

CASE STUDIES

Scenario 1

Father has been arrested for the homicide of his adult daughter. Father had previously served a prison term for the murder of his wife who was the mother of the recently murdered daughter. The daughter was the parent of a three (3) year old son. During questioning, father admits that he: 1) killed his daughter after she stated she intended to marry and 2) was the biological father of his daughter's son. Father pleads guilty at his preliminary hearing in order to receive the death penalty so that he can have television in his cell.

- a) What services must be offered to Father?
- b) How long must the agency wait to file?
- c) What sections should be cited?

Scenario 2

ABC School District calls the agency to request the removal of Amanda and Bill, seven (7) and eight (8) years old, who appear in school hungry, dirty, inadequately dressed and infested with head lice. Visits to the home have shown filthy conditions and no food in the home. The Juvenile Court Judge orders the removal of the children and a third child Chrissy, five (5) years old, who is found in the home.

Subsequent to the removal but prior to the finding of dependency, it is discovered that the uncle and father have sexually abused all three children. By the time of the first review hearing it is determined that the children have all been subjects of pornography, sexually abused as part of a child swapping ring and physically abused.

Bill has been rendered mentally retarded due to the father slamming his head against the wall. The mother is arrested and convicted having only protected the children by keeping “Uncle Pumpkin” in the basement. The mother will be released in eighteen (18) months but the father will be incarcerated for seven (7) to fifteen (15) years.

- a) What services must be offered?
- b) What sections should and should not be cited?

Scenario 3

Mother is currently married to Sam who is listed on the birth certificate of Sue and Fred. Mother has begun living with John. At three (3) years of age, Sue is taken to the Emergency Room due to lacerations apparently caused by attempted penetration. Only mother, John, Fred and Sue were in the home when the injury occurred which they attribute to falling on a cardboard box. A skeletal survey indicates five (5) fractures in various stages of healing. After a year of counseling without admitting guilt, mother and John have Sue returned to them. Within one month and on the week of her fourth birthday, Sue is taken to the Emergency Room requiring sutures due to attempted penetration. Mother now states John is the biological father of Sue and Fred. Fred has never been shown to have been injured.

a) Can rights be terminated and, if so, pursuant to what sections?