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PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

MARTINSVILLE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT CASE NO. C18-3138

MARTINSVILLE CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. CR19000009-00

Exhibit in attachment to "BRIEF AND EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR  
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS"

DIVISION FOR TREATMENT AND EDUCATION OF AUTISTIC  
AND RELATED COMMUNICATION HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Department of Psychiatry  
University of North Carolina

D I A G N O S T I C E V A L U A T I O N

Patient: Brian Hill  
Chart #: 60373

D.O.B. [REDACTED]

Center: High Point, NC  
Date: 10-19-94

Staff: Marquita Fair, Child Therapist  
Allison Butwinski, Parent Consultant  
Dr. Roger D. Cox, Licensed Practicing Psychologist and  
Clinical Director

TESTS ADMINISTERED:

Psychoeducational Profile-Revised (PEP-R)  
Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scale

REFERRAL INFORMATION:

Child's Name: Brian Hill  
Age: 4 years 5 months  
Address: 133 Mike Lane, Reidsville, NC 27320  
Parents: Roberta Hill  
Current Status: Lives at home with mother and is being served in  
a preschool developmental delayed classroom at Bethany  
Referral Source: Sheila Shelton  
Reason for Referral: Clarification of diagnosis and educational  
planning

DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY:

Brian was born prematurely weighing 3 pounds, 13 1/2 ounces. He received phototherapy for hyperbilirubinemia and was discharged from the hospital at approximately 2 weeks of age. At 18 months, he was hospitalized for 6 days with the onset of insulin dependent Diabetes Mellitus. He currently is taking NPH insulin and Regular insulin and his diet is regulated according to the American Diabetic Association diet. At 35 months Brian was seen at the Greensboro DEC due to language delays. There were concerns regarding Brian's social relatedness and language development. It was felt that his neurodevelopmental profile may represent a form of a pervasive developmental disorder and a TRACCH referral was recommended.

Currently, Brian uses words and short phrases to express his needs. He exhibits pronoun reversals, immediate and delayed echolalia, and repeats some phrases he has heard over and over. He understands and follows simple routine commands but cannot use or answer "Wh" questions.

Though aware of others, Brian has difficulty interacting with them. He is beginning to show an interest in other children but does not initiate interactions. Brian's favorite activities include stacking blocks and listening to music. He recently has become more aware of his mother when she picks him up from school and sometimes greets her by saying "mommy". Brian occasionally becomes upset when he does not have his way and is prone to small episodes of temper tantrums.

#### FAMILY STATUS:

Brian lives at home with his mother, Roberta Hill in Reidsville. His mother and father are divorced and Brian does not have contact with his father. His maternal grandparents live nearby and he sees them frequently. During the evaluation, Roberta was very friendly and easy to talk to. She offered some very nice information about Brian.

#### EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT:

Brian is currently being served in a preschool developmental delayed class at Bethany Preschool in Reidsville. Brian's teacher, Sheila Shelton, who attended the evaluation, felt that Brian had made very nice progress since his enrollment. She appeared flexible and willing to develop a program that considers Brian's individual needs.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CHILD:

Brian is a cute 4 year 4 month old boy. He was appropriately dressed in long pants and a long sleeved shirt. He was accompanied to the TEACCH Center by his mother, Roberta Hill.

#### BEHAVIORAL OBSERVATIONS DURING TESTING:

##### Relating, Cooperating, and Human Interest:

Brian, joined by his mother, accompanied the examiner to the testing room. He whimpered as his mother left the room. When offered a toy, Brian immediately settled down and showed a fleeting interest in the toys on a table. At the start of testing, Brian resisted joining the examiner at the work table. When he became upset, his language consisted largely of echolalia. Although he frequently whined when he did not get his way, he never actually cried. Brian's behavior was unpredictable when he attempted to engage in an activity. When materials were presented, Brian perseverated with them, making it difficult for him to relinquish materials when the task was completed. For example, Brian continued to fuss and ask for bubbles and play-doh

even when they were put away. He asked for the bubbles so often that they were eventually used as a reinforcer when he completed tasks.

Brian's attention to test items varied depending on his interest in the task. When he showed an interest in the items presented, he resisted putting them away. For example, Brian enjoyed doing puzzles, matching colors, and copying shapes. When he was instructed to put them away, he whined and said "do again, do again". Once he became familiar with placing the completed tasks in the "finished basket" it was easier for him to continue on to the next task. He showed limited interest in the kaleidoscope and counting which resulted in him placing incomplete tasks in the "finished basket". Brian was distracted by noises heard outside the door and in the observation booth, which made it difficult to redirect him back to tasks.

Brian was always aware of the examiner's presence. Eye contact was frequent and usually brief. He initiated social interaction by requesting the examiner to join him at the mini-trampoline and holding his hand. Brian appropriately asked for help and used gestures. He often asked for a "tissue please", returning the tissue to the examiner for disposal. He enjoyed being tickled, and although he did not ask for this activity to continue, he backed into the examiner with his arms stretched out as if to indicate that he wanted more.

#### Sensory Behavior:

Brian usually responded to his name by repeating it. He did not look at the examiner. He appropriately responded to various noisemakers. No unusual interests in taste or textures were noted during testing.

#### Play and Interest in Materials:

Although Brian often resisted sitting at the work table, he was able to focus on materials when they were presented. He was usually creative in how he used many of the materials. For example, when he used blocks, he made a three dimensional design twice and called them "pyramids". Another time he used the blocks to build "towers". As he identified letters, he told the examiner what each letter stood for; "G for goose", "A for apple", and "Y for yarn". When he used the scissors, he cut out shapes (rectangle and square) and identified them. Brian had his own agenda for completing the tasks. He became upset whenever the examiner suggested that he attempt a task differently.

Brian was most cooperative with tasks that involved writing, copying, matching, and coloring. He anxiously wrote his first and last name several times although not in sequential order. Brian copied shapes, focusing his attention on the examples presented when he was not sure how to draw a shape (triangle and diamond). Brian showed little interest in playing with puppets and pantomiming object use.

During free play, Brian chose to jump on the mini-trampoline, play with a toy motorcycle with a man on it, and walk up and down the

wooden steps. When he realized the steps could be turned over to be a rocking boat, he asked for help to turn it over so he could use it alternately as steps and a boat. Several times, he stood near the door and asked for his mother. However, he was easily redirected back to a play activity.

Competence Motivation:

Brian quickly understood the routine of placing finished materials in the "finished basket" to his right. He often returned to the table if he forgot to put his completed tasks in the "finished basket". Organizing three tasks at a time on a table on Brian's left helped him understand how much work he had to do before he could leave the table to go play.

Brian often expressed pleasure with himself by smiling at the examiner and frequently saying "good job". Verbal praise from the examiner was also motivating to Brian.

Language:

Brian used language and gestures to communicate. At the start of testing, Brian's language consisted mostly of delayed and immediate echolalia. At times, his language was difficult to understand. He often commented during testing, but seldom directing his comments to the examiner. Brian asked questions such as, "can I blow?", "can I do bell again?", and "is this a birthday cake"? However, Brian had much more difficulty answering questions.

RESULTS AND SUMMARY OF THE PEP-R:

The Psychoeducational Profile-Revised (PEP-R) is a developmental test designed specifically for autistic and communication handicapped children. The child's performance is scored in several different function areas, and totalled to provide an overall developmental age score. Brian's overall score was 101, which resulted in an age equivalent of approximately 3 years 9 months.

On the PEP-R, Brian scored as follows:

<u>Function Area</u>	<u>Age Level</u>
Imitation	4 yrs. 6 mos.
Perception	4 yrs. 1 mo.
Fine Motor	3 yrs. 3 mos.
Gross Motor	3 yrs. 1 mo.
Eye Hand Integration	4 yrs. 7 mos.
Cognitive Performance	3 yrs. 3 mos.
Cognitive Verbal	3 yrs. 9 mos.
Developmental Score	3 yrs. 9 mos

When assessed with the PEP-R, Brian's test scores indicated relative weaknesses in the motor area and relative strengths in eye-hand integration.

Brian was able to receptively and expressively identify pictures in a language book, demonstrate the function of objects, sort cards, identify numbers, and sort objects. He had several emerging abilities, including identifying objects by touch, drawing a person, and copying a diamond.

DIAGNOSIS:

Autism - mild range

INTERPRETIVE CONFERENCE SUMMARY:

Attending Brian's interpretive conference were his mother, Roberta Hill, his preschool teacher, Sheila Shelton, and TEACCH staff, Allison Butwinski and Dr. Roger Cox. Results of the test administered were shared indicating Brian has many of the characteristics of mild autism. It is felt that Brian would benefit from a classroom with a small teacher to student ratio, individualized instruction, and autistic interventions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Brian would benefit from placement in a classroom with a small teacher to student ratio. The classroom environment should be free of distractions. A specific work area should be set up for Brian with a desk and boundaries to minimize distractions.
2. The classroom teacher should be experienced in autism, and have knowledge of structured teaching techniques. A three day training is being offered November 28-30 at the Gateway Education Center in Greensboro. The purpose of this training is to teach strategies that are typically successful in working with and teaching new skills to children with autism.
3. Brian should receive one-on-one teaching sessions 2-3 times a day to develop new skills. A teacher should sit across from Brian and present materials using the routine of working from left to right. Brian will place completed work to his right in a "finished basket". This will help him understand that what he has to do is in a basket to his left, how much work he has to do by the number of baskets with work in them, and he is finished when all the baskets are gone. He should be allowed breaks away from the table between tasks. It is important that Brian understand the contingency of working first and then receiving a break.
4. Brian's IEP should reflect the acknowledgement that he is a child diagnosed with autism. Specific strategies and teaching methods recommended by TEACCH should be addressed.

5. Brian's teacher for next year should be identified as early as possible in order that a request to attend TEACOH summer training for next year can be submitted.

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