

## The Notes Case

Lyric Notes (date of birth: 01/14/02) is a multi-racial student at your high school. She and her family reside at 1779 SW Broadway Street, Star Struck, FL 22222. Her student identification number (FSI) is 0000000000. Lyric lives with her mother (Songstress Notes), her mother's boyfriend, and two younger siblings (Harmony and Melody). According to her music and speech teachers, Lyric has been observed to be withdrawn and uninterested in class. Typically, Lyric is upbeat, and very active in class as she dreams of being a singing superstar. She's often seen around the school singing and dancing and is a part of the school chorus.

Ms. Soprano, her music teacher, talked with Lyric privately to ask how things were going. Initially, Lyric said that she was fine, however, shortly thereafter she began to sob silently.

After a little encouragement Lyric quietly said that she was tired and didn't know what to do. Lyric went on to say that she has considered killing herself because she can't keep pretending that everything is all right. She reported that her mother has been beating her for years, and she's had bruises all over her legs and back. In addition to the beatings, Lyric says that her step dad and mother are fighting frequently, her mother is no longer giving her lunch money, and that she's having nightmares again. According to Lyric, singing has always been her outlet but it's just not working anymore. She reports that she feels like the weight of the world is on her shoulders.