

Custody Report

Name: Mary Anderson
Gender: Female
Age: 32
Marital Status: Divorced
Education: 13

Referred By: Zachary Sample
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Processed: June 06, 2020

TEST ADMINISTERED: Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2 (MMPI-2)

VALIDITY

Morally Proper Responding: Her responses to the MMPI-2 were generally moral and proper, cautiously reluctant to report various minor faults and shortcomings that the MMPI-2 normative subjects usually did admit. The results are within acceptable validity limits and close to the average for child custody litigants, but they may tend to under-represent some significant problem areas. Based on scales L, Sd, and a part of K that is not attributable to socioeconomic status.

Subtle Intentional Minimizing: Her scores showed a marked degree of deliberate underreporting of emotional and interpersonal concerns. The result of this underreporting is typically an understatement of her problems in most areas throughout the test. The following interpretations of her scores are of very doubtful completeness, despite the internal corrections of the scales, in that they would fail to reflect significant areas of personal discomfort. If she can appreciate that such an approach operates against her self-interests, she might be able to obtain much more fitting results on a retesting. Based mainly on the Mp scale, secondarily on scales S, Sd, and a part of K that is not attributable to socioeconomic status.

Atypical and Deviant Responding: Her scores on the scales measuring unusual responding and overreporting of pathology were well within acceptable limits. There were no indications of any systematic attempt to exaggerate her level of emotional distress or to malingering psychopathology. Based mainly on scales F and Ds and secondarily on scales Fb, Fp, and the difference of raw F minus raw K.

Positive Social Confidence and Self-Esteem: Her general level of interpersonal effectiveness, social self-confidence, and self-esteem is somewhat above average for the sample of child custody litigants as well as for the MMPI-2 normative group. This should be reasonably accurate despite the strongly self-favorable bias in her responding; that is, this social effectiveness score was substantially

corrected for such distortion. Based mainly on Block's Ego Resiliency scale (the best MMPI measure I can find for general likableness) and scale K, and secondarily on the Ss scale, ego strength, Do (as autonomy), and an absence of overly self-favorable responding.

PERSONAL STYLE

Cheerful vs. Guilt Issues, Depressed: Her responses did not report any significant amount of depression. In general she should show generally positive and cheerful moods. Based mainly the elevation of scale 2-D, with small additional weights for the deepening effects of scales 7-Pt and 8-Sc and low elevations on 9-Ma.

Energy Level: Slow Pace vs. High Energy: She tests as having an about average level of activity and energy, as neither lacking in energy nor as overly driven. Based strongly on scale 9-Ma with secondary weights on the Ma-2 subscale, the type A scale, 9-Ma greater than 4-Pd, and an energizing aspect of 3-Hy greater than 2-D.

Denying and Repressive vs. Frank and Candid: She tests as a mildly repressive and denying individual. That is, she would be seen as not wanting to engage antagonistic confrontations or perhaps even as becoming physiologically upset when forced to confront someone's anger at her. At times her attitudes would be seen as having a "Pollyanna" quality, looking the other way in order not to have to face uncomfortable problems. Based mostly on scale 3-Hy and additionally on indices of repressiveness, i.e., Hy-Subtle and the Repression-Sensitization scale, and the denial elements of scale L.

Level of Health Concerns: Her test scores did not reflect any special level of concerns or preoccupations about her physical health. Based centrally on 1-Hs plus some weights on Hy-obvious and the primacy (or not) of Hs in the code.

Awareness of Her Potential for Interpersonal Provocation: Her awareness of the ways in which she upsets or provokes others appears somewhat uneven. From time to time she may fail to appreciate how her reactions bother or annoy them or why they see her negatively when they feel offended by her. The awareness of interpersonally provocative behaviors is assessed primarily by scores on the Control (Cn) scale. High scorers are typically able to put up a facade and to successfully hide provocative thoughts and aggressive impulses; low scorers have self-justified good intentions with a limited awareness of "bugging" others, this latter being the frequent direction of custody litigant responses. There is also a small influence by weights on L and Mf masculine. Clinical confirmations of these interpretations of Cn have been remarkably strong and consistent.

Oriented Toward Own Agenda vs. Incorporates Others' Interests: She would tend to see things in terms of her own agenda and personal interests. Momentarily genuine expressions of empathy are apt to be uneven in guiding and restraining her future behavior. She might pay limited attention to the interests of others--possibly including those of her own child(ren)--when she felt seriously threatened. Based strongly on 4-Pd and secondarily on 9-Ma, with an additional weight on how much 4-Pd is predominant in the profile, a small weight on a psychotic tilt in the profile (internally driven ideation), and adjustments for defensive covering over.

Social Shyness vs. Extroversion: She tests as mildly extroverted socially. She would generally like social occasions, be reasonably comfortable in group leadership roles, and probably be somewhat reluctant to spend extended periods of time alone. Primarily based on the score on the O-Si scale with small adjustments for the shyness content scale (SOD) regarding visibility of the trait and K for consciously trying to appear social and gregarious.

Level of Day-to-Day Organization: Her scores indicate a positive and above average level of immediate personal organization. This anticipates independent and competent effectiveness in many situations. She would waste a relatively limited amount of time and energy in worrying or in ineffective and self-distracting activities. Basically the ego strength scale with adjustments for the interference of anxiety (Welsh A) and K to assess for an exaggerated assertion of high or low competence.

ADULT ROLE MODELING

General Emotional Threshold: The stresses and suffering of the divorce/custody context might elicit one or a few intense and possibly dramatic emotional outbursts. Over the longer term, however, her scores anticipate a somewhat elevated threshold for allowing her emotional feelings to surface and be expressively engaged. That is, her emotions would be relatively constricted and carefully modulated, although this is only a mild degree above the average for child custody litigants. A child's unrestrained emotionality could at times be uncomfortable for her and a challenge for her to manage constructively and without tending to suppress the child's natural reactivity.

The larger weight for this variable is on Welsh's scale R, on which high scores anticipate a constriction of one's engagement with one's emotions, i.e., less open and spontaneous expression, briefer intervals of expression or outbursts, and degrees of a general inhibition; low scores anticipate relatively immediate if not ongoing emotional reactivity, the person's emotions being relatively obvious and present. Minor weights are for the modulating effects of higher K and disinhibition of lower K scores, the emotionally outgoing quality reflected in low scores on Block's Ego Control (EC-5) scale, and the emotional activation (or not) of scale 9-Ma.

Potential for Self-Centered Actions vs. Other-Centered Reactions: When stressed and threatened, she could pursue her self-interests in occasionally urgent ways, although this potential is at or only slightly greater than average for the child custody litigant sample. In past experiences she may have felt that she has mostly not gotten what she wanted unless she went after it. Such experiences could lower her restraints on her social forwardness whenever she feels her interests are likely to be blocked. She may show lapses in her anticipation of the adverse consequences of her actions on others or even what might be seen as significant shortcomings in her consideration of normal social expectations. Based substantially on scales 9-Ma and 4-Pd, the "9-4" code just within or close to the normal range being the prototype of the DSM criteria for Narcissism. Several pages of algorithms then include the contributions of coding (rank ordering) effects among the eight basic clinical scales.

Externalizing--Internalizing: Her scores indicate a mixed general balance between seeing some of her problems as external to herself and caused by other people versus an awareness of other problems as being due to her own misjudgments or mistakes. This is based on Welsh's I-E Ratio (internalization-externalization), which is the combined sum of the T-scores on scales 3-Hy, 4-Pd, and 9-Ma as externalizing divided by the sum of the T-scores on scales 1-Hs, 2-D, and 7-Pt as internalizing. This has been expanded to cover a wider range of code positions of these scales along with other small weights.

Linear Focus Under Stress vs. Strained Reasoning: Her scores indicate a potential for some unusual self-justifications or peculiar and unexpected shifts in her stream of thought. When she feels threatened, her ideas may be oddly connected and possibly difficult to follow. At times others may perceive her behaviors to be poorly judged or somehow less than appropriate to the circumstances. Some individuals with this pattern can identify closely with children and their vulnerabilities, but if there were any indications of mean or punitive behavior, this latter--as well as the chronicity of variations of her thinking and any specific deficits of parenting--may need to be specifically evaluated. Based on scales 6-Pa, 8-Sc, and the Neurotic-Psychotic Index (L. Goldberg).

Interpersonal Functioning: Anxious vs. Self-Comfortable: Her responses suggest a quite low and non-interfering overall level of state anxiety as compared to the MMPI-2 normative sample. This is slightly less than the average level volunteered by child custody litigants. She presented herself as being generally poised and socially effective and as tending to be interpersonally comfortable. It should be emphasized, however, that her extreme defensiveness could have covered over quite serious interpersonal problems. The primary weight is the Welsh scale A, Anxiety, elevations on which include a substantial element of social impairment; there are also adjustments for K, for scores on Block's Ego Resiliency (ER-S), and for the ANX content scale.

Ability to Let Go, to Forgive and Forget: Her scores suggest repetitive difficulties in being able to forgive and forget. With particular and narrowly defined values as to what is right and wrong in marital

conduct, she would readily focus on specific past occasions when she felt inconsiderately or cruelly hurt. Such self-righteous resentments could then persistently interfere with her ability to let go and to move on with her life. The parental modeling of intensely judgmental attitudes could lead to imitative judgmentalness by a child, especially when that child's expectations or wants were frustrated. Most of 12 summed weights involve scale 6-Pa, with special emphasis on the self-righteousness of the Pa3 subscale and the wounded hurt quality of Pa2, as well as the position of scale 6 in the code and the degree to which it is "spiked" above the other scales.

CONTROL ISSUES

Under-controlled and Ascendant vs. Self-Constrained and Rule-Bound: Keeping in mind the potentially distorting effects of the conscious defensiveness previously described, her item responses suggest reasonably strong self-controls. Assuming at least approximate test accuracy, her selfportrayal is as generally responsible and perhaps as respectful of authority. By her answers, she wants to be seen as a dependably ethical person with stable moral values. She may also be willing to accept delays of gratification when necessary, possibly along with some restraints on her selfindulgences.

Her presentation is also as respectful and considerate. It should be noted that while her score on this variable is above average for the MMPI-2 normative sample, it is at or slightly below average for the child custody litigant sample. It is not clear how much the demands of the evaluative circumstances may have affected the item responses that are relevant to these hypotheses, but given her defensiveness, these hypotheses would especially depend on clinical confirmation. Based on the weighting of a series of scales: Responsibility (Re), Block's Ego Control-5 (EC-5), the properness of the L scale, the righteousness of the Pa3 subscale, and the Overcontrolled Hostility scale (O-H).

Low vs. High Decision Control needs: Her scores indicate needs to make her own decisions and as wanting "veto rights" over decisions that might affect or control her. Others may find her somewhat more controlling of them than they want or feel is needed. It should be noted that this level of control needs is above the average for the MMPI-2 normative sample but only slightly higher than average for child custody litigants. Based in part on a series of scales, high Dominance-Autonomy (Do), low Dependency (Dy), the righteous-judgmental aspect of Pa3, and the control aspect of Ma3 subscale. In addition a long complex of weights adds in the code-rank positions of scales 3-Hy, 6-Pa, and 9-Ma, reflecting the three pairwise code combinations which are most characterized by major control issues.

Potential for Antisocial Conduct: The general potential for antisocial behavior appears about average for both the MMPI-2 normative sample and the child custody litigation cases. No special risks would be indicated unless there were some unexpectedly aggressive event in her history; if there were such an event and given her reasonably high threshold for aggression, the level of provocation might have

been especially great. These estimations of antisocial potential should be utilized with great caution because her marked underreporting of her problems may cover over more risk than is reflected by the scores she obtained. Essentially the elevations on scales 4-Pd, 8-Sc, and 9-Ma, the three way combination of which is clearly the antisocial pattern on the MMPI-2, plus minor adjustments for inhibitory factors.

Possible Temper Control Problems: Her scores indicate an above average risk of loss of control over her temper. Occasions when she felt unfairly or wrongly treated would be particularly likely to have triggered any past outbursts. Any such outbursts may be part of a "hold it in and then explode" cycle. Based mainly on elevations on the "temper control triad": 4-Pd, 6-Pa, and 9-Ma with secondary adjustments for alcohol/drug abuse and for the overcontrol and explosive potentials of the O-H scale; 34 steps of weights.

Vulnerability to Chemical Dependency: She obtained a somewhat elevated score on indices for chemical dependency (primarily the MAC-R alcoholism scale together with the AAS items). This appears to reflect an emotionally reactive makeup that can include a vulnerability to use chemical agents to relieve emotional distress. Some individuals with scores in this range do not seem to be basically disposed to chemical dependence and others who are more disposed may actively avoid such involvement (i.e., false positives). However, people in litigation circumstances may simply deny their dependence. At this level of risk, any indications of current abuse would suggest an evaluation of her abuse history and possible long-term dependence. This is mainly the Mac-R scale with secondary adjustments from the Addiction Admission Scale (AAS) and from 49/94 and 47/74 codes.

PARENT-CHILD INTERACTIONS POTENTIALS

Quality of Parent-Child Bonding: Her capacity for parent-to-child(ren) bonding is highly ambiguous because of her extreme underreporting in diverse problem areas. Although the scores that would anticipate impaired bonding are not significantly elevated, it is not possible to reliably assess what may have been covered over. Based largely on both the absolute elevation of 4-Pd and the relative (code) elevation; minor adjustments for scales 8-Sc, 9-Ma, and Neurotic-Psychotic Index (Goldberg). Although Pd has many expressions depending on the scales with which is combined, it nevertheless has a central focus on the quality-or impairment-of attachment. (Megargee et al. demonstrated this dramatically with their "spike 4" prisoner code as the most completely unattached and never bonded of all prisoner codetypes).

Risk of Alienation of Affection: She tests as tending to see someone or various others as either being for her or against her. Thus, she is apt to be sensitive to a child's comments that favored her former spouse over her. This in turn could lead to a perception that the former spouse was attempting to turn the child(ren) against her. If this were to happen, then her desires to counteract this would likely have

alienating effects against the other parent. In summary, if there were any alienating efforts on her part, they are likely to derive from sincere perceptions (whether accurate or not) that the doings of the other spouse needed to be counterbalanced.

It should be emphasized that this does not demonstrate alienation as an ongoing issue. That would need observation of confirming behaviors such as how she puts down the other parent or acts in subtle if not overt ways to undermine the authority or worthiness of that parent in the eyes of the child(ren). More primarily, it would need for the evaluator to record occasions when the child(ren) expressed such attitudes spontaneously and without parental cueing. Rather, her score on the alienation variable should be viewed as a vulnerability or a potential reaction to intensely threatening circumstances. It should also be emphasized that, given the relatively mild elevations involved, this vulnerability may be no more than latent. It should be noted again that the marked underreporting of troubling emotions and interpersonal difficulties makes it very ambiguous as to how severe this already significant risk of alienation may actually be. Based primarily on scale 6-Pa and the selfrighteous subscale Pa3, with small adjustments for whichever of the 7 basic clinical scales the Pa scale is combined when 6-Pa is first or second in the code.

Presentation as a Parent: Role-Played Virtue vs. Sincerity: A presentation as a good parent may be seen by others as somewhat illusory role-playing and possibly misleading (in a "white lie" or duplicitous sense of emphasizing "responsibilities" more than occasions of spontaneous affection). She might be seen as not having as much unconditional positive love for the child(ren) as an average mother. This is relative to the MMPI-2 normative sample, however; it should be noted that the child custody litigant sample tests as almost a full standard deviation higher on this variable and thus at or slightly higher than she did. This combines the absolute elevations of scales 3-Hy and 4-Pd with their code rankings along with minor adjustments for the Control (Cn) and O-H scales. This is to call attention to the ability of the people with 34/43 patterns to role-play ideal parenting and artfully cover over occasions of personal egocentrism, indifference to the child's distress, and abruptly punitive reactions.

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The validity of these ratings derives from two general sources. The first is the decades of research on the basic scales of the MMPI and MMPI-2 , on the patterns of interrelationships among these scales, and on information about the wide range of supplemental scales that have additionally been developed. The second source is the consulting and clinical experience in child custody cases of the author, Alex B. Caldwell, Ph.D.. The ratings are not based on research that is specific to these characteristics among child custody litigants because no such body of research exists. Thus, the MMPI-2 is applicable to child custody determinations to the extent that MMPI and MMPI-2 results in general are pertinent to the questions asked in such evaluative procedures.

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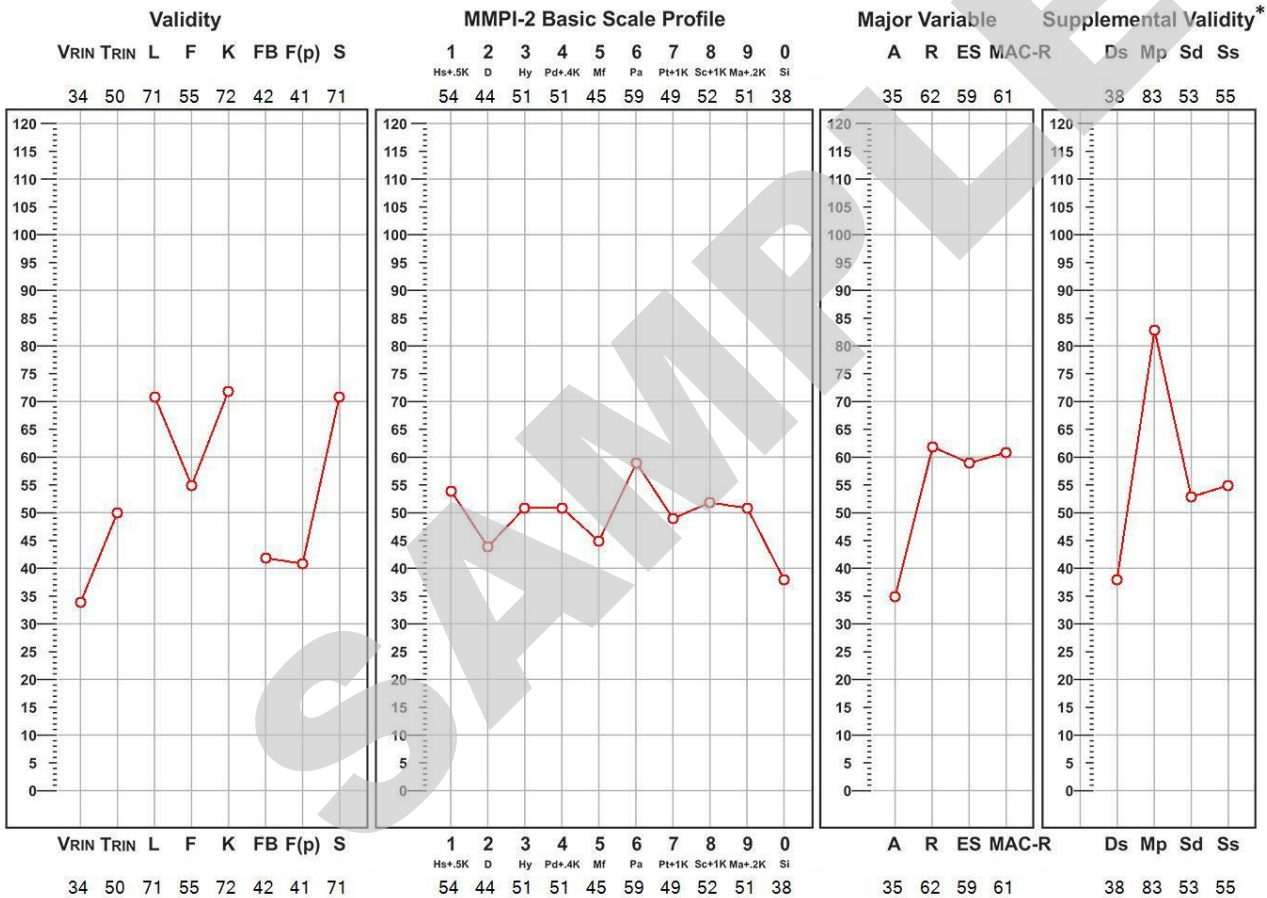
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	RAW	K	RAW+K	T
?	0			
L	8			71
F	5			55
K	25			72
1-(Hs)	2	13	15	54
2-(D)	17			44
3-(Hy)	23			51
4-(Pd)	13	10	23	51
5-(Mf)	38			45
6-(Pa)	13			59
7-(Pt)	2	25	27	49
8-(Sc)	2	25	27	52
9-(Ma)	15	5	20	51
0-(Si)	16			38

SAMPLE

2-D and Subscales

		RAW	T
D	(full scale)	17	44
D1	Subjective depression	5	44
D2	Indecision-retardation	6	51
D3	Health pessimism	0	26
D4	Mental dullness	0	38
D5	Brooding, loss of hope	0	37

6-Pa and Subscales

		RAW	T
Pa	(full scale)	13	59
Pa1	Persecutory ideas	2	51
Pa2	Poignant sensitivity	2	46
Pa3	Moral righteousness	8	65

3-Hy and Subscales

		RAW	T
Hy	(full scale)	23	51
Hy1	Denies social anxiety	6	61
Hy2	Need for affection	11	67
Hy3	Lassitude - malaise	0	39
Hy4	Somatic complaints	0	37
Hy5	Inhibits aggression	4	54

8-Sc and Subscales

		RAW	T
Sc	(full scale)	2	52
Sc1	Social alienation	1	42
Sc2	Emotional alienation	1	49
Sc3	Ego defect, cognitive	0	43
Sc4	Ego defect, conative	1	44
Sc5	Defective inhibition	0	40
Sc6	Sensorimotor dissociation	0	41

4-Pd and Subscales

		RAW	T
Pd	(full scale)	13	51
Pd1	Family discord	0	38
Pd2	Authority problems	4	61
Pd3	Social disinhibition	5	58
Pd4	Social alienation	3	44
Pd5	Self-alienation	0	34

9-Ma and Subscales

		RAW	T
Ma	(full scale)	15	51
Ma1	Opportunism	1	45
Ma2	Psychomotor acceleration	6	55
Ma3	Imperturbability	4	56
Ma4	Ego inflation	1	37

5-Mf and Subscales

		RAW	T
Mf	(full scale)	34	0
GM	Gender masculine	42	71
GF	Gender feminine	32	35

0-Si and Subscales

		RAW	T
Si	(full scale)	16	38
Si1	Shyness and self-consciousness	1	38
Si2	Social avoidance	2	47
Si3	Alienation - self and others	0	38

Major Clinical Variables

	RAW	T
ES Ego strength	39	59
MAC-R Potential alcoholism	23	61
AAS	3	56
Mt College maladjustment	1	34
N-P Neurotic-psychotic profile balance		82

Validity & Stability

	RAW	T
VRIN Response inconsistency	1	34
TRIN T-F inconsistency	9	50
F-back Rare answers - back	0	42
F(p) Psychiatric infrequency	0	41
S Superlative self-presentation	43	71

Interpersonal Style Variables

	RAW	T
O-H Overcontrolled hostility	18	66
Ho Cynical hostility	5	35

Distress-Control

	RAW	T
PK PTSD	1	39

Content Scales

	RAW	T
HEA Health concerns	5	49
DEP Depression	0	34
FAM Family problems	0	32
ASP Antisocial practices	3	42
ANG Anger	2	39
CYN Cynicism	1	35
ANX Anxiety	1	37
OBS Obsessiveness	1	37
FRS Fears - phobias	3	41
BIZ Bizarre mentation	1	47
LSE Low self-esteem	0	35
TPA Type A	3	38
SOD Social discomfort	3	41
WRK Work interference	1	34
TRT Negative treatment indicators	0	35

Supplemental Scales*

	RAW	T
SAP Teen drugs/alcohol	9	52
Ds Overemphasize-fake sick	4	38
Mp Consciously fake good	19	83
Sd Consciously fake good	13	53
Ss SES identification	60	55
Ch Correction for H	11	44
Rc Retest-consistency	32	67
Ic Retest-item change	4	34
Tc Retest-score change	2	33
ER-S Ego resiliency	24	62
EC-5 Ego control	13	47
ORIG Need novelty	10	37
INT Abstract interests	59	65
Do Need for autonomy	17	53
Dy Need reassurances	5	35
Pr Intolerance	3	37
Re Value rigidity	22	53
Et Ethnocentrism	5	37
St Status mobility	24	70
R-S Repression-sensitization	5	33
Lbp Low back pain	10	55
Ba Good teamworker	48	56
Ca Caudality-distress	2	36
Cn Control-facade	19	45
So-r Life as desirable	36	64
Th-r Tired housewife	2	29
Wb-r Worried breadwinner	5	29

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MMPI-2 CRITICAL ITEMS

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