

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CUNNINGHAME DISTRICT

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
20-24 MAIN STREET
25 MAR 1988

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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

22/3/88 - Defr 31/3/88. 250.
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Re DENYS BROWN Date of Birth 26.6.70 Age 16 yrs.

Marital Status SINGLE Occupation

Address LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 4 ADAMS WALK, IRVINE Religion PROTESTANT

Charged with/Referred for THEFT BY HOUSEBREAKING

and to appear at KILMARNOCK SHERIFF Court/Children's Hearing on 22.3.88

Basis of Report

I took over the supervision of Denys Brown's After Care Licence in January 1988 and have had several meetings with him. I also wrote a Social Background Report for Brown's appearance at Ayr Sheriff Court on 1.2.88. This report is based on my recent knowledge of him and additional information was obtained from departmental records.

Family & Home Background

Denys Brown for the past year or so has oscillated between his father's home at 76 Scott Road, Irvine and his mother's home at 4 Adams Walk, Irvine. In the latter part of 1987 and early 1988 he lived with his mother, however because of Denys Brown's continuous abuse of solvents and non-payment of his board she told him he could no longer remain living there. I discussed this with her on the telephone and she is not prepared to give him any more chances to amend his behaviour than she has done.

Personal History

Brown is a native of Irvine. He is the younger of two brothers born during his mother's first marriage. His parents separated when he was fairly young and he and his elder brother were cared for in the main by his father who subsequently remarried. Brown has a younger step-brother and step-sister. Unfortunately Brown has oscillated between his parents most of his life and used the situation to his advantage.

Brown attended Glebe Primary School, Irvine and commenced his secondary education at Greenwood Academy, Irvine. During his school years aspects of his behaviour began to give rise to concern and eventually culminated in a referral to the Children's Panel. In September 1983 he was made subject to a Home Supervision Requirement but Brown continued to offend and progress through the system till eventually a further Children's Panel made him the subject of a Residential Supervision Requirement naming Kerelaw School, Stevenston.

Despite making some progress while in Kerelaw when on leave, Brown chose to run with old associates and continue his deviant career. Records state his attitudes hardened, he resisted controls of a supportive family and began persistently offending which brought him to the attention of the Court.

A further Children's Panel on 3rd January 1987 changed his Residential Supervision Order to a Home Supervision Requirement which was officially discharged on 27th January 1988. Previous records indicated that Brown did not take advantage of the opportunities presented nor the advice and guidance offered while under supervision of social workers and he continues to associate with an undesirable group of friends, abuse solvents and remained set on a delinquent career.

During 1987 he spent several periods in custody and was released from Castle Huntley Young Offenders Institution on 9th October, on an After Care Licence lasting until April 1987. Between October and December 1987 the supervising social worker found it very difficult to contact him because of his itinerant lifestyle. However during the latter parts of the year he not only further offended but spent further time in custody. He appeared at Ayr Sheriff Court on 1st February on charges of theft for which he received a 3 month custodial sentence. At the moment an appeal is pending against this sentence. On 13th March he was released from H.M. Prison Barlinnie after spending some days in custody for non payment of fines.

From January 1988 to date I have tried to supervise him on After Care but this has been very difficult. He has no sense of responsibility to keep appointments and when given chances appears to scoff at them by going his own way. For example his mother informed me he obtained employment on a Government Sponsored Scheme which he held for 3 weeks then decided not to return. I also made an appointment for him to see me on the 18th March on his release from custody however Brown failed to report.

Conclusion

Denys Brown presents as a nervous young man who appears to have great difficulty in self discipline and shows no sense of responsibility. Regrettably although he will admit he needs to change his ways, and has had support from his family, his actions convey no sense of remorse or willingness to change.

From the age of 13 he has associated with a delinquent group of adolescents and has been unwilling to accept the many opportunities offered to help him change tack.

Unfortunately recent periods in custody have not greatly altered his attitudes or behaviour and his family now appear to have withdrawn their support.

Previous involvement of the social work department appears to have had little positive effect and it is felt that there would be nothing to be gained from further involvement at this time.

Monetary penalties imposed have not been paid and Brown recently spent some time in custody for non-payment of fines.

It is respectfully suggested the Court may wish to consider the above aspects in determining an appropriate disposal .

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P.P. SOCIAL WORKER


18.3.88

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CUNNINGHAME DISTRICT

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

Re.....**DENYS BROWN**.....Date of Birth.....**26.6.70**.....Age.....**16**.....yrs.
 Marital Status.....**SINGLE**.....Occupation.....**UNEMPLOYED**
 Address.....**76 Scott Road, Irvine.**.....Religion.....**Protestant**
 now: 4 Adams Walk, Irvine.
 Charged with/~~XXXXXX~~ **BOP (2 charges) - Theft**
 and to appear at.....**KILMARNOCK SHERIFF COURT**.....Court/~~Children's Hearing~~ on.....**9.6.87**

FAMILY

[REDACTED]

DENYS BROWN (16) SUBJECT OF REPORT

[REDACTED]

PERSONAL HISTORY

Denys Brown and his family have been known to the Social Work department for over three years. Denys most of the time I've known him has resided with his father and stepmother who are a most supportive and caring couple whose own lifestyle is beyond reproach. Mr & Mrs Brown have tried every approach to help and encourage Denys to avoid offending.

Denys Brown however, still has a strong bond with his natural mother who also lives in Irvine. The "split up" of his parents, while he was quite a young child has had an adverse effect on him particularly to the extent where he "plays one part of his family off, against another".

Brown was made subject of a Supervision Order on 21.9.83. For a substantial period he cooperated but when further offences were committed he was assessed at Kirkland Park then made subject of 44 1 (b) Residential Order at Kerelaw on 29.4.85. He did well at this establishment and was due to go onto/day Boy' status when he offended again and was detailed at Longriggend pending preparation of Reports for Glasgow Sheriff Court.

This was reference a number of Road Traffic Offences. Reports from the various agencies were good and it was accepted by the Court that Brown return to Kerelaw. Sentence was deferred.

Denys Brown was placed in custody in October 1986, after being involved in several offences. He was discharged on 29 December 1986, and immediately reverted to his way of life prior to his apprehension re living with friends and mixing with an undesirable element.

Brown was recently discharged from Glenochil after serving 60 days for further offences. Since then he has resided at his natural mother's home at 4 Adams Walk and intends to return there as soon as he is released.

He has some plans for the future, in that he'd like to work locally in the construction industry and was pursuing that line in the last few months he claims.

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There is little doubt however, that Brown's way of life still leaves something to be desired. He indulges regularly in the drinking of alcohol and is a chronic solvent sniffer, albeit he is aware of the changes.

He has expressed the wish for help in breaking these habits, and I am inclined to believe that he is sincere in this wish.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF OFFENCES

The offences would appear to have taken place at a time when Brown was under the influence of either drink or solvents, and while he was in the company of several others. He is beginning to realise where his habits and company lead him, to the extent that he has asked for help reference his addiction problem.

DISPOSAL

Brown has been known for several years for his offending . He is not a vindictive character but generally tends to be lead. However, I feel there is some realisation in him that he needs to change. Could I recommend that he be referred for a Psychiatric assessment. I realise the Court may also feel it appropriate to impose a fine also at this time.

 SOCIAL WORKER


3.6.87

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CUNNINGHAME DISTRICT

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

Re. DENYS BROWN Date of Birth 26.6.70 Age 16 yrs.
 Marital Status SINGLE Occupation UNEMPLOYED SCHOOL LEAVER
 Address c/o 4 Adams Walk, Irvine. Religion PROTESTANT
 Charged with ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ THEFT BY OLP (2); ASSAULT & ROBBERY, ASSAULT, ASSULTY BOP.
 and to appear at KILMARNOCK SHERIFF Court ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 27.10.86
 CHILDREN'S PANEL - 22.10.86 THEFT

DENYS BROWN (16) SUBJECT OF REPORT STATE BENEFIT

HOME CIRCUMSTANCES

Denys Brown until earlier this year resided with his natural father and stepmother at 23 Greenbank Road, Irvine, then 76 Scott Road, Irvine. He also has stayed at his natural mother's address at 4 Adams Walk. However, in the last few months he has been accommodated by various friends in the Irvine area despite many offers of support from different family members.

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This was reference a number of Road Traffic Offences. Reports from the various agencies were good and it was accepted by the Court that Brown return to Kerelaw. Sentence was deferred.

Progress at Kerelaw continued and at his school leaving date at the end of May 1986, Denys was sent on extended leave pending a Panel.

However, in the ~~last few months~~ ^{later part of 1986} the situation has completely broken down and Denys Brown has evaded apprehension. He has been associating in Irvine with a less than desirable crowd of young people, a number of whom have recently been sentenced to periods in custody.

DENYS BROWN

He also has upset so many members of his family, its unlikely he'll have a permanent house, albeit Brown states that he will find accommodation with his present girlfriend.

He has ~~already~~ 'signed on' for employment and ~~will be~~ in receipt of at least £29.40 per week. ~~Prior to being apprehended~~ ^{recently} he had explored job possibilities and had both the prospect of work in 'construction' with YTS and being included in a mechanic training programme.

Brown is not a vindictive lad by nature. He has been unwise in his choice of friends who tend to be much more delinquent characters but he has chosen to follow them getting quite a thrill out of their mode of life.

He has few plans for the future and gives the impression that "being put away" will boost his standing amongst his present peer group. However, he is also afraid of being in custody, but accepts that this is likely to happen.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE OFFENCES

The offences mentioned on the whole took place over a short period of time. Brown accepts his presence and involvement on most of the occasions. however, from speaking to him and from discussion reference his co-offenders its unlikely he was the instigator most of the time. There would appear to have been little material or financial gain although a lot of it was an 'ego' trip to Brown.

ASSESSMENT

Denys Brown has been known to the Social Work Department for over three years. He proved at Kerelaw that he can 'work hard' and did on various occasions gain a number of privileges .

However, during the last few months he has mixed with a dubious element and his various relatives all supportive in their time can no longer tolerate his behaviour.

Brown accepts that a custodial sentence is likely albeit it does frighten him and unfortunately places him amongst a hard more delinquent group.

However, I have no alternative to recommend a period in custody.


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21.10.86

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

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COURT INFORMATION

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Kilmarnock
Tel. No. Kilmarnock 28011
22839 & 27770

Name.....
Address.....
Date of Message.....



Will you please let me have a Social Enquiry Report (four copies) on the undernoted for the service of the Court. This Report is required two days in advance of the date of the Court.

NAME *Denys Brown*
ADDRESS *4, Adams Walk Irvine*
DATE OF BIRTH *26/6/70*

COURT *KK. Sh.*
DATE OF COURT *27/10/86*

OFFENCE *(A multitude)*
Theft by OLP (2 clgs)
Assault & Robbery
Assault
Assault B.O.P.
Theft

CUSTODY/ORDAINED/BAIL

PREVIOUS RECORD (if known) *Fiscal's List*

REMARKS

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT CUNNINGHAME		
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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel

Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968**Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975****Section 372 (3)****Advice to Court**

AT Social Work Offices, 17 Byres Road, KILWINNING

ON 22nd October, 1986



A Children's Hearing for Strathclyde Region (Ayr Division)
considered the case of DENYS BROWN, 4 Adams Walk, IRVINE

referred for advice by the court at KILMARNOCK on 7th October 1986

The Children's Hearing interviewed the child/parent(s)/guardian(s) and representative(s), considered written reports submitted, and heard verbal submissions.

The Children's Hearing then elected to advise the court in the following terms, viz:—

That Denys Brown be given a Custodial Sentence.

1. Despite a period in Kerelaw where he made progress, when on leave, he chose to run with the crowd.
2. His attitude has hardened; he has resisted controls of family and he shows no remorse whatsoever for the events which brought him to the Court.
3. He clearly needs a structured setting where he can learn to accept the rules of society and the consequences of his involvement in crime.

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Chairman of the Children's Hearing

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Assistant Area Reporter

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DEPARTMENT OF REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT CUNNINGHAM		
16 OCT 1986		
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Reporter: [REDACTED]

MEMORANDUM

From: Reporter's Department
66 John Finnie Street
KILMARNOCK

To: Social Work Department
and
Panel Members

Subject: Reporter's Duties, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

an additional case
Herewith notification of a hearing to be held on WEDNESDAY, 22nd October, 1986
at 11.45 am within Social Work Department,
17 Byres Road, KILWINNING

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

Name	Time of Case	Reason for Appearance
DENYS BROWN (26.6.70)	11.45 am	Remit for Advice
4 Adams Walk		
IRVINE		
P/A Longriggend Remand Institution		
Greengairs		
by AIRDRIE		

Date 15 October 1986

for Reporter [REDACTED]

Assistant Area Reporter

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
CUNNINGHAME DISTRICT

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

Re..... DENYS BROWN Date of Birth..... 26.6.70 Age..... 16 yrs.
Marital Status..... SINGLE Occupation..... UNEMPLOYED
Address..... 76 SCOTT ROAD, IRVINE Religion..... PROTESTANT
Charged with/~~Referred for~~..... ATTEMPTED THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE
and to appear at..... GLASGOW SHERIFF Court/~~Children's Hearing on~~..... 9.9.86

After his last appearance at Glasgow Sheriff Court and period of residence in Longriggend, Denys Brown settled back at Kerelaw and co-operated until approximately the time of his sixteenth birthday. He was sent on extended leave and was residing with his natural mother [REDACTED] 4 Adams Walk, Irvine. For some weeks this went well.

During July and August he has apparently been involved in several offences including theft and assault. He is now not accepted back either to his natural father's house at Scott Road or his own mother's family at Adam's Walk.

He is known to be associating with some of the more questionable elements in Irvine, who are at present causing the Social Work Department great concern.

Denys Brown has turned from quite a likeable lad who was making marked progress to one who is heading firmly on a delinquent career.

The Reporter to the Children's Panel has listed several offences due to be heard at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court in the near future. Some are of quite a serious nature.

Assessment

The situation is far from satisfactory, Brown has been offered every assistance by Social Work and Residential Staff at Kerelaw, and to be fair did progress until recently.

It may well now be necessary to consider a custodial sentence in the light of events of the last few months.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Social Worker

[REDACTED]
26.8.86

REVIEW REPORT

TO THE CHILDREN'S HEARING

Outcome

Name

DENYS BROWN

Date of Birth

26.6.70

Current Address

76 Scott Road

School Attended

Kerelaw List D School

Irvine

Home Address (if different from above)

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Religion

protestant

Reason for Review

By whom requested

Significant Family Changes since last Report

None.

Changes of Social Worker and/or Methods of supervision

None

Contact with other Agencies

Ongoing contact with Yorkhill Hospital, re [REDACTED]

Report compiled by

Date School Report Obtained

Date Report Completed

Date Sent to Reporter

Signed

Designation

Social Worker [REDACTED]

MAIN BODY OF REPORT

Points to be covered.

1. Nature and extent of contact with the child, family and other persons or agencies.
2. Plan of work; Were the Aims and Objectives achieved? Were they changed or modified?
3. Opinion as to the future development of the child and his/her situation— including views of child/parents.
4. Possible options.

1) Nature & extent of contact:

Minimal contact as the last panel was so recent and the writer has been on holiday.

2) Plan of work:

Denys is being encouraged to look for employment and basically 'stand on his own feet'. Parents are under pressure still, reference [REDACTED] and really have less time and patience for Denys although they still work at offering support.

3) Opinion as to the future development:

Denys has now officially left school and although things have still to be worked out re a permanent home base he has gained all he can from residing at Kerelaw.

4) Possible Options:

I can only recommend the Residential Supervision Order be discharged.

REVIEW REPORT

TO THE CHILDREN'S HEARING

Date of Review

8.4.86

Outcome

Name

DENYS BROWN

Date of Birth

26.6.70

Current Address

76 Scott Road

School Attended

Kerelaw List D School

Irvine

Home Address (if different from above)

Religion

Protestant

Reason for Review

ANNUAL REVIEW

By whom requested

Significant Family Changes since last Report

The family recently moved to the above address from 23 Greenbank Road. The new house was allocated on medical grounds as its ground floor and less damp, [REDACTED] this has been marked. The pressure on the family due to

Changes of Social Worker and/or Methods of supervision

None.

Contact with other Agencies

Contact is more in connection with general family problems [REDACTED] and eg Rowntree Fund.

Report compiled by

Date School Report Obtained

Date Report Completed

7.4.86

Date Sent to Reporter

Signed

Designation

Social Worker [REDACTED]

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including views of child/parents.
4. Possible options.

1) Nature & extent of contact etc.

Once the hurdle of incarceration in Longriggend in October/November of last year was over Denys has made an effort to improve. Reports from the family and from Kerelaw are good and Denys himself comes over as more mature and settled.

2) Plan of work:

Denys has had regular home leave which he's earned by good behaviour. He has lead a more acceptable life style at home and seems to be relating more effectively with his parents. On the whole he's achieved most of the goals hoped for.

3) Opinion as to the future etc:

Denys is due to leave school at the end of June so he has a few months to continue his progress at Kerelaw. His parents are in agreement with this, and are happy at his obvious development.

4) Possible Options:

I can only recommend that the Residential Order under Section 44 (1) b be continued for the present.



**Strathclyde
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DEPARTMENT OF REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

Reporter:

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT	
CUNNINGHAME HOUSE	
RECEIVED	- 1 APR 1986
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BY	

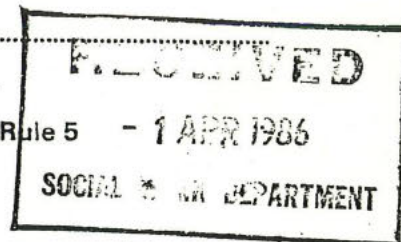
MEMORANDUM

From..... Reporter's Department
..... 66 John Finnie Street
..... KILMARNOCK

To..... Social Work Department
..... Cunninghame House
..... IRVINE

Subject: Reporter's Duties, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 5 - 1 APR 1986

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING



Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on..... TUESDAY 8 April, 1986
at..... 9.30 a.m..... within..... Social Work Department,
..... 17 Byres Road, KILWINNING

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

Name	Time of Case	Reason for Appearance
[REDACTED]		
MTK DENYS BROWN(26.6.70) c/o Kerelaw List D School STEVENSTON	10.00 a.m	Review
[REDACTED]		

Date..... 26 March, 1986

for Reporter

Asst. Area Reporter

Social Work Department
Ayr Division

Kerelaw School
Stevenston KA20 4JY
Ayrshire

Headmaster
[REDACTED]



Date 13 March 1986
Your ref [REDACTED]
Our ref [REDACTED]
If phoning or calling
ask for [REDACTED]
Tel Stevenston 61536/7

Reporter's Department
66 John Finnie Street
KILMARNOCK

SUBJECT: DENYS BROWN - DATE OF BIRTH 26 6 70
HOME ADDRESS - 76 SCOTT ROAD, IRVINE

Denys has been at Kerelaw since 29 April 1985 staying in Fleming Unit. During his stay here he has presented few problems and for the most has been co-operative with his treatment. Initially Denys appeared very nervous, which showed in the form of a stammer and shaking hands. However, this diminished and it is only when Denys is under extreme pressure that it reappears. With staff he can be very pleasant and helpful in a relaxed atmosphere and through time has learned to approach staff and talk about his problems.

Within his peer group Denys is selective of friends but is quite happy with his own company. He has in the past been involved in some devious activities but only on the fringe. Denys' free time is taken up reading and watching television.

Because of Denys' positive response to his treatment programmes it was decided at the end of last year to increase his time at home, staying overnight during the week. This was gradually increased, until we have now reached the stage where Denys is an unofficial day boy; that is staying at home but coming to Kerelaw for education. There have been a couple of problems which necessitated Denys' staying in overnight but generally things have gone well.

Future plans with Denys are that he stay at Kerelaw until 31 May when he is due to finish his education. During May Denys will, with the help of Kerelaw staff, investigate work prospects in the Irvine area.

He hopes to get onto a youth employment scheme. For us to carry out Denys' present treatment programme we would therefore ask that his order be continued.

[REDACTED]
RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE OFFICER

[REDACTED]
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KERELAW SCHOOL

REVIEW REPORT

RECEIVED

5 MAR 1986 DATE: 26.2.86
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

NAME DENYS BROWN

D.o.B. 26.6.70

D.o.A. 29.4.85

Name and address of parents or people responsible :

Date of last Panel appearance : 10.4.85

Date of termination of present order : 9.4.86

Name of Social Worker :

Present at Meeting :

Denys.

- 1) PHYSICAL Denys is a tall well built young man whose personal hygiene and appearance give no concern. He has been in good health over the past 3½ months and his stammer and shaking hands seem to have disappeared as he has become more relaxed.
- 2) RESPONSE TO TREATMENT Since the last review Denys has become an unofficial day boy. His time-keeping for the most has been good but on some occasions he has had to be kept in overnight when he has slipped up. At Christmas Denys ran away from home and went missing for 3 days and on 14th January Denys was picked up by the police at Kilwinning Academy as he was causing some problems. Denys was kept in for 2 days and 1 week respectively for these incidents. On both occasions Denys was well behaved and worked hard to get back out. Denys has, over the past 3½ months, been on the fringe of devious activities but on being pulled up tends to respond positively.
- 3) RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEERS Denys enjoys mixing with the group but has no close friends. At the same time he is just as happy sitting in the back room reading. He is not put upon nor puts upon others and will stand up for himself. Denys is liked by most of his peers.
- 4) RELATIONSHIPS WITH ADULTS Since the last report Denys seems more open and communicative with staff. He tells more about home and his problems and is prepared to listen to advice. On occasions when Denys has misbehaved and staff have had to talk to him he has responded positively.
- 5a) EDUCATIONAL PROFILE See attached
- 6) HOBBIES As has been said Denys spends a large amount of his time in the unit reading or watching T.V. He occasionally joins in with table games.
- 7) AREAS WHICH APPEAR TO NEED SPECIAL ATTENTION
 - a) Denys' time keeping in the morning
 - b) The influence his girlfriend has on his behaviour

8) PRESENT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- a) To continue with Denys as an unofficial day boy
- b) Kerelaw to investigate with Denys a future career.

9) REVIEW TEAM COMMENTS Denys has progressed well since the last review. He now operates as an unofficial day boy and with one or two hiccups this has gone very well. His parents feel he has progressed at home and is more helpful around the house. The parents are in fact moving house this weekend (although still in the same street) and Denys will help them with this. Apparently he has finished with his girlfriend which should be of benefit to Denys. In school he is intending doing a Standard Grade Science and an English 'O' Grade.

There is to be a Review Panel at the end of March/beginning of April. The intention will be to renew the Residential Order at that stage as there are no day boy places available. If all goes well it would be intended for Denys to have another Panel around about the end of May to release him from Kerelaw. Denys would like to approach the Careers Office on his own initiative from round about the end of April. He feels it makes more sense to go to his local office and he would have a better chance of getting a job or a YTS scheme by going round Irvine himself. The school will give him every encouragement in this respect.

10) RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) To continue on Denys' present unofficial day boy status
- 2) To seek a continuation of the residential order at the forthcoming review panel but to try and arrange for a Panel round about the end of May with a view to Denys returning home.
- 3) Denys is to do two certificates in April/May - Science Standard Grade and English 'O' Grade.
- 4) For Denys to approach Careers Office in Irvine about the end of April in the hope of having something lined up when he leaves school in June.

11) RECORD OF: (a) Contact with home Constant
(b) Abscondings None
(c) Critical Incidents None

12) SPECIALIST REPORTS S.W. report attached.

Kerelaw School,
STEVENSTON, KA20 4JY.
[REDACTED] 3.3.86

Kerelaw

Date 25/2/86 Name DENYS BROWN D.o.b. 26/6/70

Education Report for Assessment/Review Meeting

English :

Denys has elected to sit an 'O' grade in English this year. He has joined the exam class and is working extremely well.

His grammar, comprehension and understanding are all very good indeed. He has a very positive attitude to the work required.

Denys is doing so well and achieving so much that if he continues his present level of commitment we would expect him to do very well in the forthcoming 'O' grade.

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KERELAW SCHOOL

ASSESSMENT/REVIEW REPORT

NAME DENYS BROWN

D.o.B. 26.6.70 D.o.A. 29.4.85

Date and time of meeting. 12.2.86

Please comment on:-

1) Family circumstances.

FAMILY STILL UNDER PRESSURE

HOWEVER THEY ARE COPING

2) Relationships within the family:

IN GENERAL — GOOD

3) Behaviour and relationships of child within the community.

NO RECENT ADVERSE REPORTS

4) Areas of concern.

TRANSITION FROM RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT
TO HOME ENVIRONMENT PARTICULARLY
IF EMPLOYMENT NOT AVAILABLE.

(5) RECORD OF FIELD SOCIAL WORKER'S CONTACT WITH

(a) The Child

24.10.85 TC FROM SCHOOL. DENYS (IN LONGRIGGEND)
6.12.85 TC TO SCHOOL.
11.12.85 DENYS AT COURT.
18.12.85 VISIT KERELAV.
15.1.86. LEARNED EXTENDED LEAVE
BROKEN DOWN.
21.1.86. TC to SCHOOL.

(b) The Family

18.10.85, 23.10.85 (TC) 23.10.85 (TC)
5.11.85 TC FAMILY DENYS ABSCONDED.
6.11.85. HV FAMILY

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10.2.86. TC MR BROWN.



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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:



MEMORANDUM

From..... Reporter's Department
66 John Finnie Street
KILMARNOCK
To..... Social Work Department
Cunninghame House
IRVINE

SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on..... MONDAY 18 November, 1985
at..... 4.15 p.m. within..... Reporter's Department,
66 John Finnie Street, KILMARNOCK

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Time of Case</u>	<u>Reason for Appearance</u>
DENYS BROWN(26.6.70) 23 Greenbank Road IRVINE P/A Kerelaw List D School STEVENSTON	4.15 p.m	Remit for Advice

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT CUNNINGHAME	
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for Reporter



Asst. Area Reporter

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CUNNINGHAME DISTRICT

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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

Re..... DENYS BROWN Date of Birth..... 26.6.70 Age..... 15 yrs.
 Marital Status..... SINGLE Occupation..... SCHOOLBOY
 Address..... 23 GREENBANK ROAD, IRVINE. Religion..... PROTESTANT
 Charged with/ Referred for..... XXXXXXXX ATTEMPTED THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE
 and to appear at..... GLASGOW SHERIFF COURT Court/Children's Hearing on..... 20.11.85
 AND CHILDREN'S PANEL ON 18.11.85.

FAMILY

[REDACTED]

DENYS BROWN (15) SUBJECT OF REPORT

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

BACKGROUND HISTORY

Denys Brown has been known to the Social Work Department in Irvine since being made subject of a supervision order under Section 44 1 (a) on 21.9.83. He had been referred to the Children's Panel after he'd been involved in the theft of a purse containing almost £100. He hadn't previously come to the attention of the Authorities.

Denys cooperated during the first year of the supervision order. he had the full support and guidance of his parents. However, at the beginning of 1985, adverse reports were being received from Greenwood Academy about attendance and behaviour. He was involved in a couple of thefts from a local school and from B & Q Stores. Subsequently, the Panel made a Residential Supervision Order and Denys was admitted to Kerelaw List D School, in April 1985.

Progress at Kerelaw has been good, with Denys causing few behaviour problems. Reflecting this, at a recent review at the school on 9 October, Denys was to be given Day Boy status ie travelling daily to the school with regular weekend leave, if he continued to avoid involvement in offences.

Denys is a tall slim reasonably active young man. He has a speech impediment and a nervous, disposition. When I first knew him he had a marked lack of self confidence and self esteem:

He has been assessed as having a high IQ but is performing academically far below his capacity. Denys is described by staff at Kerelaw and previously at Kirkland Park as a likeable lad who participates in all activities, work and leisure alike quite happily.

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DENYS BROWN
23 Greenbank Road
Irvine

CIRCUMSTANCES OF OFFENCE

At the time of the offence Denys was missing with two other boys from Kerelaw School. They absconded on a Tuesday afternoon and made their way to Glasgow. They spent the day wandering about the City centre and the night in a building presently under construction.

During Wednesday, Denys explains that they visited the home of one of the boy's relatives and got a change of clothes. They then spent some time at the amusements and shops. At one point, they came across four different skooters and motor bikes. Denys who is really interested in this kind of vehicle went over to 'have a look'. Denys stated that [REDACTED] did have some keys but none were appropriate to unlock the steering column, Denys states there was no damage done to the bike and that it couldn't be moved, and the intention was purely to see what kind of 'bikes' they were.

ASSESSMENT

Denys Brown is a lad who for a period seemed on the fringe of the delinquent element. He has however, proved until this offence that he can stay out of trouble and was making marked and steady progress at Kerelaw.

He is well thought of by the staff who experience some concern for this highly strung boy. His two week period in Longriggend has been a salutary lesson. Can I recommend therefore, that he be allowed to remain at Kerelaw to continue the progress he's made there.

[REDACTED]
SOCIAL WORKER

[REDACTED]
15.11.85

Memorandum



From [redacted] Social Worker, Social Work
Department, Cunninghame House, Irvine.

Tel 72621 Ext [redacted] Our ref [redacted]

To [redacted] Divisional Organiser -
Community & Fieldwork Yourref
10 Wellington Sq, Ayr.

Date 25 October 1985

Subject

REMAND OF YOUNG PERSON IN LONGRIGGEND.

DENYS BROWN DOB: 26.6.70 (15)
Home Address: 23 Greenbank Road, Irvine.
Present Address: Kerelaw School, Stevenston.

At Glasgow Sheriff Court on 24.10.85, the above named boy was committed to Longriggend on an unruly certificate.

Charges : R.T.A.
Plea: Not Guilty
Re appearance: 8 November 1985

Court Officer, [redacted] advised me two members of Kerelaw School went to the Court as Kerelaw was prepared to take Denys back. This was not given consideration by the Court. This was Deny's first absconsion.

Staff at Kerelaw were not of the opinion he should have been detained at Longriggend as his behaviour there and past performance was reasonable and did not indicate the necessity for committal to Longriggend.

Background Information:

Denys Brown was made subject to a Supervision Order 44 (1) a, 21.9.83 and has been known to the writer since November 1983. He hadn't previously come to the notice of the Social Work Department.

Denys on the whole cooperated during the first year of the Supervision Order and with the help of his parents managed not to commit any serious offences.

More recently however ie by the end of last year adverse reports were being received from home and from Greenwood Academy and there were several theft offences in which Denys was involved.

Eventually after an assessment at Kirkland Park, Denys was sent to Kerelaw List D School under Section 44 1(b) on 29.4.85. He has caused no major problems there, to the extent that at a recently meeting on 9.10.85 at Kerelaw, it was decided to give him 'day boy' status in the near future, ie Denys would travel daily to Kerelaw from his own home while still subject to a Panel Order.

Denys is a tall reasonably fit young man with a quiet, reserved personality, and nervous manner. He is a deep character and its difficult to know whats going on in his mind as he doesn't verbalise freely.

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Memo dated 25 October 1985

Re: REMAND OF YOUNG PERSON IN LONGRIGGEND

He is not a vindictive individual and would seldom take the initiative in the group, but would tend to 'walk' into wrong doing unthinkingly with others taking the lead. This is an area that has had to be worked on by all concerned including his very caring and involved parents.

In conclusion Denys' behaviour has improved greatly since his admission to Kerelaw . He has visibly matured both physically and emotionally and had become a trusted member of the school. He is an easily led, highly strung lad who I feel could be adversely affected by a period in Longriggend. As Kerelaw are prepared to take him back I feel that this should happen as soon as possible.

[REDACTED]
SOCIAL WORKER

[REDACTED]
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

cc [REDACTED] District Manager.
[REDACTED] Area Officer.

Social Work Department

Monklands District
Area Office
Adam Avenue
Airdrie ML6 6DN



**Strathclyde
Regional
Council**

Tel Airdrie 69291 Ext

MINUTES OF A CASE CONFERENCE HELD AT THE SOCIAL WORK UNIT, LONGRIGGEND
REMAND INSTITUTION ON MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 1985 AT 4pm

NAME: Denys Brown

DOB: 26.6.70

ADDRESS: 23 Greenbank Road, Irvine

Social Worker: [REDACTED]

Area: Irvine

Court: Glasgow Sheriff

Date of Appearance: 24.10.85

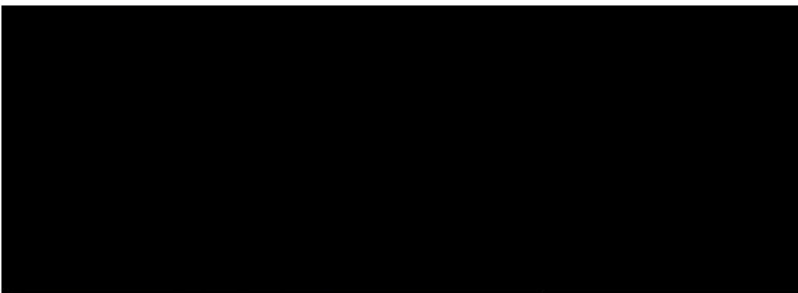
Procedure: Summary

Date of Admission to Longriggend: 24.10.85

STATUS ON ARRIVAL AT LONGRIGGEND:

Residing at Kerelaw List 'D' School since 29.4.85 subject to S44(1)(b).
Remanded to Longriggend on an Unruly Certificate by Glasgow Sheriff Court,
Summary Procedure on 24.10.85 when he pled not guilty to the Att Theft of a
Motor Vehicle. Trial was set for 8.11.85. (Note: Denys was acting with
two other boys from Kerelaw who were also conferenced).

ATTENDING:



Denys - subject of Conference

INTRODUCTION:

The Chairman introduced everyone and explained that the purpose of the Conference was to formulate a plan to ensure that Denys was more appropriately placed at the earliest possible opportunity.

BACKGROUND:

Denys has been known to the Social Work Department since 21.9.83 when he was made the subject of a Supervision Requirement under S44(1)(a) and to his present Social Worker since November 1983.

Initially he appeared to respond positively to these measures but towards the end of last year adverse reports were received from school and he was involved in several thefts.

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After a period of assessment at Kirkland Park, Denys supervision requirement was varied so that he could reside at Kerelaw List 'D' School. He was admitted there on 29/4/85.

He settled quickly and has caused no major problems. At a meeting in Kerelaw on 9/10/85 it was decided to give him "Day Boy" status in the near future. There were no incidents of absconding.

Denys is viewed as a tall, fit young man with a quiet, reserved personality and nervous manner. He is slightly introverted and has difficulty in verbalising. He is a bright boy with a high I.Q. who does not function to his true potential.

ARREST AND POLICE CUSTODY

On Tuesday 22/10/85 at approx. 4pm Denys absconded from Kerelaw with 2 other pupils. They made their way to Glasgow where they slept rough in a disused car park. They roamed the streets for most of the following day.

At approx. 4pm on Wednesday 23/10/85 they had been looking at a parked motor cycle, which Denys admits touching, when the police came along, they told them they were being charged and took them to a police station - he does not know which one.

There they were questioned and charged before being taken to Stewart Street police station where they remained until they appeared in Court at approx. 2pm the following day.

Initially Denys gave his name as that of his brother Paul to the police but later told them the truth.

He did not see anyone during the period he was in police custody.

Kerelaw List 'D' School were informed of the situation by the police on the Wednesday afternoon and 2 staff went to Stewart Street police station to collect the boys but the police would not release them.

It is not known who informed the Court Officer of the situation but she phoned Kerelaw on the Thursday morning to get further information. Mr. [REDACTED] the Homes & Centre Supervisor was also involved.

X The Social Work Department were informed of the situation by the Court Officer on the Thursday morning and they contacted the Reporter who it is thought negotiated with the Procurator Fiscal with a view to the Panel taking the referral. The Procurator Fiscal refused this request.

The Police informed the parents of Denys' absconcion on the Tuesday evening and Kerelaw informed them that he was in Longriggend on the Thursday afternoon.

APPEARANCE IN COURT

Denys appeared before Glasgow Sheriff Court, Summary Procedure, at approx. 2pm on Thursday 24th October 1985. He was charged with the Att. Theft of a Motor Vehicle to which he pled not guilty. He was remanded on an Unruly Certificate to Longriggend and trial set for 8/11/85.

He was represented in Court by the Court Duty Solicitor with whom he spent a few minutes prior to his Court appearance.

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Two members of staff from Kerelaw were present in Court but they were not given the opportunity to say anything to the Court nor to Denys.

Denys has settled since his admission to Longriggend and his behaviour has given no cause for concern.

He was placed on strict suicide observations upon admission due to scratches on both arms. However these measures have been relaxed and he is now being treated as an ordinary schoolboy. Unfortunately, because of the high number of pupils at the moment he will only receive education for half the day instead of the full day.

It is felt that a prolonged stay at Longriggend could have an adverse effect upon Denys who is easily led and highly strung.

Kerelaw are anxious to have him back and feel that he had improved greatly over the past few months.

DECISIONS

Denys is inappropriately placed at Longriggend and does not require secure accommodation.

The Social Work Department should support Mr. & Mrs. Brown to brief their Solicitor with a view to taking the case back to Court as soon as possible (before 8/11/85) and offering Kerelaw to the Court as an alternative to Longriggend.

X Social Work Department to negotiate with Procurator Fiscal before appearance on 8/11/85. Inform Reporter who might want to contact Procurator Fiscal. Ensure that Court has full information about background and possible placement in the event that Court may remand boys again for reports/advice.

X [REDACTED] Social Worker to keep [REDACTED] Social Worker, Longriggend informed of the Courts decision.

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[REDACTED]
Area Officer

KERELAW SCHOOL

REVIEW REPORT

DATE: 9.10.85.

NAME DENYS BROWN

D.O.B. 26.6.70

D.o.A. 29.4.85

Name and address of parents or people responsible : Mr. & Mrs. Brown,
23 Greenbank Road,
IRVINE.

Date of last Panel appearance : 10.4.85

Date of termination of present order : 9.4.86

Name of Social Worker [REDACTED]

Present at Meeting : [REDACTED] Denys Brown, [REDACTED]

1) PHYSICAL Denys is a tall, well built young man who cares about his appearance and personal hygiene, needing no reminders. He has had a bout of tonsillitis but other than this his health is very good. Denys still has periods with his stammer and shaking hands but it seems to be diminishing.

2) RESPONSE TO TREATMENT Apart from the occasional silly period of stubbornness, Denys continues to respond well to treatment. He is on a treatment programme which involves more time at home. This is gradually increasing until it is hoped that by December Denys will be a full unofficial day boy.

3) RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEERS Since the last report Denys' relationships within his peer group seem to have changed. He seems to keep more to himself and can regularly be found watching T.V. or reading in the back room. Over the summer holidays the peer group changed, with some bigger, older boys coming in and one feels that Denys may have been subject to some pressure from them. He does not appear to be on the fringe of any devious activities any more. Denys has a very poor relationship with one boy in the group, which is something he is going to have to work through.

4) RELATIONSHIPS WITH ADULTS Denys does not approach staff as readily as he used to. He prefers to keep things to himself and one has great difficulty getting to the bottom of his problems. However, Denys does co-operate with staff and can, in a relaxed atmosphere, be very pleasant.

5a) EDUCATIONAL PROFILE No educational report available

6) HOBBIES As has been said for the majority of his time on the unit Denys is found reading or watching T.V. although he enjoys swimming.

7) AREAS WHICH APPEAR TO NEED SPECIAL ATTENTION

Denys' inability to talk to staff when he has a problem.

DENYS BROWN/REVIEW REPORT

9.10.85

8) PRESENT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1) To increase the number of nights Denys stays at home until by the beginning of December he becomes an unofficial day boy. If this goes well then in January, 1986 he becomes an official day boy.

9) REVIEW TEAM COMMENTS The review team were encouraged by Denys' overall responses to Kerelaw. Mr. & Mrs. Brown are now much happier with Denys when at home, as he now seems to be prepared to comply with behavioural limits set by his parents. Family relationships are much improved. There was some concern regarding lack of effort in some classes and the review team impressed upon Denys that there could be some improvement in this area.

10) RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Continue extended weekend leaves to eventually include midweek overnight stays at home.
- 2) If leave programme progresses satisfactorily Denys should become an unofficial day boy at the beginning of ~~January~~ DECEMBER

11) RECORD OF: (a) Contact with home: Denys has earned all of his leave since the last review and has returned on time.

(b) Abscondings : None

(c) Critical Incidents: None

12) SPECIALIST REPORTS

None

Kerelaw School,
STEVENSTON, KA20 4JY.
[REDACTED] 28.10.85

KERELAW SCHOOL

ASSESSMENT/REVIEW REPORT

NAME DENYS BROWN.

D.o.B. 26.6.70

D.o.A. 29.4.85

Date and time of meeting. 9.10.85.

Please comment on:-

1) Family circumstances.

FAMILY CONTINUE TO BE PUT UNDER PRESSURE

HOWEVER THEY ARE COPING WELL.

2) Relationships within the family:

NO APPARENT MAJOR PROBLEMS AT THE MOMENT. DENYS HAS A ROOM OF HIS OWN AT THE MOMENT & HE.

APPRECIATES THIS. HE GOES LESS TO HIS PARENTS HOME ELSEWHERE IN IRVINE

3) Behaviour and relationships of child within the community.

DENYS IS SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDING "BAD" COMPANY AS FAR AS I CAN GATHER AT THE MOMENT.

4) Areas of concern.

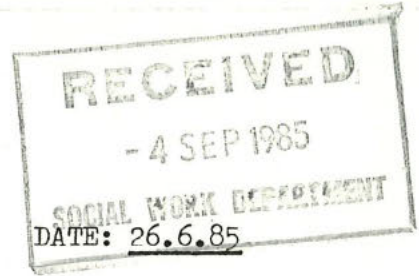
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KERELAW SCHOOL

ASSESSMENT REPORT



NAME DENYS BROWN D.o.B. 26.6.70 D.o.A. 29.4.85

Name and address of parents or people responsible : Mr. & Mrs. Brown,
23 Greenbank Road,
IRVINE.

Date of last Panel appearance : 10.4.85

Date of termination of present order : 9.4.86

Name of Social Worker :

Present at Meeting: Denys Brown,

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- 1) PHYSICAL Denys is a tall, well built, physically fit young man. He takes an interest in his appearance and personal hygiene and needs no reminders. Denys suffers from a stammer and shaking hands on occasions. It appears to be connected with Denys being under pressure. is to see him about it.
 - 2) RESPONSE TO TREATMENT Denys responds well to treatment, is open and frank about himself and his past and ready to participate in any help offered. However, Denys can be stubborn, which manifests itself in the way he handles authority.
 - 3) RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEERS Within his peer group Denys is well integrated and accepted. He does not choose any particular sub-culture although can be found on the fringe of devious activities. Denys is easily influenced by his peers and will go along with the crowd, whatever group he is in.
 - 4) RELATIONSHIPS WITH ADULTS Denys relates well to staff, although he does see them as authority figures. He has no difficulty approaching staff and on a one to one relates very well. He can be helpful and co-operative provided this does not make him stand out too much.
 - 5a) EDUCATIONAL PROFILE Denys is a competent reader and shows good comprehension skills. His answers show a sense of grammatical understanding but he will leave a question unanswered rather than ask for help or make an attempt. His spelling is fair, but he does not make much of an effort, even spelling words wrongly when he actually knows the correct spelling.

In the Maths department, he is a positive worker and always co-operative. He shows a firm grasp of Arithmetic basics, together with a working knowledge of fractions, decimals, percentages and basic geometry.

Denys participates keenly in all modules of the Art department. He has good all round skills and needs little motivation.

He always gives of his best in the P.E. department and worked particularly hard during the build up to Sports Day in the athletics module. Is

26.6.85

- 5a)...now applying himself very well at cricket - meeting with a fair degree of success.

In [REDACTED] class he does what is asked of him and presents it in a legible manner. Denys has ^{not} done much 'painting and decorating' but he appears willing to try.

In Science he shows good knowledge and understanding and exhibits information handling abilities with fair problem solving attributes. Can work well but is becoming lazy.

- 5b) BEHAVIOUR While Denys is universally considered to be a fairly pleasant, friendly boy [REDACTED] has suggested that his 'slip is showing'! and other teachers agree that he is beginning to 'stir things up' in the classroom - concern has been expressed of Denys becoming actively disruptive.

- 5c) RELATIONSHIPS As stated - Denys is a friendly boy who initially established very good relationships with almost everybody. However, some of his peers are beginning to complain about the way he can agitate and thereby land them in trouble because of their reactions.

- 6) HOBBIES Within the unit Denys is seen for the most either reading or watching T.V. although he enjoys sitting with his peers, listening to records. He likes to go swimming, play football and cricket.

7) AREAS WHICH APPEAR TO NEED SPECIAL ATTENTION

- 1) Denys needs regular praise to help him with his confidence and self esteem.
- 2) Support to the home where most of Denys' problems occur.
- 3) Denys' visits to his natural mother
- 4) Denys to see [REDACTED] about his stutter and shaking hands.

- 8) PRESENT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES To explore the future possibilities of Denys eventually returning home and becoming a day boy at Kerelaw.

- 9) REVIEW TEAM COMMENTS Denys needs a fair degree of encouragement to improve his self esteem and confidence. He performs well within the school and is fairly popular with staff and peers. He tends to be influenced by his peers and should be encouraged to be selective in his company. He should be allowed to visit his natural mother but should inform his step mother before his visit as a courtesy.

- 10) RECOMMENDATIONS Arrangements are to be made for home leave for Denys during the summer period. A review should be held some time in October when possible day boy status could be considered if no obstacle arises between now and then.

- 11) RECORD OF:
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|-------------------------------|--|
| (a) <u>Contact with home:</u> | Regular weekend leave. Lost one for F.T.R. |
| (b) <u>Abscondings</u> | None |
| (c) <u>Critical Incidents</u> | None |

12) SPECIALIST REPORTS

Field Social Worker's report attached.

KERELAW SCHOOL

ASSESSMENT/REVIEW REPORT

NAME DENYS BROWN

D.o.B. 26.6.70

D.o.A. 29.4.85

Date and time of meeting.

26th June 1985 at 3.20

Please comment on:-

1) Family circumstances.

There's a good deal of unsettlement at the moment

2) Relationships within the family:

3) Behaviour and relationships of child within the community.

When away from the school it is difficult to know what Denys is up to. He's so easily influenced and one cannot be sure he's keeping out of trouble, particularly if he goes to his mother's. His father tries to exert some control.

4) Areas of concern.

- 1) Denys is so easily influenced adversely that this could lead him into bother.
- 2) Lessened support from family
- 3) Lack of ability to weigh up a situation and see that it could lead to problems.

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Social Work Office
At¹ *17 Byres Road,*
Kilwinning

A children's hearing for the Strathclyde Region in exercise of the powers conferred by section 44(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, being satisfied that²

Denys Brown (26.6.70).
23 Greenbank Road, Irvine

is in need of compulsory measures of care require him to reside in³ *Kerelaw School, Stenhouse,*
meanwhile to reside in a Place of Safety chosen by local authority
to be under the supervision of⁴ *Strathclyde Regional Council*

subject to the conditions noted below.

~~The operation of this supervision requirement is postponed until~~

.....
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

1 Place and date

2 Name and address of child

† Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

3 Name of residential establishment

4 Name of local authority or other supervisor

Points to be covered: (plus any other relevant points)

- (1) Analytical Statement and Family Background;
- (2) Matters of Particular Concern; (Expanded)
- (3) Possible Disposals and the specific one considered most appropriate.

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(1) Analytical Statement and Family Background

Denys has now been known to the Social Work Department for over a year while he has been subject to Supervision. The writer took over the case in November 1983 so time wise there has been a fair opportunity to get to know Denys, but he proves to be a deep non communicative lad.

Denys on the whole is fairly good natured but very much open to the influence of others for good or ill. He for example comes to see the writer weekly and has done for some time. He is polite, quite talkative and always well mannered in my presence being adept at the "innocent act". However you can guarantee that the noise in the waiting area will be instigated by Denys. This is the sort of comment made by the school also i.e. under supervision he is fine but can't be trusted to work on his own initiative.

Denys was assessed at Kirkland Park during September. The general feeling was that he had a lot of unused potential and he could do well if adequately motivated at the local school. He was given the chance to return home and really prove he could keep out of trouble. He is on a period timetable and a lot of the reports are good. However, there have been two recent incidents reported from Greenwood. One where seats were slashed on a bus and another where the art teacher had some equipment damaged. Denys was implicated in both, there is little doubt.

(2) Matters of Particular Concern

Despite fairly close supervision, Denys has proved difficult to "get through to". He basically is a reasonable lad but I feel we have "bent over backwards" for this boy particularly as for some time I felt he would not cope in a residential setting. Supervision in the community is perhaps not adequate for this boy.

There is little doubt that Denys had direct involvement in this offence. He was in the company of [REDACTED] apparently Denys and [REDACTED] entered the B & Q property via an open door, brought out tubes of glue and apparently a drill which they thought would be sold. They were caught within the premises.

(3) Possible Disposals etc

Denys has had a long period to try to keep out of trouble. He has been seen more or less weekly by the writer and his parents have co-operated when encouraged to supervise as closely as possible. Somehow Denys prefers to "go his own way". He has a good brain and some potential which he is not realising and not likely to develop at Greenwood because of the attitude he has forced upon the staff there.

I feel I can only recommend that a Residential Order under Section 44 (1) a be made. A vacancy will be available at Kerelaw in the near future.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Social Worker

[REDACTED]
16.11.84

**STRATHCLYDE REGION
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

**KIRKLAND PARK
ASSESSMENT REPORT**

NAME:

DENYS BROWN (26.6.70), 14 years 3 months

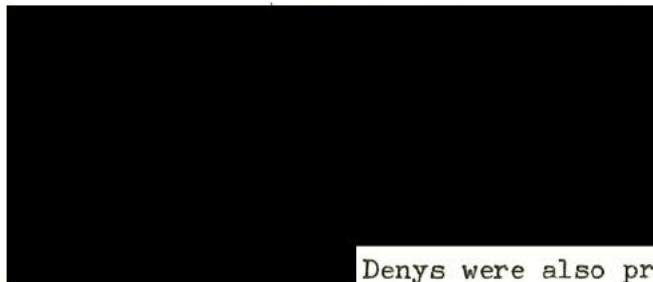
ADDRESS:

23 Greenbank Road, IRVINE

date of report:

9th October 1984

Assessment Team:-



Denys were also present.

Director of Social Work
[REDACTED]

Tel 20296

Our ref [REDACTED]

Your ref

If phoning or
calling ask for [REDACTED]

Date 9th October 1984

KIRKLAND PARK ASSESSMENT CENTRE

ASSESSMENT REPORT

Denys Brown (26.6.70), 14 years 3 months

23 Greenbank Road, IRVINE

Introduction:- Introductions made and [REDACTED] went on to explain Meeting procedure and informed parents and boy their comments would be welcome in forming the recommendation to the Children's Panel. Social Worker was then asked regarding admission to Kirkland Park and she explained that, although she had known Denys for almost a year, she felt she had not got through to him. The offences she confirmed were in the past - although one charge had still to be dealt with - and this, coupled with the fact that the parents were at a loss to cope with his disruptive behaviour in school, had caused his admission to the Unit. Parents admitted their concern regarding previous glue sniffing and poor relationships at Greenwood Academy and had accepted the three week period away from home as "time out" for him in the hope he "would learn a lesson". Contact with home had been maintained by regular visits and phone calls. Reports were then requested:-

Residential reports:- These are attached and were fully discussed and parents confirmed that Denys is a rather nervous boy who, when upset, has a speech impediment. Points raised from report were that within the Unit Denys has shown he can behave and control himself and that he is fairly cooperative and accepts their discipline but, outwith their care, he is inclined to associate with a delinquent group.

Class report:- In this situation again it came over clearly that Denys avoids disruptive boys, is cooperative with teacher and is able to seek her help when he feels he requires it. Point was made that he obviously liked the small class structure and had the ability to conform to class discipline. He should be well able to cope with mainstream education as he has ability but, unfortunately, does not apply himself. Hope was expressed that the three week period away from home might help modify his future behaviour in main stream education. [REDACTED] questioned Denys regarding his school behaviour and Team were left with the impression that he feels "picked upon" by one teacher in particular. He has never, however, been suspended from school but admitted to having been sent home on one occasion whilst in first year. School report was then discussed and comparison stressed that, whilst 1983 report referred to a fairly well behaved pupil with signs of deterioration in some areas of work, 1984 report was more damning i.e. "Denys is truculent, moody and requires strict discipline and control". Also mentioned was that no improvement in behaviour was in evidence since placement on S.R.O. and that special class had little effect.

Psychological report:- attached herewith. Again it was made clear to Team that, if Denys applied himself, he could do well academically. Motivation is, however, lacking and parents could help in this area by encouraging him to go over work at night. [REDACTED] referred to new schemes of education on offer this year and stressed that 3rd year was an important one. Denys admitted that he hadn't given

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much thought to the future but realised he must now make more effort to conform in all classes rather than - as at present - in subjects in which he feels comfortable. Parents commented that no home work was given to Denys at present but they would ensure he did any given home work in future. Social Worker agreed to liase with Guidance Teacher at Greenwood Academy in order to ease his return there and perhaps establish his ability to change. It was suggested that parents too should consult Guidance Teacher with a view to education programme in order that they could help and sustain him in complying. Because positive attitudes were in evidence within the Unit i.e. selection of friends, cooperation with teacher and good behaviour throughout his stay, Team were hopeful that Denys would be able to transfer this attitude to school. It was stressed that firmer control from parents was required and that interest and encouragement from them regarding his education might help motivate him to his full potential.

Recommendation:- It is the recommendation of the Assessment Team that Denys Brown is allowed home and his supervision order continued.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
9th October 1984

KIRKLAND PARK ASSESSMENT CENTRE

RESIDENTIAL OBSERVATIONS

NAME: Denys Brown (26.6.70), 14 years 3 months
ADDRESS: 23 Greenbank Road, IRVINE
Date of admission: 19th September 1984
Social Worker: [REDACTED]
Grounds of referral: Theft

Health and appearance:- Denys was accompanied by his father, step-mother and Social Worker when first admitted to Kirkland Park. He was found to be clean and tidy on arrival and he has maintained a high standard of personal hygiene throughout his stay. His table manners are excellent and he has a good appetite. Soon after his admission, Denys was examined and passed fit by our local G.P.

Attitudes and relationships:- Although initially Denys was a little unsure of his new surroundings, he soon settled in. He has mixed well with most of the other residents and is well accepted by them. He has shown no signs of aggression and has a good level of tolerance. Towards staff he is polite and mannerly, always doing as instructed and accepting their overall authority. He communicates very well although at times he can be a bit timid and nervous.

Denys has been visited by his mother and by other members of his family on several occasions. He looks forward to these visits and gets on well with them whilst here. It is clear to staff that, whilst quite happy here, he would like to be given the chance to return home.

Activities:- Denys has shown himself to be a good worker around the house. He does any job required of him, and he can complete any task to a high standard with minimal supervision. As regards leisure pursuits, he participates gamely in them all and never gives up. He particularly enjoys cards, and he can play at this for hours and be quite contented.

General:- In general Denys's behaviour at Kirkland Park has been excellent. A little nervous and unsure at first, he has grown in confidence as time has progressed. He is a likeable, friendly and well behaved boy who does his best to stay out of trouble and usually succeeds.

[REDACTED]
5th October 1984

KIRKLAND PARK ASSESSMENT CENTRE

CLASS REPORT

NAME: Denys Brown (26.6.70), 14 years 3 months
ADDRESS: 23 Greenbank Road, IRVINE
Date of admission: 19th September 1984

Reaction to Kirkland Park:- Initially, Denys was a bit subdued but this is to be expected for a boy put into residential care for the first time. He settled into the routine of the class very quickly and has asked a lot of questions about Kirkland Park and his assessment.

Relationships with other boys in class:- The group have accepted Denys and he mixes fairly well with the others. He has managed to avoid the more disruptive element in class. He has neither been seen to be a leader nor follower.

Relationship with teacher:- Denys accepts my authority in class and takes a reprimand well, although he can be a bit cocky on occasions. He responds well to the extra teacher attention the small numbers can afford and also to the relaxed atmosphere of the small unit. I think he feels stifled by what he sees as overly strict rules in some of his classes at Greenwood Academy. It is significant that the classes he enjoys are cookery, art and technical subjects where he is not expected to sit at a desk.

Literacy and numeracy:- Denys is competent in the basic skills of English. He has good vocabulary range and his reading and understanding is of a fair standard. Denys was tested using Profile Maths which is designed to show areas of weakness. The results show that he needs to learn some geometrical formulae but on the whole he has the skills required for 3rd year work. He assimilates knowledge quickly and I feel that any problem concerning school work is a lack of application rather than a lack of ability.

Communication skills:- Denys talks freely in class and joins in any discussion but on a superficial level. He has not talked about his family or friends or offences. He has a speech impediment which he copes with well.

General:- Denys presents as a cheery, out-going boy who is able to conform in a classroom when he chooses. Perhaps this assessment period has given him time to think of his behaviour at Greenwood as people are beginning to run out of patience waiting for Denys to act his age.


5th October 1984

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Principal Psychologist

Date 5.10.84

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CONFIDENTIAL PSYCHOLOGICAL REPORT

Re: Denys Brown (d.o.b. 26.6.70)

33 Greenbank, IRVINE

The above boy was examined by me at Kirkland Park Assessment Centre on 21st September 1984 when measures of reading and number attainment and personality were obtained. Previously he had been the subject of Child Guidance enquiry when still attending Glebe Primary School the stated reason for referral being theft both at school and at home.

Results of formal intelligence testing have shown Denys to be a pupil of "high average" academic potential, but one whose standards of literacy and numeracy do not indicate that he is in a position to realise his full potential. Reasons for this would appear to lie in a history of speech problems and lack of sufficient identification with academic goals and values. In fact, he readily admits to being not very "bookish", but would rather associate with friends in the evening than settle down to organised study.

On the personality side the following temperamental traits are highlighted; thus he is basically easy-going and participating; emotionally stable; undemonstrative and phlegmatic; taciturn and serious; relaxed and tranquil; somewhat given to disregard the rules and resort to expediency instead. He shows no signs of being anxious either on account of his present situation or as a result of neurotic factors. It may be assumed, therefore, that he is rationally motivated the greater part of the time and not given to act upon impulse.

It will be seen from a reading of both the Social background report and the school guidance staff's comments that the foregoing is in close agreement with typical behavioural descriptions. The problem for the future would seem to reduce itself then to ensuring that Denys' behaviour comes to fall within acceptable limits at school and at home. As to the school, available sanctions will no doubt continue to be imposed on a scale of increasing severity until he finally ^{sees} sense. At home, there would be a need to deny him any opportunity to play off his father against his mother, or to allow him to mix with the sort of company he appears to have been choosing up till now. No doubt further discussion at the forthcoming assessment team meeting will make clear the most suitable recommendation as to a disposal at this stage.

[REDACTED]
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Senior Educational Psychologist.

KIRKLAND PARK ASSESSMENT CENTRE

Darvel, Ayrshire.

_____ 19-9- 1984.

Notification of Assessment Meeting.

The undernoted child was referred to Kirkland Park
for Residential Assessment on _____ 19-9- 1984.

Name DENYS BROWN Date of Birth _____ 26-6-70.

Home Address _____ 23 GREEN BANK RD

_____ TRVINE

District Manager _____

Date of next hearing _____ 10-8-84

An Assessment Team Meeting has been arranged at
Kirkland Park on _____ 9-10- 1984 at _____ 9-30 am/pm.

Yours faithfully,

C.C. District Manager
Dept. Principal Psychologist,

Residential Assessment Coordinator.

