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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

- Mr. Sinclair has recently separated from his estranged wife, Samantha Kematch (actual date unknown - in June 2001).
- Mr. Sinclair has been charged with assault against Ms. Kematch.
- Mr. Sinclair has a non-molestation order against Ms. Kematch and has charged her with "Uttering Threats".
- [REDACTED] Deceased as of July 2001.
- Both parents are involved in a custody dispute for Phoenix.
- Mr. Sinclair has a strained relationship with Ms. Kematch's extended family.
- 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:

Following is the summary re: interventions written by Dolores Chief-Abigosis (Steven's previous worker).

The Kematch file was assigned to this worker on November 14, 2001. The Sinclair file was opened and assigned to this worker on July 9, 2001. Mr. Sinclair has his daughter, Phoenix, in his care and plans to go for full legal guardianship. He has a support network which includes his sister, Jenny Sinclair and his friend - Kim Edwards. They provide childcare and assistance for Phoenix if Steve needs to be away from the home or if he has

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to attend appointments. Mr. Sinclair appears to be a motivated individual and has agreed to participate in a Parenting course offered by the Agency. He will be connecting with his previous psychologist to do some grieve and loss therapy. At this time, Mr. Sinclair has expressed no desire to reconcile with his estranged partner - Samantha Kematch.

Prior history with Mr. Sinclair: 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 access the situation - the assigned worker attempted several times to connect with the family and left card asking the family to contact the agency.

November comprised of telephone contact and updates with Germaine Brass of Cree Nation Child & Family - 989-4800. She needed 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 2:00 p.m.

Field to 740B Magnus on February 9, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. to meet with Samantha. Samantha and Steve were at home with Phoenix. Samantha appeared angry and annoyed that I was visiting. During the home visit, 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 which she attended with Steve and that Marion Belanger, FSW was in the home and she felt that she did help. They are connected to the Boys and Girls Club, Nikki Taylor, Andrew Street and Ma Ma WI. Samantha stated that her child, Phoenix, was doing really well and had no concerns at this time about her health. Samantha stated she didn'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.

Samantha stated that she and Steve are doing well at this time. Samantha stated she did see Dr. Altman for the appointment and that she did have Marion Belanger in her home and felt she worked okay with her. Samantha will be getting a pediatrician to follow Phoenix. When this worker mentioned that Cree Nation was in contact with the Agency about her eldest child, Samantha sharply stated that she didn't want or need to have her oldest child, [REDACTED] involved in this matter because he is permanent ward of Cree Nation.

Overall, it is evident to this worker that Samantha is mistrusting of the Agency and