

# Courtroom Dilemmas

- Judge Anne Derrick
- Dr. Andrew Starzomski  
Psychologist
- Associate Chief Judge  
Pamela Williams
- Justice Peter Rosinski



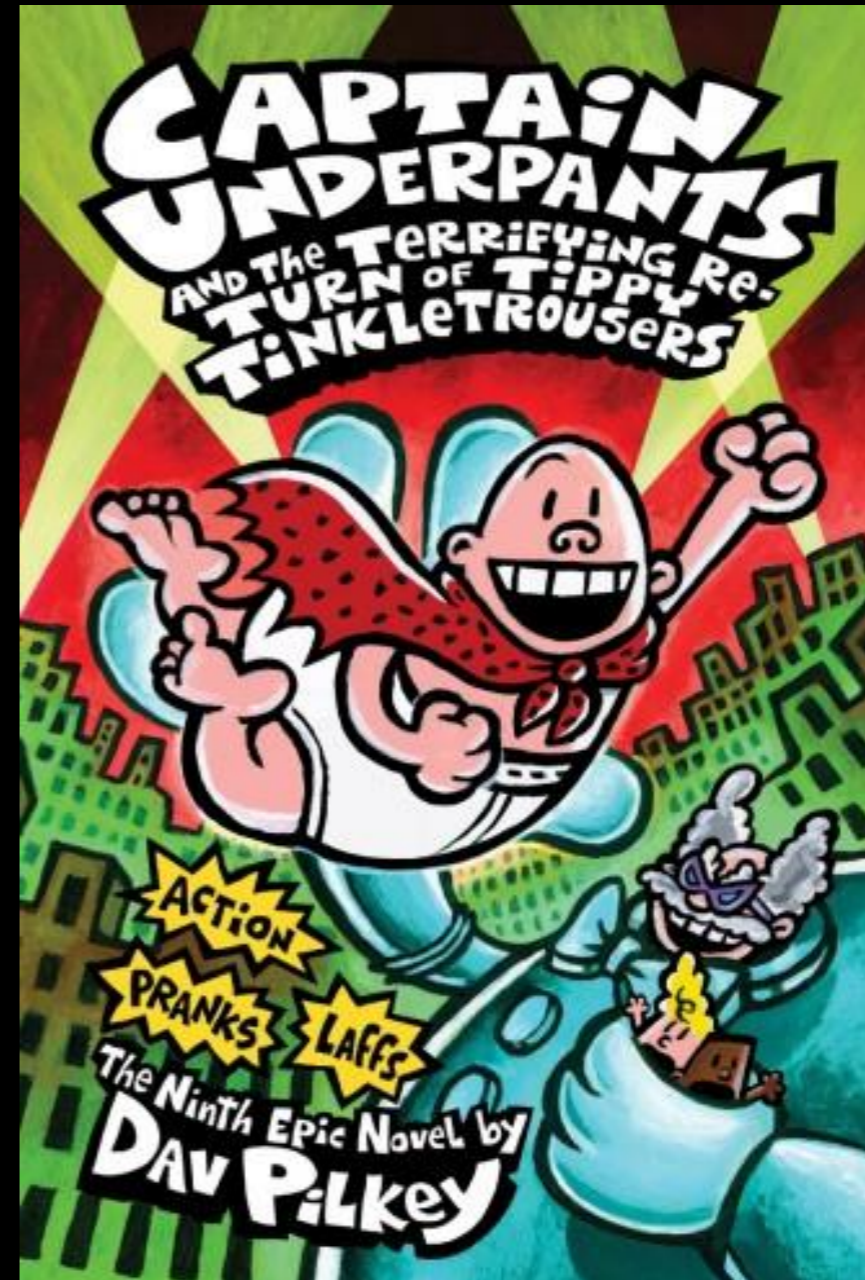
# Ambiguous Crossroads

- Dr. Andrew Starzomski  
Psychologist
- complex & competing  
purposes and motives  
of court processes...



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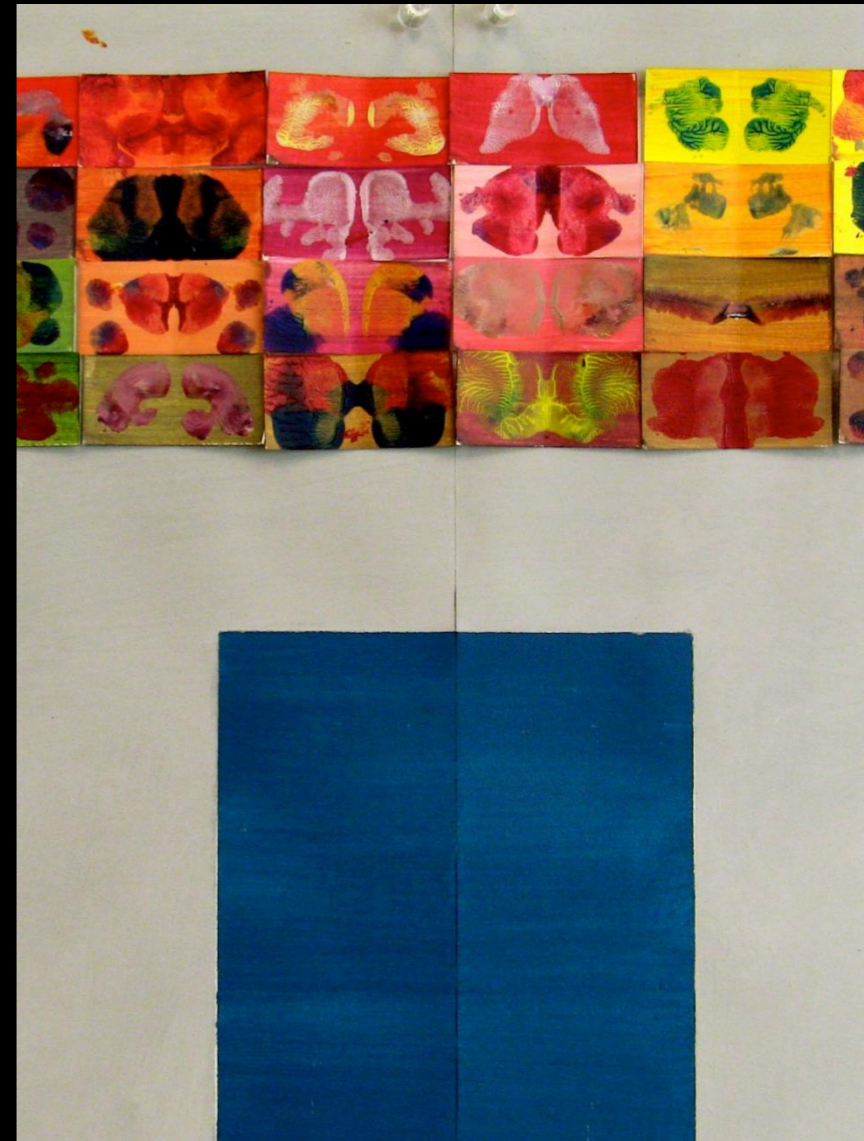
- the tension between incarceration and rehabilitation...





# Mental Health Problems: What do we mean?

- Psychotic & serious mood conditions
- Severe distress / suicidal
- ?Trauma, ?Substance abuse,  
?Autism/Aspergers,  
?Sexual behaviour issues, ?ADHD,  
?ABI...



# Mental Health Problems: Prior to CJS Contact

- Court events / circumstances are a function of pre-contact short-comings...
- Health system not always accessed well or reaching out well
- Regional variations





# Mental Health Problems: Arrest to Trial/Court

- Court events / circumstances are a function of arrest, post-arrest and pre-trial issues
- NS relative to elsewhere? PSRs? Peer support? Clinical notice of active issue?
- Variation - antisocial attitudes, recovery / compliance, violence risk



# Mental Health Problems: Thinking Forward to Options

- Sentencing...
- Provincial / probation considerations
- strengths?
- vulnerabilities?





# Mental Health Problems: Thinking Forward to Options

- Sentencing...
- Federal / parole considerations
- strengths
- vulnerabilities





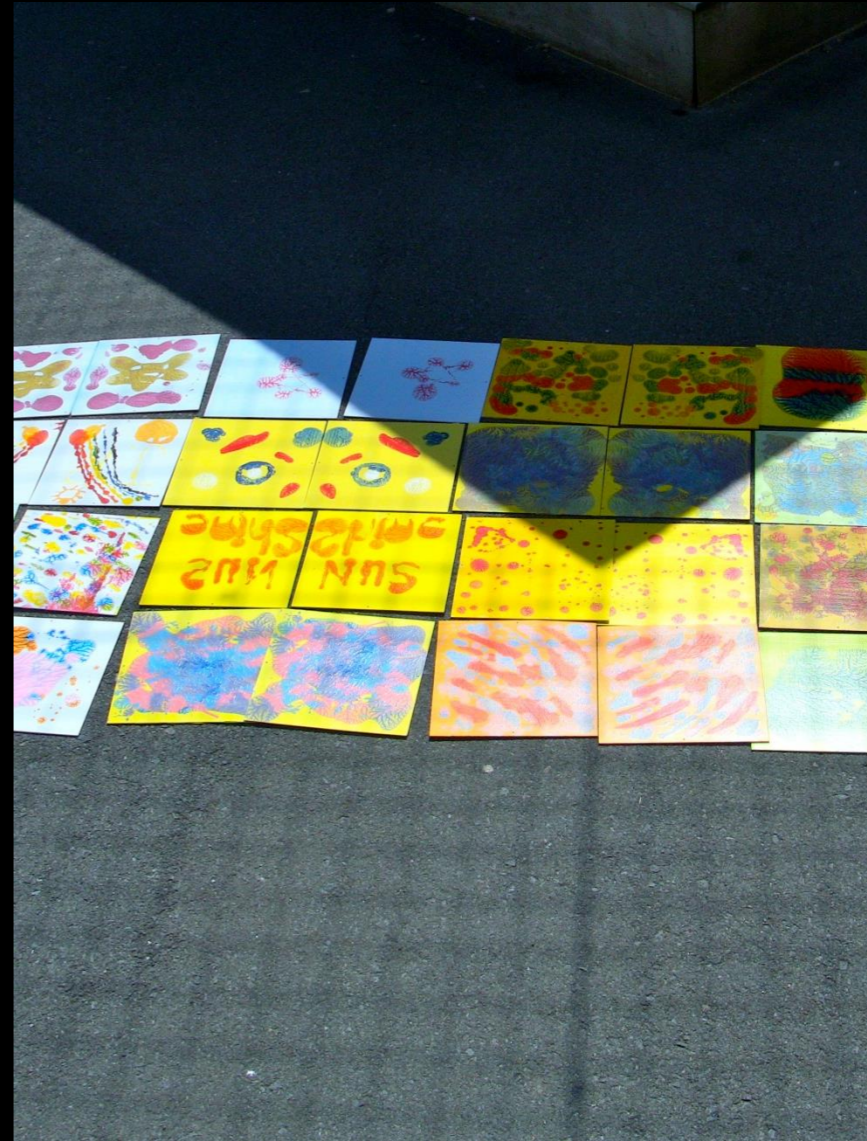
# Mental Health Problems: Thinking Forward to Options

- Sentencing...
- Managing breaches?
- Transition to civil health & mental health systems
- Transition youth to adult



# Mental Health Problems: Thinking Forward to Options

- Sentencing...
- Awareness of civil health & mental health
- strengths
- vulnerabilities





# Mental Health Problems: Thinking Forward to Options

- NCR/MD...
- more releases to community prior to first appearance before CCRB, vs admission?



# Mental Health Problems: Some observations

- How does health system move to more progressive and agile models of practice?
- Assessing/treating the range of 'relevant' conditions
- Connecting, including those with lived experience





# Mental Health Problems: Stigma-busting & other stuff

- health system itself could 'do more' about it, at level of person & systems; use of research, new research
- more connections between sectors routinely with goals/purpose/support
- mental health promotion





