

## **Miller Family-GPS**

### **Scenario:**

Your agency received an anonymous call reporting that 10 year old John Miller had been absent from school for three days and the caller had concerns that John may have been seriously hurt as a result of treatment from his father.

The caller reports that they know the school called home last week and told the family that John cut class, and was doing poorly in school. The caller knows the family and stated that John's mother, Nancy has confided in her that Mr. Miller is very violent and he has hurt Mrs. Miller in the past.

The caller stated that her child has expressed concerns about John's safety in his home and that is why she called.

The intake worker and her supervisor took the police for an unannounced home visit that resulted in them learning that John was assaulted by his father and has suffered broken ribs. Mr. Miller was arrested and the case was registered abuse investigation and passed on for further investigation and services.

The abuse investigation resulted in an indicated finding of physical abuse against Mr. Miller and has been passed on to you for ongoing services. Mr. Miller has refused to meet with the agency social workers and Mrs. Miller appears unable to assure the safety of John.

During your involvement, it becomes very apparent to you that Mr. Miller is an alcoholic. When you try to see John, he refuses to talk to you stating that ever since Children and Youth became involved, his father has been arrested and there has been nothing but trouble. John blames himself and talks vaguely about hurting himself. You try to contact the Millers who refuse to speak with you and refuse to plan for the safety of John. You decide to file a petition for custody of John.

### **GPS worker:**

Your narrative may be whatever you want it to be, without changing the nature or spirit of the information you have been given.

Write out dictation from at least one home visit and one school visit with John that lead you to file your petition for placing John in the emergency care of the county. Consider that your record must reflect all that you have seen that leads you to the conclusion to file the petition.