

APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

TO THE JUDGE OF THE ^{CIRCUIT}~~SUPERIOR~~ COURT OF Adams County, Indiana:

Your informant respectfully represents that one Karen Jo Herman now residing in said county, is insane and a fit subject for custody and treatment in a State Hospital for Insane, as he verily believes, and he therefore asks that necessary steps be taken to examine into her condition, as the law provides in such cases. Your informant further states that to his best knowledge and belief, the legal settlement of said Karen Jo Herman is in Indiana; that said Karen Jo Herman came to Indiana 1939 from at Birth (Date) and became a resident of Adams County. This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were (Date)

In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a mother of said ; that I am a legal resident of R#1 Monroe Adams County, and that my address is R#1 Monroe Adams Indiana (Relative or Friend)
 In case of emergency, notify Edna Young (Name and Address of relative or friend)
 Telephone Decatur 7-7531 Telegraph station

PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Karen Jo Herman
 Born (Month) March (Day) 25 (Year) 1939 Place Adams Co. Indiana
 Color wht Sex fe. Married x Single Widowed Divorced Separated
 IF A WOMAN: Is she pregnant? no Number of children borne 3 Present age of youngest 18 months
 Has she passed menopause? no
 Birthplace of father Indiana Birthplace of mother Ohio
 If person is of foreign birth, give date of entry into the United States Port of entry
 Steamship line Steamship
 If of foreign birth, is person naturalized?
 Education: None Reads only Reads and writes Common school
 High school 10 year College Religion West Missionary housewife Where last
 employed and how long? Naas Foods (1960) part time (seasonal) Tomato Canning factory.
 Estate: Value Nature
 Guardian: Name Address

HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? 21 years Have you known this person intimately? member of family
 When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? approx. 6 mo. daughter
 What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? self-injury unduly impatient with her children
 Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? at the present time it was sudden because she attempted
 State what leads you to believe this person is insane to suicide by taking over-dose of sedative.
 What moral deficiencies have been shown? moody and depressed
 What was the mental and moral disposition in health?
 Number of previous attacks of mental disorder?
 Has this person been a patient in any hospital for insane? Where, when and how long?
 Has this person suffered serious physical injury? If so, give particulars
 Cut arms in various places with scissors.
 Has this person suffered any serious illness? State when and of what nature
 Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain?
 Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? Explain fully
 Has this person been addicted to any drugs? Explain fully
 by doctor unknown
 (Answer yes or no.) Is person paralytic? Violent? Destructive? Excited?
 Depressed? Homicidal? Suicidal? Is there any physical defect or deformity?
 Has person ever suffered from syphilis? no Has there been a Wasserman test? Positive?
 Negative? Does person indulge or has person indulged in any venereal excess?
 Is person epileptic? no Was person feeble-minded in childhood?

FAMILY HISTORY

Give name and address of following relatives. (If dead, state cause of death and age at death.)

	NAME	ADDRESS	IF DEAD	
			Cause	Age at Death
Father	John Young	Monroe, Indiana		
Mother (Maiden Name)	Edna Young	Monroe, Indiana		
Father's father	Wm. Young	Monroe, Indiana	stroke	74
Father's mother	Sarah Young	Monroe, Indiana	stroke	74
Mother's father	Wm Address	Berne, Indiana		
Mother's mother	Alma Address	Berne, Indiana		
Brother half	Harold Young	Monroe, Indiana		
Sister halfsister	Alice Baumgartner	Rockford, Ohio		
sister	Myrna Grover	Huntington, Indiana		
husband	Richard Herman	Berne, Indiana		
son	Rikki Herman	Berne, Indiana		
son	Terri Herman	Berne, Indiana		
son	Eddi Herman	Berne, Indiana		

Which of person's parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles or aunts, if any (give name) ever had the following diseases:

Insanity	none	Epilepsy	none
Spasms	none	Fainting spells	none
Nervous prostration	none	Hysteria	none
Feeble-mindedness	none	Tuberculosis	none
Syphilis	none		

Was either of the person's parents or grandparents intemperate in the use of alcohol? none

Was either of person's parents or grandparents addicted to the use of opium, cocaine or other narcotics? none

The statement of Howard M. Luginbill M. D., the attending physician, is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

The undersigned citizen of said county, upon oath, declares that the foregoing allegation, personal history, family history and history of persons's insanity, are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

s/ Edna Young

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of February 19 61

s/ Richard D. Lewton
Notary Public or County Clerk
Circuit Court

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

I, Howard M. Luginbill M. D., of Berne in the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby certify that I am licensed to practice medicine in the State of Indiana; that on the 29 day of January 1961 I did carefully and personally examine and believe her to be suffering from mental disease, and I am of the opinion that she is a proper person for admission to a State Hospital. I have observed the following facts regarding her mental and physical condition: she seems unable to, or at least unwilling to, face the situation in life in which she finds herself. As concerning her children, she doesn't seem able to accept the responsibility of their care, and appears to be seeking a way to get away from the situation. Thus, she has resorted to suicide attempts. She appears flighty, nervous, unaware of the seriousness of her problem. I further certify that patient is free from any contagious disease and from vermin. General physical exam is that of a normal 21 year old female in no serious physical distress. She has occasional minor complaints of abdominal cramps, vaginal discomfort, but these do not turn out to be significant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of February 19 61

s/ Howard M. Luginbill M.D.
Notary Public
s/ Richard D. Lewton, Clerk

VACCINATION

This is to certify that the said Karen Jo Herman, of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 12th day of Feb. 19 61; that I am of the opinion that she is mentally ill from the following facts observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and behavior of patient.) Physically normal. Gives long history of social maladjustment characterized by inability to control or learn from experience. Latest episode, resulted in suicide attempt which under emotional stress. She knows she needs treatment and is not normal,

has been vaccinated for smallpox

M. D.

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, H. G. Dunstone M. D., of Fort Wayne in the County of Allen Indiana, do hereby certify that I am duly licensed to practice medicine in Indiana; that I am not related by consanguinity or marriage to Karen Jo Herman of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 12th day of Feb. 19 61; that I am of the opinion that she is mentally ill from the following facts observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and behavior of patient.) Physically normal. Gives long history of social maladjustment characterized by inability to control or learn from experience. Latest episode, resulted in suicide attempt which under emotional stress. She knows she needs treatment and is not normal,

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition:
no

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Feb.

s/ H. C. Dunstone M. D.
19 61 (SEAL)
s/ DeVon Staley
Notary Public

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, Roland C. Ablbrand M. D., of Ft. Wayne in the County of Allen Indiana, do hereby certify that I am duly licensed to practice medicine in Indiana; that I am not related, by consanguinity or marriage, to Karen Herman of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 13 day of Feb. 19 61; that I am of the opinion that she is mentally ill and is a proper person for detention, care and treatment in a State Hospital; and that I have formed my opinion that she is mentally ill from the following facts observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and behavior of patient.) Describes lurid account of multiple incestuous affairs within her family in an expressiouless voice punctuated occasionally by inappropriate laughing & smiling. Seems to have no real insight into her predicament. Superficially oriented but the sexual accounts seemed delusional, States that she is the only really sane person in her family and the rest are the ones who need psychiatric care. She discussed how she was going to meet future emotional crises but her thinking was shallow and infantile.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Feb. 19 61

s/ Roland C. Ablbrand M. D.
(SEAL)
s/ DeVon Staley Notary Public

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Karen Jo Herman to the Richmond State Hospital:
Comes now Karen Jo Herman who filed application for the commitment of ~~Richard D. Lewton~~ Karen Jo Herman to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Karen Jo Herman is a resident of Adams County and has her legal settlement in the State of Indiana, and is insane. And having read such application and heard such other evidence as was deemed necessary to a full investigation of the facts stated in such application, I Myles F. Parrish Judge of the ~~Superior~~ Circuit Court of the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby find and determine that the said Karen Jo Herman is insane and is in need of hospital care, and do hereby order her committed to the Richmond State Hospital; and this shall be sufficient warrant and authority for her admission, confinement and detention for care and treatment in said hospital until she shall be restored to health, or removed or discharged according to law. And the clerk of this court is hereby directed to apply forthwith to the superintendent of the Richmond State Hospital for the admission of the said Karen Jo Herman and to transmit with said application to said superintendent for his information, copies of all statements and certificates submitted, and to certify thereto under seal of this court.

(SEAL)

s/ Myles F. Parrish Judge of the Circuit Court

STATE OF INDIANA

Adams COUNTY } SS: I, Richard D. Lewton Clerk of the Circuit Court, and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court of said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the application, including statement of the attending physician, for the commitment of Karen Jo Herman to the Richmond State Hospital; and the statements of the two medical examiners appointed by the court to examine said person, and the court's order of commitment in said matter.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and fix the seal of said court, this 18th day of February 19 61
[SEAL] s/ Richard D. Lewton Clerk
Clerk Adams Circuit Court
(SEAL)

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION

Transcripts of all the foregoing statements and certificates duly certified under the seal of the court were transmitted to the Superintendent and afterwards, to wit: On the Richmond 20th day of February 1961, an answer was received as follows:

Richmond STATE HOSPITAL Feb. 20 1961

To the Clerk of the Adams Court, Adams County, Indiana:

The receipt of a transcript of the proceedings in the matter of the inquest as to the insanity of with application for the admission of said person into this Hospital, is hereby respectfully acknowledged. According to the provisions of an Act Concerning Insanity Inquests, etc., approved March 4th, 1927, the application is

s/ J. Klepfer M. D. Medical Superintendent

ORDER OF COURT

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of Karen Jo Herman to the Richmond State Hospital, as a patient was referred to the Judge of Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, and being fully advised he made an order directing that they so desire; and if they, or any of them, do not so desire, by a suitable attendant, or by the County Sheriff, or relative assistants and a female attendant, if the patient be a female, as required by law and that due return be made of the complete execution of this order.

Witness my hand and the seal of Adams Circuit Court, Adams County, this 21st day of February 19 61 s/ Richard D. Lewton Clerk Indiana. (SEAL)

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

Richmond STATE HOSPITAL

RECEIVED, this 23 day of Feb A. D. 1961 the patient named in the above order of court

s/ J. Klepfer M. D. Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND and committing to the 19 day of State Hospital, as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this day of 19

ORDER OF DISCHARGE

STATE HOSPITAL

Indiana 19

To the Clerk of the Court, County, Indiana:

According to the provisions of an Act Concerning Insanity Inquests, etc., approved March 4th, 1927, the proper authority has this day discharged of County, Indiana, heretofore an inmate of this Hospital; and you are hereby respectfully requested to cause removal to said County, agreeable to said Act.

PROVIDED, That said removal has not otherwise been accomplished, as herein noted.

N. B.

Very respectfully,

M. D. Medical Superintendent

ORDER FOR PATIENT'S RETURN

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY, ss:

To the Sheriff of County, Greeting:

WHEREAS, the proper authority has directed that a patient in the State Hospital, from this County, be removed from said Hospital. You are therefore hereby commanded forthwith to remove said patient and return to Township, in this County.

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of the Court, this day of A. D. 19 Clerk

SHERIFF'S RETURN ON ORDER FOR PATIENT'S RETURN

CAME TO HAND 19, and duly served same by removing said patient to Township, in said County.

This 19 Sheriff County