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Institutional Affiliations

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**Name of Accused:** Lindsey Nahol **Age:** 30

**Address**: No permanent address **Telephone: 404-12345 1234**

**Birthdate:** January 29, 1990 **Birthplace:** Georgia

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**Charge**: She has been placed under arrest for assault and battery charges for kicking and scratching the security guard and robbing the jewelry store.

**PERSONAL HISTORY**:

1. **Family:**

Lindsey has experienced a rough family background. Her family failed to pay adequate attention to her. Due to poverty and negative influence from friends, she has been involved in the criminal justice system since a young age of 14. She was 12 years old when her grandmother died, and since then she has been living in and out of the house after witnessing domestic violence by her father. When she was 13, her sister left the house after finding a job, and never contacted her. Lindsey lived with her mother but for one year she has not been in contact with any of the family members. She says that she has a friend who lets her stay at her house anytime. She performs house chores at her friend’s house sometimes while she spends most of her time wandering through the markets.

1. **Education:**

Lindsey is an intelligent girl and used to score the highest scores in school. She has completed her high school diploma. She wishes to earn a degree in criminal justice from the famous Strayer University. She aims to become a juvenile probation officer after completion of her degree and help the young people who get involved in crime. She believes that through better counseling one can deter from the path of crime.

1. **Social/Emotional:**

At school, she was an A-grade student and used to help her friends in studies. However, when she joined high-school, her academic performance declined. She states that it is because of the negative influence and bullying from her classmates during high school. After being neglected at home, she tried to adjust to the competitive atmosphere of high school. But classmates used to bully her for being a nerd. To prove herself cool in front of her class, she stole a car at 14 and started drugs. She was attracted to crime to earn respect and appreciation from her peers. However, later she developed a criminal behavior and committed burglary and shoplifting. The friend she is staying with has also been involved in criminal activities and has been sent to prison twice in the last 4 years. She was encouraged by her friend to adopt criminal behavior. She understands that her friend is a negative influence and wants to live a better place, but she does not have any place to stay. She feels isolated and lonely most of the time. Lindsey does not show any aggravated behavior towards anyone. She helps her friends when asked for loans. She is generally friendly to everyone around. Sometimes she volunteers at old-age shelter homes in remembrance of her late grandmother who suffered from Alzheimer's.

1. **Employment History:**

She was employed at a coffee shop as a waitress two years ago. The owner of the shop did not trust her because of her previous criminal record. She faced a serious allegation of theft but none of them was ever proven. After six months, she was fired from the job for being incompetent and rude to the customers. She claimed that it was because the owner discriminated against her based on her previous criminal record. She never applied for a job again fearing that same would happen at her next workplace too.

1. **Financial condition:**

She has been struggling with her expenses. Her friend provides her a place to stay but she has little to no money to pay for her expenses. She used to receive little money from her mother when she has lived with her. But in one last year, she did not contact her or receive any money from her. In the past, some of the days, she did not have anything to eat. She has received loans from different people in the past but committed robbery and theft when she had to pay back. **CRIMINAL RECORD:**

**Offence** **Sentence**

Car-theft 36-month Juvenile probation

Shoplifting 10 months in jail, 2 months’ probation

Burglary 12 months in jail, 6 months’ probation

Possession of controlled substance 36 months in jail, 6 months’ probation

**WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFENSES**

Lindsey has shown a humble behavior with the officers of law since her arrest. She feels remorse for her actions and wants to correct her behavior. She has pleaded guilty and is ready to take responsibility of her actions.

**EVALUATION:**

The police arrested her, and she has been in jail for sixty days. She has accepted the charges and pleaded guilty to charges of robbery, assault, and battery. She feels ashamed of her offenses and promises to live a better life onwards. Regarding the assault on security, she says that it was a defensive act as she was being stopped. According to the pre-sentence investigation, the defendant has shown offensive behavior since she was 14. This is her fifth offense and it is recommended that she is sentenced a further period so that her offensive behavior is deterred. Moreover, she must attend a rehabilitation program for correction purposes. It is observed that she does not belong to a stable home and has not met her family in a year. Her behavior has been affected negatively due to the absence of parental guidance. After being wrongfully fired from her job, she again committed a crime. If she was given a chance through employment, she would have made better decision. She needs to live in a foster home as she does not a permanent residence currently. She is mentally stable however, she should also be assigned a mental health physician for counseling.