

NAME Robert (Rob) Bowers

SEX male

AGE 13

RELIGION Assembly of God

DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]

RACE cauc

SCHOOL Harrison Middle School

GRADE 8th

DATE OF ADMISSION 10-10-85 Admit # 241

INFORMANT(S) mother & boyfriend

MOTHER:

NAME Barbara Saiter

BIRTHDATE/AGE [REDACTED]

HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]

PHONE [REDACTED]

PLACE OF BUSINESS Olen Mills Studio

PHONE [REDACTED]

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL GED

MARITAL STATUS divorced

SIBLINGS:

NAMES AND BIRTHDATES

SPECIAL CLASS DESIGNATION

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FATHER: Date 11-29-85

NAME Del Bowers

BIRTHDATE/AGE deceased

HOME ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

PLACE OF BUSINESS _____

PHONE _____

EDUCATION LEVEL _____

MARITAL STATUS _____

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS:

NAMES AND RELATIONSHIPS

Ray Bolt, (mother's fiance)

CUSTODY STATUS OF PATIENT mother

PLACE OF RESIDENCE OF PATIENT & Phone Address same as mother

(Current Living Group) mother, mother's fiance & Robert

CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1972 - Rob born; Mother an "emotional wreck" during pregnancy because of marital conflict. Mother hospitalized at WPIC for "post-partum" depression. Age 6 mo. parents were separated, Mother & Rob moved alot. Age 3 - Mother remarried, family moved to Florida. 12-75 Rob returned to Pgh with MGM; Mother separated and joined him several months later. 1st grade referred to school psychologist, Mother angry at this and changed schools. 2nd grade Father

PRESENTING PROBLEMS(S) (INCLUDING REFERRAL SOURCE) committed suicide. Age 10 - "preoccupied with suicide". Increasing conflict and aggression at home and behavior problems at school.

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SOCIAL HISTORY

Name: Robert Bowers
DOB: [REDACTED]
Date of Admission: 10/10/85
Admission Number: 241

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Presenting Problem

Robert was referred by Mon-Yough Mental Health Center after he had been admitted to McKeesport Hospital by the police on 9/23/85 when he became out of control at home. At the time of his admission to Southwood he was on a #303 commitment as a result of a hearing on 10/7/85. Problems include aggressive, out of control episodes during which he has broken windows, made holes in walls, set fires, made torches out of aerosol cans, and attempted to set Mother on fire with lighter fluid. In addition to the behavior problems at home, Robert is also presenting difficulty at school.

Developmental History

Robert is the only child born to parents. Mother was twelve weeks pregnant before she had a positive pregnancy test. Earlier attempts to verify pregnancy were negative. She describes herself at "an emotional wreck" throughout the pregnancy as there was considerable conflict between her and Father. When she was eight months pregnant she suffered a concussion after having been knocked down a flight of steps by Father during a fight. She had several incidents of false labor. Mother indicates that delivery was normal, although Father, who was present during deliver, was upset with the process. Robert weighed seven pounds, seven ounces at birth. He presented no eating or sleeping problems following delivery and Mother describes him as a "pleasant baby who was easy to care for". Robert crawled at five months, sat at six months, and walked at nine months.

Shortly after Robert's birth, Mother was hospitalized at WPIC for what she believes was "post-partum depression". When Robert was six months old, his parents separated. According to Mother, paternal grandmother helped her leave her husband. For the next year or two, Mother and Robert moved back and forth between their own and maternal grandmother's. In the Fall of 1975, Mother remarried and the family moved to Florida as stepfather was in the Air Force. A few months later, Robert moved back to Pittsburgh with maternal grandmother (12/75). He remained with maternal

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grandmother till Spring, 1976 when Mother separated from her second husband and returned to Pittsburgh. She and Robert lived for a period of time with maternal grandparents.

Robert entered nursery school at age three because of Mother's concern that he did not have enough children to play with. She does not recall any separation problems at that time. At age four he attended day care as she was working. She describes him as "hating it". For kindergarten and first grade, he attended McAnulty Elementary in the Baldwin-Whitehall school system. When he was in first grade Mother learned that he was seeing the school psychologist. She became angry that she had not been informed of this and demanded that the school stop that process. Currently she feels "I handled that badly". Because of her anger at the public schools, she enrolled Robert in Faith Community School which he attended from second through fifth grade. In sixth grade Robert returned to public school at Harrison Middle School. This year he is enrolled there as an eighth grader. Because of behavior problems in school this year he was referred to the school psychologist. However Parents asked that this referral be held as they have already contacted Mon-Yough Mental Health Center for an evaluation. The intake evaluation at the mental health center had been completed the week before Robert entered McKeesport Hospital.

When Robert was in second grade, his natural Father committed suicide by shooting himself with a rifle. Mother indicates that Robert has been aware of this event but has never talked much about it. She feels that the anger that is currently directed at her really belongs toward Father.

At age ten, Robert was "preoccupied with suicide". When he would become angry at Mother, he would threaten to jump from a dirt bluff near the home.

Always a small boy, Robert's friends have usually been a few years younger than himself. Although he was able to amuse himself as a young child, as he has become older, he "gets bored real easily". He often tends to eat when he is bored. Mother was unable to enumerate Robert's interests other than the fact that he likes computers.

Increasingly over the last few years Robert has become more defiant and hostile toward Mother. He gets along better with her boyfriend with whom she has been involved for the past four years. During this past summer he would "disappear all

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day" and become angry at Mother's questions about where he was or what he had been doing. He states that he hates Mother and that he does not want to live in the home. Because of his aggressive, out of control behavior, the police have been called on several occasions. Things have reached the point where Parents have been threatened with eviction if there is one more episode of Robert's acting up. According to Mother he will be under control for a week to ten days followed by a period of acting up which is then followed by another period of calm. As indicated above, he has broken windows and made holes in the walls of the apartment, has set fires, has made torches from aerosol cans which he has thrown out of the windows, and has on one occasion has attempted to burn Mother with lighter fluid. While she expressed concern about Robert's behavior and became tearful at the prospect that they might be evicted from their apartment, Mother hopes that Robert will be able to return home.

Family Information

Robert is an only child. His family household is comprised of his mother and her boyfriend of four years.

Mother is Barbara Ann (Jenkins Bowers) Saiter. She is thirty-four years old, born [REDACTED]. She is of German, Irish and Welsh decent and was raised in the Presbyterian church but now is an active participant of the Assembly of God church. Mother grew up in Wellsville, Ohio which is near East Liverpoole, Ohio, near the West Virginia Northern Panhandle. The family moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1961. Her family is comprised of Lloyd Jenkins, age 61 who is hypertensive and suffers from pernicious anemia. Mother is Patricia Jenkins, age 57 who has significant history for alcohol and drug abuse. She just completed a twenty-eight detox and rehabilitation program at Gateway Treatment Center this summer. She also has been hospitalized in the past for alcohol and drug abuse at Jefferson Hospital. There are also two sisters, Cindy age 31 who has a medical history of cancer and psychiatric treatment for possibly depression. She is married and lives in the Brentwood section of Pittsburgh. Her second sister is Patricia age 28, in good health, married and living in Monongehela, Pennsylvania.

Mother did not complete high school but obtained her GED. Subsequent to that she attended a bible college in Rhinebeck, New York for about two years. She married Del

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Bowers in March of '72 and they were divorced in the Summer of '73. Mother would refuse to give me significant background information on their relationship or on Mr. Bowers other than noting that Father has a significant history for violence and explosiveness as well as some question of substance abuse. Father did commit suicide when Robert was in the second grade. There is also significant and major history of/or violent behavior by the paternal grandmother which Mother would not specify.

Mother did indicate that she has had past psychiatric treatments which she was unable to or unwilling to identify a diagnosis. She indicated that she was an inpatient at Western Psychiatric Institute and Center for approximately three months when Robert was two and one-half to three months old. She speculates that it was possible post partum depression. There is also an indication of a second hospitalization but Mother will not give specific details. Mother did marry a second time in the Summer of 1975 and lived in Florida with Robert and her second husband for several months. She will not give any background information on her second husband. She does indicate that they separated in 1976. She is unsure of whether that marriage ended in divorce. In 1977 her exhusband informed her that a divorce had been filed but she has been unable to secure any documentation of that fact.

Mother has had various jobs in the past however, presently she works at Olan-Mills Portrait Studio in the Southland Shopping Center several days a week. She also supplements her income from that by babysitting Monday through Thursday with three children, two of whom are age seven and one age eight. She met her present boyfriend approximately four and one-half years ago and has been living with him at least for the last three and one-half years.

Ray Bolt is twenty-four years old, born [REDACTED]. He is of Irish, American Indian and Dutch descent. He was raised in the Protestant denomination but also practices within the Assembly of God with Mrs. Saiter. Both of his parents are surviving. He is from the New Kensington, Pennsylvania area. He indicates that he feels no need to give further background information on his family. Mr. Bolt is legally blind with only faint shadow vision. He's had past training through the Guild for the Blind and presently works for the White Vacuum and Sweeper Company doing appliance repair in their own home.

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The family lives in Pleasant Hills in an apartment complex. It is a mixed neighborhood, both racially and economically. Mother indicates that Robert has gotten into significant trouble within in the neighborhood with aggressive behavior and terroristic behavior towards other children and some adults. There has been police involved in the past but as far as Mother is aware of there are no juvenile records existing.

Family medical history is positive for high blood pressure for both paternal grandparents. It is also positive for diabetes with both maternal great grandmother and maternal grandmother. Mother has past history of hypoglycemia. She also presents with obesity and history is positive for cancer with maternal great grandmother, maternal aunt as well as several maternal great aunts. There is positive history for alcohol and drug abuse with maternal grandmother. Psychiatric history is positive with Mother and maternal aunt, both of whom have had treatment in the past. Apparent indications of significantly severe emotional behavioral problems with both Father and paternal grandfather but with no indications of ever having received any kind of treatment.

Robert has been seen in the past by therapist Sandra Locke at Mon/ Yough MH/MR and services are coordinated through case manager Siri Law. Community mental health has made known their concerns for Robert's well being as well as safety factor both for himself and for people with whom he comes in contact due to his disturbed behavior as well as Mother's apparent high threshold of tolerance for deviant behavior. Mother on interviews often times will minimize the significance or the dangerousness of Robert's behaviors. She is in apparent denial and rationalization of problem behaviors with Robert and will project onto external factors and will not focus issues implicated in Robert's behavior. From several interviews and a number of telephone conversations there appears to be some histrionic traits with Mother's interactions. Her communication and interaction with Robert has a very high expressive emotionality to it. There is major conflict and volatility in their interaction. Although Mother's boyfriend, Ray Bolt, on initial interviews appeared to be more stabilizing and rationalizing in these family conflicts, there are some apparent indications that his interaction within these conflicts made be more passive aggressive than previously noted. He appears to support Mother at times in her efforts to maintain dysfunctional operational style. Both on

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occasions have been resistive to the treatment process whether this be to their own denial or their limitation in understanding clinical implications. Much time has been spent to educate both and to bring a significant level of understanding but again there appears to be some operational factors in how they process this information because from follow-up interviews it appears that they have either misinterpreted or misunderstood or manipulated the information provided them to support and encourage further dysfunctional operation within the family system.

Concluding Comments and Recommendations

Robert presents with significant behavioral dysfunction which by history appears to have intensified within the last year to year and one half. By indications from records and out patient therapist family has had significant high threshold of tolerating deviance and therefore not aggressively sought treatment for Robert. Family background is indicative of significant dysfunction with Mother having a past history of affective problems and Father with serious psychiatric disorder and suicide. Robert at present in his early adolescence presents with significant behavioral and emotional conflict issues. His aggressive and explosive behavior led to hospitalization at McKeesport Hospital for seventeen days on an adult unit. His subsequent transfer to Southwood began the process of diagnostic and evaluative session to determine most appropriate avenue of treatment both within an acute care setting and in long term out-patient threatment.

Robert will be followed on daily individual psychotherapeutic sessions with his attending Child Psychiatrist, Dr. Ronald Glick. Robert will also be involved in the milieu programs as well as the group process therapy on the program area. Family sessions will be coordinated. At present time, indications are that Robert finds himself unable to return home, therefore our request for services through Children and Youth Services has been initiated to pursue possible residential treatment alternatives. Mother has vacillated in her support of this issue, although Robert expresses strong wish not to return home but to pursue alternative living arrangements. Every effort will be made to coordinate this through Mon Yough MH/MR as well as Children and Youth Services at the authorized body to act in the interest of the child for residential placement. Indications at this time are that Robert will need long term residential treatment.

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