

ACTIVITY – YOU'RE UP | SCENARIOS

– Devin Collins | 1

Devin Collins, a 16-year-old boy recently stole two cases of beer from Walmart and then drove some friends around in his father's pickup. After speeding on a dark road, Devin struck a stalled vehicle, causing irreparable damage and sending his two friends to the hospital with minor injuries. Upon his arrest, Devin had a blood-alcohol content of .24, well above the legal limit.

Devin resides with his parents and two siblings in an affluent neighborhood. This is his first offense. He has a history of alcohol use and although arrested once before, the case was dropped by the district attorney's office. He is a good student and his family was devastated by this latest incident.

– Josh Taylor | 2

Josh Taylor, a 14-year-old boy was recently arrested for burglarizing a motor vehicle. He has been in juvenile detention for a few weeks; his detention and court hearings are scheduled for next Monday.

Josh lives with his mother, step-father, and younger siblings. He does not have a relationship with his biological father and he and his step-father do not see eye-to-eye. Josh has trouble following the rules in school and has been suspended two times since the school year began. Josh reports he has many friends, many of whom get high and often experiment with other drugs. Josh denied gang involvement.

– Bryant Williams | 3

Bryant Williams, a 15-year-old boy is pending court for two counts of theft. In each case, he stole money out of a parking lot payment box while an adult stood by as a lookout. The adult, later identified as Bryant's father was also charged with theft.

Bryant habitually engages in this type of conduct, according to school officials and uses money he steals to support his drug and alcohol habits. Bryant denies he has a drug problem, but his mother reports the contrary. She has taken him to be drug tested and on two occasions, Bryant failed the test. She is not able to control her son and although she does not want Bryant associating with his father, when she works, she has no control over their relationship.

– Bethany Works | 4

Bethany, a 13-year-old girl, is pending court on two allegations, possession of marijuana and assault bodily injury. Bethany has a history of running away from home and her mother believes she is associating with older adults, particularly a 32-year-old man, who is a bad influence.

Bethany's mom has reported this behavior to the police, but according to her, they have not done anything to her daughter. At school, an in-home counseling program was assigned to Bethany; however, Bethany is never home when the counselor visits. Bethany's mom has asked you to "lock" Bethany up because she "can't go through this anymore."

– Dana Maxwell | 5

Dana, a 13-year-old boy is pending on a charge of possession with intent to deliver cocaine, based upon his participation in a sale of cocaine to an undercover officer. Several test results suggest Dana may have suffered brain damage as an infant and a prior psychological evaluation indicates his full scale I.Q. is 76, considered to be mentally challenged. Dana has been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder, is described as hyperactive, and often experiences “uncontrollable rages.”

Dana currently resides with his 70-year-old grandmother. His biological parents, both of whom suffer from drug addiction, are currently incarcerated. His grandmother is on several medications and has reported she allows Dana to do what he wants because she does not have the energy to chase behind him.

– Anthony Baker | 6

Anthony Baker, a 12-year-old transgender boy is pending court on a charge of burglary. He resides with his father, who works at night and an older sister. You have had a difficult time making contact with Anthony’s father and have not been able to serve him for court. After speaking to him on the phone, he tells you he has no time to worry about Anthony, is tired of “her dressing like a boy,” and plans to send him to live with his mother in California.

School records, which included a psychological report, noted Anthony does not care about hurting others because they constantly hurt him, due to him being transgender. Anthony’s assigned counselor believes any intervention would likely be in vain and is certain Anthony will re-offend.

– Melissa York | 7

Melissa York, a 13-year-old girl is pending court allegedly for making a bomb threat, while at school. According to the police report, Melissa wrote a note on a stall in the girls’ bathroom which stated a bomb would go off in 20 minutes and everyone in the school was going to die. Another student found the note, told school officials, and the school was evacuated. When the bomb squad arrived, they were unable to find evidence of a bomb.

The next day, Melissa, growing anxious because of what she had done, told her mother she was the one who planted the note. Melissa said she was angry because her boyfriend was seeing another girl at school and only wrote the note to get her boyfriend and the girl out of their class together. Her mother called the police.

– Marvin Harding | 8

Marvin Harding, a 16-year-old boy is scheduled to appear in court for a charge of cruelty to animals. Allegedly, he was caught shooting a BB gun at stray cats in the neighborhood, which someone later reported to police. Marvin is currently in detention, awaiting a court date.

Marvin resides with his older sister; both of their parents died in a car accident when Marvin was 6-years-old. His sister, who is 22-years-old, was recently married and is pregnant with her third child. She informs you Marvin has got to get out of her house; he does not listen to her, is a bad influence on her kids, and her husband wants him out. When asked if she was aware of Marvin trying to injure cats in the neighborhood, she tells you she is not surprised; he has always been a little off.

– Grace Littlejohn | 9

Grace Littlejohn, a 14-year-old girl is pending court on a charge of possession of marijuana and hydrocodone, which she allegedly was selling at school. Further, because she resisted with the officer who arrested her, she will have to answer to this charge as well.

Grace lives with her mother and five siblings. The family currently has an open investigation with Child Protective Services, due to allegations of neglect and physical abuse. Grace denies being abused by her mom and refuses to say where she got the hydrocodone. She is rude, has an attitude, and school officials have warned if her behavior continues, she will be expelled.

– Eli Stevens | 10

Eli Stevens, a 16-year-old is pending court for a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child. He allegedly fondled his 5-year-old niece when visiting his sister.

Eli lives with both his parents, who report they have never had any problems with him at home. He is a good student, plays in the band, and follows the rules at home. School officials note the same, reporting Eli has always been a good student and report no major issues with him.
