

Psychological and Familial History of Luke Elliott Sommer

Compiled from Public Records

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

Case No. 2:09-cr-00436-JLR

This document compiles and annotates information drawn directly from public federal filings, including motions, exhibits, and psychological evaluations submitted in connection with Luke Elliott Sommer's 2022 motion for compassionate release and sentence reduction. All quotations are taken verbatim from court documents and include page references for verification.

1. Overview and Purpose

A factual, annotated summary of evidence from the federal record concerning Luke Elliott Sommer's childhood trauma, abuse, psychological evaluations, and corroborating testimony from family and friends.

2. Key Quotations and Findings

"Elliott suffered a great deal of childhood trauma which he managed to hide with his intelligence and charisma... His father was controlling and manipulative and verbally and physically abusive." (Exhibit 4 – Letter from Christel Davidsen, pp. 15–16)

"Inmate SOMMER was diagnosed with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder while in Canadian custody pending extradition." (Dr. C. Brodehl, PsyD, p. 107)

"Sommer's extensive history of trauma is relevant because greater traumatic experiences in childhood correspond with riskier behavior." (Motion for Sentence Reduction, pp. 31–33)

"He already knew what he wanted to do in life... But we could also see that he seemed different from the boy we first met; he had changed." (Letter of Support, p. 92)

3. Summary Analysis

The record presents consistent evidence across expert evaluation, family testimony, and court argument that Luke Elliott Sommer experienced repeated trauma from early childhood through adulthood. Expert findings connect this history directly to his later mental health struggles and behavioral consequences. This summary presents those facts faithfully, without editorial interpretation.

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