

Case 9—Kevin Klein

Current Date: September 18, 2008

Youth: Kevin Klein

Gender: Male

DOB: 10/3/94

School: Community High
School

Age 14

SSN:

Ethnicity: Caucasian/Native
American

Language: English

Family Information

Mother: Beverly Klein

Address: 123 Bicentennial Way
Santa Rosa, CA

Ethnicity: Caucasian

Age: 35

DOB: 1/2/73

Employment: Part-time,
telecommunications
industry

Father: John Silva

Address: Unknown, possibly
Arizona Indian reservation

Age: 42

DOB: 9/15/66

Ethnicity: Native
American/Caucasian, tribal
affiliation unknown

Employment: Unknown

Sibling Information:

No Siblings

Current Referral/Circumstances:

Kevin Klein is currently detained in Juvenile Hall on charges related to two incidents. The first involved vandalism of community property and making threats toward his mother and the second involved battery of a teacher at a community high school.

The vandalism is a negotiated charge that arose from a petition alleging that he threatened his mother with a pellet gun and during this incident retreated to his room where he threw a computer at the wall, causing substantial damage in the home. Pending a hearing on charges of assault with a deadly weapon,

vandalism and making threat, Kevin was released on community detention in his grandmother's custody.

As to the battery, Kevin became enraged at a teacher when she confronted him about throwing a book at another student. Kevin then threw a book and chair at the teacher. While he did not actually hit the teacher, she told Kevin that he would have to leave the classroom. He then became enraged and hit her in the forearm. Police were called and Kevin was transported to Juvenile Hall.

Prior Juvenile Probation History:

Kevin's first referral to probation occurred in 2005 when he was 12 years old. He was referred on charges that he attempted to extort money and trading cards from an 11 year-old boy. Kevin was in possession of three knives at the time of his arrest. The matter was referred to a local services center for counseling under informal supervision and the case was closed.

Kevin was later referred for two other incidents. In the first instance, he stole \$80 from his mother's purse. In the second incident, he punched a fellow student at the junior high school. The victim sustained a broken tooth. Both incidents were again handled informally with community services.

Child Welfare/Juvenile Dependency Information:

Child Welfare Services records show only one referral alleging that Kevin may have been physically abused by his grandmother when he was 9 years old. The matter was investigated and closed at intake as inconclusive.

Kevin was suspected of attempting to sexually abuse a first grader when he was in the fourth grade. The matter was handled at the school with an agreement that he be transferred to another school site.

Kevin's mother reported to law enforcement that she believes her son was sexually abused when he was four years old by a 12-year old babysitter. Investigation did not result in an arrest or other action being taken because Kevin never disclosed any abuse.

Interview with Minor:

Kevin was angry and sullen during his interview with his probation officer on the current situation, especially when told that the probation department was recommending placement and residential treatment for his aggressive behaviors.

Kevin stated that his mother is working, going to school for her degree, or drinking heavily. She never pays attention to him. This has been true for as long as he can remember.

Kevin stated that he does not know his father and has never met him. Kevin stated angrily that he does not have any desire to have a relationship with his father, since he never took time to get to know Kevin.

Kevin reported that he lived with his mother and grandparents until his grandfather, who was the only father he has ever known, died in 2001. Kevin loved to spend time outdoors fishing with his grandfather. His grandfather also helped him to develop his passion for building models and small machines. Shortly after his grandfather's death, he and his mother moved out after a dispute between his mother and grandmother as a result of the CWS referral.

In the past few years, he and his mother have resided in a one-bedroom apartment in downtown Santa Rosa with periodic contact with his grandmother.

Kevin stated that he does not like school because he is always making teachers mad and has difficulty making friends and completing work. He has made some friends recently, but his mother and the school disapprove of them. His mother told him she is uncomfortable with their rigid views regarding people of different races and while the group does not know Kevin's father is Native American, she is concerned that they may harm him if they knew.

Kevin also stated that the medications that his psychiatrist has been prescribing is making him feel funny and making him have nightmares.

Interviews with Parents

Kevin's mother, Beverly Klein, is an unattached single parent who works part-time at a local telecommunications company and attends college online. She has no criminal history and denies use of drugs. She stated that she drinks alcohol socially and stated that she tries hard not to overdo, as her family has a history of alcoholism.

Beverly provides for Kevin on her own, making a limited income and health benefits stretch. She has few friends in the area due to her heavy obligations and concerns about Kevin's behavioral and mental health problems. Whenever Beverly begins dating a man, Kevin's behavior escalates and the man usually distances himself as a result.

Beverly was born in Mendocino County and was raised by parents who owned a farm. She moved to Santa Clara County, where she met and engaged in a brief relationship with Kevin's birth father. After the two parted company, Beverly discovered that she was pregnant and shortly after, she moved to Santa Rosa to start a new life. She has never married.

Beverly describes her son as sensitive, highly intelligent and prone to becoming frustrated and angry. She feels he will be fine if he can just channel his anger. Kevin enjoys reading and Beverly noticed that he is able to use what he reads to engage her in interesting conversations. She stated he is caring, thoughtful and often funny and very loyal to friends.

Beverly stated that Kevin enjoys building models and playing on the computer. He will take long bicycle rides and is becoming fit at the apartment's fitness center.

Kevin's mother has worried about her son's behavioral problems, particularly his aggressive behaviors and inattention since he was in the second grade. He was diagnosed with ADHD in the second grade and began having more serious behavioral problems in the fourth grade. Recently, he has begun hanging out with four boys who have been associated with a local white supremacy gang and she worries that they will take advantage of him when they discover his Native American heritage.

Kevin was recently assessed again by the local system of care and they are leaning toward a diagnosis of bipolar disorder. He takes a variety of psychotropic medications and was recently switched from Ritalin to Abilify.

Kevin's mother feels that she can handle him at home, despite his recent threats and aggression.