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Social Work and the Law
SW 263
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Using Legal Reference Materials Legal Research Exercise

1. Provide the SUPREME COURT REPORTS citation for the case of PRINCE V MASSACHUSETTS:

64 Sct 438

2. Provide the CODE citation for PL96-272:

42 USC 670

3. Provide the CALIFORNIA REPORTER citation for the case of IN RE: STEVE W.:

265 Cal Rptr 650

Answer questions 4 & 5 from the case published at 194 Cal. Rptr. 431:

4. What court published the decision? Supreme Court of California

5. What was the outcome of the courts decision? Lower court judgment was reversed

6. Summarize Headnote #3: Regardless of patient/physician/psychotherapist privilege, psychotherapist must comply with the obligation of the therapist to report instances of suspected child abuse

7. What is the subject matter of section 16508 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code? Permanent placement services; eligibility in child welfare services in California

8. What is the Subject Matter of 42 USC 1983? Civil action for deprivation of rights

9. Summarize Headnote #17 of the case published at 266 Cal. Rptr. 361: If voluntary nonabusive behavior of sexually active minors is reported, this violates their right to sexual privacy as guaranteed to mature minors by the CA constitution

10. What is the subject matter of DE SHANEY V WINNEBAGO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 489 U.S. 189? DeShaney (mother) brought civil action against social workers and local officials who did not remove a child from the father's custody after receiving reports that child's father was beating his child.