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Kim Shier
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R3g 0X1**RE: Karl Wesley McKay DOB: March 28, 1962**

Dear Kim:

As the Probation Officer supervising the above named offender, I am writing to express my concerns about Mr. McKay's poor response to supervised probation and more importantly, the high risk to become reinvolved in violent offences he continues to represent in the community.

Mr. McKay is presently on Probation until June 17, 2000 as a result of an assault on April 4, 1998 against [REDACTED]. As you know, this is not his first violent offence against her and he has a prior assault conviction against another female victim. Mr. McKay began this period of probation in July, 1998 by failing to report to his Probation Office for a two and a half month period, despite repeated promises to do so. This resulted in a breach of probation charge being laid against him.

Recently, he missed an appointment on February 9, 1999 and did not phone or provide an explanation, which is also a breachable offence. Furthermore, on Sunday, February 14, 1999, Mr. McKay missed the second day of a five day mandated domestic violence program he was required to take as part of his probation order. Although he has provided the explanation that he was unavoidably delayed out of town, it is important to note that Mr. McKay knew that his completion of the program was an important part in the process of having his children returned to him. He also knew that failing to complete the group would result in yet another breach charge. Furthermore, it is important to note that we view completion of the 5 day Partner Abuse Short Term Educational Program as only a beginning in the process necessary to change attitudes which support violent behavior.

Most recently, Mr. McKay again demonstrated his negative attitude when on February 16, 1999, he offended a member of the Probation staff during one of his regular reporting sessions. He was rude and unwilling to discuss the situation reasonably.

Mr. McKay has been assessed as high risk to re-offend in a violent fashion. We are aware that [REDACTED] has been unable to protect herself against his violence in the past and believe that she would be equally unable to protect her children. The children have been present at the times when Mr. McKay has behaved violently. Additionally, [REDACTED] has attempted to protect Mr. McKay in the past (on many occasions) by denying the abuse she has suffered at his hands. Probation Officer Barb Gislason has seen [REDACTED] severely bruised and injured; at times she would make up stories about how the injuries occurred and later would admit that Karl was beating her. These injuries have been well documented by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s physician.

In light of the above information, we have serious concerns for the safety of [REDACTED] and her children and believe that they are at risk due to Mr. McKay's presence in the home. If you wish to discuss the matter further, please don't hesitate to contact me at 945-3215.

Yours truly,

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Area Director, Wpg. Probation Services

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[REDACTED] Probation Officer