

#71842



# Missouri State Penitentiary

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The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recent data as shown in the files of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, Missouri State Penitentiary, concerning our number:

FBI No. 28 621 A

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Training School Boonville Mo	Earl Dixie #3-314	4-3-47	delinquent	1 yr
St Louis Mo	Earl Eugene Marshall #59840	8-3-48	GL	8-30-48 nolle prossed
St Louis Mo	Earl Eugene Harris #59840	2-24-50	inv	
St Louis Mo	Earl Eugene Harris #59840	6-24-51	L fr person	7-26-51 sent to 60 das in the City Mi
St Louis Mo	Earl Eugene Harris #59840	1-14-53	pick pocket	
of Marc Wash DC	Earl Harris #Mo-8325	5-8-53	vio Fed Narc Laws	
St Louis Mo	Earl Marshall #59840	5-9-53	narc offender	
St Louis Mo	Earl Marshall #59840	5-9-53	narc offender	
Jefferson City Mo	Earl Eugene Harris #67529	10-16-53	L fr person poss of narc	2 yrs exp 10-16-55
St Louis Mo	Earl Eugene Harris #59840	11-25-55	sus L	11-26-55 rel
St Louis Mo	Earl Marshall #59840	12-30-55	sus L	4-4-56 Nolle Prossed on chg aslt to kill
St Louis Mo	Earl Dixie #73998	3-3-56	CCW & stealing	3-4-56 rel on chg of inv susp CCW
Kans City Mo	Earl E Dixie Jr. #86313	6-30-56	inv hold for GAU	
St Louis Mo	Earl Eugene Harris #59840	7-2-56	inv susp L	
Kans City Mo	Earl Dixie #86313	7-5-56	inv Actv hold for vice	
St Louis Mo	Earl Harris #59840	8-12-56	sus homicide	
Jefferson City Mo	Earl Harris #71842	12-19-56	murder 2nd	13 yrs
#3-314 St Tr Sch Boonville Mo 3-11-47 delinq; 12-18-47 paroled.				
Earl Eugene Harris #59840 PD St Louis Mo 7-21-56 inv sus aslt to kill rel.				

## RELATIVE CORRESPONDENCE AND VISITING LIST

Name HARRIS, Earl

No. C-71842

List only 5 names of relatives or friends with whom you wish to correspond or visit.

Relation	Name	Address	Age	Educ.	M. or S.	Occupation
Wife	Ona Harris	5203 Ashland, St. Louis, Mo.	22	12	M	Beautician
Mother,	Surotha Marshall	5203 Ashland, St. Louis, Mo.	43	12	M	Beautician
Friend	Leonard Williams	St. Louis, Mo.	25		S	Laborer
Father	George Harris	2710 Lawton, St. Louis, Mo.	44		S	Laborer
Step-Father	Elmer Marshall	5203 Ashland, St. Louis, Mo.	45		M	Laborer

**CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY**  
**MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY**

Name	Earl Eugene Harris	Number	C-67529	Date	11-12-53
Crime	PG: Larceny from Person in Amount Less than \$30.00; Illegal Possession of Narcotics.	Sentence	2 yrs. (242 conc)	County	St. Louis City
Date	10-16-53	Due Out	10-15-55		4-15-55

**Previous Criminal History**      **FBI-Reveals:**  
 4-3-47, MTS, Boonville, Mo., 1 year; Delinquent; paroled 12-18-47.  
 6-24-51, PD, St. Louis, Mo., 60 days; City Workhouse; Larc. from person.

**Circumstances of Instant Offense**      **Inmate's Version:** Subject states that in January, 1953 in St. Louis, Missouri, he was arrested and accused of having stolen a billfold out of a lady's purse. He denies the charge, stating that a fellow with him took the billfold. He was charged with Larceny from the Person in Amount less than \$30.00. Subject was released on bond. In June, 1953 in St. Louis, Missouri, subject was delivering narcotics when he was arrested and the narcotics were found. He was charged with Illegal Possession of Narcotics. He again made bond. On October 8, 1953 subject plead guilty to both charges and was sentenced to serve 2 years (242 conc) in Missouri State Penitentiary.

**Co-Defendants**      None.

**Detainers**      None.

**Medical Data**      Health: Right arm bad - broken in 1949; teeth bad. Blood Test: Negative.

**Psychological Data, Education and Training**      Subject completed the tenth grade in 1945 at Sumner High, St. Louis, Missouri. AGOT SCORE: 89; PERCENTILE RANK: 34%.

**Work** (2520) 1947 to 11-53, S.S. Admiral, St. Louis, Mo., waiter during excursion season, odd jobs otherwise; 6-48 to 12-48, St. Louis City WH, porter work.

**Social Data**      Subject, age 22, was born [redacted] in St. Louis, Missouri. He has one half-brother. His parents were divorced and both remarried. Subject's father is employed as a barber and his mother as a beautician. He claims his parents were strict with him, but at the age of eighteen he was arrested for Assault and sentenced to the City Workhouse for six months. Subject has never married, but claims paternity of one son. He prefers the Catholic religion, attends church occasionally but is not a member. He disclaims use of narcotics and intoxicants. No military service claimed. Subject plans to live in Detroit, Michigan with his aunt when released.

**Mother:** Suretha Marshall, 906 Taylor Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

October 14, 1966

To: Classification Committee- % Warden Harold Swenson  
Subject: Earl Harris C-12108  
From: Officers Assigned to B&C Maximum Security Unit

This report is concerned with the behavior and statements of Inmate Earl Harris C-12108 during his Assignment to the Maximum Security Unit.

Wherever Harris has called in Maximum Security he has spread dissension and created unnecessary incidents. His record during his past and present sentences in the institution is heavily documented as to his preoccupation with violent and often vicious behavior. He is very vociferous, profane, and threatening in his remarks concerning Department administrators, Prison Guards, and employees of this institution.

He uses his reputation and his known propensity to violence to abuse, and intimidate other Inmates until they accede to his wishes in causing disturbances, food strikes, slanderous comments concerning Officers and employees of the Dept. of Corrections.

Harris's statements and behavior are aimed at promoting riot, violence, and disorder in this institution and the state it represents. He has this past week alone made statements such as "We ought to kill six or seven of these screws (Officers) like they did in Illinois." "Kill a whole bunch of the -----! This A.M. he stated several times that Inmates in M.S.P. should raise ---- and start a riot.

When called before Adjustment Board this A.M. on a Violation Report of his Agitating another Inmate (A charge that was witnessed by several Officers) he was insolent, and abusive, (calling adjustment board a Kangaroo Court) and upon being placed in Seclusion Cell he threatened Officer's life stating he would kill them if he got a chance.

We believe and with good reason that if Earl Harris C-12108 were placed in any segment of the population that before long he would have promulgated disorder and behavior contrary to the rules of common sense, decency, and good order.

We believe therefore that Inmate Earl Harris C-12108 should be placed in Seclusion Cell for an indefinite period (subject to the decision and judgment of Warden H. Swenson, Associate Warden's, W. Kern and C. White, and the Classification committee) We are under no illusions as to this reforming or changing Harris. It will simply make it more difficult for him to implement his often stated plans of riot, destruction, and murder.

Respectful

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No definite plans were indicated as to home and employment of Harris.

Glenn H. Peters  
Classification Director  
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5-18-66	# change, to 12108, adm/seg, BB-8.
6-17-66	Parole notice; case set for hearing in January, 1967.
7-21-66	To remain in Maximum Security; file review in January, 1967.
7-30-66	BB-31
10-14-66	Violation report: Agitating another inmate, 10 days in P.S. (seclusion unit). Rel. 10-23-66.
11-18-66	To remain in Maximum Security; file review in May, 1967.
12-1-66	Violation report: Derogatory and obscene language towards an officer. 10 days in O-Hall regulation's in Seclusion Cell. Release 12-10-66. Return to BU-17.
12-19-66	Parole notice: case set for hearing in September, 1967.
5-16-67	To remain in Maximum Security; in person; June 16, 1967 (app. in person).
6-6-67	Approved for Moberly.
6-12-67	Received at Moberly from MSP.
6-16-67	Assn: Laundry, close custody, 1-D-268.
7-26-67	Parole notice; denied release under parole as per subject's request.
9-20-67	Interview, says he is doing hard time and wants to go to walls or farm. Advised no farm due to past record and that he should try to make it here. Subject was agreeable but put the usual bite on this writer requesting room move to south side of wing because of the adverse affect cold weather has on his injured elbo. Major Morgans called and will probably make move in near future. DDH
10-10-67	Room change; to, 1-D-247, (medical reason).
12-14-67	Assn: As is: Laundry, to medium custody, 1-D-247.
1-8-68	Subject restored 26 days of lost merit time.
2-16-68	Subject released on Commutation of Sentence.

2-16-68 RELEASE SUMMARY--COMMUTATION

Subject, age 37, negro, was released from the Missouri Training Center for Men on February 16, 1968, upon Commutation of Sentence. He completed approximately 21 months on a three year sentence from Cole County for Violence to Guard. He had served two prior felony incarcerations in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Harris was transferred to MTCM from MSP on June 12, 1967 and assigned to the Laundry where work and training report grades were good in all areas. Subject committed no conduct violations. His record while at MSP and on prior sentences was different in that he was noted for his violent conduct and belligerent attitude.

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**CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY**  
**MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY**

Name	Johnny Velanti	Number	W-00233	Date, 3-4-60
Crime	It: Robbery First Degree			Sentence 20 Yrs.
				County Jackson
Date	2-11-60	Due Out	2-10-80	3/4 2-10-75
Previous Crime History	Admits: 1949, SP, Angola, La., 5 yrs., Burglary, rel. 1952. 1957, USP, Leavenworth, Kans., 2 yrs., Impersonating Officer, rel. 1958.			

Circumstances of Instant Offense      Official Version on Page 2.

**Co-Defendants**

None.

**Detainers**

None.

**Medical Data**

Health: Injured heel (self inflicted) at Angola.

**Psychological Data, Education and Training**

Completed the 12th grade at Byrings High School  
Workings, Va. PTT-ONT Form 2-Score: 33-858; PTT V.A. Score: 44-858; PTT M.A. Score: /  
22-358.

(Artist, Salesman) 1949 to 52, SP, Angola, La.; 1957 to 58, Leavenworth, Kans., USP; 1952 to 58, odd jobs, ghost cartooning, designed TV stage settings  
1958 to 59, worked for carnival through western states, concession, baseball deal.  
Western Float Co., made designs for floats; also worked for parade float company in  
Calif.; 2-59 to 2-60, Kansas City Jail.

**Social Data**

Subject, age thirty-four, was born [redacted] in Crowley, Louisiana.  
Was brought from Louisiana to Virginia when young by a family named Overton - they  
deserted him. He was taken over by the State of Virginia and was adopted out by sev-  
eral families, the last being the Jackson's when he was almost 6. Arrested for the  
first time at the age of 17, Car Theft and Hit and Run Driving. Married the third  
time in Cleveland, Ohio in 1944 - marriage annulled, she was already married. Subject  
has twin boys by second wife and daughter by first wife. Member of the Catholic Church  
and claims he attends once a year. Denies the use of narcotics but claims he an alcohol-  
ic. Entered the Navy in 1943 and received a B. C. Discharge in 1944; entered the  
Army in 1946 - was in six weeks; entered the Army in 1952 and received an honorable  
discharge in November, 1955; entered Army in 1956 and received an undesirable disch-  
arge; entered Air Force in 1956 (while still in Army) and received an undesirable  
discharge. Subject has no immediate plans for release.  
Friend: Bettie Burnett, 636 Millian Avenue, Southwest Atlanta, Georgia.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT

Psychiatric Evaluation

Walter E. Nolan  
W-56298

March 30, 1967

This 68-year-old white male has been in the prison system for the last 30 years of his life. At this time there is a possibility of a discharge. He is a surprisingly jovial individual despite the thirty years of incarceration. He himself states that there is no use worrying about things like this. He indicates that he has kept up a legal interest for the last thirty years and expects to be discharged. He also indicates that he feels that the warden stopped him from learning more about being a pastry chef. He states that he was transferred to Moberly and this stopped him from being able to continue as a pastry chef. He indicates that he is specifically against the warden for this. This is apparently a grudge that he has maintained over the years. He states that he would be all right as long as the warden had nothing to do with him. He seems to be a rather opinionated individual who once he "gets stuck on something" he follows through to the end. However, there is no evidence of any paranoid thinking or any delusional system. He indicates that he hopes to be able to go into business for himself when he leaves here. He indicates that there are people who owe him a few favors that he feels that he can approach for a sizable loan. However, this seems to be somewhat guarded in that he states that "There are not too many things that an old man like me can do". During the psychiatric interview he smoked a pipe and talked quite freely. There was no evidence of any guarding. There was no evidence of marked emotional lability. There was also no evidence of any thought disorder. It was clear that he had some difficulties with his sensorium and that both his immediate recall and his past memory were mildly impaired. This would seem the result of a mild brain syndrome. The diagnosis at this time is chronic brain syndrome, mild, which should not impair his functioning very much.

Gilles Marc Desmarais, M. D.  
Psychiatric Consultant

GMD/vc



**CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY**  
**MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY**

Date : 3-12-59

Name Walter E. Nolan

Number W-56298

Sentence 50 years

**Crime TC:** Robbery 1st by means of a D. and D.W.

County St. Louis Ci

Date 5-7-42

Due Out 6-21-93

3/4 12-21-80

**Previous Crime History      FBI-Reveals:**

3-30-26, MSP, #29628, 7 yrs.; robbery 1st; paroled 12-29-28.  
2-11-30, SP, Menard, Ill., 1 yr., to Life; robbery-armed; 4-4-34; trans. to SP, Joliet, Ill.  
8-1-34, trans. back to SP, Menard, Ill.; paroled 3-13-41.  
Subject was discharged on parole December 22, 1950, his parole was revoked and returned to prison February 20, 1952 to complete the remainder of his sentence.

Subject was released on parole, 3-21-57; parole was revoked and he was returned to prison to complete the above sentence on 2-13-59.

Circumstances of Instant Offense Inmate's Version: (The following is a statement which subject wrote while he was working in the Classification Department.) He states that he did not commit the instant offense. He could have accepted a one year workhouse sentence for a plea of guilty, but preferred to stand trial. He states that this crime was alleged to have been committed in the year of 1929, and that due to the fact he was incarcerated in the State Prison of Illinois from 1930 to 1941, he could not stand trial in the case sooner. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court and the decision of the lower court was affirmed.

Subject states that on March 16, 1951, he was arrested on suspicion at a friend's House in St. Louis County. He claims he does not know why he was arrested. On November 18, 1951, he was tried on the habitual criminal act and again on February 4, 1952. On February 18, 1952 he was tried for robbery, and the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty on each charge. Subject states the parole revocation was a mystery to him.

Inmate's Version of Revocation: Subject was only on "the street" from May, 1957 until September, 1957. Jailed in September, 1957 and beat three armed Robbery (Over)

Co-Defendants None.

**Detainers** In favor: Illinois State Penitentiary at Menard, Illinois; (2) Supervision of Parolees, Springfield, Illinois.

Medical Data Health: Claims a spinal injury. Blood Test:

Psychological Data, Education and Training Subject completed the 10th grade in St. Louis, Missouri.

Work 1923 to 26, owned and operated beer tavern in St. Louis, Mo.; 1926 to 29, MSP, truck driver; 1929 to 30, Standard Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo., sheet metal work; 1930 to 41, SP, Menard, Ill., & Joliet, Ill., clerk, inmate's store, state commissary; 3-41 to 42, City Jail, St. Louis, Mo.; 5-15-42, MSP, Class. Office, Hosp. clerk, B-Hall Cleaner; F & G Hall clerk, Mail Room, Aux. Prison; 12-50 to 3-51, Riback Pipe & Steel Co., Columbia, Mo., clerical; 3-51 to 2-52, St. Louis, Co. Jail, Clayton, Mo., 12-50 to 2-52, Worked ~~Social Day~~ leather before jail time; 2-20-52 to 3-21-57, Worked as a general construction helper for an individual builder who operated over Southeastern, Illinois.

Social Data: Subject, age fifty-eight, was born [redacted] in St. Louis, Missouri, the eldest of four children. Father and three brothers living. Mother deceased. Home environment was very good. Parents were moderately well fixed and indulgent and were well educated. Left home to join the Army in 1918. He was married in 1920 and has one child. Subject is now divorced. Arrested for the first time at the age of 26. Subject was reared in Methodist faith, but has not attended regularly for years. Joined the Army in April, 1918 and received an honorable discharge in July, 1919. Subject has no immediate plans for release.

Sister: Mrs. Nellie Turley, 211 W. 9th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

IDENTIFICATION REPORT

REGISTER NO. W-10986 NAME Roy Britton RACE White  
ALIAS TRUE NAME Thomas Britton  
BIRTH DATE [REDACTED] BIRTH PLACE Daws, Tenn. AGE 47  
HEIGHT 5 FT. 1 IN. WEIGHT 225 LENGTH OF FOOT 11 IN.  
BUILD Obese HAIR Brown EYES Brown COMPLEXION Medium  
MARKS, SCARS OR TATTOOS T.B. PAINFUL, 1938-40 outer left forearm

SEC. SEC. NO. Unknown SELECTED SERVICE NO. (CLASS)  
1938  
MILITARY SERVICE Army FROM 1941 TO 1944 TYPE OF DISCHARGE Dishonorable

EMERGENCY ADDRESS 1110 Leatrice Dr., (1710 Wilson, Ave., Memphis, Ala.) TEL. NO. 517-7705  
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MARITAL STATUS Married OCCUPATION Carpenter  
EDUCATION 12 RELIGION Methodist  
INTERESTS AND HOBBIES GOLF, FISHING, HUNTING, FOWLING  
PARENTS AND KINSHIP 1 OTHER 1

*Mother: Minnie Perkins, 209 Windst., Chattanooga, Tenn.*

REMARKS: [REDACTED] - forged checks; Forgery  
[REDACTED]; Lawrence [REDACTED] 1945 [REDACTED] 1945  
[REDACTED] 9-27-1938 [REDACTED] 110 500  
2 yrs. Conc. [REDACTED] 10-1-1938 [REDACTED] 110 500  
[REDACTED] 10-1-1938 [REDACTED] 110 500  
[REDACTED] 500 803 7 [REDACTED] 110 500

DATE 4-3-47

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DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT  
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
Diagnostic Center Report

Date: 3 Nov 1965

Name: Thomas Britton

Number: W-10980

Sentence: 3½ Yr.

Present Offense: PG: Uttering a Forged Check

County: Greene

Date Received: 4 Oct 1965

Age: 47

FELONY INCARCERATIONS: 22 Aug 1957, SP Nashville, Tenn., Forg., 3 yr., par. 14-Feb 1959.

CRIMINAL HISTORY: Prior to entering the service, the subject was charged with grand larceny in June of 1949 at Jasper, Alabama, with the charge showing no disposition, but evidently was connected with the offense for which he received a dishonorable discharge from the U. S. Army. After he and his wife broke up, he went AWOL, kept going, and finally was charged with desertion, for which he received a 7 year USDB sentence. In 1955, the subject was charged with non support, with no disposition shown. After serving his Tennessee sentence, he was charged with forged check at Springfield, forgery and grand larceny early in 1965 in Alabama and another federal charge later, with none of these charges showing a disposition. After his involvement in the present offense, he went to Alabama and was later extradited to Missouri on the charge of uttering a forged check.

PRESENT OFFENSE: The subject was arrested in September of 1963 at Republic, Missouri after uttering a forged check. After being bound over to the Circuit Court in July of 1964 and while awaiting the next term, the subject jumped bond and was extradited from the state of Alabama to Missouri on the present charge. In September of 1965 he entered a plea of guilty on the charge and received a 3 year 6 months sentence to the Department of Corrections.

Accomplices: None.

Detainers: None presently.

SOCIAL: This 47-year-old inmate was born at Daus, Tennessee on [redacted]. He says he has some brothers and sisters but does not know who or where they are. When he was about 7, was placed in the Tennessee Industrial School for Boys, where he finished high school. He was later placed in a foster home, which was unsatisfactory to him, and he ran off and returned to the industrial school. At age 17 he left and when he was 20 he entered the military service. He states that although he doesn't know much about his parents, he learned that his father was killed in an auto accident in 1958 and indicated that he believed his mother was still living in Tennessee. Since he was about 31 he has been living in Alabama where he was married to his present wife.

MARITAL: He was married the first time while in the military service and after domestic problems he went AWOL at which time he was given discharge and served the disciplinary barracks sentence. He was married the 2nd time in 1947 at Jasper, Alabama where his wife continues to reside and works as a waitress. One son was added to this union and the wife is presently supporting him. His wife reports that the subject supported the family well, although the FBI report shows that he was arrested for non support on 1 occasion.

MILITARY: When the subject was 20 years old in 1938 he entered the U. S. Army and in 1949 received a dishonorable discharge on the basis of desertion. He states that he was reinstated later.

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W-10980 - Thomas Britton

**EDUCATIONAL:** The subject states that he completed the 12th grade at the Boys' Training School in Tennessee, and indicated that he made fair grades in school for the most part. His performance on tests would suggest an above average level of intellectual endowment with an average general mental ability shown. A 7.9 SAT battery median with an erratic profile suggests some educational limitations as compared with his 12th grade achievement. He was lower in arithmetic and higher in the reading area.

**VOCATIONAL-EMPLOYMENT:** The subject states that he has been a finish carpenter most of his life and while in military service was assigned to the carpenter shop. He states that he was doing construction work in the Springfield area at the time of the instant offense, and had lived in that area for about 1 year. His mechanical aptitude is superior which suggests some qualification for vocational employment in this area.

**RELIGION:** The subject is a baptized member of the Methodist Church, in which he was reared, but states he has not been involved in religious activities more recently.

**HEALTH AND HABITS:** The subject denies being an alcoholic, but admits that periodically he goes on drinking binges which generally takes him away from home. This evidently was his reason for being in southwestern Missouri at the time of the instant offense. He does not indicate that he was separated from his wife, but he had been away from her for as long as a year. Subject makes no physical complaints and is cleared for a regular duty status. He denies the use of narcotics or ever contracting venereal disease or being hospitalized for a major illness. His wife reports that they enjoy fishing and bowling as a family, but that his drinking disrupted the domestic environment.

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION:** Commitment report, FBI report, transcript of serial record, Tennessee State Penitentiary report, wife's questionnaire, medical report, test battery, interview.

**EVALUATION OF INMATE:** This is a 47-year-old white man from southwestern Missouri serving his 2nd felony incarceration, although he served a disciplinary barracks sentence for desertion while in the military service. He was reared in a boys industrial school in Tennessee where he is said to have received adequate training and developed close relationships with the superintendent of the school, but has evidently had a difficult time in internalizing acceptable social values. He goes on periodic drinking binges, and leaves his home and family, and doesn't work and then gets in trouble with local authority. He adjusted satisfactorily enough to receive a parole from his last incarceration which he was able to successfully complete. He presently has a detainer from Lawrence County on checks, but is expected to adjust to confinement without event. He is interested in working as a carpenter during his present incarceration and is not expected to benefit from a program of training during his incarceration.

**ASSIGNMENT:** J

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Routine supervision with a job assignment in the area of maintenance, woodworking, or carpentry.

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