**EXPERT WITNESS REPORT**

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Fields: Sociology, criminology, and epidemiology

Expertise: Trauma, social disadvantage, crime and drug abuse

Subject: Mr. {{firstName}} {{lastName}}

Case number: {{caseNumber}}

**SUMMARY**

{{summary}}

**Documents Reviewed**

**FINDINGS**

**Background**

{{background}}

1. **Community Disadvantage**

{{povertyHeading}}

{{poverty}}

{{healthcareHeading}}

{{healthcare}}

{{foodAccess}}

{{healthcareAccess}}

{{crimeHeading}}

{{crime}}

{{fights}}

{{gunViolence}}

{{substanceAbuse}}

{{schoolHeading}}

{{school}}

{{prostitutionHeading}}

{{prostitution}}

{{infrastructureHeading}}

{{infrastructure}}

{{publicServiceHeading}}

{{publicService}}

{{outdoorSpaces}}

{{recreationalAreas}}

{{publicTransportation}}

{{housingStabilityHeading}}

{{housingStability}}

{{socialIsolationHeading}}

{{socialIsolation}}

{{economicStagnationHeading}}

{{economicStagnation}}

{{enviromentalHazardsHeading}}

{{enviromentalHazards}}

{{residentialSegregationHeading}}

{{residentialSegregation}}

1. **Childhood Trauma and Adversity**

Dewayne was the victim of cumulative psychological trauma throughout his childhood. Childhood psychological trauma refers to a deeply disturbing event or condition occurring during the pre-adulthood stages of development. I screened Dewayne using a version of the renowned Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) questionnaire. The ACE instrument screens for the most prevalent types of childhood trauma, which include emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional neglect, physical neglect, domestic violence, household substance abuse, household mental illness, parental separation or divorce, and household member incarceration. My analysis of the interview data, case files, and collateral interviews indicates that **Dewayne has an ACE score of 10**, which is well beyond the clinical threshold for severe and lasting adverse health and behavioral outcomes. Less than .01% of a sample of high-risk youth in the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice database reported an ACE score of 10 or higher. Previous studies have shown that as a person’s ACE score increases, so do their risk of health and behavioral problems ([M. T. Baglivio, Jackowski, Greenwald, & Howell, 2014](file:///C:\Users\nylan\Downloads\Example%20of%20Forensic%20Report%20for%20Health%20and%20Justice%20Initiative.docx#_ENREF_1); [Michael T. Baglivio, Wolff, Piquero, & Epps, 2015 & Epps, 2015](file:///C:\Users\nylan\Downloads\Example%20of%20Forensic%20Report%20for%20Health%20and%20Justice%20Initiative.docx#_ENREF_2); [Felitti, Anda, Nordenberg, & Williamson, 1998 & Williamson, 1998](file:///C:\Users\nylan\Downloads\Example%20of%20Forensic%20Report%20for%20Health%20and%20Justice%20Initiative.docx#_ENREF_3)). All ACEs occurred before his 18th birthday.

{{firstName}}*’s ACEs*

1. *Emotional abuse*

{{emotionalAbuse}}

1. *Physical abuse*

{{physicalAbuse}}

1. *Sexual abuse*

{{sexualAbuse}}

1. *Emotional neglect*

{{emotionalNeglect}}

1. *Physical neglect*

{{physicalNeglect}}

1. *Domestic violence*

{{familyAbuse}}

1. *Household substance misuse*

{{AlcoholAbuse}}

1. *Household Mental Illness*

{{mentalIllness

1. *Parental Separation*

{{separation}}

1. *Household Member Incarceration*

{{familyInPrison}}

***Other Trauma***

{{otherTrauna}}

1. **Delinquent peers and role models**

{{delinquentPeers}}

{{gangInvolvement}}

{{streetGuys}}

{{gangstaAdmiration}}

{{peersInCollege}}

{{peersInPrison}}

{{relativesInPrison}}

1. **Lack of Protective Factors**

One of the fundamental questions explored in child psychiatry is, “Why don’t all children with traumatic histories and behavioral health disorders commit crimes?” The answer rests in the concept of risk factors and protective factors.

{{otherRishFactors}}

1. **Unmet Mental Health Needs**

{{mentalHealthIssues}}

{{mentalHealthImpact}}

{{mentalHealthTreatment}}

**Character and Potential for Rehabilitation**

{{characterExample}}

{{goodDeeds}}

{{volunteeringOpportunities}}

{{isParent}}

{{evidenceOfRemorse}}

{{rehabilitationPlan}}

**CONCLUSION**

{{conclusion}}

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**APPENDIX i: References**

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