STAGES OF JD PROCEEDINGS

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Saturn is 14 years old and is charged with a Class Five felony, aggravated motor vehicle theft, in a juvenile delinquency (JD) proceeding. Saturn is also on juvenile probation for a previous charge and is facing a revocation petition in that case due to his new charge and noncompliance issues. Jordan has a history of aggressive behavior, drug use, and has been hospitalized for mental health issues. He has missed several appointments with his probation officer, he is not attending school, and has failed to appear for four urinalyses. Saturn was also subject to numerous Dependency and Neglect (D&N) proceedings in Denver, the last case was closed when he was 13 years old.

Saturn's father is a heroin addict who disappeared shortly after Saturn was born. His mother has had several boyfriends, but never formally married any of them. Saturn has three younger siblings who have been placed and adopted by his grandmother. Saturn currently resides with his mother, who has battled with addiction issues and she leaves Saturn in their family home alone for several weeks at a time. The juvenile judge has determined that the appointment of a GAL is in the best interests of Saturn.

GALs: You are at the detention hearing and Saturn is adamant that he does not want the public defender from his previous case to represent him because he thinks the public defender didn't to anything to help him.

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Temporary Custody & Detention Hearings

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