court order and a letter recommending the type of establishment you consider would be suitable for this girl.

Yours faithfully

M. E. DeLorey

Miss M E DeLorey

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Renfrewshire

Your reference

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CA 142/34/1/856

Date

29 March 1976

Dear Mr Vallance

MARITA BARR (DATE OF BIRTH 7 APRIL 1961) 4 BIRKS ROAD, RENFREW

With reference to your letter of 26 January 1976 about the above-named girl I am enclosing for your information copies of my letters to the Director of Social Work, the Headmaster and Dr Stallard regarding Marita's placement in Tynepark School on 10 March 1976.

It would be helpful if you or one of your colleagues could continue to liaise with Dr Stallard, the Social Work Department and Tynepark School with a view to determining how best to assist Marita in preparing for release and resettlement in the community.

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking you for the assistance already given in this case.

Yours sincerely

Miss M E DeLorey



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The Douglas Inch Centre
2 Woodside Terrace
GLASGOW G3 7UY

Your reference

FS/RC

Our reference

CA 142/34/1/856

Date

29 March 1976

Dear Dr Stallard

MARITA BARR (DATE OF BIRTH 7 APRIL 1961) 4 BIRKS ROAD, RENFREW

With reference to your report of 8 January 1976 on the above-named girl copies of my letters to the Director of Social Work, the headmaster, and Mr Vallance regarding Marita's placement in Tynepark School on 10 March 1976 are enclosed for your information.

As there is much that requires to be done in preparing for this girl's eventual release and resettlement in the community I would be grateful if you could continue to liaise with the Social Work Department and Tynepark School in determining Marita's needs.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the assistance already given in this case.

Yours sincerely

Miss M E DeLorey



Social Work Services Group

St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DB

Telephone 031-55 1501 ext 2090

F Stallard Esq MB ChB MRC
Psych DPM
Consultant Psychiatrist
The Douglas Inch Centre
2 Woodside Terrace
GLASGOW
G3 7UY

Your reference

FS/RAC

Our reference

CA142/34/1/856

Date

29 December 1975

Dear Dr Stallard

MARITA BARR

(DATE OF BIRTH 7 APRIL 1961)

4 BIRKS ROAD, RENFREW

I refer to your report of 4 September 1975 on the above named girl.

Marita was sentenced on 3 October 1975 to 2 years under Section 413 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975, and is at present being detained in Calder House Assessment Centre, pending final placement by the Secretary of State.

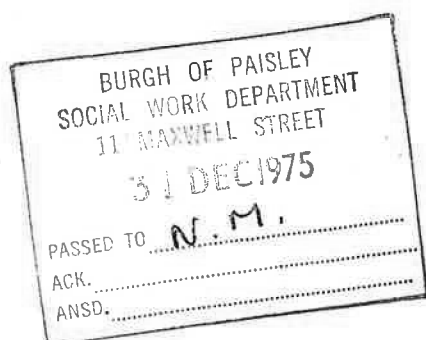
After considering all the reports submitted by the Social Work Department and the Assessment Team it has been decided that an up-to-date psychiatric report on Marita is necessary and I should be grateful, therefore, if you could arrange for her to be examined while she is in Calder House and for a report to be sent to us. Mr Vallance, Principal List D Schools' Psychologist, has also been asked to arrange for the girl to be visited and comments sent to us regarding a suitable placement for Marita.

I enclose copies of reports on Marita. It may be that you would wish to discuss the case with the social worker, Mrs N Munro, Social Work Department, 11 Maxwell Street, Paisley (telephone number 041 889 8865).

The Social Work Services Group would be prepared to meet the cost of carrying out such an examination and furnishing reports.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Reddie



THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE

Convener: Rev. A.W. Bruce, M.A.,
Vice-Conveners: Rev. Alex Burgess, B.A., Rev. David S. Walker, M.A.
Director of Social Service: Rev. L. Beattie Garden, M.A.
Secretary-Depute: Mr. D. Macmillan.



LANGLANDS PARK
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Convener: Mrs. S. M. Beck
Headmaster: Mr. Douglas J. Edmunds
Official Correspondent:
Rev. L. Beattie Garden, M.A.
121 George Street, Edinburgh,
EH2 4YN.

Mrs. N. Munro,
Social Worker,
Area Office,
11, Maxwell Street,
PAISLEY.

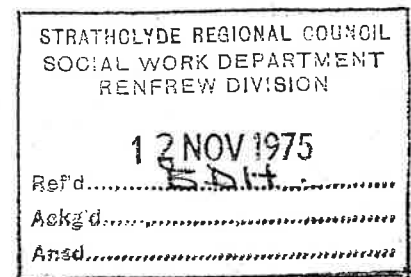


46 Glasgow Road,
PORT GLASGOW
Telephone: 41083

10th November, 1975.

Dear Mrs. Munro,

Marita Barr.



Having studied all the relevant papers very carefully
I feel that I would still give a refusal for this girl.
The reasons are:

1. We note that Calderhouse could keep the girl until early January. Our earliest date of acceptance would be April, 1976. By this time this girl would be almost 15½ which would be too old to be accepted into this school.
2. I feel that this girl for her past record is far too disruptive and violent to be contained in a normal List.D. Setting and that she has need of a special unit where there is a great deal more security and where attendance at classes is not obligatory.
3. Very importantly, from a report submitted by the Depute Principal Psychologist of the Child Guidance service at Paisley states that "she does have the need to form relationships with adults (particularly males). Unfortunately her spontaneity and lack of internal controls are such that her demands on such a relationship rapidly become excessive." Owing to changes in staff, the only male figure left in the school by January 1976 will be myself. It is hoped that 2 other appointments will be made, a Deputy Head Education and Art, Teacher, possibly one or both of these appointments will be male. Quite obviously I will not wish to put newcomers into very invidious positions likely to arise through the nature of this girl's disturbance.

I would/

Marita Barr. contd.

-2-

I would like to add that we already have a number of very highly disturbed girls in the school who tend to act out in the same manner as Marita Barr.

Reluctantly then I would have to refuse the above girl.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Edmunds
Douglas Edmunds, *per H.*
Headmaster.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY
CRICHTON ROYAL

Consultants :

Dr J. CURRAH
Dr J. C. POWELL



LADYFIELD LODGE,
GLENCAPLE ROAD,
DUMFRIES.
DG1 4TE

Tel.: Dumfries 5301 (Ext. 345)

6th February, 1976.

JCP/CLH

Private and Confidential

Mrs. N. Munro,
Social Worker,
Social Work Department,
Area Office,
11 Maxwell Street,
PAISLEY.

BURGH OF PAISLEY SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT 11 MAXWELL STREET - 9 FEB 1976 PASSED TO <u>N.M.</u> ACK. _____ ANSD. _____

Dear Mrs. Munro,

Marita Barr (7.4.61)
Calder House Assessment Centre,
Blantyre.

I must apologise for the delay in replying to your letter of 29th January requesting a place for the above named girl.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer a place to this girl as, currently, I have only one female vacancy and that is tentatively "booked" for a girl from our own area.

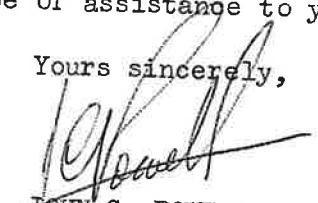
After perusing the reports which you were so kind as to forward to me, I do not think we could be of help to this girl even if we did have a vacancy.

Our Unit is run along community lines and therefore we are unable to provide "secure" accommodation. We depend on each adolescent to have sufficient internal controls to be able to cope with community living, etc. From the reports forwarded, it would seem that Marita would be unable to cope with our environment not only from the point of view of the fact that she is of below average intellectual ability, but also it would appear that she has few internal controls. I feel that our environment would only force her into reacting in her usual manner. It is my opinion that she needs a period in a secure and structured environment to enable her to establish sufficient internal controls. Having established these controls, it might then be possible for her to fit into a community set-up.

Another factor limiting our possible help would appear to be the lack of interest shown by this girl's family. One of our requirements is that the families must be willing to attend for family therapy.

I am sorry I am unable to be of assistance to you in this matter.

Yours sincerely,


JOHN C. POWELL,
Consultant in Child and
Adolescent Psychiatry.

7355/75

Sheriff Court:

Date:

Sheriff:

Accused:

PRESENT/ABSENT

Agent for the accused

The Accused in answer to the Complaint
guilty

pled

by written intimation produced to the Court by the Prosecutor
said plea being made by said Agent on behalf of accused

Copy notice of penalties served on accused, produced and attached
Copy notice of previous convictions served, produced and attached and admitted by accused

SENTENCE

Fine:-

Fine £

allowed for payment

The Court allowed payment to be made by instalments of
£ per week

first payment to be made within seven days

Detention:-

imprisonment/detention

Admonition:-

The Court admonished and dismissed the accused

Disqualification:-

obtaining a driving licence ordered

disqualification from this date for holding or

Endorsement of driving licence ordered

Clerk of Court.

ADJOURNMENTOF DIET

† State reason for adjournment

The Court adjourned the diet†

until

at

a.m.

and ordained accused then to appear
and ordered accused to be detained in custody until said diet
and granted warrant for the liberation of accused on security of

Clerk of Court.

* Note: Reason to be stated where appropriate for any special order such as:- no time allowed for payment; sentence of detention imposed; non-endorsement of licence etc.

C 7355/45

F. 159 (Rev)

Sheriff Court: *Masegas*
Date: *12 September 1945*
Sheriff: *A. D. Macleod, Advocate*
Accused: *Martha Ross Barr*

PRESENT/ABSENT

Agent for the accused

with Mr. McLeod

The Accused in answer to the Complaint *withdrew the plea of not guilty*
previously guilty tendered and has pled guilty to the
complaint under deletion of the words "land, share
by written intimation produced to the Court by the Prosecutor
said plea being made by said Agent on behalf of accused
and share" which plea has accepted by the Prosecutor

Copy notice of penalties served on accused, produced and attached
Copy notice of previous convictions served, produced and attached and admitted by accused

SENTENCE
Fine:-

Fine £

The Court allowed payment to be made by instalments of *allowed for payment*
£ *per week* first payment to be made within seven days
*

Detention:-

*

imprisonment/detention

Admonition:-

The Court admonished and dismissed the accused

Disqualification:-

obtaining a driving licence ordered

disqualification from this date for holding or

Endorsement of driving licence ordered

*

Clerk of Court.

ADJOURNMENT
OF DIET
†State reason for
adjournment

The Court adjourned the diet *deferred finding and order*

until *3rd October 1945* at *2.15 p.m.* for obtaining
a Social Enquiry Report and Advice of the Children
Panel
~~and ordered accused then to appear~~
and ordered accused to be detained in custody until said diet. *bankrupt usually say*
~~and granted warrant for the liberation of accused on security of~~
to bankrupt attached hereto.
to McLeod
Clerk of Court.

* Note: Reason to be stated where appropriate for any special order such as:— no time allowed
for payment; sentence of detention imposed; non-endorsement of licence etc.

Certificates
under Section 41(1)
and
41(2) of the Act of
1937

IN THE SHERIFF COURT AT Glasgow

Glasgow, 12 September 1975
Macleod, Esquire, Advocate

In presence of Norman D.
Sheriff.

In the case of Martha Ross Baw.
being a child over fourteen years of age, who is in custody on a charge of Breach of the
Peace

297(1) of the Criminal Procedure (S) Act, 1945
The Court certifies in terms of Section ~~41(1) of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act,~~
1937, that the said child is of so* unruly a character that She†
be detained in

a place of safety and accordingly commits the said child to the Prison of Waterloo
Glasgow

till the 3rd day of October 1975 at 2.15pm. for obtaining
a Social Enquiry Report and Advice of the
Children's Panel.

Norman D. Macleod,
Sheriff.

Form C(3).

19 . In presence of

Sheriff.

In the case of

being a child over fourteen years of age, who is at present committed to the local authority to be
detained in a place of safety on a charge of

The Court certifies in terms of Section 41(2) of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act
1937, that the said child is of so* a character that he†

a place of safety, and hereby revokes the Order committing h
and accordingly commits the said child to the Prison of

be detained in
to said local authority ‡

till the day of at

Sheriff.

* unruly or depraved.

† cannot safely or is not a fit person to.

‡ on remand for further inquiry or for trial or for finding and order.

F. 159 (Rev)

Sheriff Court:

Glasgow

Date:

27 August 1975

Sheriff: James Irvine Esq Advocate

Accused:

Marta Ross Barr.

PRESENT/ABSENT

Mr. Reid Solicitor

Agent for the accused

The Accused in answer to the Complaint

Not guilty

pled

~~By written intimation produced to the Court by the Prosecutor~~
 said plea being made by said Agent on behalf of accused

Copy notice of penalties served on accused, produced and attached

Copy notice of previous convictions served, produced and attached and admitted by accused

SENTENCE

Fine:-

Fine £

allowed for payment

The Court allowed payment to be made by instalments of

£ per week

first payment to be made within seven days

*

Detention:-

imprisonment/detention

*

Admonition:-

The Court admonished and dismissed the accused

Disqualification:-

disqualification from this date for holding or

obtaining a driving licence ordered

Endorsement of driving licence ordered

*

Clerk of Court.

ADJOURNMENT
OF DIET† State reason for
adjournment

The Court adjourned the diet

for Trial

until

12 September 1975

at

10

a.m.

~~and ordered accused then to appear~~

and ordered accused to be detained in custody until said diet

and granted warrant for the liberation of accused on security of £40.00

J. W. Crawford
Clerk of Court.

* Note: Reason to be stated where appropriate for any special order such as:— no time allowed for
 payment: sentence of detention imposed: non-endorsement of licence etc.

Sheriff Court:

Glasgow

Date:

26 August 1975

Sheriff:

J. Irvine Smith Esq. Advocate

Accused:

Marita Ross Barr

PRESENT/ABSENT

Mr. Boyle Solicitor for Mr. Murphy.

Agent for the accused

The Accused in answer to the Complaint
guilty

pled

by written intimation produced to the Court by the Prosecutor
said plea being made by said Agent on behalf of accused

Copy notice of penalties served on accused, produced and attached

Copy notice of previous convictions served, produced and attached and admitted by accused

SENTENCE

Fine:-

Fine £

allowed for payment

The Court allowed payment to be made by instalments of
£ per week

first payment to be made within seven days

*

Detention:-

imprisonment/detention

*

Admonition:-

The Court admonished and dismissed the accused

Disqualification:-

obtaining a driving licence ordered

disqualification from this date for holding or

Endorsement of driving licence ordered

*

Clerk of Court.

ADJOURNMENT
OF DIET†State reason for
adjournmentThe Court adjourned the diet & Rofino Motie continued the case -
without Plea.

until 27 August 1975

at 2.15 P.M. a.m.

~~and ordered accused then to appear~~

and ordered accused to be detained in custody until said diet

~~and granted warrant for the liberation of accused on security of~~The Being Certified Unnuly in terms of Sec 297(1)
of the Criminal Procedure Scotland Act 1975.W. Crawford
Clerk of Court.

* Note: Reason to be stated where appropriate for any special order such as:— no time allowed for payment; sentence of detention imposed; non-endorsement of licence etc.

UNDER THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1954,
AND THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1937.

Certificates
under Section 41(1)
and
41(2) of the Act of
1937

IN THE SHERIFF COURT AT *Glasgow*

Glasgow 26 August 1975 In presence of
James Irvine Smith Esquire Advocate Sheriff.

In the case of *Marita Ross Barr*
being a child over fourteen years of age, who is in custody on a charge of *Breach of the Peace*

The Court certifies in terms of Section 41(1) of the *297(1) of the Criminal Procedure Scotland Act 1975* Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937, that the said child is of so* *unruly* a character that she† *cannot safely* be detained in a place of safety and accordingly commits the said child to the Prison of *Gateside Greenock*

till the *27th* day of *August 1975* at *2.15 PM.*

James Irvine Smith

Sheriff.

Form C(3).

19 . In presence of
Sheriff.

In the case of
being a child over fourteen years of age, who is at present committed to the local authority to be detained in a place of safety on a charge of

The Court certifies in terms of Section 41(2) of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937, that the said child is of so* a character that he† be detained in a place of safety, and hereby revokes the Order committing h to said local authority and accordingly commits the said child to the Prison of ‡

till the day of at

Sheriff.

* *unruly or depraved.*
† *cannot safely or is not a fit person to.*
‡ *on remand for further inquiry or for trial or for finding and order.*

UNDER THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1954, and the
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1937

EXTRACT ORDER
of COURT

DETENTION

IN THE SHERIFF COURT

AT

Name of Accused

Date of Finding of Guilt

Offence of which accused found guilty

~~The Accused admitted~~

~~Findings of Guilt~~

ORDER OF COURT: Committal for *2 years* to such place as the
Secretary of State may direct for the purpose of undergoing residential
training.

In respect of which Order, Warrant is hereby Granted for the committal
of the said Accused to the local authority of *Strathkelvin*

and for the detention of the Accused in pursuance of the foregoing
Order of Court until liberation in due course of law.

[Signature]
Clerk of Court

F. 159 (Rev)

8234/75

Sheriff Court:

Date:

Sheriff:

Accused:

Glasgow
2nd Oct 1975
John D. Stewart Esq Advocate
Maida Ross Bell

PRESENT/ABSENT

Mr McLean Esq Advocate

Agent for the accused

The Accused in answer to the Complaint
guilty

pled

by written intimation produced to the Court by the Prosecutor
said plea being made by said Agent on behalf of accused

Copy notice of penalties served on accused, produced and attached
Copy notice of previous convictions served, produced and attached and admitted by accused

Fine, £

allowed for payment

The Court allowed payment to be made by instalments of
£ per week

first payment to be made within seven days

imprisonment/detention

The Court admonished and dismissed the accused

obtaining a driving licence ordered

disqualification from this date for holding or

Endorsement of driving licence ordered

Clerk of Court.

The Court adjourned the diet†

until

at

a.m.

and ordained accused then to appear
and ordered accused to be detained in custody until said diet
and granted warrant for the liberation of accused on security of

Clerk of Court

Probation:

The Court, without proceeding to conviction, made a Probation Order which is attached hereto in respect of the accused

Discharge:

The Court discharged absolutely the accused

Borstal Training:

The Court sentenced the accused to Borstal Training

Fine:

Fine £

allowed for payment of the fine

The Court allowed payment of the fine to be made by instalments of £ per week first payment to be made within seven days

Expenses:

£ of expenses ordered to be paid to the Prosecutor
The Court ordered said expenses to be met out of the fine imposed and Décerns and Ordains instant Execution by Arrestment, and also Execution to pass hereon by Pounding and Sale after a charge of ten free days

Clot

Indigence:

Committal of

Child:

2 years

Committal to such place as the Secretary of State may direct for the purpose of undergoing residential training in terms of section 58A of the Children & Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937

Remit to

Children's

Hearing:

The Court remitted the case to the Reporter for the local authority for *Ant. J. Lund* to arrange for the disposal of the case by a children's hearing

Desertion:

The Court, on the motion of the Prosecutor, deserted the diet *pro loco et tempore* against the accused

Clerk of Court.

Find

Supervision:

The Court ordered that the accused be placed under the supervision of
to assist and advise the accused in regard to payment of the foresaid fine

Clerk of Court.

Appeal against

The Court in respect that the accused

has failed to appear to answer to the foregoing Complaint after having been duly cited to this diet, Grants Warrant to apprehend the said accused

Sheriff.

Remission of

Prison:

19 .—The Court on joint application in writing
discharged the Diet fixed for the trial herein and in lieu thereof
fixed 19 at a.m. as a diet

Clerk of Court.

8234/75

F. 159 (Rev)

Sheriff Court: *Glasgow.*Date: *26th September 1975*Sheriff: *I.D. MacPhail, Esquire, Advocate.*Accused: *Marita Ross Barr*PRESENT/ABSENT *PRESENT**Mr. N. Finestone, Solicitor.*

Agent for the accused

The Accused in answer to the Complaint *withdrew the plea of not guilty previously tendered and ^{guilty} now pled guilty under deletion of "and in the backcount there"*
~~A written intimation produced to the Court by the Prosecution~~
 said plea being made by said Agent on behalf of accused

~~A notice of penalties served on accused, produced and attached~~
 Copy notice of previous convictions served, produced and attached and admitted by accused

Fine £

allowed for payment

The Court allowed payment to be made by instalments of
 £ per week

first payment to be made within seven days

imprisonment/detention

The Court admonished and dismissed the accused

obtaining a driving licence ordered

disqualification from this date for holding or

Endorsement of driving licence ordered

Clerk of Court *[Signature]*

The Court ~~admonished and dismissed~~ *deferred finding and order*

until *3rd October 1975* at *2.15 p.m.*

~~and ordered accused to be detained in custody until said diet~~
~~A warrant for the liberation of accused on security~~

*having been certified unsuited*Clerk of Court *[Signature]*

8234/75

Sheriff Court:

Date:

Sheriff:

Accused:

Glasgow
11th September 1975
John Joseph Higgins Esquire Advocate
Maista Ross Bott

PRESENT/ABSENT

Andrew Giestare Solicitor Glasgow

Agent for the accused

The Accused in answer to the Complaint

Not guilty

pled

by written intimation produced to the Court by the Prosecutor
 said plea being made by said Agent on behalf of accused

Copy notice of penalties served on accused, produced and attached
 Copy notice of previous convictions served, produced and attached and admitted by accused

SENTENCE

Fine £

allowed for payment

The Court allowed payment to be made by instalments of
 £ per week

first payment to be made within seven days.

Detention:-

imprisonment/detention

Admonition:-

The Court admonished and dismissed the accused

Disqualification:-

obtaining a driving licence ordered

disqualification from this date for holding or

Endorsement of driving licence ordered

Clerk of Court.

ADJOURNMENT

OF DIET

State reason for adjournment

The Court adjourned the diet

for trial

until

16th September 1975 at 10 a.m.
and ordered the accused to be detained in custody
until said date

and ordained accused then to appear

and ordered accused to be detained in custody until said date
 and granted warrant for the liberation of accused on security of

[Signature]
 Clerk of Court.

8234/15
UNDER THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1954,
AND THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1937.

COURT AT

Glasgow

1975

In presence of

Sheriff.

The Appointed
Mr Joseph Maguire
Martha Rose
fourteen years of age, who is in custody on a charge of

Reckless of the Peace

in terms of Section 41(1) of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act,
child is of so* a character that he†

cannot safely be
and accordingly commits the said child to the Prison of

day of

Gartnavel Greenock
1975

at

10 AM

Maguire
Sheriff.

19 . . . In presence of

Sheriff.

~~years~~ years of age, who is at present committed to the local authority to be
~~on a charge of~~ on a charge of

~~of~~ of Section 41(2) of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act
child is of so* a character that he†

~~revokes~~ revokes the Order committing h
the said child to the Prison of

to said local authority

day of

at

Sheriff.

* *insolently or depraved.*

† *cannot safely or is not a fit person to.*

‡ *on remand for further inquiry or for trial or for finding and order.*

08234/75

UNDER THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1975,
IN THE SHERIFF COURT OF GLASGOW AND STRATHKELVIN AT GLASGOW

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~~XX~~

11 September

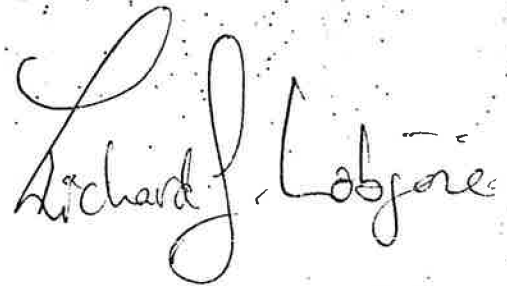
1975

THE COMPLAINT OF HENRY HERRON, PROCURATOR-FISCAL.

MARITA ROSS BARR (born 7.4.61) 50 Dundonald Road, Paisley, Renfrewshire

NOW IN CUSTODY

you are charged at the instance of the Complainer that
you did on 10 September 1975, while acting along with a child, in the
common close at 34 Hillhead Street, Glasgow, ~~and in the backcourt there~~
conduct yourselves in a disorderly manner, bawl, shout and swear and did
~~commit~~ a breach of the peace.



Procurator-Fiscal Depute

19 -- The Court grants Warrant to apprehend the said
Accused and grants warrant to search the person, dwellinghouse, and repositories of said Accused and
may be found and take possession of the property mentioned or referred to in
and all articles and documents likely to afford evidence of guilt or of guilty

Sheriff

1/9/75

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1/10/75

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ick 26/9/75 at 10 AM
(artificial injury.)

9/75.

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deletion of "and in the backcount there"
eption by Prosecutor.
defined. 3/10/75 @ 2:15 pm
body).

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SHERIFF COURT OF KENTUCKY

CLASPOK 737 STRATHELVIN

Case No. C8234/75

COMPLAINT

AGAINST

MARITA ROSS BARR

26-9-75

3.10.75

Date:

Offence:

Breach of the Peace

Sentence:

~~732/75~~ 7355/75

UNDER THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1954, and the
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1937

EXTRACT ORDER
of COURT

IN THE SHERIFF COURT

Glasgow and O'Kathdye

DETENTION

AT

Glasgow

Name of Accused

Maria Rose BARR (7-4-61)

Date of Finding of Guilt

3rd Oct 1975

Offence of which accused found guilty

Break of the Peace

The Accused admitted

Findings of Guilt

ORDER OF COURT: Committal for *2 years* to such place as the
Secretary of State may direct for the purpose of undergoing residential
training.

In respect of which Order, Warrant is hereby Granted for the committal
of the said Accused to the local authority of

O'Kathdye

and for the detention of the Accused in pursuance of the foregoing
Order of Court until liberation in due course of law.

[Signature]
Clerk of Court

*Glasgow 3rd Oct 1975
Notified a true copy
[Signature]
Arch of Court*

AP 399/75

SHERIFF COURT OF LANARKSHIRE

Sheriff Clerk's Office
County Buildings, PO Box, Glasgow G1 1SY
Telephone 041 552-3434

F J Kennedy, Esq LL.B.
Reporter
Children's Panel
16 Albion Street
GLASGOW
G1 1JZ

Please reply to The Sheriff Clerk

Your Ref: *cm*
Our Ref: *cm*

Date: 12. 9. 75

Dear Sir

ACCUSED: *MARITA ROSS BARR (born 4.4.61) no fixed abode*
CASE NO.: *CYBSS/75*

The above named on *this date* pleaded Guilty to/was by the Verdict of an Assize ~~unanimously/by a majority found Guilty of~~

Breach of the Peace

(a copy of the Complaint/~~Indictment~~ is enclosed herewith). It was brought to the notice of the Court that the accused is presently subject to a supervision requirement from a Children's Hearing.

Accordingly the Court has adjourned the diet to *3rd October 1975* at *2.15 p.m.* in order to obtain the Advice of a Children's Hearing as to the treatment of the above named.

I shall be grateful to receive the Panel's Advice before the adjourned diet. The Advice to be forwarded to the Social Work Depute in Lanarkshire House. The accused was ordered to be detained in custody and is at present in *Late side, Heriack, having been certified drunk.*

The accused has been released from custody and was informed that he will be notified by you of the place and date when he is to appear before the Children's Hearing.

Yours faithfully

Jo. McCall

Sheriff Clerk Depute of Lanarkshire

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

W. R. MCGREGOR, T.D.

Your Ref.

Our Ref. TMB/MK

Divisional Office:

20 Back Sneddon Street,

PAISLEY PA3 2DJ

Divisional Reporter:

Mr. W. Boyd

Telephone No.

887 6360

30th September, 1975.

The Sheriff Clerk,
Sheriff Clerk's Office,
County Buildings,
PO Box,
GLASGOW G1 1SY.

Dear Sir,

MARITA BARR, (born 7.4.61)
No fixed abode.

The Children's Hearing for Strathclyde at Paisley on 17th September, 1975 met to consider the Sheriff's remit in terms of Section 372(3) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 in respect of the above named child. In the presence of the child, her mother and step-father, having considered the case and the reports furnished in terms of Section 39(4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968 and other relevant information has determined to advise the Court in the following terms:-

"That the child be placed in a secure List D. establishment, away from the West of Scotland".

The decision with the reasons, a copy of the grounds for referral and a copy of the social background report are enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

McGowan (min)

Assistant Reporter.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel

17th Sept., 1975

(date)

Child's Name.....

Marita Bau

Summary Code.....

Area.....

Kenfries

(Chairman)

Mrs. Cameron

(Member)

Mrs. Walker

(Member)

Mrs. Finmore

Decision:—

Advice to the Sheriff

Statement of reasons for decision:—

The members of the Hearing, whilst having great feeling for Marita and the predicament that she has landed herself in, feel that Mr James who is the centre of all the unwanted attention, is in need of care and protection and this can only be achieved by the removal of Marita to a secure List D establishment away from the West of Scotland.

Chairman

M. Cameron

The child/father/mother/guardian* and their representative(s)* were advised of the foregoing decision and the reasons therefor; of the right of the child and of the parents to appeal to the sheriff against the decision; and of the right of the child and parents to receive a statement in writing of the said reasons.

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Form of statement by reporter of grounds for the referral of a case to a children's hearing

(Conditions in section 32(2)(a) to (g) of the Act)

(Name and address of child)

MARITA BARR
50 Dundonald Road,
Paisley.

is being referred to a children's hearing for ~~the District of Paisley~~ Strathclyde
on the grounds of the following conditions:—

That she has committed an offence contrary to Section 32(2)(g) of the above Act.
At the Sheriff Court of Glasgow & Strathkelvin at Glasgow on 12th September, 1975
she pleaded guilty to the offence specified below. The Court has remitted the case
to the Reporter to arrange a Children's Hearing for the purpose of providing advice.

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

That she did on 14th and 15th August, 1975 in Hillhead Street, Glasgow, near
Great George Street, and in the common close and landing at 34 Hillhead Street,
Glasgow, conduct herself in a disorderly manner, bawl, shout, swear, throw stone
through an open window into the house occupied by Michael Joiner at
34 Hillhead Street aforesaid and commit a breach of the peace.

NATURE OF OFFENCE: Breach of Peace.

(Address of Reporter)

20 Back Sneddon Street,
PAISLEY.
PA3 2DJ

17th September, 1975

date

Reporter/On behalf of the 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.

*Delete as appropriate

UNDER THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1975.

~~Under the Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland) Act 1954~~

GLASGOW & STRATHKELVIN

GLASGOW, 26

IN THE SHERIFF COURT OF ~~LANARKSHIRE~~ AT GLASGOW

August, 19 75.

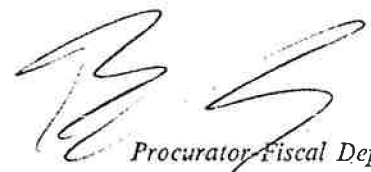
THE COMPLAINT OF HENRY HERRON, PROCURATOR-FISCAL.

MARITA ROSS BARR (14), born 7.4.61, no fixed above,
Being a Young Person under the age of 16 years,

Now in Custody,

you are charged at the instance of the Complainer that

^{stand at}
you did on 14 ~~or~~ 15 August, 1975, in Hillhead Street, Glasgow, near Great George Street, and in the common close and landing at 34 Hillhead Street, Glasgow, conduct yourself in a disorderly manner, bawl, shout, swear, throw stones through an open window into the house occupied by Michael Joiner at 34 Hillhead Street aforesaid and commit a breach of the peace.


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 may be found and take possession of the property mentioned or referred to in the Complaint and all articles and documents likely to afford evidence of guilt or of guilty participation.

Sheriff

19 .

Diet

The Court Assigns
within the Diet Court,
this case.

Sheriff Court House, 149 Ingram Street, Glasgow, G1 1SY, as a diet in

Clerk of Court.

APPLICATION UNDER THE CHILDREN ACT, 1948

Reg. No. 1126

Roll No.

Sect. of Act 1.

Area

Name MARITA BARR Religion PROT

Date of Birth 7-4-61 Place and Regn. Dist. of Birth

Birth Entry No. 65 If Roman Catholic, Date and Parish of Baptism

*Orphan/Separated/Deserted *Legitimate/Illegitimate N.R. No. 555-61-65

If removed to an Institution:

Name and Address of Institution QUARRIES HOMES BRIDGE OF WEIR.

Date of Admission 12/2/68 Rate of Board

If Boarded out:

Name of Guardian MRS FORREST Date of Birth

Address 10 MONTGOMERY RD Occupation

PAISLEY Apartments

Name of Husband/Wife No. of Beds

Date of Birth Occupation Relationship to child *H/W

Other Members of Household (including B.O.C.): Religion

Name	Age	Relationship to Guardian	Occupation, &c.

Allowance Date Boarded out

Pocket Money School

Church Doctor

Youth Organisations

Date of Application 9/2/68

By Whom Made FATHER

Address of Child at Application 4 ARGYLE ST PAISLEY

Ordinary Residence (if different from above)

Claim Made Against Date

Particulars as to Child:

Father's Name ALEXANDER BARR Age 31 Occupation LORRY DRIVER
 Address W ARBYLE ST (EVICTED) UNEMPLOYED
NOW AT C/O JOHNSTONE 62 KILNSIDE RD PAISLEY
 Name and Address of employer.....

Check No..... Wage.....

If Father Dead—Date and Cause of Death..... Place of Death.....

Mother's Name JEAN JOHNSTONE OR BARR Age 32 Occupation HOUSEWIFEAddress C/O DOUGLAS BEECH AVE PAISLEY

Name and Address of Employer.....

Check No..... Wage.....

If Mother Dead—Date and Cause of Death..... Place of Death.....

OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY

Name	Relationship to Child	Date of Birth	Address	Employment, etc.
ALEXIS BARR	SISTER	6/2/55		
CHRISTINE "	"	11/7/56		
ISABEL "	"	2/5/58		
DAVID "	BROTHER	8/4/60		
WILLIAM "	"	22/11/62		
CAMERON "	"	18/11/66	C/O MRS HENDRY 38 BLACKFORD RD	

Statement of Case

Mother deserted family because of threatened eviction. She was offered two houses in Fergushie Park but refused both. Father also refused to be rehoused in Fergushie Park when eviction took place. There is a long history of marital disharmony with almost always one or other of the parents in desertion. Mother is an out-patient of Riccarton Hospital. Dr Sandler (Riccarton Hospital) stated in a letter to the Housing Dept that a return to Fergushie Park would be harmful to Mrs Barr and retard her return to health.

DR. SUTHERLAND

School last attended WEST SCHOOLS

If Committed by Court—Date of Committal Order..... No.....

Children's Officer

Disposal of Case Removed to his sister's home, Glasgow Rd Date.....Submitted to Committee 26/2/68 30/6/69Decision Approved George A Logan

Date

Record of Visits and History of Case

1968.

February 15 Foster mother reported that Marlon has Chicken Pox. Dr Ford visited child

March 11 On this date child transferred to Quaver's Homes B.O.W.

May 30 Visited. Marlon is a well-built child. She seemed perfectly happy in her present environment, although she is inclined to be aggressive often. E.S.D.

August 9 On this date mother re-housed at 67 Kilnside Road. This house is a two room and kitchen. E.S.D.

Sept 17/2. Mother visited office requesting the children home on holiday for approaching weekend. She a two room and kitchen Corporation house where she is staying at with her three children. She claim if children did return that Christine & Isabel could sleep at Maternal Grandfather The Johnstones 63 Clark Street, Paisley. At this own house she has two bunk beds, 1 bed settee and her own bed where she sleeps with her own. The weekend would extend from Friday at lunch time till Monday evening. The children do normally visit to and return home each Saturday. It was agreed that contact would be made to Quaver's and a visit would be made to the home before a decision would be made.

The Barr says she has applied for a divorce and this can be due for hearing any time. The Barr she thinks, is working & earning about £35 per week, that he has never contacted the children or visited.

The Barr suffered from Depression but now feels much better is sleeping & eating. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Still attends out-patient psychiatric unit.

The Barr would like to go out working and

- asks CCO if there are any Nursery schools for Camron -
 Contacted made with Mr. Thornton, Quarries who
 considers that it would be convenient for weekend holidays. E.S.S.
- Sep 18/68. Visit by CCO to 67 Kilmacdonnell Road by Christine and Camron
 in I showed CCO around house - This consists of two large rooms
 and a 'box' room. Very clean & tidy, new wallpaper & it would
 appear that Mr. Bar has made some effort towards making home
 comfortable. Mr. Bar was asked to visit next day, at 9.30 am. E.S.S.
- Sep 19/68. Mr. Bar called to office - shortly after 9.30 - I was again
 discussed how she would react if children said they wished to
 stay with her. Mr. Bar was pleased when worker advised house. The
 house is in Mr. Bar's single name of Johnston. Divorce is due for
 second hearing - lawyer is Cyril McNeill & Rabston - witnesses
 are due to be called. Worker explained to Mr. Bar how placements
 had to be found at Nursery by her - she states she has been
 offered employment by Postle driving cars at 24 p/week.
 It was arranged that she collect children on Friday after the
 school & return children to Quarries on Monday & that she
 would call to office to tell worker how weekend had gone. E.S.S.
- Oct 1/68. Minutes of meeting at Quarries to review children in care
- 7.10.68 Visit to Quarries by Worker. All children looked well - bright eyed, clear skinned.
 They were on their way to the swimming bath & were eager to tell worker
 of their achievements in the field. They were quick to point out that their
 Mother had not called for 2 or 3 weekends & they were anxious about this &
 were pleased when worker promised to visit Mother. Hausenoths say
 children are doing [redacted]

MR. & MRS. BARR,
38, TENNANT ROAD,
FERGUSLIE

Alexis	5. 2. 55.
Christine	11. 7. 56.
Isobel	2. 5. 58.
David	8. 4. 60.
Marita	27. 4. 61.
William	22.11. 62.

The family was known to this department as a problem family since 1961. They then had a modern flat in the Moorpark district of Renfrew. They lost the flat due to rent arrears but Renfrew Burgh agreed to give them the tenancy of a second-standard house in Ferry Road which the Barrs accepted and moved there in January 1962. A number of other problem families were living in the property at Ferry Road and Mrs. Barr always resented living there. Relations between Mr. and Mrs. Barr have always been unsatisfactory and Mr. Barr has frequently left home. He strikes one as being very immature and unwilling to accept the responsibilities of family life. Mrs. Barr herself is also inadequate but more concerned and willing to work for the family. However she gets fed up with carrying the burden and if she feels that she has been left with the family she too gives up. She manipulated their eviction from Ferry Road, by refusing to co-operate with this department, in paying the rent and by selling the furniture so that there was no home for the children. They were received into care on 7.5.63 and placed in Quarrier's Home. At this time Mr. Barr was in desertion. Mrs. Barr kept William but had to request his admission to care in June 1963. She requested his discharge a month later and took him to lodgings against our advice. He had to be received into care again about two weeks later because Mrs. Barr lost her lodgings. A month later she placed William with her brother-in-law and his wife who had no family and had asked to take him, they also took Marita and David. This arrangement broke down after a short time and the three youngest children were admitted to Crosslees Children's Home. The three eldest girls were transferred from Quarrier's to Crosslees in March 1964 so that the family were together.

Mrs. Barr obtained the tenancy of a single room in Moncrieff Street, Paisley about this time and her husband returned to live with her. They visited the family regularly especially Mrs. Barr who is undoubtedly fond of her children. Mrs. Barr applied for the tenancy of a Paisley Burgh house and was given her present house in March 1966. She and her husband decorated the house and we helped with furniture and the house was made very presentable for the return of the family. The children went home on April 8th 1966. At this time Mr. Barr was still employed at India Tyres, a job he obtained with the help of this department.

Mrs. Barr is now getting depressed and threatening to get into arrears with rent because her husband gave up his job two months ago and is at present in desertion. He will not support the family financially and Mrs. Barr says that he cannot accept responsibility. To add to Mrs. Barr's depression she is six months pregnant. She now wants to see if she could get a transfer to a smaller house for herself and the children, or even get the tenancy of the present house in her name, so that she can put her husband out when he refuses to work and maintain the family. She complains that he drinks heavily and this was the cause of his losing his job.

The rent is said to be four weeks in arrears, and Mrs. Barr will, I think, try and precipitate the children being received into care unless she gets some help. She has proved herself capable of managing financially if she wants to, but she co-operates only if it suits her plan.

Signed. M. A. Morgan
 19.7.66.

TOWN COUNCIL OF PAISLEY
CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT
REPORT

Transferred from Renfrewshire Children's Department.

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- 10/8/66 Arranged for youngest child to be accepted at Day Nursery
[REDACTED]
- 1/3/67 Tenancy of house transferred to Mrs. Barr
- 6/7/67 Period of relative calm with rent up to date and Mrs. Barr co-operating fully - Pram, clothing, furniture, supplied.
- 9/9/67 Mrs. Barr once more depressed and threatening to desert family if she does not get a move out of Ferguslie - Housing Department not at all hopeful about immediate move - Mrs. Barr with Bingo winnings purchased a house at 4, Argyle Street - carpeted and furnished same. Husband was invited to return because his signature was required for the mortgage - Mrs. Barr asked for return of her Family Allowance Book and said she felt she could now manage on her own -
- 8/1/68 Mrs. Barr returned asking for our help re being rehoused by the Burgh Factor - Evidently she had not made a payment towards reducing the mortgage on the house at 4, Argyle Street and the owners were threatening eviction. Burgh Factor offered house at 17, Holborn Avenue which Mrs. Barr refused. She is adamant about not going back to there. Approached factor on her behalf, he offered house in better part of Ferguslie. But this was again refused, asked about vacant houses in Gallowhill. All, already signed for. Sent letter to Factor from Mr. & Mrs. Barr's Psychiatrist who states that a move to Ferguslie would be detrimental to Mrs. Barr's health - Mrs. Barr indicated that she would desert the home rather than go to Ferguslie.
- 9/2/68 Mr. Barr called with the information that his wife had deserted home and that eviction was to take place on 12/2/68. He was offered a house in Ferguslie Park which he refused. In his hearing, children were asked whether they would rather be together in Ferguslie or go into a home - they said Ferguslie.
- 12/2/68 Children taken into Care.

13/2/68
AGM/RM