

Case Study - Adult

Carlson

Carlson is a 30 year old white male, married, with one child (age 8). He was recently paroled following seven years of incarceration for attempted robbery of a convenience store and assaulting a police officer. Prior to his arrest, Carlson was drinking on a daily basis, using drugs periodically and was laid off from his job. He incurred considerable debt. He was intoxicated when apprehended at the scene of the crime.

While in prison he became infected with Tuberculosis and is on medication, as well as on medication for high-blood pressure. During incarceration Carlson was required to begin substance abuse treatment which continues while on parole.

Carlson is intelligent and street wise. While in prison he established a strong network of criminal friends and his attitude towards authority is negative and hostile.

Information in his files indicates Carlson has an extensive juvenile record and was criminally active until his marriage. Records also indicate that his father had a criminal history.

Case Study - Juvenile

Sam

Sam is a 14-year old white male, serving nine months for 7 counts of criminal damage to property and vehicle theft. The original charge of vehicular homicide, resulting from fatal injuries to a 46-year old mother of two incurred as Sam fled from police, was dropped. Several opened cans of beer were recovered in the back seat of the stolen car but it is not clear from the file if the cans belonged to Sam.

This is Sam's first offense with no prior contacts with the system. While in the institution Sam performed well in school and isolated himself from other youth. He shows symptoms of depression and has indicated past "experimentation with marijuana".

His good behavior has earned him an early release date that is scheduled for next week. Sam has been ordered to pay \$14,000 in restitution while on parole.

Information in his files indicates Sam's mother passed away one month prior to this offense. He is the second oldest of three children. Sam has had no contact with his siblings or father during his sentence.