

August 7, 2013  
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**Re: Substance Abuse Assessment for Jason Jackson**

Dear Mr. Jones:

I performed a basic assessment for Mr. Jones in reference to his pending possession and paraphernalia charges. This assessment included the administration of: a MAST, a DAST, a depression/anxiety screening and a clinical interview.

**Substance of Concern:** cannabis and alcohol

**MAST:** score = 0, no indications of a present alcohol use disorder

**DAST:** score= 2; no overt indication of problem signs and symptoms from cannabis use; denies use of any other substances

**DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns:** no signs symptoms reported or detected

**Depression/Anxiety Screening:** no clinically significant signs/symptoms reported or detected in interview

**Clinical Interview/Summary:** Mr. Jackson's written screenings provided no indication of a substance use disorder of any kind. He openly acknowledged infrequent use of alcohol and cannabis. He reported alcohol use as "0-1" times per week at anywhere from 1-2 drinks with a dinner to 4-6 drinks over the course of an evening. He reported cannabis use as once per month at a maximum. I questioned him to see if he was experiencing negative consequences or problem symptoms from his use of either but was unable to establish clinically significant symptoms. Nevertheless, I cautioned him that negative consequences could arise later that may impact him more than his current legal predicament. To his credit, Mr. Jackson was articulate about his reasons for limitation on his use of alcohol and cannabis, including: stability in his 80 hour/week job, a desire to sustain a marriage and raise four children, and his recounting of specific damage in the lives of several of his peers coming from regular substance abuse; including the death of a close friend who drove after drinking.

**DIAGNOSIS in reference to Substances:** None Found

**Recommendations:** It would be ideal for preventative reasons for Mr. Jackson to attend some local alcohol or drug education such as the one provided by Ohio Health on Saturday mornings at Riverside Hospital. However, since he does not have a substance abuse diagnosis, is not in crisis, and his current work schedule is very demanding, I believe it would be more sensible for him to attend such a class in the winter months when it is more feasible for him to do so.

Sincerely,  
Brian Davis, LISW-S, SAP

