

HICKERMAN - BENEFIT FRAUD 440

Henry Akkerman has worked for McIvor
 metals in Addington for at least 18 months. He
 has been collecting an invalids benefit, as well
 some weeks, he had delivered a van load of
 copper wire (he stripped it himself), sumps and other
 aluminium parts of cars in 46 gallon drums, and
 brass bits of motors & electric things etc, and received
 hundreds of dollars ^{in one week or so}. His son Andrew went with
 him in the mornings before school. He was given
 part of the money (only \$5.40). When Henry went
 to McIvor Metals, I believe the receipts etc were
 made out to "HENRY", or "HENRY AKKERMAN",
 often just his first name was written to put
 off anyone who came to investigate, since
 allegations had been made once that he was
 working and on a benefit, he was given van
 loads of scrap to strip, to get only the
 Aluminium, copper etc. He was paid by McIvor
 metals to do it. He did say how much per
 kilo it was but I can't remember. Last year
 someone complained to the housing corp that
 Henry was doing a business from home. He
 was told to clean it all up in one week.
 He used to burn off wire to strip it. But
 was told it was illegal, so he went out to
 the Waimakariri River to burn it off instead.
 He often took Andrew with him. He made
 from \$30 up per day, often more. The
 last time I was there, he was still ^{working} ^{2 months}.
 He said he wasn't getting enough money on the
 benefit. He used to use a Hillman theater station
 wagon, but that became too small and he changed
 to a Bedford CF commercial last year. He had
 Russell Kirk from next door to him in
 Leicester Crescent working with him to cope
 with the amount of work. As far as I know,
 he has been doing it for around 3 years or
 longer. McIvor Metals keep records of all transactions
 but I know it's at least 18 mths.

He picked up scrap from various rubbish dumps. One was in Springs Rd on the corner by the car wreckers.

Further to Alkenman. I, and my boys, have on occasions received phone calls from Andrew Alkenman, while he was being abused by his father. Once he said his father was "smashing" him up and he was very afraid. I have seen this happening for Andrew by his father. I saw Henry punch Andrew in the face, causing him to cry. This was around three months ago at my place, 12 Congilly Pl., when Henry had arrived to pick up Andrew. Other times Henry had punched Andrew, causing his nose to bleed on several occasions. Margaret, Henry's wife could not stop what was happening. She told me that Henry was responsible for all the children getting into trouble and fighting with each other, stealing etc. I had gone over to help her out last year, Scott stabbed someone on the Road outside the Alkenmans house. Henry was extraordinarily possessive of Andrew, and when he wouldn't go with him etc he would fly into a rage and beat the hell out of him. One night I, Jason Dg etc went over because Henry had beaten Andrew up. Andrew had barricaded himself in his room and was threatening to kill himself. Jason Dg broke in through a window and spoke to him for a long period. He was terrified of his father because of his violence and "other things" that he would not say.

Jan McWhinter was called by me earlier this year. She had questioned Andrew as to his home life, and although ~~he~~ ^{was wrong} said nothing, she knew that something was wrong. I told her how Andrew rang on quite a few occasions for help because his father had attacked him. We went over a few times. Andrew was always asking to come and stay, but each time he got home, his father asked a lot of questions. He often asked if anyone here (my place) was molesting him, this happened last year, this year, when Henry accused Russel Kirk from next door. Henry ~~was~~ ^{is} fanatical about Glen Elg health camp ~~and~~ ^{suggesting} him (Henry) of molesting his children. He often brought it up. It was a frequent topic of discussion. He would (Andrew) have violent outbursts against his father, and smashed things up. It was always to do with his father. Andrew only calmed down when I got there, and always wanted to come home with me and the others.

He (Andrew) on several occasions told his father, "You're not my father, Tony's my father. You're just a dirty old cunt". Henry told me this on at least four occasions. Some of the others heard it too. He was always sad to go home and cried. Andrew has been staying over a period of 3 years or so. He and Jan's kids are great friends. Andrew has stayed at Jan's a few times. Why did Andrew say that nothing ^{was} wrong at home, when he had been ^{approached} injured by his father with weapons, getting a bleeding nose from this. On several occasions, why did Henry's wife ask me to tell her how to stop Henry hurting the kids.

Why did Henry, often have the boys sleep with him? (ask his wife) Henry is a very violent man. Did he pressure, on ~~career~~ Andrew to lie, to cover sinister aspects of his own. Was this why Andrew rebelled against Henry so wildly. Why did Andrew always want to leave home. When distressed, he always rang me.

Andrew suicidal on several occasions, to calm him down, he always came home with me. and didn't want to go home