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SIMPSON, JEFF (CHILD) UZN 4830

Dictation Date

Service Worker

Case Name and Number

"THIS ASSESSMENT INCLUDES FOSTER HOME INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PARENTS: EDWARD MURRAY, DOB [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

PROBLEM:

Please refer to the original 307 dated 4-16-84. [REDACTED] contacted Protective Services Hotline on 4-16-84. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] on Wednesday, 4-11-84, Jeff Simpson had revealed to [REDACTED] that he had been sexually abused while in foster care. By [REDACTED]'s report, [REDACTED] stated that she asked Jeff the following question: "Have you ever been sexually or physically abused?" Jeff's reply was that he had been sexually abused several years ago in a foster home. When she questioned him if there had been anything else or anything more recent, Jeff asked if the information would remain confidential. After being reassured by [REDACTED] that it would, Jeff acknowledged that his foster father in his most recent placement had also sexually abuse him. Following her intake interview with Jeff Simpson, [REDACTED] consulted with her supervisor and they then obtained the counsel of [REDACTED] legal adviser. It was determined that this should and could be reported and therefore Mr. Patterson was informed on 4-13-84 just shortly before 5 o'clock that Jeff Simpson had made the above allegations. Mr. Patterson requested a protective service assessment.

CONTACTS:

This case was assigned to me on 4-17-84. I made contact with Mr. Patterson and we agreed to meet on 4-18-84. I asked that Mr. Patterson give me some brief background information on Jeff at that time and thereafter we would proceed to the GENA Group Home at 2808 SE Belmont to interview Jeff. Jeff was currently in placement at the group home while awaiting further placement in either an alcohol and drug treatment program or a setting which could be more long term.

On 4-18-84, I met with James Patterson as planned at approximately 8:30 am. At this time I looked over Jeff Simpson's quite lengthy CSD record. Mr. Patterson also provided me with a recent 147 which outlined the placements which Jeff had had since May of 1974 when he had been placed at Edgefield. The list of placements read as follows: EDGEFIELD 5-23-74 to 9-18-74; PARRY CENTER 9-18-74 to 5-14-79; [REDACTED] FOSTER HOME 5-14-79 to 3-14-80; [REDACTED] FOSTER HOME 3-14-80 to 5-29-80; LEAHY ROAD GROUP HOME 6-7-80 to 4-24-82; YOUTH FOR CHRIST GROUP HOME 6-23-82 to 7-21-82; and again from 8-18-82 to 9-2-82; and the MURRAY FOSTER HOME 11-4-82 to placement at the GENA GROUP HOME in March of 1984. Mr. Patterson reported that since September of 1983, Jeff's adjustment and behavior in the Ed Murray foster home had deteriorated. He reported that during the 82-83 school year Jeff had done fairly well at Lincoln High School. He had then had a CETA job and done fairly well working throughout the summer. In October of 83 he began to run, absencing himself from the Murray home overnight at various periods. Christmas was a particularly bad time for Jeff. Mr. Patterson attributed this in part to the fact that during one Christmas season, Jeff had set a Christmas tree on fire in a foster home burning the house. Approximately one and half months prior to Jeff's removal from the Murray home Mr. Patterson reports that Jeff began to stay out fairly regularly all night. His moods became "vile", he seemed to be always stoned and on two occasions reportedly "menaced Ed." Lincoln High School in fact finally withdrew him for non-attendance. In March, the decision was made to move Jeff. Mr. Patterson states that he in fact had made this decision when Mr. Murray also advised him that he was unable to cope with Jeff's behavior any longer. Jeff seemed to have picked up that this decision had been made and also stated he wanted to move

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from the home. Jeff was moved on a Friday to the GENA group home and Mr. Patterson advised Mr. Murray that he wished no contact with Jeff until cleared by Mr. Patterson due to the emotionalism surrounding the move. This was upsetting to Jeff as he was aware that Mr. Murray was leaving for a seminar that weekend and later for a two week vacation to the East Coast. On the Sunday following his placement, there were problems at the group home which necessitated a room search. Staff there later admitted that this was done in a hasty and somewhat degrading manner. Jeff reacted by slashing his wrists producing a 4 inch gash on the left arm. He was admitted to Portland Adventist Hospital. During this time period Mr. Patterson did okay a visit by Mr. Murray to the hospital before Mr. Murray's vacation. Jeff recovered and was replaced at the GENA group home. Mr. Murray left on vacation and was gone for approximately the first two weeks of April. Mr. Patterson did okay phone contact between Mr. Murray and Jeff Simpson and in fact Mr. Patterson told me he obtained approximately \$20 to \$25 of CSD money to provide the ex-foster parent for the purpose of making long distance calls. Mr. Patterson states that Jeff's emotional state was such that he felt the contact with Mr. Murray was critical to the child's recovery. However, Mr. Patterson noted that Mr. Murray made many calls probably using way over the dollar amount given him. Mr. Murray called Jeff from the Vancouver Airport and was reported to have said "Maybe you could come out and meet me when I come in at the airport". The GENA group home did take Jeff to meet Mr. Murray on 4-15-84, but Ed had someone else there to meet him and appeared surprised. On 4-16-84 Mr. Murray attended a meeting at GENA group home for the purpose of planning for Jeff's future placement. One possibility being explored by CSD was to replace Jeff in Ed's foster home with Intensive Family Services support and a community based drug program. However, given the allegations of sexual abuse made by Jeff to [REDACTED] and also [REDACTED] refusal to accept Jeff in a community based drug program, as well as the inability to find a drug program in the community for Jeff, return to Mr. Murray's home was seen as out of the question. Nonetheless, the meeting on 4-16-84 went as planned so as not to alert Mr. Murray to the information which had been revealed by Jeff the prior week. Mr. Murray continued to re-enforce that he would be a resource to Jeff after Jeff had completed a drug treatment program.

At approximately 9:30 am on 4-18-84 I arrived with Mr. Patterson at the GENA group home and was introduced to Jeff Simpson. I told Jeff that I was going to be very direct with him and tell him exactly why I was there. I then proceeded to explain to him that there had been a report to Protective Services that he had been sexually abused in a former placement and that I wished to discuss this with him. At first, Jeff appeared to be both surprised and upset that this information had come out. He shook his head from side to side many times stating, "I don't know where you heard this". At another time he stated "This could have only come from one person, but it was suppose to be confidential". I told Jeff that I was unable to reveal to him the name of the reporter, but told him that it was imperative for us to go over the allegations that had been made. He initially attempted to avoid by stating: "He's not taking care of kids any more, so I don't see what it matters". I then explained to him that it was extremely important that we document cases of sexual abuse whether the person had children in [REDACTED] currently or not. I explained to him that whether or not a person had children in their home, they could continue to access themselves to children through volunteer work, professional work, foster care in the future, etc. [REDACTED]

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It was only when I appeared to be preparing to leave that he stated "I guess it won't do any good if I don't tell you everything". He then acknowledged that he had also been sexually abused by Mr. Murray, his last foster placement.

Jeff stated that his relationship with Mr. Murray began when he was in placement at Parry Center and Mr. Murray worked there. At that time he saw Mr. Murray as a person who sincerely cared about him. As Jeff moved into future placements, he states he continued to see or talk with Mr. Murray. He states when he was at the Leahy Road group home, Mr. Murray was used as a visiting resource. At this time, from 1980 to 1982, Jeff ranged from 13 to approximately 15 years of age. He states that the first sexual contact with Mr. Murray was on a weekend home visit with Mr. Murray. On this occasion, Jeff states he was 13 years old and he and Ed were planning to go to Seattle for the weekend. On Friday evening however, they stayed at the Murray residence and Jeff stated: "It started all over, all the same things [REDACTED] Throughout this period of discussion, Jeff stared at the floor and appeared to be very depressed. At times his voice would shake as he described his disappointment when Ed Murray, whom he had trusted and seen as the only consistent adult figure in his life, began a process of sexual abuse. He stated that following this initial incident, Ed and Jeff did go to Seattle but Jeff stated that the trip was ruined. He stated thereafter that Ed frequently performed sexual acts on him and had Jeff perform sexual acts in return. Both anal and oral contacts were described. Jeff states that at some point fairly early on, Ed began to pay him for the sexual interactions. Later, when Jeff began to get into drugs and Ed was opposed to the drug involvement, Jeff states he suggested to Ed: "Look, let me have my drugs and you can have your sex". Thereafter, a barter system developed. Jeff states that over the last six months "The drugs just became too much, we lost control of it". I asked Jeff if any other minors were involved in the sexual activity and he stated that at various times Ed had picked up both kids and adults on downtown corners, in fact, stating that when he was on/ ^{the} run from various placements, Ed would pick him downtown, take home to Ed's apartment where they would then smoke dope and frequently have sex. Jeff states that Ed is now involved sexually with "Adult male friends" and to Jeff's knowledge Ed is not currently involved sexually with any minors. Initially during this interview with Jeff Simpson were the caseworker, James Patterson, and a GENA staff member, Calvin. Approximately half way through the interview the director of the GENA group home, René, entered and remained until the conclusion of the interview. Jeff became increasingly depressed and increasingly concerned with who had reported this and why it was necessary to talk about it. I therefore chose to terminate the interview at this point, having met with Jeff for approximately one hour. I told him that I would very much like to have him agree to an interview by Portland Police Detective Unit. Again, he seemed very concerned with protecting Mr. Murray and reluctant, however, he did give his consent.

On 4-19-84, I returned to the GENA group home with Detective Dave Foesch. Detective Foesch met briefly with Jeff alone and then we proceeded to re-interview him resulting in the crime

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reports dated 4-19-84. Please refer to those reports for more details of the sexual abuse allegations made by Jeff Simpson regarding [REDACTED] Ed Murray. Late on 4-19-84, I learned that the Grand Jury had been set for 4-20-84. However, I arranged to meet with James Patterson and Dave Foesch at GENA group home at approximately noon on 4-20-84. Our plan was to inform Jeff just shortly before having to go to Grand Jury at 1:00 pm. This was our planned strategy as we knew that Jeff was exceedingly anxious and did not want to increase his anxiety level any higher. On the morning of 4-20-84, Jeff had a confrontation with a staff member at GENA and walked off the property, climbing on a Tri Met bus. GENA immediately reported Jeff as a runaway and he was picked up off the bus and brought to Protective Services at approximately 11:30 am. I talked with him at length at this time and was joined by James Patterson and Dave Foesch. We all proceeded to the Multnomah County Courthouse where we met with the DA Mary Tomlinson shortly before 1:00. Jeff Simpson, Dave Foesch and I all were called upon to testify at Grand Jury. However, we were notified by Mary Tomlinson that she would not be asking the Grand Jury to vote on an indictment until she had further background information on [REDACTED] Mr. Murray. Jeff was returned to the GENA group home following the Grand Jury and then spent the weekend in Vernonia with a GENA staff person. Mr. Murray had been calling the group home constantly all week attempting to have contact with Jeff. Often he had threatened the group home with law suits when he was denied contact. On 4-20-84 after such a phone call, Dave Foesch contacted Mr. Murray at his place of work, the Metropolitan Public Defender's Office. Mr. Murray was advised of the charges as noted in the followup police report dated 4-21-84. [REDACTED]

My next contact with Jeff Simpson was on 4-25-84 when I picked him up at the GENA group home and took him down to Portland Police to meet with Dave Foesch. This was basically a social call and had been pre-arranged between Foesch and Jeff. Jeff appeared to be in relatively good spirits at this time, however, he ran from the GENA group home on 4- -84. On 5-9-84, I met with the District Attorney Mary Tomlinson at her request. This meeting included Dave Foesch. At that time Ms Tomlinson advised us that she was withdrawing from the Grand Jury the cases involving allegations of sexual abuse of Jeff Simpson by [REDACTED] Edward Murray. Please refer to Tomlinson's letter dated 5-15-84. It should be noted that Mr. Murray had changed attorneys several times before settling on a Janet Hoffman. Reportedly Mr. Murray had taken a polygraph with Stan Abrams. This was an exparty polygraph and therefore we do not know the exact results, however, since the exact results were not released to the DA my assumption is that it was inconclusive, though Janet Hoffman described Mr. Murray as coming out "Real good". It should also be noted that the defense had contacted numerous people from Jeff Simpson's past, Lois Orner, social worker from Kaiser who happened to be a next door neighbor to Ed; Sueann Jackson, a Metro employee, a former Metropolitan Public Defender employee whose also a close friend of Ed's; Jasper Ormon, a psychologist who at one time seen Jeff; Mike McInster, Lincoln High School, pass program; and Brent Crook also a former Metropolitan Public Defender's employee. Please refer to investigation reports included that also indicate that former placement resources [REDACTED] were also contacted and very freely gave information to the defense. Also, please refer to Detective Foesch's report of 4-24-84 wherein he describes his interview with [REDACTED] clearly state that Jeff first told them of the sexual involvement between he and Mr. Murray in the late part of January or the early part of February of 84. On one occasion, in fact, Jeff called Mr. Murray from the [REDACTED] residence pleading with him to cease the sexual behavior. This phone conversation lasted "3 to 4 hours" [REDACTED].

FINDINGS:

In the professional judgment of this caseworker who has interviewed numerous

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children of all ages and of all levels of emotional disturbance regarding sexual abuse, Jeff Simpson has been sexually abused by [REDACTED] Edward Murray, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In regard to Mr. Murray, Jeff throughout his discussion of the allegations described above continued to refer to Mr. Murray as "Dad". He showed a high degree of emotional involvement and concern for Mr. Murray, disappointment that his relationship with Mr. Murray had become a sexual one, and concerned that Mr. Murray not "Get in trouble or have his career ruined," both were consequences which Mr. Murray had continually told him would occur were he ever to tell someone. Jeff Simpson has obviously been through multiple placements and has come to the end of the line in terms of what CSD has to offer. He is the first to acknowledge this. He stated over and over his concern that bringing this up would mean that he would never be able to return to Mr. Murray's home, the one home that did work for him for at least a year and half. He had a commitment from Mr. Murray after completing drug and alcohol treatment. In the face of everything else, there certainly is no motive for a child to make something like this up knowing that they are blowing their last available family resource.

RECOMMENDATION:

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Likewise, Mr. Murray who was specially certified for Jeff Simpson, should never again be utilized as a certified CSD resource for children. It is unfortunate that the criminal justice system chose not to act in this case simply because a conviction of [REDACTED] Mr. Murray would probably be the only way of mandating them in to treatment for their sexual deviancy. However, it is now the responsibility of the agency to continue to care for Jeff Simpson in the most appropriate setting available. Mr. Patterson is continuing to explore a residential alcohol and drug treatment program. Jeff has now turned himself in as of 5-17-84. It is recommended that the therapists involved with Jeff during the following weeks and months focus on not only the drug and alcohol programs which Jeff Simpson admittedly has but also help this child to resolve the trauma of ongoing sexual abuse.

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"due to the moving of all floors (Davis St. Building) and unpacking, this was not transcribed until this date 5-25-84-dh"

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