

Entry 10 Psychiatric Report

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IDENTIFICATION DATA

Name: GARY GOODMAN

Camden County, Major

Date of Birth: April 30, 20XX-19

Age: 18 years

Marital Status: Single

Place of Birth: Camden City, Major

REASONS FOR REFERRAL

Mr. GOODMAN was referred for Psychiatric and Psychological Evaluation by Honorable Judge James Roy Bean to determine:

1. Sanity at the time of the alleged offense.
2. Competency to proceed.
3. Whether he meets the criteria of involuntary hospitalization.

The purpose of this evaluation was a confidential report for the Defense only.

Mr. GOODMAN was examined on September 20, 20XX-1, at the Camden County Jail.

PERSONAL HISTORY

GARY was born in Camden City. His biological father, JONATHAN GOODMAN, is 44-years old and lives in Camde City. His father is in the construction business. His biological mother, VANESSA WILLIAMS, is 43 years old and also lives in Camden City. His mother is unemployed due to an operation on her hands and a back injury. His parents were separated when he was 12-years old and he was raised mostly by the mother and his oldest brother.

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GARY claims that his overall childhood was essentially normal with no history of alcohol or drug abuse in the family.

GARY was attending 12th grade in Camden County prior to getting arrested and subsequently has not been able to attend school because of incarceration. While in school he attended regular classes. He reports having been suspended a few times for fighting, and that report is corroborated by his school records, which list 15 incidents of discipline for fighting, including 5 suspensions for fighting. He was below average as a student, repeating the 8th grade.

GARY did excel at athletics, being a member of the wrestling, weightlifting, and football teams, and having won state championships as a wrestler and weightlifter.

GARY has never been married and has no children. He denies ever suffering from a venereal disease and denies any significant sexual problems.

Most of his life he has done odd jobs such as mowing lawns, etc. He does, however, pride himself in being a good artist and claims that several people often come to him and pay him small amounts for his pictures .

ALCOHOL AND DRUG HISTORY

GARY admits that he has been occasionally drinking, mostly on weekends, but does not think that he has a problem with alcohol. He also admits that on weekends he usually smokes a few joints of marijuana .

LEGAL HISTORY

He denies any prior problems with the law.

MEDICAL HISTORY

GARY claims that as a child he hurt his left eye in a fall and subsequently underwent surgery. Currently he reports no problems with his vision.

PSYCHIATRIC HISTORY

Patient denies any prior inpatient or outpatient psychiatric care, but claims that two years ago he did attempt suicide by an overdose when he failed to advance in the sectional championships in wrestling. He claims he just got tired of living.

He does at this time complain of feeling depressed, but this depression appears to be consistent with being incarcerated and recognizing that he is in serious trouble with the law.

PATIENT'S ACCOUNT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO HIS ARREST

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GARY claims that he has been charged with second degree murder and second degree attempted murder. He claims the particular incident happened on May 1, 20XX-1. He started narrating the incidence by claiming that he had been talking to his friend, DELBERT HIGGENBOTHAM, who was heavily intoxicated and carrying a gun around. GARY felt that it was risky for him to carry a gun, so he took the gun away from him and put it in his pocket. He then ran into a friend called JACOB and along with his brothers started riding around. JACOB then decided to split and then his brothers and he went to a club in Camden City. They sat down and started listening to the music and watching the girls dance. As they were doing so another friend called KAREN BLACK came in and joined them. As they were enjoying themselves, four people by the names of MOE, STANLEY, JOHN, and BAM BAM came in and sat on the other side of the club. They kept looking at GARY and acting like they were shooting him (with hand gestures). A girl meanwhile approached GARY asking him to dance with her and he did so. He looked out of the corner of his eye and every time he looked at these four people they would make hand gestures of shooting him and other threatening gestures. As he was dancing he suddenly noticed that MOE had hit his brother BARRY for no apparent reason. He told MOE to get off when he claims that JOHN and STANLEY came at him. He remembers pulling the gun and shooting once and then "I blacked out." He claims that when he came back to his senses he thought he had shot his brother. JOHN then tried to take his gun away and he claims the gun went off again. He apparently hit JOHN in the stomach. His brother who had been hiding under the chair, got up and got JOHN and pulled him off GARY. He remembers then saying "JOHN, I'm sorry, I'm sorry." Meanwhile BAM BAM grabbed him STANLEY was trying to hit his brother with a chair. His friend KAREN BLACK meanwhile came in and GARY asked her to hel-p them. GARY then slammed BAM BAM to the floor and he and his brother BARRY ran out of the club and left. He discovered later that MOE had died and that JOHN was badly hurt.

MENTAL STATUS EXAMINATTON

GARY is an 18-year black male, housed at the Camden County Jail. He was dressed in blue clothes provided by the county jail. His mood at the time of examination was depressed and his affect was blunted. He spoke with little variation in tone and avoided eye contact. He denies any auditory or visual

Hallucinations, perceptual deficits or psychosis. He is well oriented to time, place, and person and his memory is fairly intact for all three spheres, except a brief period during the alleged offense when he claims he blacked out. Apparently he does not remember shooting MOE. He has no prior history of any such blackout spells. He denies any history of auditory or visual hallucinations. There was no evidence of any paranoia. He denies being suicidal or homicidal at this point.

SANITY AT THE TIME OF THE ALLEGED OFFENSE

GARY did not suffer from any mental illness at the time of the alleged offense. His brief amnesiac episode appears to be very convenient in nature to absolve the responsibility for the death of MOE.

It is my medical opinion at this time that GARY was SANE at the time of the alleged offense.

COMPETENCY TO PROCEED

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GARY understands the nature of charges against him and possible penalty if convicted. He understands the function of the judge and jury in the court of law and the adversary nature of the legal system. He understands what plea bargaining is. He is capable of exhibiting appropriate courtroom behavior and challenging the prosecutor's witnesses. He is capable of assisting his attorney in his own defense. It is therefore my medical opinion that he is COMPETENT to proceed.

INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION

GARY does not meet the criteria for involuntary hospitalization at this point .

IMPRESSION

No mental illness, but suffering from a mild degree of depression which is normal under the circumstances. Although no mental illness was apparent, it was felt advisable to inquire further into GARY'S mental functioning. Consequently the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale – Revised and the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory – Adolescent Version were employed. It was found that On the WAIS-R, Gary obtained a Verbal I.Q. of 80, a Performance I.Q. of 86, and a Full Scale I.Q. of 82. This latter score places Gary in the Borderline Retarded range of intellectual functioning. The 6-point discrepancy between Verbal and Performance I.Q.s is not significant and indicates that Gary is equally adept on tasks requiring verbal expression and comprehension and on tasks requiring the manipulation of visual-perceptual stimuli. Within the Verbal Scale, Gary performed below Average on all subtests. Across Performance subtests, Gary scored in the Low Average to Borderline Retarded range with no discrepant strengths or weaknesses. Individual subtest scores on the WAIS-R are listed as follows:

Verbal Scale Scores		Performance Scale Scores	
Information	6	Picture Completion	8
Digit Span	9	Picture Arrangement	7
Vocabulary	4	Block Design	9
Arithmetic	5	Object Assembly	9
Comprehension	5	Digit Symbol	6
Similarities	5		

These testing results, coupled with GARY'S history, suggest that although he has no mental illness at this time, he suffers from a mild personality disorder which I would classify Personality Disorder NOS with Passive-Dependent Features. The interplay between this personality disorder and GARY'S low mental functioning, coupled with his relative unfamiliarity with violent combat, could easily cause him to over-estimate the seriousness of threats posed to him or to any of his loved ones and to over-react to those threats.

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