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Name: Crystal Kematch  
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Name: Mickey Kematch  
 Relationship: Samantha's Brother  
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#### Previous Child Welfare Involvement

For detailed child welfare history see October 2, 2000.

On April 24, 2000 HSC social worker, [REDACTED] called the Agency to advise that Samantha gave birth to baby girl, Phoenix, after having no prenatal care. In discussions, it was discovered that Samantha had another child that was in the care of Cree Nation CFS. When asked why, Samantha thought that it was because they thought that she might hurt the baby, as her mother did her. In further questioning the couple, it was discovered that they had not made any purchases for the baby whatsoever and Samantha indicated not being emotionally ready to parent. N/Duty workers attended the hospital on this date to meet with the parents, and both indicated that they were not prepared to care for this baby, either financially or emotionally. Some of the options were discussed with the couple (around adoptions, VSG etc). Both parents indicated that they required some time to think about their options and required the baby be placed in Agency care in order to do so. The workers noted that Samantha presented as quite immature in her presentation and did not seem to understand the seriousness of the matter at hand. In the end, Phoenix Sinclair was placed under Apprehension with the Agency on April 24/2000.

#### Identified Problems

- Ms. Kematch and her partner, Steve are separated
- [REDACTED] as of July 15, 2001
- Both Parent are involved in a custody dispute for Phoenix
- Ms. Kematch appeared to have hidden her second pregnancy as she had her first one, with [REDACTED]
- Ms. Kematch has also hid her third pregnancy as she did the first two
- Ms. Kematch's lack of motivation and/or interest in caring for her first child. It appeared she has not played a role in his life since he was a few months old, over 18 months ago.

- The couple's ambivalence regarding the long term plans for the child. They had not received any prenatal care and had not done anything in preparation for the birth of the baby. Also the parents initial reaction was they were unsure if they wanted to parent the child, there was an ambivalence regarding their commitment to the baby.
- Ms. Kematch 's reported flat affect and the reason for it. There was some concern that she may have been suffering from depression. Some form of psychiatric/psychological assessment with respect to Samantha was suggested.
- Due to the couple's young age and Ms. Kematch 's history, it was suspected they had limited parenting experience and skills.

### Interventions

This file was assigned to this worker on November 14, 2001.

There was minimal contact with the family until the Women's hospital notified the Agency that Ms. Kematch gave birth to her third child - [REDACTED] Ms. Kematch did not inform the agency that she was pregnant. Field to her home to assess the situation. The assigned worker attempted several times to connect with the family and left card asking the family to contact the agency. November was comprised of telephone contact and updates with Germaine Brass of Cree Nation Child & Family - 989-4800, she requested Psychological report for [REDACTED]

February 2, 2001 Field to 740 B Magnus - No one home - left card to call.

February 7, 2001 Field to 740 B Magnus about 1:15- (no scheduled visit) to meet with Samantha - both Samantha and Steve were leaving the apartment and Samantha stated they had no time to talk to this worker - I informed her that it was difficult to connect with them because they have no phone and when we attend the home no one is usually home - this is why we have to come out unannounced - Samantha stated "you could write me a letter" - since we are unable to meet today - this worker scheduled an appointment to meet on Friday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

Field to 740B Magnus on February 9, 2001 at 2PM to meet with Samantha - her and Steve were at home with Phoenix - Samantha appeared angry and annoyed that I was visiting - during the homevisit Steve sat in the back room and did not participate in the discussion. Although he did answer some general questions that the worker asked. The home was very clean although sparsely furnished. Samantha sat the entire time in front of the TV - while this worker attempted to have a conversation with her - she would nod or respond aggressively when asked a question. She did offer some information about the parenting program she and Steve did attend and participate in. That Marion Belanger, FSW was in the home and Samantha did feel she was helpful. They are also connected to the Boys and Girls Club (Nikki Taylor), Andrew Street and Ma Ma WI.

Samantha stated that her child Phoenix is doing really well and that she has no concerns at this time about her health. Samantha stated she doesn't know why CFS is still wanting to be involved and further stated she has done everything that was asked of her; this worker explained that they are young parents and that WCFS is available to offer any support if needed.