

REGARDING:

CARLOS HERNANDEZ, JR.

AGE: 16 (Born: 7-14-1954 in Corpus Christi, Texas)

ADDRESS: 2302 Kinsolving, Corpus Christi, Texas

FAMILY:

Father:

Carlos Hernandez, Sr.

Born: 9-16-1919 \*

Mother:

Fidela Gonzales

Born: 4-24-1926

Married: -1951

Seperated: 1960

Children:

Margaret (Garcia)

Born: 6- 3-1946 \*

Pauline Hernandez

Born: 3- 7-1953

Carlos Hernandez, Jr.

Born: 7-14-1954

Gerardo Hernandez

Born: 9- 7-1955 \*

Javier Hernandez

Born: 9- 8-1956

Efrain Hernandez

Born: 11-16-1957

I. HISTORY OF OFFENSES:

A. Current offense: January 22, 1971: Negligent Homicide.

This subject was referred to the department on a charge of negligent homicide as described in the petition allegations.

B. Prior offenses:

None.

C. Additional information:

None.

II. REACTION TO OFFENSE:

A. Parental reaction:

There is only a mother-figure in this home. The father was convicted of a rape charge several years ago and after serving time in the penitentiary did not return home. Mrs. Hernandez is not at all hostile toward her son regarding this offense. In fact, she tended to minimize the situation. She appeared to be fearful that the relatives of the individual who was killed in the accident would sue her.

B. Child's reaction:

Carlos appeared to be suffering some guilt reaction toward this accident. The accident happened several weeks prior to the referral and so the crisis situation was over by the time the worker talked with the family. However, Carlos did admit that he had been drinking at the time of the accident but stated that he was not aware that he was speeding.

II. FAMILY BACKGROUND AND FUNCTIONING:

A. Parental background:

Mr. Carlos Hernandez, Sr. was born in Mexico and apparently is still a Mexican citizen. However, his parents brought him to the United States when he was a child and he has lived here ever since. He was married to Fidela Gonzales Hernandez in 1951. They began their relationship with a common-law union between the two of them. There were six children born to this couple before Mr. Hernandez was convicted of a rape charge in 1960. He was sent to the penitentiary for several years and after completing his term apparently went to live in Dallas. Mrs. Hernandez stated he has never attempted to come back to her and that she would not take him back if he tried.

Mrs. Hernandez works at a local laundry. She has worked at unskilled-type labor work since her husband was sent to the penitentiary in order to support her children. Her father is presently deceased but her mother lives here in Corpus Christi. Mrs. Hernandez completed about the sixth grade in formal schooling. There were five girls and three boys in her family. She belongs to St. Joseph's Catholic Church and attends on a regular basis.

B. Physical living conditions:

The family lives in one of the local city housing projects in a two bedroom apartment. The apartment is somewhat crowded with the mother and five children still living there but the situation is not serious. The children do go to school with the exception of Pauline and Carlos. At the present time Pauline is recuperating from the car accident and Carlos was a drop-out from school last semester. Carlos has been employed at various jobs and had very little desire to go back to school.

C. Family group activities, daily home routine and emotional environment:

The family sticks together fairly close. The most serious problem in the family has been with Carlos. It has been noted that he is a drop-out from school several months ago. Carlos and his brother Gerardo were in Youth City for about a year following their father's imprisonment because the mother could not support them. She was on welfare for awhile before she was able to get herself a full time job. The children

go to church on a fairly regular basis and in general the family constellation is stable. Carlos has been sobered quite a bit by the effects of the recent accident. He does realize the seriousness and consequences of his action and it is felt he has probably matured a great deal because of this.

IV. CHILD'S BACKGROUND AND FUNCTIONING:

A. Physical factors:

Carlos appears to be in good physical health at the present time. He is a normal sixteen year old youth for his physical stature. He seems about average in maturity emotionally. He is a school drop-out and has had difficulty for the last several years maintaining good school relations. He was about two years behind when he dropped out of school and at that point was unable to relate effectively to his classmates and the school work presented to him.

There is little evidence of any serious medical problems or psychological problems with Carlos. He has evidenced some ~~character disorder~~ behavior in the last several months. Much of this has been due to the trauma in the family such as the father's conviction on the rape charge. It is felt that Carlos is generally a fairly stable individual. The welfare department has been active with this family for a number of years and Mr. Raymond Crawford of that department states that he has been counseling with Carlos and his mother both about the problems in the family.

B. Social interactions:

Carlos is a fairly pleasant individual and seems capable of relating to his peers and to adults fairly well. There do not seem to be any serious problems here.

C. Ambitions and goals:

Carlos does not have any well-defined goals for his future at the present time. He is somewhat interested in automobile mechanics but as to what extent it is not known yet. However, he has not developed any long term goals and it is felt that perhaps the department may be able to get him involved in vocational rehabilitation.

V. DYNAMICS OF DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR:

There seem to be several factors involved in Carlos' behavior. One of the main factors goes back to the father's absence from the home after his conviction on the rape charge. Carlos and his brother were placed at a local institution for youths for approximately a year and was away from the mother and the other children during that time. While it was necessary for the mother to do this because she could not afford to support all the children, this seems to have had a rather negative impact on Carlos. While he has reconciled this for the most part at the present time, as far as his relationship with his mother is concerned, he still has a lack of self-identity which has made it difficult for him to establish any goals for himself. The relationship between Carlos and his mother at this point is relatively good. However, it was pointed out by Mr. Crawford of the welfare department that in the past several months the relationship has been strained to a large part because Mrs. Hernandez has tended to take out her frustrations on the children and particularly on Carlos. Mrs. Hernandez was obviously quite shocked and disturbed by her husband's behavior and

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his imprisonment and she obviously still holds a great deal of hostility within her towards him. And it is quite likely that she still takes some of this out on the children as she has very little other outlets. Counseling perhaps needs to be developed along these lines with Mrs. Hernandez. Counseling with Carlos seems to be more preferable along the lines of vocational rehabilitation.

VI. SUMMARY:

Carlos Hernandez, Jr. was referred to this department on January 22, 1971 on a charge of negligent homicide. He was involved in the wreck of a car in which a passenger in his car that he was driving was killed. He was charged with excessive speeding and driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

This is the first time that Carlos has been referred to this department.

Carlos comes from a family of six children. The oldest child is married at the present time and living away from home, but there are still five children in the home. The father Mr. Carlos Hernandez, Sr. was born in Mexico and began a common-law relationship with the mother in Corpus Christi in 1951. In 1960 he was convicted on a rape charge and sent to the penitentiary. Apparently after completing his term in the penitentiary he went to live in Dallas and has not communicated with the family since then. Mrs. Hernandez went on welfare with the family at that time and sent two of her children to Youth City. Later she was able to obtain a full time job at a local laundry and carries that job to the present time. All the children are back living in the home right now with the exception of the older married one. The family situation is relatively stable although there have been several problems in recent months.

Carlos dropped out of school several months ago after difficulty in school and after falling behind in his classwork about two years. Carlos began to be somewhat of a problem to his mother by staying out late and so forth and Mr. Raymond Crawford at State Welfare Department has been counseling with the family for several years. The main problem seems to be that the mother is quite bitter and hostile toward her ex-husband and takes out her feelings and frustrations on the children. The main friction seems to have been between Carlos and his mother but this seems to have subsided in the last month or two. The accident seem to have had a very sobering effect on Carlos and he definitely is feeling some guilt because of this and because of the death of the fiance of his sister. It is felt that counseling with Carlos on this point on should be centered mainly around vocational counseling and helping him to establish some goals for his future.

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**/II. RECOMMENDATION:**

It is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Court that Carlos Hernandez, Jr. be declared delinquent and placed on probation for an indeterminate period of time. ✱