

# CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

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RE: BURKETT, Angela  
STR#: 82-18-85  
CC: Marsha Wiggins Frame

Dear Mr. Box:

Angela Burkett is a 9-3/12 year old white female who comes to the Child Protection Team Clinic for evaluation of possible sexual abuse. She is accompanied to Clinic by her mother, Valerie Minton, who is employed at Pic-N-Save. Also in the family home are Angela's 11 year old brother, Lee, and her 3 year old sister, Sonya. Her stepfather, Roy, is currently out of the home.

Angela is currently in the third grade at West Elementary School where she is a B Honor Roll student. She receives her usual health care with Dr. Janisee. Her past medical history is non-contributory. The child has no known drug allergies. There is no history of encephalitis or enuresis.

I spoke with Angela without her mother present in the room. I asked her why she was in Clinic today, and her response was "for abuse." When asked who the alleged perpetrator was, she identified her stepfather, Roy. She said that she had had a program at school on abuse, and she told her teacher after the program about the problems that she had had with Roy. I asked her to be specific about the problems, and her response was "he put his thing in the back of me." She identified his "thing" as his penis. These events occurred "in the shower" while her mother was at work. This would be sometime in the evening. She said that the events that involved penile/anal penetration occurred approximately seven times. She said she was keeping a diary of the problems, but her sister had ripped it up. Roy told her, "Don't tell anybody else. Not even your brother." When I asked her about actual penetration, her eyes got very big and she said that she knew that he had penetrated her "because it was hurting, and it hurt to poop afterwards." In response to my question about any evidence of ejaculation, she said, "There was white stuff in my butt that came out when I went number two." In addition, Angela gave a history of Roy's "making me put it in my mouth." She then continued by saying, "That white stuff came out, and it tasted like yuck." The

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fellatio occurred in the living room one evening when her brother and sister were in bed. Roy had told her to stay up in the living room with him. She indicated that he held her mouth on his penis, and she tried to back away at which time the ejaculate went on the carpet, and he "wiped it up" so her mother would not know. Angela was certain that the fellatio occurred only one time, and that the penile/anal penetration occurred approximately seven times. The fellatio occurred sometime in the month of March this year. She also complained that Roy made her stand up against the wall for a long period of time for punishment, and that he whipped Lee and made him also stand up against the wall and pulled his ears.

#### PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:

Angela's mother returned to the room for the physical examination. Angela is most cooperative and relaxed for the examination. She wears glasses. Her height of 125 centimeters is at the 10th percentile for her age, and her weight of 25 kilograms is at the 25th percentile. Her eyes, ears, nose and throat are all within normal limits except for a slight amount of erythema of her throat. A gonorrhea culture is obtained from the throat. Neck has no enlarged lymph nodes. Chest is clear to auscultation. She has Tanner 1 breasts present. The cardiac examination is normal. The abdomen is soft with no masses and no tenderness. The genital exam is performed in all three positions. There is no odor or discharge present. There is gaping of the vaginal opening with the genitalia untouched. With spreading of the labia and traction on the lower labial poles, the anterior hymenal membrane is floppy and redundant and obscures the vaginal opening. In the knee-chest position, the anterior hymenal membrane flattens, and there appears to be no free posterior hymenal membrane. In addition, the hymenal membrane is rounded circumferentially, and there is suspicious narrowing at 9 o'clock. There is also attenuation of the lateral hymenal membranes bilaterally, and the opening size is 8 millimeters transversely by 4 millimeters anteriorly posteriorly. The anus is normal with no unusual gaping. There are no scars or tears noted around the anus. A GC culture is obtained from the anus. Photographs are taken of the genitalia.

#### IMPRESSIONS:

1. This child has given a history of multiple episodes of penile/anal penetration and one episode of fellatio with the perpetrator being her stepfather, Roy Minton. These events occurred while her mother was at work.

2. The general physical examination is within normal limits. The anal examination is normal. However, the Child Protection Team rarely has positive findings in anal penetration that has occurred more than 24 hours ago. Therefore, the exam does not rule out previous penile/anal penetration.

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3. Of some concern is the configuration of the child's hymenal membrane and the size of the child's vaginal opening. These findings are somewhat suspicious. There seems to be no history, however, of vaginal penetration.

Sincerely,

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