

The Hart Case

Tenacious Hart (DOB: 05/21/07) is a white 6th grade student at your middle school. His student identification number (FSI) is 0600100200. Tenacious, his mother, and father live together at 1169 SW Survival Lane, Strong Will, FL 99999.

Tenacious is in the gifted program at your school. He's very outgoing and active in the various clubs and organizations throughout the school. A month ago, he told you in confidence that his father, a former military officer, punched him in the chest and shoved him into the wall. According to Tenacious, the beating from his father was because he didn't like the hair cut Tenacious had gotten earlier in the day. While talking to you about this, Tenacious said that his speaking to you about the beating was a violation of the pledge that his father had forced him to sign. Some of things the pledge was said to include were ...

- A) No communication to ANYONE, ANYWHERE without prior approval
- B) When told to do something I will complete to the satisfaction of Mr. Hart
- C) Failure to comply with said rules will result in swift and necessary punishment.

On Monday Tenacious came to school dressed in a long sleeve shirt and cargo pants, despite the fact that it's 90 degrees outside. He has also shaved his head and is walking with a limp. He hasn't turned in any homework for your class in the past week. He has remained uninvolved in classroom discussions and appeared to be crying. You ask what's wrong and let him know that you are available if and when he wants to talk. Tenacious responds by telling you that it's nothing he can talk to you about.

Today is Thursday, and you haven't seen Tenacious since Monday. A female student comes in and tells you that she keeps hearing yelling and loud noises coming from Tenacious' house. The student says that she hopes he is okay because his father is strange.