

Arkansas Department of Human Services
Division of Mental Health Services

Forensic's Report

FORENSIC EVALUATION

Defendant's Name: Heath Stocks
Defendant's Hospital Number: 604121
Date of Referral for Forensic Evaluation: 2/07/97
Date Forensic Report Dictated: 3/11/97
Date Forensic Report Typed: 3/13/97

Referred By: CCO ACA-5-2-305, Lonoke County

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

This evaluation is based on clinical interviews and assessments conducted with Mr. Stocks on 2/11/97, 2/12/97, 2/21/97, and 3/04/97. Mr. Stocks was interviewed by Marla Gergely, LCSW, on 2/07/97, 2/10/97, 2/11/97, and 2/20/97, to obtain information for a psychosocial history and assessment. Mr. Stocks was seen by Albert L. Kittrell, M.D., to complete a mental status examination.

Information used in the present evaluation was obtained from the Lonoke County Prosecuting Attorney's case file. This file contained the Lonoke County Sheriff Incident Report and the Arkansas Crime Laboratory Report, the felony information filed by the prosecuting attorney, and interviews with the defendant conducted on or after 1/18/97.

Additional information used the evaluation was obtained from the medical records of the Anderson Medical Clinic. Included in these records was information from the Child Study Center covering Mr. Stocks' treatment in 1987. Further records were obtained from Dr. Kenneth Counts, P.A., in Sherwood, Arkansas, concerning his treatment and evaluation of Mr. Stocks in 1995.

PURPOSE OF EXAM:

Mr. Stocks was well aware of the purpose of his hospitalization from the outset of his evaluation. Nevertheless, this information was reviewed with him and he was clearly informed of the lack of privileged communication involved in a court ordered evaluation. Mr. Stocks reported he was following the legal advice of his attorneys and was appropriately self-protective in statements to this evaluator.

OFFICIAL VERSION OF ALLEGED OFFENSES:

Mr. Stocks is charged with Capital Felony Murder in the deaths of his parents and sister, in the family home, on 1/17/97.

DEFENDANT'S VERSION OF ALLEGED OFFENSES:

Mr. Stocks declined, on the advice of his attorneys, to talk with the evaluator about his behavior at the time of the alleged crime. Subsequently, after further consultation with his attorney, Mr. Stocks did talk with Dr. Albert Kittrell concerning his behavior at the time of the alleged offense. Mr. Stocks' legal file contains several statements which he made immediately after the alleged crime. These statements may be reviewed for further information concerning Mr. Stocks' version of his behavior at the time of the alleged charges.

RELEVANT HISTORY:

Social informants recalled Mr. Stocks was somewhat "hyper" as a child. Other informants, however, noted he seemed to develop normally. Social informants, including Mr. Stocks' grandparents, did report he had temper tantrums from an early age.

Mr. Stocks reported a very poor relationship with his father, and he reported his father often beat him physically. He reported he was afraid of his father. Mr. Stocks' grandparents reported their view of the family situation was one in which the defendant could never please his father. Social informants did indicate they were aware the senior Mr. Stocks often physically punished his son from a very early age. The senior Mr. Stocks, a victim in the alleged incident, was also reported to have a terrible temper. Reportedly he ruled the family with an "iron fist." Social informants further reported approximately a week prior to the alleged murders, both the defendant and his father threatened to kill one another. There was also a report the defendant was possibly "kicked" out of the family's home due to his parents' displeasure over his recent behavior problems. Mr. Stocks also reported he had recently been kicked out of the house.