

General Corrections – Case Five

Margaret L., age 27, is currently serving a 10-year prison term for a felony conviction for drug manufacturing and possession. She had one drug conviction three years ago for which she served a year in prison. She was convicted (along with her boyfriend and a cousin) of producing and selling methamphetamine.

At the request of the correctional system physician, Margaret is being evaluated for transfer to a mental health unit. The physician requested the transfer in response to Margaret's complaints of severe anxiety, obsessive ruminations, and sleeping problems. She acknowledged to him that she has a substance abuse problem that requires treatment.