

**MDOC Risk Assessment Training  
Community Scoring Activity # 1**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

**CURRENT SUPERVISION INFORMATION:**

[REDACTED] has been convicted of felony assault and two felony counts for drug possession (cocaine and marijuana). Mr. Long was placed on two years probation.

**CURRENT AGE AT SUPERVISION START:** [REDACTED]

**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Adult Record:

[REDACTED] Police Department; Drug possession (felony) Conviction; 6 months probation.

[REDACTED] Police Department; Drug possession (felony) and Assault (misdemeanor) Conviction; 12 months probation.

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Probation records indicate that Mr. Long violated his previous probation (from his most recent conviction in [REDACTED] two times by failing drug screens. His probation was extended as a result of these violations.

**GANG INVOLVEMENT**

Mr. Long is not a validated member of a gang.

**SOCIAL HISTORY**

Mr. Long has had an inconsistent work history. He has worked off and on at a gas station owned by his cousin for the past ten years. However, at the time of his arrest, Mr. Long was unemployed. Due to Mr. Long having shown up to work under the influence of drugs, Mr. Long's cousin has fired him a number of times. Mr. Long's cousin does, however, hire Mr. Long back. His cousin says Mr. Long is a good worker and gets along well with his co-workers and customers. At one time Mr. Long was employed for two consecutive years at the gas station before he was fired. During this time he was clean and sober. With the exception of that stretch, Mr. Long has not held a job longer than

about six months. His being fired by his cousin has caused a rift among Mr. Long's parents and other family members.

When in school, Mr. Long reported that he "just barely" graduated from high school. He reported that he was frequently suspended for fighting, and had to petition to get reinstated at his school after he was expelled for a fight that put a teacher in the hospital. Mr. Long reported that he had relatively low grades when in school and did not get along well with most of the kids. He reported that he had a few friends, but that he was often in arguments and fights with both students and teachers.

Mr. Long spends most of his time with his girlfriend, with whom he lives, and a couple of friends from his neighborhood that he grew up with. While none of his friends have ever been arrested, he did report that this was the group that he smokes marijuana with. When asked about his friends, Mr. Long indicated that his behavior is a bit different from theirs, but that they "put up with me" because they all have been friends for a long time. He indicated that he is usually the one who tries to talk his friends into doing "crazy" things, but most of the time it does not work. While his friends participate in marijuana and alcohol use occasionally (not frequently), they do not condone his cocaine use. Mr. Long reported that he has had a few arguments with them about his use. He was with this group of friends when he was arrested.

Mr. Long has lived with his girlfriend for about three years. He reports that they met at a party and moved in together about three months later. His girlfriend has a steady job and while she drinks on the weekends and after work with him she does not engage in drug use. Mr. Long reported that his current trouble with the law has cause some friction between him and his girlfriend. He reports that she has threatened to kick him out because she "does not want to be involved with the legal system." He says that his probation "is not a big deal", and he does not understand why she has a problem with it.

Mr. Long's parents, siblings and extended family all live in Jackson. He has an older brother who is currently in prison and two younger sisters, neither of whom have been involved in the justice system. He is on good terms with all of them, even though they do not approve of the way he lives. Mr. Long reports that he goes to his parent's house every Sunday for dinner and sees many of his relatives there. His parents have said they would always be supportive of him and his brother (they continue to visit his brother in prison), but they have both expressed that they are unhappy with his current situation. With the exception of his brother, none of his other immediate family members have been in trouble with the law.

Mr. Long reports that he began drinking and smoking marijuana with his older brother when he was thirteen years old. His brother was a member of a gang and this social group was involved in frequent partying which included consuming drugs and alcohol. Mr. Long reports that when his parents found out about the drugs and alcohol, they prohibited him from hanging out with his brother and his friends. Mr. Long says that he had "already gotten the taste" for drugs and alcohol. He continued his use throughout high school, and expanded his use to include cocaine when he was about 20. He has used

pretty consistently ever since, except for a two year span after his first arrest and probation term. He was sober during that entire period, but says that he started using again after his grandmother passed away and his girlfriend broke up with him around the same time. He states that he "couldn't take it" and needed a way to "not feel anything." Mr. Long reports that he has never participated in drug or alcohol treatment, and he does not feel that he has a problem even though he uses on a daily basis.

On the night of the current offense, Mr. Long was at a house party with his friends and girlfriend. He reports that someone at the party "disrespected" him by hitting on his girlfriend. He stated that he was under the influence of both alcohol and cocaine at the time and those things together exacerbates his bad temper. Police were called and he was arrested. The man he hit was hospitalized with a concussion, broken ribs, a broken nose, and many cuts and bruises. When asked about the victim, Mr. Long stated that "he asked for it" and that this is "just the way it goes" in his neighborhood. He stated that a lot of people "would have done a lot worse" in that situation, so what he did was "no big deal."

When asked to describe himself and his outlook on life, Mr. Long states that he just "goes with the flow" because life is already predetermined. He states that his temper has gotten him into a lot of trouble over the years, but that he does not know how to control it. Mr. Long states that it seems just about anything can "set him off," depending on the day. When asked about how he deals with stress or things that bother him, he states "that's what alcohol is for."

Mr. Long minimizes the seriousness of his offenses, stating that "if it was 'that bad', I would be in prison." He says that his sentence was fair, although he does not think that he should be on probation for so long. He states that the police should have also arrested the victim since he threw punches too, but states that the police should be more concerned with "serious crime" than what happens at a neighborhood party.



# Mississippi Department of Corrections Criminogenic Needs Questionnaire (Needs - Q)

Offender Information	
Offender Name	[REDACTED]
Needs - Q Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
MDOC #	
Custody Status (e.g., DOC, Community Corrections)	
Current Risk Assessment Total Score & Risk Level	
Earlier Needs - Q Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Self report: Age at first arrest (in years):	

Employment/Education	Yes	No
Are you currently unemployed or were you unemployed prior to incarceration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been fired from a job?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have most of your jobs been for less than a year?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were you unable to graduate from high school or earn a GED?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Were you ever suspended or expelled from school?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you typically had poor relationships with job supervisors, fellow workers, teachers, and fellow students?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Would your most recent job supervisor or most recent teacher say your work performance was poor or you had difficulty getting along with others?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>4</b>	

Substance Abuse	Yes	No
Do you have a history of alcohol abuse or problems with alcohol?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a history of drug abuse or problems with drugs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have family or friends who have problems with drugs or alcohol?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have drugs or alcohol caused problems with your jobs or school?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have drugs or alcohol caused problems with any relationships?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been in trouble with the law for drugs or alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever participated in treatment for drugs or alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you believe drugs or alcohol are a current problem?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>6</b>	

Attitudes	Yes	No
Do you believe that most people get into trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you believe that your trouble with the law is due to bad luck or misunderstanding?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you believe the police and court treated you unfairly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Was your sentence on the current case unfair?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Did the police or court make a bigger deal out of your case than necessary?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Should the law focus more time on other crimes instead of the crime you were convicted of?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>4</b>	

Relationships	Yes	No
Do you have family members who have been in trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have at least one close friend who has been in trouble with the law?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you participated in activities with family or friends that could get you in trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have family members ever been upset with you for being in trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have close friends ever been upset with you for being in trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have the majority of your friends or associates been in trouble with the law?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do your family members, who have not been in trouble with the law, avoid seeing you or talking with you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is it hard to have a close relationship with family or friends who have not been in trouble with the law?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you spend the majority of your free time with others who have been in trouble with the law?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>4</b>	

Personality	Yes	No
Do you often do things without thinking?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you act immediately to situations that are stressful?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is it hard to pay attention?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you try new things because 'you only live once'?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel that sometimes you are not in control?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you respond to many situations in an angry manner?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is it hard to be calm when you are stressed or upset?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you enjoy taking risks?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do people close to you know how to make you angry or intentionally 'push your buttons'?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do some individuals just ask for trouble or problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you find it easier to give up or ignore a problem rather than deal with it?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>9</b>	

Needs - Q Total	Total Yes
Employment/Education (Total possible = 7)	4
Substance Abuse (Total possible = 8)	6
Attitudes (Total possible = 6)	4
Relationships (Total possible = 9)	4
Personality (Total possible = 11)	9
<b>Total (Total possible = 41)</b>	<b>27</b>

**MDOC Risk Assessment Training  
Community Scoring Activity # 2**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

**CURRENT SUPERVISION INFORMATION:**

[REDACTED] has been convicted of one count of felony credit card theft and one count of felony identity theft. She was sentenced to twelve months probation.

**CURRENT AGE AT SUPERVISION START:** [REDACTED]

**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Adult Record:

No prior convictions or arrests.

**GANG INVOLVEMENT**

Ms. Tyler is not a validated member of a gang.

**SOCIAL HISTORY**

At the time of her arrest, Ms. Tyler was employed at a local convenience store. She had been working there for a year and a half, but was fired after her arrest given that the offense took place at work. Ms. Tyler reports that she has been employed off and on since she was sixteen. She said that she has a history of doing well at jobs in terms of performance and attendance, had previously never been fired from other jobs, and stayed at her prior two jobs for about 8 months which have been her longest durations of being employed outside of the convenience store. She states that all of her former bosses "really liked her" and treated her well. She expressed that she feels badly about the trouble she has caused and has always gotten along with her other co-workers which makes this conviction a bit embarrassing. Ms. Tyler reports that she does not have a problem working, but she has never been able to make enough money to take care of herself and her children, which is why she says she committed her crime.

Ms. Tyler dropped out of high school during her junior year because she got pregnant. She says that her mother forced her to get a job to start "saving up" for the baby, but she could not manage going to work and school. After her first child was born, Ms. Tyler enrolled in a GED course and completed her GED. She reports that when she was in

school she was a good student, and earned B grades in most classes, and was never in trouble with teachers or friends.

Ms. Tyler had her first child when she was seventeen years old. At the time she was living with her mother, but she says that they have a "bad" relationship. Her mother was angry at her for getting pregnant and refused to help out with the baby. She moved out and into an apartment with her boyfriend. She says that during that time things were going okay, but she knew that he was involved in dealing drugs and she was not comfortable with that. When she was 20, Ms. Tyler's boyfriend was arrested and she and her child were homeless. Since then she has cut all ties with this man and does not allow him to contact her. She eventually started working at the convenience store and was able to get a small apartment. Ms. Tyler got pregnant again and six months ago gave birth to twins. The father of the children is not in her life, and she has been struggling to provide for them, pay for child care, and maintain her work schedule. Ms. Tyler believes that life has spun out of control with all of her bills and trying to provide for her family on her own.

Ms. Tyler was arrested after she was caught on camera using a stolen credit card that was left at the convenience store where she works. Ms. Tyler states that she feels "very bad" about her crime, but that she felt like she "had no choice" if she was going to buy formula and diapers for her babies. She states that she feels the courts and police treated her fairly because "it could have been much worse."

Ms. Tyler states that she does not use drugs and has only tried alcohol on a couple of occasions. She has never participated in any type of group or treatment for drugs or alcohol. She indicated she does not have any interest in drugs or alcohol or being around those who use drugs. This is part of the reason why she ended up breaking up with her prior boyfriend several years ago.

Besides her mother, Ms. Tyler reports no other family who live close by or that she has contact with. She did not offer any additional information regarding family members. She states that she only talks to her mother "once in a while" and that her mother is very upset with her for getting arrested. Ms. Tyler reports that she has very few friends, just a few girls that she went to high school with. She states that they are all "involved in their own lives," and she "doesn't want to bother them" with her problems. None of the people that she considers friends have been in trouble with the law.

Ms. Tyler states that this behavior (her offense) is very out of character for her. She states that she usually has a good handle on things and that she has always been good at problem solving and thinking things through. Even when situations are difficult, she indicates that she tries to remain calm and not become agitated or angry toward others as a result of how challenging life is for her currently. She stated she is usually good at dealing with stress and has managed being a single mother "pretty well." However, after the birth of the twins, she felt overwhelmed and like things were out of her control for a bit. Ms. Tyler states that she felt like she was backed into a corner and did not see



another way to get what she needed. She states that when the credit card was left behind, she knew it was wrong, but it seemed like an easy solution to her problem.

Ms. Tyler indicates that she would do what she needed to do to be successful on supervision and wants to be able to get back to work and be more financially stable going forward in order to bring up her three kids in a good home.



# Mississippi Department of Corrections Criminogenic Needs Questionnaire (Needs - Q)

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Self report: Age at first arrest (in years):	

Employment/Education	Yes	No
Are you currently unemployed or were you unemployed prior to incarceration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been fired from a job?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have most of your jobs been for less than a year?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were you unable to graduate from high school or earn a GED?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Were you ever suspended or expelled from school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you typically had poor relationships with job supervisors, fellow workers, teachers, and fellow students?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Would your most recent job supervisor or most recent teacher say your work performance was poor or you had difficulty getting along with others?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>3</b>	

Substance Abuse	Yes	No
Do you have a history of alcohol abuse or problems with alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a history of drug abuse or problems with drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you have family or friends who have problems with drugs or alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have drugs or alcohol caused problems with your jobs or school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have drugs or alcohol caused problems with any relationships?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you been in trouble with the law for drugs or alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever participated in treatment for drugs or alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you believe drugs or alcohol are a current problem?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>0</b>	

Attitudes	Yes	No
Do you believe that most people get into trouble with the law?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you believe that your trouble with the law is due to bad luck or misunderstanding?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you believe the police and court treated you unfairly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Was your sentence on the current case unfair?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Did the police or court make a bigger deal out of your case than necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Should the law focus more time on other crimes instead of the crime you were convicted of?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>0</b>	

Relationships	Yes	No
Do you have family members who have been in trouble with the law?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you have at least one close friend who has been in trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you participated in activities with family or friends that could get you in trouble with the law?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have family members ever been upset with you for being in trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have close friends ever been upset with you for being in trouble with the law?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have the majority of your friends or associates been in trouble with the law?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do your family members, who have not been in trouble with the law, avoid seeing you or talking with you?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is it hard to have a close relationship with family or friends who have not been in trouble with the law?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you spend the majority of your free time with others who have been in trouble with the law?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>		

Personality	Yes	No
Do you often do things without thinking?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you act immediately to situations that are stressful?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is it hard to pay attention?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you try new things because 'you only live once'?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel that sometimes you are not in control?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you respond to many situations in an angry manner?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is it hard to be calm when you are stressed or upset?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you enjoy taking risks?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do people close to you know how to make you angry or intentionally 'push your buttons'?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do some individuals just ask for trouble or problems?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you find it easier to give up or ignore a problem rather than deal with it?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	1	

Needs – Q Total	Total Yes
Employment/Education (Total possible = 7)	3
Substance Abuse (Total possible = 8)	0
Attitudes (Total possible = 6)	0
Relationships (Total possible = 9)	3
Personality (Total possible = 11)	1
<b>Total (Total possible = 41)</b>	7

**MDOC Risk Assessment Training  
Community Scoring Activity # 3**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

**CURRENT SUPERVISION INFORMATION:**

[REDACTED] has been convicted of one count of felony domestic violence. He was sentenced to 24 months in prison and two years probation. The judge agreed to suspend the 24 month prison sentence and immediately place Mr. Smith was on two years probation. If Mr. Smith does well on probation, he will not be expected to serve any of the 24 month prison sentence with MDOC.

**CURRENT AGE AT SUPERVISION START:** [REDACTED]

**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Adult Record

[REDACTED] Police Department; Shoplifting (Misdemeanor); \$50 fine and court costs.

[REDACTED] Police Department; Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor); court costs.

[REDACTED] Police Department; Domestic Violence (Felony) arrest; case was dismissed.

[REDACTED] Police Department; Domestic Violence (Felony); 1 year probation; court costs; and no contact with the victim. Probation was revoked and he served a six month prison sentence with MDOC.

[REDACTED] Police Department; Drug Possession (Felony); 1 year prison suspended, placed on 12 months probation; directed to complete drug education classes and participate in regular drug screening. The drug education classes (which is considered treatment) was successfully completed, but due to positive drug screens, his probation was revoked and he served a six month sentence with MDOC.

Records from OffenderTrak indicate that the Mr. Smith received no write ups while incarcerated.

## GANG INVOLVEMENT

Mr. Smith is not a validated gang member.

## SOCIAL HISTORY

Mr. Smith is currently employed about 50 hours per week at [REDACTED]. He has worked there off and on for the last ten years. His most recent term of employment has been for the last 19 months. Mr. Smith stated he enjoys his job and received good evaluations from his supervisor. Mr. Smith stated he recently received a raise and has received one additional raise in pay over the last year and a half. This information has been verified per the Human Resources department at [REDACTED]. Information also indicates that Mr. Smith was fired in 2011 for a "no show" and "not call" three days in a row. He has also temporarily lost his job at Kroger due to his short periods of incarceration.

Mr. Smith stated that he gets along well with his co-workers and spends time with a few of them outside of work. He states that he sees these co-workers as his friends, trusts them, and looks to them for advice. Mr. Smith reported a similar relationship with his supervisor; however, he does not spend time with him outside of work. He does, however, look up to him and goes to him with personal problems. Mr. Smith stated he follows orders from his supervisor without question.

Mr. Smith reported that he has graduated from high school. He states he has had two suspensions, one for fighting and one for insubordination. These suspensions occurred during 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Even with these suspensions, Mr. Smith did at least finish school and indicated that it was good that he graduated and earned his diploma. His relationship with classmates and teachers varied, but other than the fight and being disrespectful to teachers, which resulted in the two suspensions, he basically avoided teachers and classmates that were not his friends.

Mr. Smith's current offense is for domestic violence. The victim in this case is his girlfriend of four years. He stated that they are no longer together, though he is hoping they can get back together. The defendant stated that he cares for his girlfriend and up until now they have had a good relationship. Mr. Smith stated that he lost his temper during an argument (they frequently argue 3-4 times weekly) and slapped his girlfriend in the face twice. His girlfriend did not hit him at any time during the offense.

Mr. Smith stated that he and his girlfriend argue about many different things, from petty things to big issues. Mr. Smith said that his girlfriend picks fights with him and knows exactly how to get him angry. He noted that he struggles to stay calm when she does this and often responds by yelling and screaming. Mr. Smith states that he does not like it when this happens as he feels he loses control and cannot help his reactions. He admitted that it is common that when his girlfriend challenges him about even the smallest issue that he just goes off.

Mr. Smith stated that he sees his parents and siblings two to three times a week and has dinner with them on a regular basis. His parents, while not happy with his behavior, now and in the past, have been supportive and continue to communicate with him and involve him in the family. He reported a similar situation with his other siblings.

Mr. Smith's older brothers and father have been arrested and convicted of charges in the past so that helps in terms of them understanding where he is at now with being on probation. They can at least relate with his problems.

Mr. Smith reports that he has five friends that he regularly spends time with. Of those five friends, two have been arrested and convicted of criminal offenses. The other three friends mentioned have never been in trouble with the law. Mr. Smith stated that he has lots of acquaintances and that some have been in trouble with the law before and that some have not. He sees and tries to spend more time with those friends and acquaintances that have not been in legal trouble before. Mr. Smith stated that in the past he has hung around with the wrong people which has contributed to him getting into trouble when he was younger, so he tries to stay away from people like that. However, he still has friends and acquaintances that he sees on a regular basis who have been in trouble before.

Mr. Smith reported that he currently does not use any drugs. He did use heroin on a weekly basis or more in the past which led to problems at work and to his arrest for drug abuse. He stated that drugs were a way to escape life and he used after any kind of conflict or disagreement. He stated that he has not used any illegal drugs in the past seven years.

Currently, Mr. Smith drinks two to three times weekly to the point of intoxication. He reports that in the past he used to have a drinking problem, but is currently drinking less than he previously had. He believes he still might currently have a drinking problem because once he started drinking he usually drinks all night long. Mr. Smith reported that he does on occasion go to AA meetings but with no regularity. He thinks he can quit drinking on his own and does not need treatment at this time. This behavior has not led to any problems at work as he usually restrains drinking to the weekends.

During this last offense, Mr. Smith reported that he was drunk and that he probably would not have hit his girlfriend had he not been drinking. The fight started due to an argument over the defendant's drinking, the amount of money he spends on beer/liquor, and his behavior while he is intoxicated. Mr. Smith reported that he has in the past had an anger management problem and that he still has a hard time controlling his temper especially when he is under the influence of alcohol.

Mr. Smith's parents have also expressed concern about the defendant's alcohol consumption and have advised him to seek help with this problem.

Regarding his current offense, Mr. Smith stated that he knows he was wrong and had no right to hit his girlfriend. He knows that he scared her and that his temper has scared her

in the past. He hopes that she will forgive him and get back together with him, but if she does not he does not blame her. Mr. Smith expressed an interest in anger management classes/counseling in hopes that if he gets that under control his girlfriend will see that he is serious about making changes in how he acts.

Mr. Smith stated that he and his attorney were worried that he was going to be sent to prison. He was relieved to be put on probation and stated that he will comply with all recommendations and directions of his probation officer. He felt this was a fair sentence and that jail or prison would have also been fair as he has broken the law in the past. He made it clear that he wants to stay out of prison and jail and will do whatever he is told to do. Mr. Smith hopes he can get an early release from supervision if he successfully completes all requirements and maintains his employment.



# Mississippi Department of Corrections Criminogenic Needs Questionnaire (Needs - Q)

Offender Information	
Offender Name	[REDACTED]
Needs - Q Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
MDOC #	
Custody Status (e.g., DOC, Community Corrections)	
Current Risk Assessment Total Score & Risk Level	
Earlier Needs - Q Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Self report: Age at first arrest (in years):	

Employment/Education	Yes	No
Are you currently unemployed or were you unemployed prior to incarceration?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been fired from a job?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have most of your jobs been for less than a year?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Were you unable to graduate from high school or earn a GED?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Were you ever suspended or expelled from school?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you typically had poor relationships with job supervisors, fellow workers, teachers, and fellow students?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would your most recent job supervisor or most recent teacher say your work performance was poor or you had difficulty getting along with others?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>3</b>	

Substance Abuse	Yes	No
Do you have a history of alcohol abuse or problems with alcohol?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you have a history of drug abuse or problems with drugs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you have family or friends who have problems with drugs or alcohol?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have drugs or alcohol caused problems with your jobs or school?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have drugs or alcohol caused problems with any relationships?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you been in trouble with the law for drugs or alcohol?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you ever participated in treatment for drugs or alcohol?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you believe drugs or alcohol are a current problem?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>6</b>	

Attitudes	Yes	No
Do you believe that most people get into trouble with the law?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you believe that your trouble with the law is due to bad luck or misunderstanding?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you believe the police and court treated you unfairly?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Was your sentence on the current case unfair?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Did the police or court make a bigger deal out of your case than necessary?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Should the law focus more time on other crimes instead of the crime you were convicted of?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>0</b>	

Relationships	Yes	No
Do you have family members who have been in trouble with the law?	✓	○
Do you have at least one close friend who has been in trouble with the law?	✓	○
Have you participated in activities with family or friends that could get you in trouble with the law?	○	✓
Have family members ever been upset with you for being in trouble with the law?	✓	○
Have close friends ever been upset with you for being in trouble with the law?	○	✓
Have the majority of your friends or associates been in trouble with the law?	○	✓
Do your family members, who have not been in trouble with the law, avoid seeing you or talking with you?	○	✓
Is it hard to have a close relationship with family or friends who have not been in trouble with the law?	○	✓
Do you spend the majority of your free time with others who have been in trouble with the law?	○	✓
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>3</b>	

Personality	Yes	No
Do you often do things without thinking?	○	✓
Do you act immediately to situations that are stressful?	✓	○
Is it hard to pay attention?	○	✓
Do you try new things because 'you only live once'?	○	✓
Do you feel that sometimes you are not in control?	✓	○
Do you respond to many situations in an angry manner?	✓	○
Is it hard to be calm when you are stressed or upset?	✓	○
Do you enjoy taking risks?	○	✓
Do people close to you know how to make you angry or intentionally 'push your buttons'?	✓	○
Do some individuals just ask for trouble or problems?	○	✓
Do you find it easier to give up or ignore a problem rather than deal with it?	○	✓
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>5</b>	

Needs – Q Total	Total Yes
Employment/Education (Total possible = 7)	3
Substance Abuse (Total possible = 8)	6
Attitudes (Total possible = 6)	0
Relationships (Total possible = 9)	3
Personality (Total possible = 11)	5
<b>Total (Total possible = 41)</b>	<b>17</b>

## Community Risk Factors & Weights – Scenario 3 KEY (Smith)

### Assessment Items

1. Age – measured as age supervision start
  - +0 27 and older
  - +1 26 and younger
2. Gang involvement – measured as the offender having known gang involvement
  - +0 No gang involvement
  - +1 Gang involved
3. Total number of current felonies – measured as the total number of felony convictions on the current case at the time of supervision start
  - +0 One felony at the time of supervision start on current case
  - +1 Two felonies at the time of supervision start on current case
  - +2 Three or more felonies at the time of supervision start on current case
4. Number of prior incarcerations – measured as the total number of prior incarcerations for the offender
  - +0 Zero prior incarcerations
  - +1 One prior incarceration
  - +2 Two or more prior incarcerations
5. Institutional violations – measured as any institutional violation in the offender's history
  - +0 No institutional violations
  - +1 At least one institutional violation

**Total Score: 2**

**Risk Level**

- Low Risk Total Score Range = 0 to 1 point
- Moderate Risk Total Score Range = 2 to 3 points
- High Risk Total Score Range = 4 to 7 points

**MDOC Risk Assessment Training  
Community Scoring Activity # 4**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

**CURRENT SUPERVISION INFORMATION:**

[REDACTED] has been convicted of possession of heroin and prostitution. She was sentenced to 6 months probation. Ms. Gabriel was ordered to complete residential drug treatment, submit to random urinalysis, pay court costs and a \$1500 dollar fine. In addition, she is to obtain and maintain employment following the completion of her drug treatment program.

Current Conviction

[REDACTED] One count Prostitution (Misdemeanor); One count Drug Possession (Felony) [REDACTED] Police Department; Six months probation.

**CURRENT AGE AT SUPERVISION START:** [REDACTED]

**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Adult Record

[REDACTED] Police Department; Shoplifting (Misdemeanor); \$50 fine and court costs.

[REDACTED] Police Department; Drug Possession (Misdemeanor); 1 year probation.

[REDACTED] Police Department; Drug Possession (Misdemeanor); 2 years probation. Did have a probation violation for not reporting a change in address but was not revoked.

[REDACTED] County Sheriff's Office; Illegal Conveyance into Detention Facility (Felony), Drug Possession (Misdemeanor), 2 years probation, revoked due to technical violations and was sentenced to the MDOC for 12 months

[REDACTED] Police Department; Shoplifting (Misdemeanor); sentenced to 30 days in the [REDACTED] County Jail, and assessed court costs.

OffenderTrak indicates Ms. Gabriel has not received any institutional violations while incarcerated.

## GANG INVOLVEMENT

Ms. Gabriel is a validated member of a gang.

## SOCIAL HISTORY

Ms. Gabriel is currently unemployed. She reported that while she has worked odd jobs in the past, but she has never held a job for more than a week or two. She has not worked at any job for the last ten months. Ms. Gabriel reported that she was usually fired from her previous jobs as she failed to report to work on time. Furthermore, she would show up to work under the influence of drugs/alcohol which typically caused problems with her getting along with co-workers and her supervisor. Additionally, she barely got any work done when she did show up to work.

Ms. Gabriel reported that she was a good student and completed the 12<sup>th</sup> grade (this was confirmed with school records indicating a graduation date of [REDACTED]). No suspensions were recorded on her school records. When asked about how school went overall, she indicated that she was basically fine with school and got along with other kids and teachers.

Ms. Gabriel's two children currently reside with Ms. Gabriel's mother. Her mother (and father) and two children reside in [REDACTED] in a single family home. Her mother is trying to get custody of the children as she feels Ms. Gabriel is an inadequate parent. While her mother and father have been supportive in the past, they no longer help her financially or otherwise and limit their interactions with her. Ms. Gabriel's mother also limits the amount of time Ms. Gabriel spends with her children. Ms. Gabriel reported that she sees her mother and father only when she goes to their house to visit her children. She stated that the interaction between her and her parents is limited and mostly involves them telling her how messed up her life is.

Ms. Gabriel has two sisters that both live out of state (one in [REDACTED] and one in [REDACTED]). She reported that both are married, have good jobs, and good family lives. She has not had any contact with either sister for over six months. Similar to her situation with her parents, her sisters used to be supportive, but have grown tired of her drug use and drama. Both her parents and her sisters have not had any trouble with the law according to Ms. Gabriel.

The friends Ms. Gabriel stays with now are friends that she has had for several years, and they all use drugs and are affiliated with the same gang as Ms. Gabriel (although they are all starting to slowly abandon the gang lifestyle and just spend most of their free time using drugs together). While they have had a more stable work history, they have been in the criminal justice system in the past, but none of them are currently on probation. While Ms. Gabriel has many friends from high school that have not been in trouble, she does not see them as they are not into the same things (drugs) as she is. Ms. Gabriel stated that she felt she could re-establish these relationships if she cleaned herself up.

Ms. Gabriel further stated that all of the people she currently hangs out with and comes into contact with now are involved in drugs and/or prostitution. She did state that she needs to change this as it affects what she gets into (what activities/behavior she engages in).

Ms. Gabriel stated that she stopped all alcohol and drug use about one week ago. Up until that time, she was using anything she could get her hands on and was using drugs and alcohol on a daily basis. The fear of returning to prison and the desire to turn her life around has led to this change in behavior. Ms. Gabriel stated that the last week has been very hard for her and she needs help to stop using drugs and alcohol. She has never attended a treatment program before but recognizes that her relationships with her kids, family and old friends (who do not use drugs) has been impacted by her decision to use drugs and make drugs the priority. As a result, Ms. Gabriel said she was open to the idea of attending the residential drug treatment program.

When asked, Ms. Gabriel stated that she supported her drug habit through prostitution and theft from local businesses. She stated that she has been doing this for at least the last three years.

Regarding her current offense, Ms. Gabriel stated that she thinks her charges are ridiculous, and that everyone she knows has been arrested for the same kinds of things she has so it really is not that big of a deal. While she is open to going to treatment, she thinks her current and past convictions for drugs are pointless and this is how the criminal justice system just handles addicts. Regarding the prostitution, she feels that her offenses are no big deal and what she does with her body is only her business and that the cops and judges need to stay out of the way. Ms. Gabriel stated that she only got arrested because she happened to be on the corner when a cop came by and at this point, they recognize her and make her a target. "Wrong place, wrong time," Ms. Gabriel said. While she believes that the charges were ridiculous, she is glad the judge gave her only a probation sentence with treatment since knows the sentence could have been worse, given her past time being incarcerated for not doing so well on probation.

Ms. Gabriel indicated that when it comes to decision-making and how she handles stress and problems, she recognizes that she uses drugs to cope or manage her other problems the best way she knows how. She stated that her drug use at times has been impulsive and that she has always been known for trying a new drug in order to see what the high and experience offers her (regardless of the possible consequences). When frustrated she seldom gets upset or feels as though anyone is trying to make her angry. She stated that she prefers just getting away from others for a bit, being alone, and not focusing on any problems as she is hoping they will just go away. She stated that she prefers to 'chill out' rather than overreact.





# Mississippi Department of Corrections Criminogenic Needs Questionnaire (Needs - Q)

Offender Information	
Offender Name	[REDACTED]
Needs – Q Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
MDOC #	
Custody Status (e.g., DOC, Community Corrections)	
Current Risk Assessment Total Score & Risk Level	
Earlier Needs – Q Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Self report: Age at first arrest (in years):	

Employment/Education	Yes	No
Are you currently unemployed or were you unemployed prior to incarceration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been fired from a job?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have most of your jobs been for less than a year?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were you unable to graduate from high school or earn a GED?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Were you ever suspended or expelled from school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you typically had poor relationships with job supervisors, fellow workers, teachers, and fellow students?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would your most recent job supervisor or most recent teacher say your work performance was poor or you had difficulty getting along with others?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>5</b>	

Substance Abuse	Yes	No
Do you have a history of alcohol abuse or problems with alcohol?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a history of drug abuse or problems with drugs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have family or friends who have problems with drugs or alcohol?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have drugs or alcohol caused problems with your jobs or school?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have drugs or alcohol caused problems with any relationships?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been in trouble with the law for drugs or alcohol?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever participated in treatment for drugs or alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you believe drugs or alcohol are a current problem?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>7</b>	

Attitudes	Yes	No
Do you believe that most people get into trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you believe that your trouble with the law is due to bad luck or misunderstanding?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you believe the police and court treated you unfairly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Was your sentence on the current case unfair?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Did the police or court make a bigger deal out of your case than necessary?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Should the law focus more time on other crimes instead of the crime you were convicted of?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>4</b>	

Relationships	Yes	No
Do you have family members who have been in trouble with the law?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Do you have at least one close friend who has been in trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you participated in activities with family or friends that could get you in trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have family members ever been upset with you for being in trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have close friends ever been upset with you for being in trouble with the law?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Have the majority of your friends or associates been in trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do your family members, who have not been in trouble with the law, avoid seeing you or talking with you?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is it hard to have a close relationship with family or friends who have not been in trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you spend the majority of your free time with others who have been in trouble with the law?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>7</b>	

Personality	Yes	No
Do you often do things without thinking?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Do you act immediately to situations that are stressful?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is it hard to pay attention?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Do you try new things because 'you only live once'?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Do you feel that sometimes you are not in control?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Do you respond to many situations in an angry manner?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Is it hard to be calm when you are stressed or upset?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Do you enjoy taking risks?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do people close to you know how to make you angry or intentionally 'push your buttons'?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Do some individuals just ask for trouble or problems?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Do you find it easier to give up or ignore a problem rather than deal with it?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<b>Total (Add the number of Yes responses)</b>	<b>2</b>	

Needs – Q Total	Total Yes
Employment/Education (Total possible = 7)	5
Substance Abuse (Total possible = 8)	7
Attitudes (Total possible = 6)	4
Relationships (Total possible = 9)	7
Personality (Total possible = 11)	2
<b>Total (Total possible = 41)</b>	<b>25</b>

**Community Risk Factors & Weights – Scenario 4 KEY (Gabriel)**

Assessment Items

1. Age – measured as age supervision start
  - +0 27 and older
  - +1 26 and younger
  
2. Gang involvement – measured as the offender having known gang involvement
  - +0 No gang involvement
  - +1 Gang involved
  
3. Total number of current felonies – measured as the total number of felony convictions on the current case at the time of supervision start
  - +0 One felony at the time of supervision start on current case
  - +1 Two felonies at the time of supervision start on current case
  - +2 Three or more felonies at the time of supervision start on current case
  
4. Number of prior incarcerations – measured as the total number of prior incarcerations for the offender
  - +0 Zero prior incarcerations
  - +1 One prior incarceration
  - +2 Two or more prior incarcerations
  
5. Institutional violations – measured as any institutional violation in the offender’s history
  - +0 No institutional violations
  - +1 At least one institutional violation

**Total Score: 4**

**Risk Level**

- Low Risk Total Score Range = 0 to 1 point
- Moderate Risk Total Score Range = 2 to 3 points
- High Risk Total Score Range = 4 to 7 points