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## Data Collection & Assessment Tools

### **Psychosocial Assessment**

#### Initial Assessment

Tony Rodriguez is a 17-year-old Hispanic male, who was admitted to The Child Center of NY RTF- Brooklyn on February 19, 2021. He is a direct transfer from Crossroads Juvenile Center in Brooklyn, NY. During a psychiatric evaluation on August 16, 2020, Tony was diagnosed with both Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (complex) and Persistent Depressive Disorder. He experienced trauma in his neighborhood in the form of community violence and has a history of aggression with an attempted murder (2<sup>nd</sup> degree) charge. He denies having a history of gang affiliation or substance abuse. His mental health was impacted by his younger brother's own mental health concerns. Tony's inability to remove himself during his brother's aggressive episodes has negatively affected his mental health.

#### Childhood and Developmental History

Tony Rodriguez was born on December 19, 2003 to Teresa Sanchez and Omar Rodriguez. Ms. Sanchez reports that there were no issues with him during her pregnancy. She had adequate prenatal care and no complications during birth. However, Tony was hospitalized at three weeks old for a bacterial infection but was treated and returned home with his mother. It is also reported that Tony met all his developmental milestones on time. Tony is the oldest of three boys, two of which come from the couple, and the youngest, who was born out of a different relationship.

Tony's father was deported when he was at a very young age. Ms. Sanchez states that Tony has not contacted his father at all. Tony exhibits a lack of desire to discuss his father or provide any information about him.

Tony's childhood behavior was described as one that was typical with no major concerns. His brother (15 years old) that shares his same parents was diagnosed with autism and has a chronic history of aggressive behaviors in the home. Tony has been chronically victimized by his brother's behavior which at times has led to multiple removals from the home in the form of hospitalizations and institutionalizations. The significant needs of his brother, along with his father's departure, has left Tony with feelings of neglect within the home.

Tony has witnessed /experienced domestic violence on account of his brother's frequent outbursts. There is also a history of witnessed domestic violence between his uncle and mother, and also an earlier history of domestic violence between his father and mother. Tony endorses exposure to violence in his community in the form of shootings, sexual assaults, and dead bodies. Because of this, he feels unsafe within his community. He also reports experiencing the death of four of his friends to suicide.

### Legal

Tony's case for attempted murder in the second degree and was adjourned by the District Attorney's office for the grand jury. However, there was no grand jury action and the matter was further adjourned until December 2, 2020. The Grand Jury was adjourned to submit a pre pleading memorandum to the Court with treatment recommendation because of Tony's indication that he "blacked out" and acted in self-defense.

### Family History

There is no history of mental health concerns from Tony's maternal side but Ms. Sanchez does recall Mr. Rodriguez exhibiting mood swings throughout the course of their relationship. She describes him as a "strange person" and "angry." She also reports that Mr. Rodriguez's deportation was due to his involvement in sexual harassment charges and identity fraud.

Tony's full biological brother, Ricky, has been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, Bi-polar disorder and has a chronic history of impulsive and aggressive behavior. These mental health struggles are compounded by the family's living situation in a studio apartment in Queens, where they have been for the last eleven years. Both Tony and Ms. Sanchez recognize the economic strain that Ricky's mental health issues have put on them as a whole. Tony's inability to remove himself during Ricky's explosive episodes has been a contributing factor to Tony's overall mental health.

Tony and Elaine, his adult cousin from his maternal side, have a close relationship. Elaine has been a great support to both Tony and Ms. Sanchez during this process. She has also played a significant role in collecting documentation and releases for this referral process. Ms. Sanchez has been actively participating in treatment for her other son Ricky and will be able to do the same for Tony.

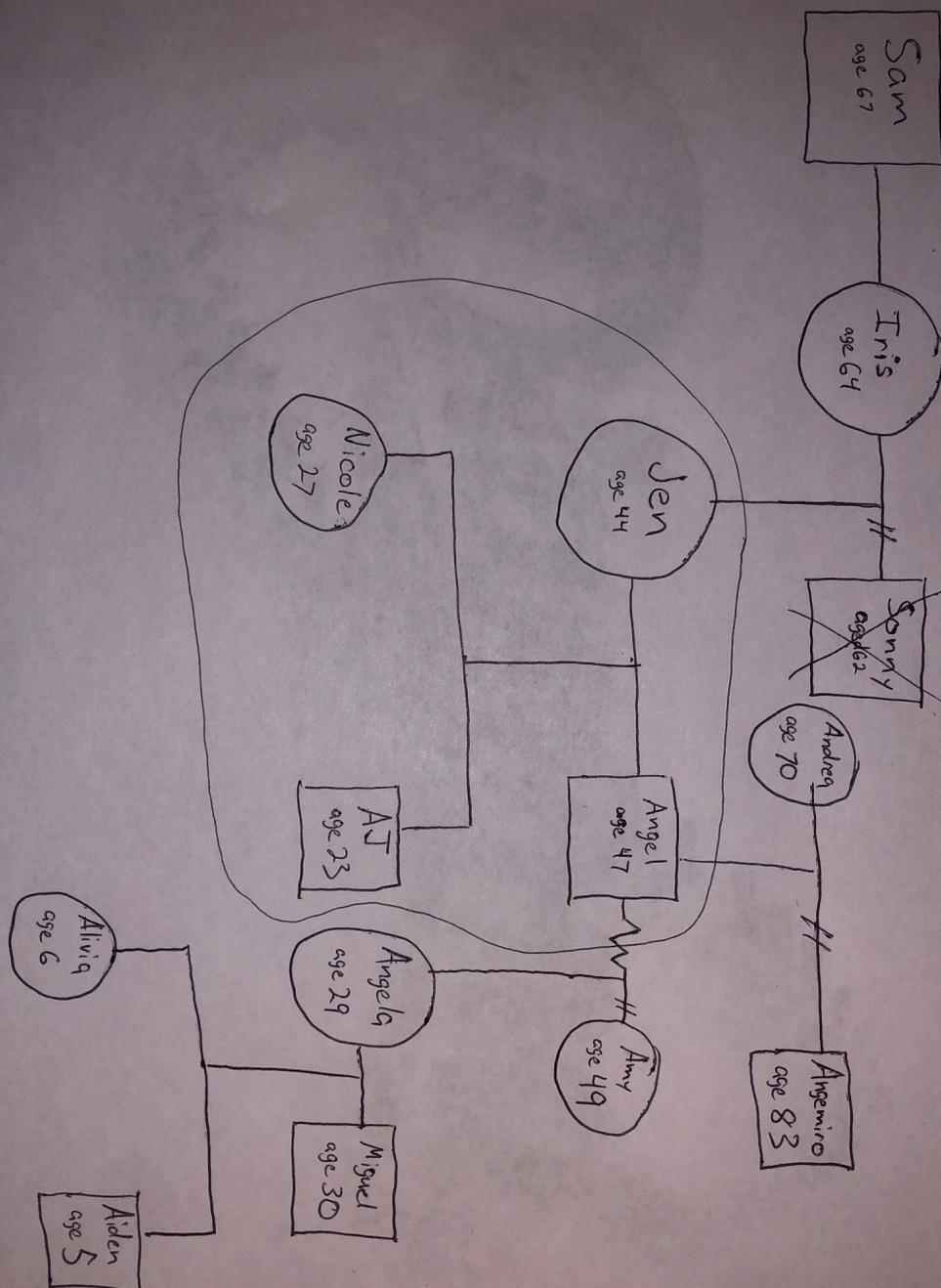
### Behavioral and Placement History

Tony has a history of two ER psychiatric evaluations for aggressive outbursts at home. One led to an overnight observation at Elmhurst hospital and no reported history of inpatient hospitalizations. Tony also spent time detained at Crossroads Juvenile Center in Brooklyn, NY due to his pending criminal charge. Tony has also been a participant in outpatient mental health treatment since the age of 10.

### Education

Tony is in 12<sup>th</sup> grade regular education with no significant history of truancy. There are two instances of suspensions from middle school due to aggression towards a peer and a teacher. Results from his most recent testing on 8/16/20 on the WASI-II indicate that Tony falls within the average range in regards to his overall intellectual abilities. There was no significant difference found between his verbal comprehension skills and nonverbal abilities, which both fell within the average range. His FSIQ is a 95, verbal score a 94, and perceptual and 94. Overall, Tony has done well in school over the years and expresses a desire to attend college with a major in liberal arts or law.

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