

Social Assessment

Date of Assessment:

Time:

Location:

1. Name? Other Names Used – Including Maiden Name. Age?

2. Date of Birth? Social Security Number?

3. What is your current address?

4. What is your current phone number?

5. Where were you born?

6. Where did you grow up?

7. Did you move anywhere growing up or live in the same place for a long time? When and Where?

8. What type of house / neighborhoods did you grow up in? Nice areas? High crime areas? Etc...

9. Did you have a stable childhood? Were you taken care of? Were your basic needs met? If you struggled for things or needed anything, what was it? How did that affect you?

10. Did you have a happy childhood? If yes, what made it happy? What did you like to do? Share some memories. If not, why not?

11. Was there any abuse? Physical, mental, sexual? If so - Please describe. When, where, who, what happened?

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12. Were your parents together when you were born?

13. Were they married? If yes – When?

14. What is your mother's name? Age? Phone number?

15. What is your father's name? Age? Phone number?

16. How old were your parents when they had you?

17. How did your parents get along? Loving, caring, supportive? Fighting, physical abuse, etc...?

18. How did your parents treat you? Was one more strict than the other? Who enforced the rules? Were there any rules? Did you feel closer to one parent than the other? Was one more nurturing than the other? If you have siblings, were you all treated fairly? If not, did that affect you in any way?

19. Who kept things going at the house? Made sure the bills were paid, food on the table, clothes on your back? Did your parents share in the workload or did one of them carry the whole family?

20. Did your parents do any type of drugs / have any addictions when you were growing up? Drink alcohol? If so, how did they act? Did you witness the use? Do they still use? How did that affect you?

21. Did either of your parents have learning disabilities? Mental health issues? Etc... If so, did that affect your life in anyway?

22. Were either of your parents ever arrested? Spent time in prison? Absent from your life? If so, how did that affect you?

23. Are your parents still together?

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24. If your parents split up / divorced - When? Why? Who did you stay with? Did you see the other parent?

25. If your parents split up / divorced – Were there ever any step-parents in the picture or significant others? If yes, who were they? When were they around? Did you live with them? How did you get along? How did they treat you? What did they do for a living? Any issues with drugs, alcohol, mental health, etc...

26. What did your parents do for a living as you were growing up?

27. What do your parents do now?

28. Are you close to both of your parents? How do you get along with them? Then and now...

29. Where do your parents live now?

30. Do you see your parents very often?

31. If you didn't live with / grow up with your parents - Who raised you, who did you live with, when, where, why?

32. If you didn't live with your parents - What is the phone number or contact information for the person(s) who raised you?

33. If you didn't live with your parents - How did you get along with the person(s) who did raise you, what did they do for a living?

34. Do you have any siblings? If so - What is their names, ages, where do they live, what do they do? Phone numbers?

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35. If you have siblings - Did you all grow up together, live in the same house? If not - Where did the others live?

36. If you have siblings - Do you get along with them well? Speak to them often? Any problems between you and any of them?

37. If you have siblings - Do they share the same father / mother as you? If not - Who is their other parent?

38. If you have siblings – Explain the dynamics growing up? Did the oldest have to take care of the youngest? Was one a favorite over another? Was one spoiled and one not? Any issues between you and your siblings growing up? If yes, what?

39. If you have siblings – Do any of them have mental or physical disorders? If yes, what?

40. If you or anyone else experienced any abuse when you were a child, and if you have siblings, did they witness it / experience it as well? If yes - Who, what did they see, what happened to them, etc...

41. If either of your parents, any siblings, or any loved ones / caregivers / guardians have passed... How did they pass, when, how did that affect you?

42. Where did you go to elementary school, junior high, and high school?

43. How far did you get in school? Diploma, GED, technical training / certificate, degree?

44. If you did not finish high school - Why? Were you expelled? Dropped out? When? What reason?

45. When and where did you get your diploma, GED, technical training / certificate, degree? Please be as specific as possible so that we can obtain records.

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46. How did you do in school? Grades? Problems? Special Education Classes? Etc...

47. Were you ever suspended / expelled from school? If so - When, Where, Why?

48. Did you enjoy school? What was your favorite subject? What was your least favorite? Any awards?

49. What is your relationship status? Single, Boyfriend / Girlfriend, Engaged, Married, Divorced, Etc...?

50. Please share any previous relationship(s) of significance. Who was it, how long, happy relationship, good memories, bad relationship, abuse, problems, etc... How did the relationship(s) end? Do you share any children? Still communicate? Phone number?

51. If you have a current significant other - How did you meet, when, where, etc... How do you get along?

52. If you are currently in a relationship - Describe it. Loving, caring, supportive, abusive, alcohol issues, drug addiction, etc... What does your significant other do for a living, education, children, etc...

53. Do you have any children? If so - Names, ages, who their father / mother is, biological, adopted, where they are now, etc... If they are in school - How are they doing, things they like, any problems, etc...

54. If you have children - Do they see both their father / mother, how often, how do they get along with both parents, etc...

55. If you have children but are not with the father / mother - Do you receive child support, do you pay child support, do you struggle to make ends meet, are the children provided for, etc... How much do you get / pay per month in child support?

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56. If you have children - Have you / them ever been involved with any cases with Children's Protective Services? If yes - When, why, what was the outcome?

57. If you have children – Do they have any physical or mental issues? Learning disabilities? If yes, what?

58. Have you experienced any significant death or loss in your lifetime; other than parents, siblings, or guardians mentioned above? If so - Who, when, how did they pass, how did that affect you?

59. Do you have a close friend, several friends, people that you feel are there to support you? If so - Who, how long have you known them, where are they now, do you speak to / see them often? Phone numbers for them?

60. Do you have a religious preference? Do you attend church? If so - When and where? Do you have a good support group at church? Are you involved in any activities with the church? If yes - What and how long?

61. What jobs have you had in the past? When, where, who was it for, what did you do?

62. Are you currently employed? If so - Where, how long, for who, what do you do? Do you enjoy your job? If not - What would you like to do?

63. Do you / or have you had any major medical issues, surgeries, diagnosis, etc... If so - When, where, who was the doctor, what was the issue? Please be as specific as possible so that we can obtain records.

64. Are you currently / have you ever been on medication for physical ailments? If so - When, what, for what, for how long?

65. Do you / or have you had any psychological diagnosis or treatment for mental health? If so - When, where, who was the doctor, what was the issue, what was the diagnosis? Please be as specific as possible so that we can obtain records.

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66. Are you currently / have you ever been on mediation for mental health? If so - When, what, for what, for how long?

67. Have you ever used alcohol or drugs? If yes - When did you start, what did you drink or use, how long, how much, etc...

68. If you used alcohol or drugs and quit - When, why did you quit?

69. Did you ever seek treatment for / been ordered to treatment, rehab, etc... If so - When, where, for what, did you complete the program, what was the outcome? Please be as specific as possible so that we can obtain records.

70. Have you ever been in the military? If yes - When, where, what branch, what did you do, type of discharge, awards, etc... Please be as specific as possible so that we can obtain records.

71. If you were in the military - Did you ever go to the VA for any treatment? If so - When, where, for what? What was the outcome?

72. Do you receive any Social Security Disability Benefits? If so - When did you start receiving them, where, why? How much money do you receive per month?

73. Do you have any prior criminal history? If so - Where, what, when, misdemeanor, felony, convictions, etc... Please be as specific as possible so that we can obtain records.

74. Have you served time in TDOC, BOP, or any other prisons? If so - When, where? Did you complete any programs while there? Any problems?

75. Do you have any cases pending? If so - Where, what, when, misdemeanor, felony, etc... Please be as specific as possible so that we can obtain records.

76. Have you experienced any other traumatic events in your lifetime that we have not yet discussed? If so - When, where, what happened, how did it affect you?

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77. If there is anything else that you would like to add that you think we or, more importantly, the judge needs to hear or know about you, please feel free to add to this list and let us know anything that you would like to tell about yourself, your family, your goals, your life, etc...

Releases

Type of Release	Completed		
	Yes	No	N/A
HIPAA – Authorization to Release Protected Health Information			
Authorization to Release Confidential Information			
Department of Veterans Affairs			
Social Security Administration			
Tennessee Department of Corrections			