

7/4/01 10:40 AM

Several concerns have been referred re the care of the children and the parents use of alcohol and family violence

Plan: Will field to 740A Magnus on July 4th

Cory Donald on call worker - field to the home during my absence from work - according to Cory Donald that he had met with Steve at this home at 740B Magnus - Steve appeared sincere, open and honest in his discussion with Cory - Samantha left the home and the two children are in care of their father. The house was clean and Steve did have assistance from extended family to care for the children if needed,

7/5/01 8:43 AM

PC to Jenny Sinclair at MA MAWI WI CHI ITATA re: Steve - she was not in - left message to call DCA

7/5/01 12:08 PM

PC to [REDACTED] to Jenny - line busy

7/6/01 2:01 PM

Field to 740B Magnus to meet with Steve. Steve was at home with his youngest child [REDACTED] - Phoenix was not at home she was at his friend Kim Edwards's home for the afternoon. Steve stated he gets her to watch her if he needs to go some where. The house was very clean although it was sparsely furnished / there is about six kittens including the mother - Steve stated that "he is looking for a home for them - they will be ready in about two weeks to leave their mother - this worker noticed no apparent smell of cat urine and that the cat where lying in the corner near the entrance of the apartment. The youngest child [REDACTED] was sleeping in a portable playpen in the living room near the kitchen. Steve invited this worker to the back of the apartment to what he considered his living room - he explained that he and Samantha are separated after she came home with a "hickey" on her neck - he stated she was with her ex-boyfriend, [REDACTED] who is the father of her oldest child. Steve stated the child [REDACTED] is in care of CFS. Steve stated he did not want anything more to do with Samantha and that he was charged with assault against her - Steve stated that she claims that he shook her up - Steve stated that his sister Jenny was there and witnessed the argument. Another reason for Samantha trying to get back at him according to Steve - he stated his sister Sheila Sinclair had fought Samantha. He also stated that the WPS attended his home and arrested and charge him with assault - at that time the WPS took [REDACTED] and gave the child to Samantha. The child returned to his care about two days after this when Samantha brought [REDACTED] back on her own. Steve described [REDACTED] conditions as "being dirty and hunger and she smelt badly" Steve stated he knew very well that Samantha could not care for her. Steve appeared to up front and honest in his answers.

During the time this worker was in the home - [REDACTED] woke up about 15 minutes into the visit - Steve retrieved her from the playpen and prepared a bottle of formula for her - all the time he held her in his arms - when Steve sat on the couch - he played with [REDACTED] and

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the child appeared very alert and responded to the noises and faces her father was directing towards her.

While he fed her the formula he talked about his plans for the children – he stated that his main support for the children and him is his sister "Jenny" she works at the Ma Ma Wi center and he attended to the center almost daily. Steve stated that he takes the children to 601 Aikins if there is a need for medical attention and that Dr. Lipnowski sees [REDACTED] – or he will call Envoy for assistance if they get sick and stated that [REDACTED] is on "similac" formula and that she eats well.

This worker asked if he has a Ma Ma Wichita worker assigned to him – Steve stated no – that he goes there and visits with all the workers – he did state that he will taking a parenting program for young fathers in August. Steve stated that he doing okay and if he needs any supports he would call the agency. Steve stated that he has changed all the welfare, child tax over to his name.

Summary:

- Steve has completed a Parenting Program through the Andrew Family Street Center last year – he will a copy of all his certificate for this worker
- Steve has consulted with Ma Ma Wi on assisting him on retaining a lawyer to file for full custody of his children Phoenix and [REDACTED]
- Steve has been separated from Samantha for about three weeks
- According to Steve, Samantha has resumed her relationship with "[REDACTED]" father of her oldest son – [REDACTED] has just recently got out of jail
- Steve has been formally charged with "Assault" on July 2nd. – It is alleged by Samantha that Steve had shook her up – According to Steve his sister Jenny witnessed the argument and has noted that "Steve" did not shake up Samantha.
- Steve has approached Ma Ma Wi to attend a parenting group for young fathers "Young Fathers" contact person is Dennis Belanger @ [REDACTED] this will be starting in August 2001
- Steve had charged and applied for a restraining order against "Samantha" after she Uttered Threats of Violence against him on July 3rd.
- Steve stated that he is not wanting any support services from the Agency i.e. Respite, homemaking at this time but will call the Agency if a need arises
- Steve stated he has not had a drink of "alcohol" for about 2 weeks and if he decides to go out – he will get his sister (Jenny) to care for the children
- Steve stated he when and if he decides to have a few drinks - he usually only drinks for one evening – he does not go for days – and that alcohol is not a problem for him
- This worker cautioned him about drinking alcohol while the children are in the home – this can lead to the children being removed from his care – Steve nodded and stated he is well aware of this and stated that Jenny will care for them
- This worker informed him that on a weekly basis – I will stopping by to see how he is doing and if he is not home I will leave a note in the mailbox for him to contact
- This worker informed him that if he needs any supports to call me ASAP

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7/10/01 1:10 PM

Field to 740B Magnus @ about 11:30 AM - there was no one home - left note in mailbox that I stopped by and asked Steve to call me at the office.

7/16/01 9:16 AM

This worker was informed by the Supervisor - Lorna Hanson at my home in Brokenhead that on Sunday, July 15th that [REDACTED] was taken to the hospital and was DOA - Received Night Duty report of the incident dated July 15, 2001 (see file)

7/16/01 9:48 AM

PC to Jenny @ [REDACTED] - she stated that Steve was at her house and is presently sleeping - she stated that they have not heard anything from Samantha and did not know where she was - all she knew that a couple of her friends had seen her about two weeks ago and that she was prostituting on the corner of Langside and Broadway.

Jenny also stated that Samantha wouldn't call to her home either because Steve has a restraining order against her or she is probably drinking / Jenny stated she doesn't care about the children and in the past Samantha has said things about the children and has treated them badly (Jenny did not offer any more information.

According to Jenny - Steve doesn't want Samantha anywhere nears him or the children and stated that Samantha at this time is probably hiding due to recent charges and the restraining order Steve filed against her.

The last contact Jenny had with Samantha is when Samantha called to see whether her GST cheque was there and that was on July 6, 2001.

Jenny stated she is working on the plans for the funeral and has approached the welfare to get some money to buy clothing for [REDACTED] burial. They will be meeting with the Funeral Home- an appointment is set with the Aboriginal Funeral Home.

Jenny stated that she has some people/workers coming over from Ms Ma Wichita to assist Steve and her with the death. This worker offered assistance for childcare - Jenny stated that Phoenix is doing well and that she doesn't need any assistance at this time and will call the Agency if there is a need. This worker stated that the Agency would be available if there is any support needed.

7/16/01 10:15 AM

Incident #141385 - Constable Wouda or Hodges at WPS - Abuse Unit
PC to 986-6868 - the Constable was not available and left message to call.

7/16/01 12:07 PM

Samantha has not been contacted by police and is not aware of her daughter [REDACTED] passing away - Supervisor directed that the worker assist with any address that is known to the agency of where Samantha may have frequented.

Records @ [REDACTED] - for address on [REDACTED] - EAI Worker is William Grindell - [REDACTED] - left message to call.

7/16/01 12:12 PM

PC to Heather McCheyne (Samantha's EIA Worker) @ [REDACTED] - she is holiday until July 17th Shannon is covering for her until she returns - left message for to call ASAP.

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7/16/01 12:22 PM

PC from Crystal Kematch - Aunt to Samantha Kematch - Crystal is married to Samantha's Uncle [REDACTED] and resides on [REDACTED] - she has no phone but can be reached at her neighbor [REDACTED] home number - [REDACTED] - according to Crystal - the WPS brought both Samantha and her brother Mickey to her home last night - WPS informed Samantha about what happened to her daughter [REDACTED] Samantha is not at her home at the moment - she left to go to [REDACTED]'s home on Bannerman to get some of personal belongings. Samantha will be returning to the home today about 4 PM - according to Crystal - Samantha wants her other child Phoenix returned to her care. I informed Crystal that this needs to be discussed with the mom (Samantha) and the agency.

- Samantha is requesting that Phoenix be returned to her care
- Samantha will reside at her Aunt Crystal's home until the funeral and can be contacted there if needed

7/16/01 1:53 PM

Received PC from William Grinell - there is no open file for [REDACTED] and was cross-referenced with another client - no address is available.

7/16/01 1:56 PM

Received PC from Samantha @ 586-5605 - she wanted to know where Phoenix was and to call her.

7/16/01 1:57 PM

CB to Samantha @ 586-5605 - she abruptly stated she is not able to speak to me at this moment and she will call me back.

7/16/01 2:13 PM

PC to Jenny's home to speak to Steve - he stated that he is staying at Jenny's home and her and his friend Kim Edwards is looking after that Phoenix. I offered my condolences and stated that if the Agency could help in anyway that he could contact us. I informed him that Samantha was made aware today of [REDACTED]'s death - Steve stated that he did not want Samantha anywhere near him or Phoenix - the funeral arrangements have been made for Wednesday, July 18, 2001 @ 1PM - The Aboriginal Funeral Home is charged of funeral. Steve stated that he doesn't want Samantha or any of her family anywhere nears the funeral - I share with Steve that this may pose a problem and to think over the matter carefully

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Received PC from Samantha @ 2:25 PM - she stated she wants to know about where Phoenix was and that she wanted her - this worker informed her that the child is with her father Steve and that he was caring for her. Samantha stated that the police told her that the child was with CFS - this worker informed her that at the time of the [REDACTED]'s death that the child was being cared for by her father Steve. Samantha began to sound angry

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and stated that she wanted Phoenix and how we give him Phoenix I informed her that Steve was the primary caregiver of the children and that the Agency is aware that her and Steve have been separated for about one month – Samantha responded “yeah” – and that he had the child in his care and was the guardian. I further told her that “custody” or legal guardianship needs to settle by them and their lawyers. Samantha stated that they both have guardianship of the children – and where is it written that he has only guardianship – I informed her that it has to settled between them – Samantha got angry and stated “whatever” and hung up the phone. DCA

7/16/01 received VM at 3 PM – from Mickey Kematch – he stated he wants to talk to the Agency about the past issues and his reported issues regarding this matter to call him at [REDACTED].

7/16/01 3:46 PM

Received VM from Constable Wouda @ 3:30 PM to call him @ 986-6868. CB to Constable Wouda – WPS to obtain update on the outcome of their investigation of [REDACTED]'s death – he stated that it doesn't appeared to be foul play and that the father is clear – the death is undetermined – the house has been released by the medical examiner and that they can go back if they chose. This worker gave the Constable Wouda – Jenny's phone number so he could contact Steve their to inform him of the outcome.

7/17/01 9:07 AM

Received VM from Jenny at 8:37 AM asking that this worker call her ASAP regarding an application of an Interim Order of Custody of both [REDACTED] and Phoenix.

CB to Jenny at 8:53 AM – she stated that she wants to get an order of guardianship of both of the children – she spoke to Constable Kathy Hodges at the Abuse unit and stated that there is an issue of guardianship – that WCFS may need to call the Medical Examiner to determine who had guardianship of the children before the incident

This worker informed Jenny that Steve was advised to contact a lawyer prior to this happening – that he was going to have Ma Ma Wichita assist him in this matter – Jenny stated that an Intake Worker was suppose to do this but never did.

- Jenny needs to contact a lawyer to file for an Interim guardian application
- The Funeral is to take place at the Aboriginal Funeral Home on Wednesday July 18, 2001

THIS SECTION OF THE FILE RECORDINGS HAS BEEN PRINTED AND SIGNED OFF AND PLACED IN FILE EFFECTIVE: 7/24/01 9:17 AM

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FAMILY NAME: KEMATCH
FILE: # S007676
WORKER'S NAME: Delores Chief-Ablgois

Mother: Samantha Kematch
Address: 740B Magnus Ave.
Phone: no phone
DOB: September 9, 1981
Ethnicity: Aboriginal - Pine Creek # 2820176001

Father: Steve Sinclair
Address: 740B Magnus Ave.
Phone: no phone
DOB: May 15, 1980
Ethnicity: Aboriginal - Lake St. Martin # 2750133601

Children:

1. [REDACTED]
DOB: July 23, 1998
Temporary Ward with Cree Nation CFS
2. Phoenix Sinclair
DOB: April 23, 2000
With parents

EXTENDED FAMILY/COLLATERALS:

Nikki Taylor, counselor Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club, [REDACTED] (wk) [REDACTED] (hm)
Marie Belanger, Agency Teaching support worker [REDACTED]
Heather McCheyne, EAI Worker, 391 York, [REDACTED] fax - [REDACTED]
Germaine Brass, [REDACTED] worker with Cree Nation Child and Family Services, 989 - 4800
Rose McKay, supervisor with Cree Nation Child and Family Services, and-989 - 4800

PREVIOUS CHILD WELFARE INVOLVEMENT:

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SAMANTHA:

The Agency appears to have one history of involvement with Samantha Kematch, dating back to July 1998, when her son, [REDACTED] was born. At that time, the family was referred to our Agency from Cree Nation CFS, with whom Samantha was a Permanent Ward. They had serious concerns about Samantha's ability to parent, as, she had kept her pregnancy a secret, had received no prenatal care and had been resistant to any kind of assistance. Winnipeg CFS apprehended [REDACTED] on their behalf and he was eventually transferred to Cree Nation CFS.

Samantha had been a Permanent Ward of Cree Nation CFS since 1993, when she was apprehended from her mother due to issues of alcoholism, neglect, abandonment and abuse. Samantha's years in the care of that Agency were fraught with difficulties for her, in that she was often AWOL from placements, involved in criminal activities, sexually promiscuous, didn't attend school, was hostile and aggressive and generally had difficulties following any rules. Cree Nation CFS made attempts to place Samantha in a Level IV setting due to these behaviors, and she was eventually placed in an Independent Living program supervised by Macdonald Youth Services.

In July 1998 Samantha had her first child, [REDACTED] (DOB July 23/98) he was born in Winnipeg at St. Boniface Hospital. Prior to giving birth, Samantha had concealed her pregnancy and did not receive any prenatal care. St. Boniface Hospital made a referral to Cree Nation CFS when Samantha gave birth as she appeared very distant with hospital staff and from her newborn son. She appeared emotionally flat when discussing future plans for her child. She had also informed the nursing staff that she did not know she was pregnant with [REDACTED] until she took a pregnancy test when she was approximately 8 months pregnant.

The baby [REDACTED] was apprehended, at birth, by this agency on behalf of Cree Nation CFS. He was moved from the hospital to a foster home. Cree Nation CFS had developed a plan with Samantha; she was to be given an opportunity to parent her son with supports. He remained in the foster home and Samantha remained in the Independent Living program with MYS. Biweekly access visits were arranged while Samantha waited for an opening at the Oskki-Ikwe, a facility for young mothers at WaWayseeccapow First Nation. They were expected to remain there for six months.

On September 14, 1998 [REDACTED] was removed from his foster home and placed with Samantha at Oskki-Ikwe. Just after eleven weeks at the facility both Samantha and [REDACTED] were discharged because of safety concerns for [REDACTED]. Apparently Samantha was not able to feed him or meet his basic needs.

Samantha returned to the Independent Living program and [REDACTED] returned to his initial foster placement. [REDACTED] has remained in the care of Cree nation CFS and they planned to seek a Permanent Order. They advised that that Samantha has taken no interest in [REDACTED] and has no contact or communication with him or his Guardian Agency.

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The court date was scheduled for May 17, 2000 however this Agency is not aware of the outcome. It seems that Samantha did not become involved in that process. [REDACTED] is placed in Winnipeg; however, he will soon be transferred to Island Lake to live with his father's relatives. The Island Lake Agency will take over case management on behalf of Cree Nation.

STEVEN:

It is important to note that Steve Sinclair permanently came into Winnipeg Child Family Services care when he was 13 and he remained in the care of this Agency until attaining the age of majority. At this point Steve's biological mother's file [REDACTED] File #935858) remains closed and his CIC file is sealed. He has been resistant to allowing the workers to review his file. However his previous worker is Kathy Epps, at the Jarvis office, and she may be able to share any information she can recall. He did advise that his experiences in Agency care have prompted him to parent his child so that Phoenix might escape similar experiences.

DATE OF SOURCE OF AND REASON FOR REFERRAL:

On April 24, 2000 HSC social worker, [REDACTED] called the Agency to advise that Samantha gave birth to baby girl, Phoenix, after having no prenatal care. In discussions, it was discovered that Samantha had another child that was in the care of Cree Nation CFS. When asked why, Samantha thought that it was because they thought that she might hurt the baby, as her mother did her. In further questioning the couple, it was discovered that they had not made any purchases for the baby whatsoever and Samantha indicated not being emotionally ready to parent. N/Duty workers attended the hospital on this date to meet with the parents, and both indicated that they were not prepared to care for this baby, either financially or emotionally. Some of the options were discussed with the couple (around adoptions, VSG etc). Both parents indicated that they required some time to think about their options and required the baby be placed in Agency care in order to do so. The workers noted that Samantha presented as quite immature in her presentation and did not seem to understand the seriousness of the matter at hand. In the end, Phoenix Sinclair was placed under Apprehension with the Agency on April 24/2000.

On May 5, 2000 the couple consented to a three month Temporary Order for Phoenix. The following plan was agreed to.

- 3 month Temporary Order of Guardianship
- This Agency will await further case history from Cree Nation C&FS and incorporate it into the on-going case plan.

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