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Juvenile Special Defense Unit Psycho-Social Summary Prepared by Candace C. Chang, BA

Client: Tamala
DOB: 1/3/89
PP#: 1018057

Reason for Referral

Tamala is a 17 year-old African-American female who is being processed as a Direct File Juvenile slated for Decertification. Tamala was arrested on May 23, 2006 and charged with Aggravated Assault, PIC, Simple Assault, and REAP.

Tamala is being referred for a psychological evaluation by his attorney, Michael J. Lovell, Esq., of the Defender Association of Philadelphia. The information contained in this report was obtained through interviews with Tamala; her maternal great-aunt, and review of School District of Philadelphia records.

Family History

Tamala was born to [redacted] and [redacted] in Philadelphia, PA. [redacted] stated they all lived together for about four months before the relationship ended between he and [redacted]. According to Aunt [redacted], Tamala lived with her thereafter until the age of three when she returned to her mother's care. Aunt Darlene explained she took care of Tamala so early on because she loved her and wanted her around. Tamala then lived with her mother until the age of nine when Tamala and her younger siblings were picked up by their uncle since their mother was allegedly neglecting and abusing the children.

Tamala described the years she lived with her mother as "terrifying" because she had to deal with quite a bit of physical and emotional abuse under her supervision. Tamala expressed she had been beaten with shoes, cable cords and hangers, and, at least on one occasion, had to go to the hospital to get stitches on her face. Further, Tamala described her mother leaving her and her siblings alone in their home for weeks at a time. She stated their home was often without heat, water or electricity and the children were forbidden from answering the door or phone. Tamala went on to say she and her brothers continued to go to school until their clothes became too dirty and it became too humiliating for them. When asked what her mother was doing during

