

The Wilson Case

Tarnish Wilson is a 9-year-old black boy who is in 4th grade at your center. He was born on July 18, 2009 and his student identification number is 1000000001. He lives with his mother (Supreme Ruler) and his 12-year-old brother (Metric Ruler) at 1600 W. Happy Trail, Pleasanton, FL 33333.

When Tarnish was in 2nd grade, his mother's ex-boyfriend sexually abused him. This abuse was reported to the Florida hotline, and the boyfriend was arrested and convicted for the offense. However, Tarnish has suffered for the last two years from post-traumatic stress syndrome. He has difficulty concentrating, high anxiety, and has nightmares.

Last year, Tarnish was Baker Acted to a psychiatric hospital after he struck and bit a school staff member. He was staffed to your center as a result of the hospitalization. Psychotropic medications were prescribed for Tarnish to deal with depression and aggressive impulsivity.

Mrs. Wilson hasn't attended parent group or participated in family counseling at your center, both of which are important parts of the treatment program. She seems aloof and disinterested in Tarnish' ongoing behavior issues and academic achievement. Medication administration and monitoring are provided at your center.

Recently, Mrs. Wilson was contacted about observed changes in Tarnish's behavior. The school nurse asked whether Tarnish has been taking his medications at home as prescribed. Mrs. Wilson indicated that she stopped the medications three weeks ago without consulting the child psychiatrist who prescribed them. In speaking with you, Mrs. Wilson states that the medicine has not helped Tarnish with his behavior problems and says "Your school is driving my son crazy!" She is adamant that she will not give him his medicine and does not plan to contact the doctor.