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Candy Pasca, Supervisor
Division of Youth and Family Services
Northern Passaic County District Office
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Paterson, NJ 07505

Re: Islam Elkaryoney, D.O.B: 6/17/93

Ms. Pasca:

Islam Elkaryoney is an eight year old child who was admitted to St. Clares Children's Crisis Intervention Service, a children's inpatient psychiatric unit, via the emergency room of St. Mary's Hospital on 7/7/01. He was brought to the emergency room for significant acting - out behavior at school. My sources of information are direct interviews with the child, his mother, and written reports from his school and from Jill Soderman Ph. D., his therapist.

The letter from his school, dated 5/31/01, describes a deterioration in his behavior at that time. His behavior was consistent with someone who had been physically abused. Dr. Soderman had evaluated the children and their mother and described in her reports her opinion that the children and their mother had been the victims of abuse by Islam's father and she advised that his parental rights be terminated. Interviews with Islam's mother confirmed a history of domestic violence in her marriage in addition to physical abuse of the children by her ex-husband, Mr. Elkaryoney. Recently, the Court ordered overnight unsupervised visitation for Mr. Elkaryoney with his children. The local police went with the father to enforce the order and Islam was forced to go in spite of his protests.

I have interviewed Islam several times over the past week. Our trained staff work with the patients twenty four hours a day. Islam is receiving medication for symptoms of Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder. He is quite explicit about his fear of his father. He talks about being hit by his father with "sticks," and hit while tied by his feet and hung up - side - down over a door. He says that his father hit his two younger siblings. He describes bad dreams and flashbacks which are memories of this abuse which is consistent with a diagnosis of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.