# XXXXXX EMERGING MITIGATION THEMES

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Brain injuries and traumatic events



Mental illness and neuro-atypicality



Maladaptive behavior

Abuse of others
Abuse of animals
Self-harm
Other crimes



- XX, XX's mother, smoked when she was pregnant with XX.
  - ▶ Nicotine exposure causes tissue damage to the brain
    - interferes with development;
    - >alters the neocortex, hippocampus, and
      - cerebellum
    - influences limbic system and late monoamine
      - maturation (can trigger depression)



- XX was a colicky baby with chronic ear infections and poor sleep.
  - ► Regular antibiotic use (increased risk for chronic conditions
- XX fell from a rocking horse and split his chin.
- ► At age ~12, XX drove his motorcycle into a tree.
  - XX was hospitalized and his jaw was wired shut.
  - XX was a different person after the accident.
- ▶ In 2009, XX slipped and fell, splitting his head open.

#### Traumatic Events

- ► Child abuse and neglect
  - ▶ Spanked or beat with a belt.
  - XX, XX's dad, exposed XX to drug dealing.
  - ▶XX was absent for periods of XX's life.
  - ▶ The house was raided and destroyed by the police.
  - ►XX uprooted XX from his life.

# Traumatic Events

- **Exposure to violence people** 
  - ► taught not to walk away from a fight.
- **Exposure to violence animals** 
  - XX killed wild boar with a knives.
  - ► Forced to skin wild pigs.
  - ▶ Pet pigs were killed.



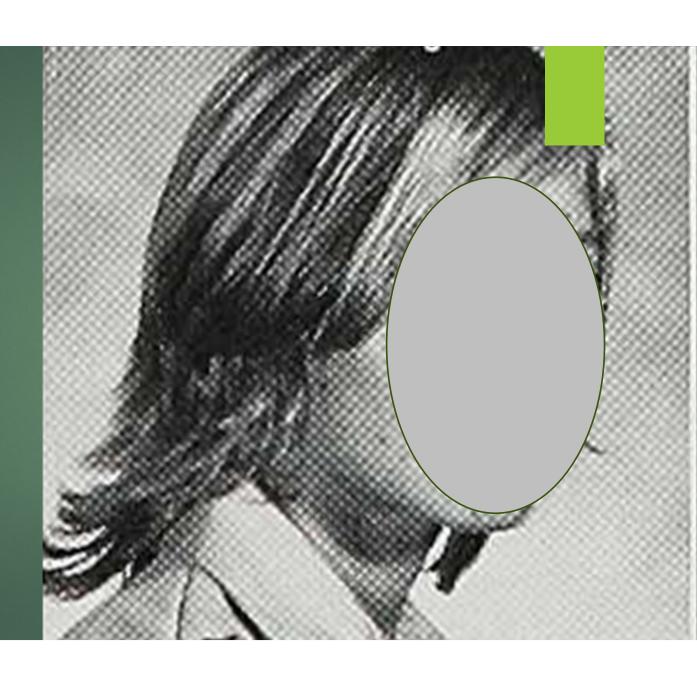






## Maladaptive

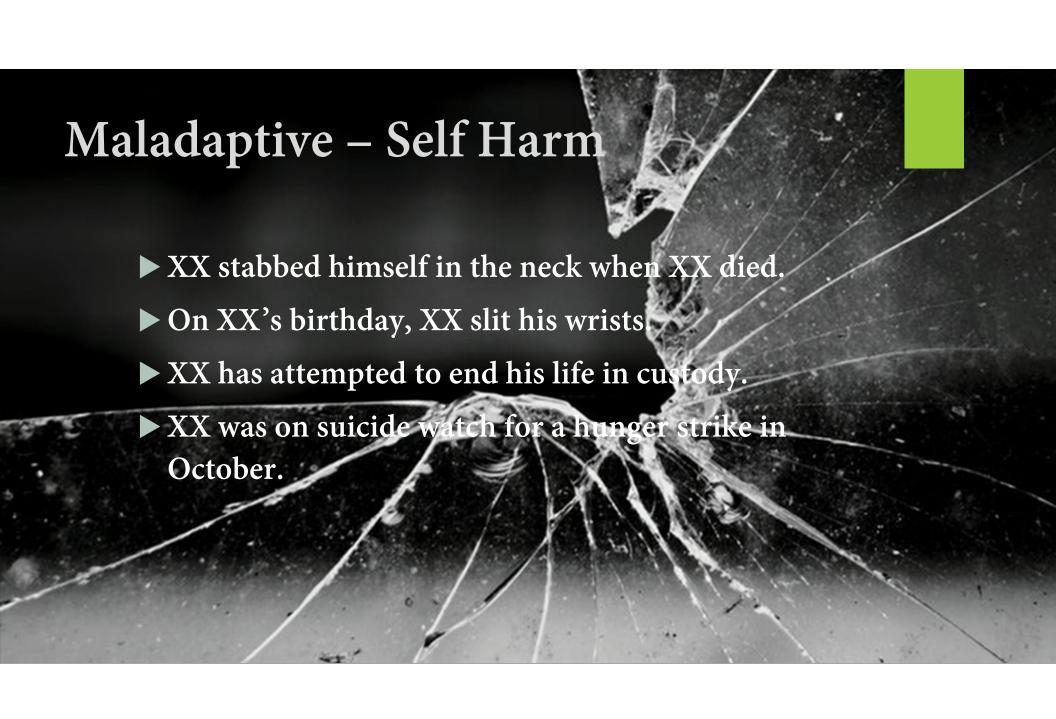
Verbal Report



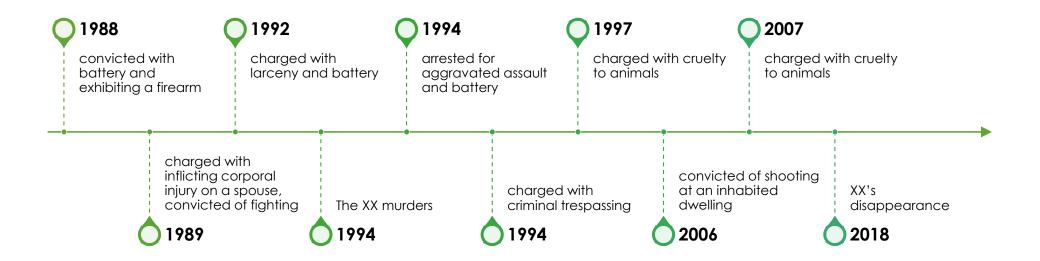
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► Verbal Report





## Maladaptive – Other Crimes



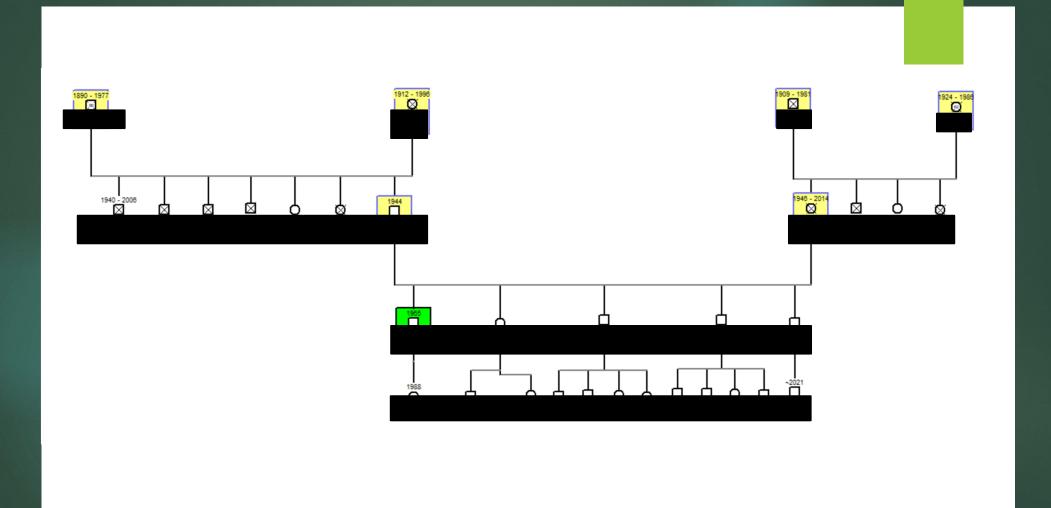
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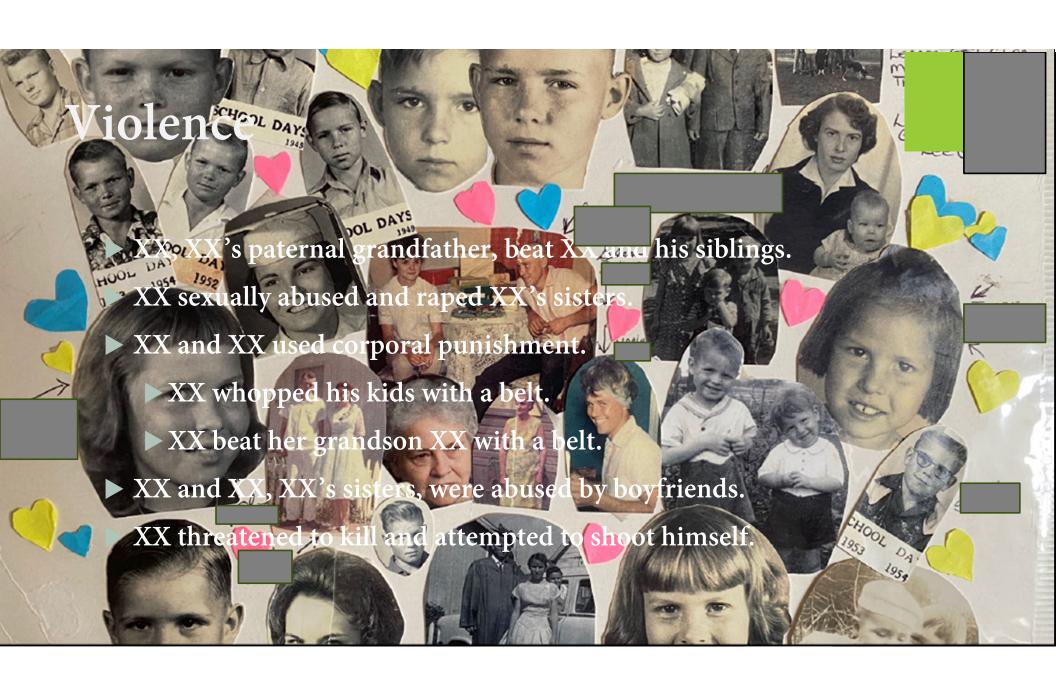
Violence

Substance use and addiction

**Criminal history** 

Mental illness





### Violence - XX

- ➤ XX threatened and planned to kill people.
  - ▶ Uncle XX
  - ► The man who raped XX
  - ► XX, XX's ex
- ➤ XX harmed other people.
  - ➤ XX hit XX in the head with the barrel of a gun.
  - ➤ XX believes XX was a contract killer.



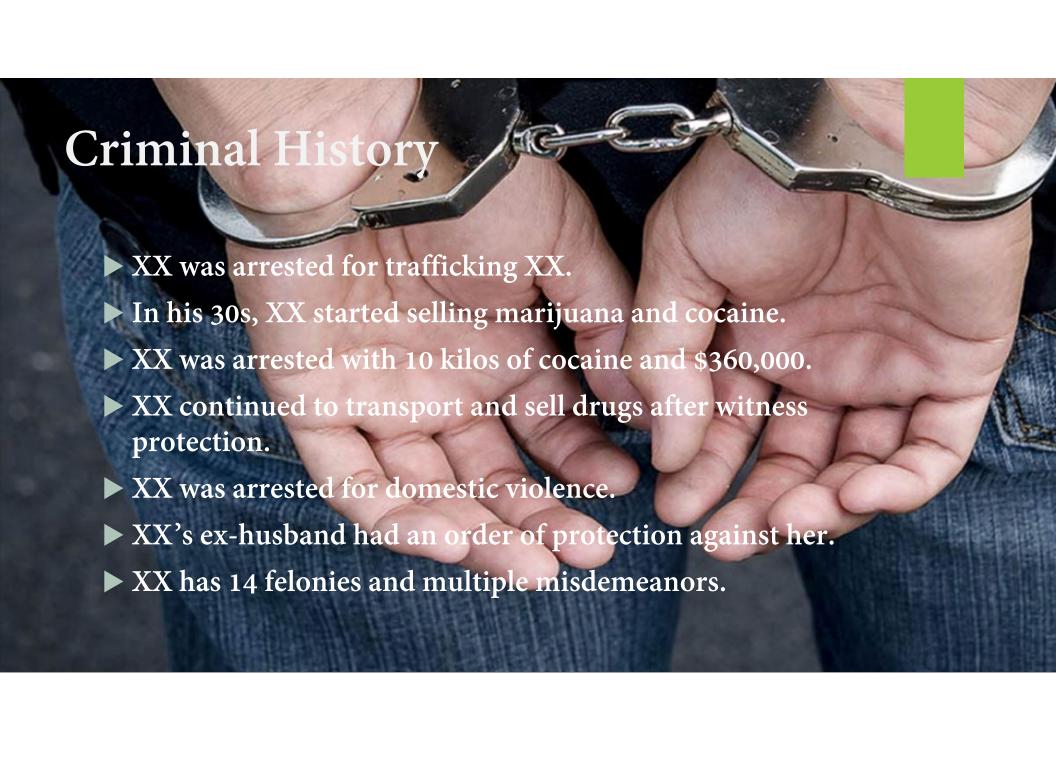
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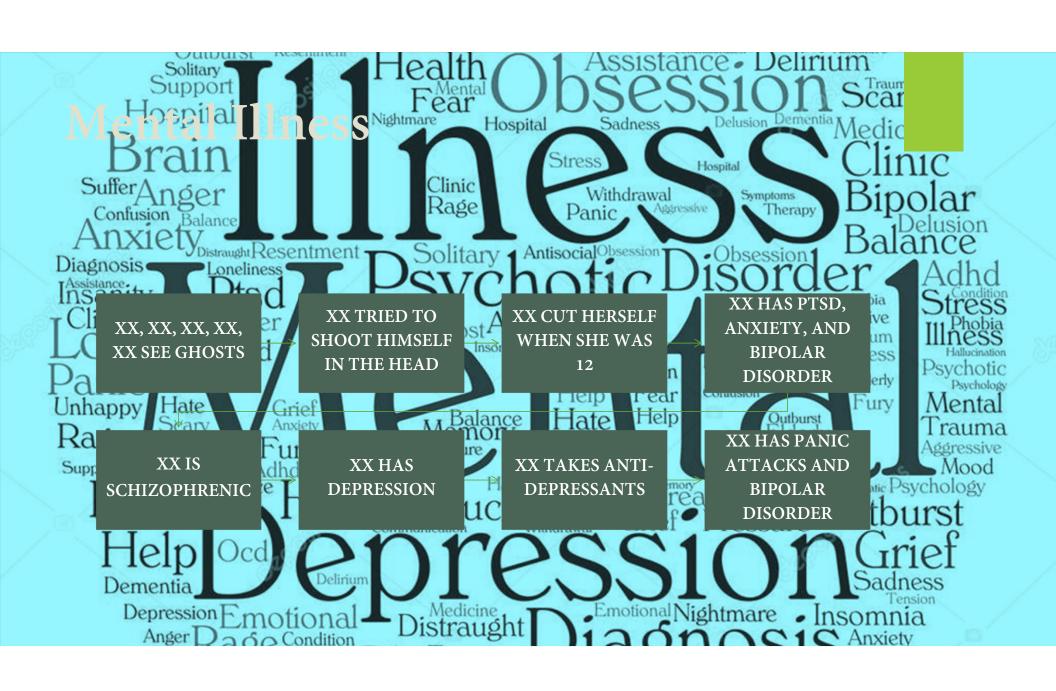
- ➤ XX was violent with multiple relatives.
  - ► XX physically abused XX.
  - ► XX's son, XX, had to clean up her blood.
  - ➤ XX dragged his daughter XX up the stairs by her hair and beat her in the bathroom.
  - ► XX hit XX, XX's mother.





- ➤ XX used a gram of contine per week.
- > XX snorted methamphetamine when he drove long distances.
- XX was convicted of methamphetamine.
- XX and XX used methamphetamine.
- XX used methamphetamine for five year
- XX's son XX was addicted to meth.
- XX, XX's daughter, used drugs of addiction.
- XX, XX's paternal uncle, was addicted to cocaine.
- Cousins XX XX Jr. and thers.





### Thank You

