

January 3rd, 2014

Jim Ambrose, Attorney at Law

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**Re: Substance Abuse Evaluation for Sean Prendergast**

Dear Mr. Ambrose:

I performed a basic substance abuse assessment for Mr. Prendergast in reference to his pending October 5th, 2013 possession of drugs charge. This assessment included the administration of: a SASSI-3, a MAST, a DAST, and a clinical interview. The following are my findings and recommendations:

**Substance(s) of Concern:** alcohol, marijuana, LSD

**SASSI-3:** scores indicated a high probability of a current moderate to severe substance use disorder; scores were positive for rule #7

**MAST: score=1:** indicates no apparent problem with alcohol

**DAST: score=6:** scores of "6" or more indicate problematic drug use

**DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns:** some family history of problem alcohol use

**Depression Screening:** SASSI-3 DEF score was below the norm which may indicate depression; further screening is suggested

**Clinical Interview/Summary:** Mr. Prendergast's written screenings provided clear indication of a problem with marijuana use and mixed indications of a problem with alcohol use. He reports his normal use of alcohol as 5-7 standard drinks on 1-2 occasions per week. Mr. Prendergast reported that he has smoked marijuana on a daily basis since his senior year of high school and has recently begun experimenting with LSD. His clinical interview revealed sufficient criteria to warrant a severe cannabis use disorder diagnosis and a mild alcohol use disorder diagnosis. Mr. Prendergast reported that he has abstained from alcohol and other substances since October 5th, 2013 without difficulty.

**DIAGNOSIS in reference to substances:** 304.30 severe cannabis use disorder; 305.00 mild alcohol use disorder; Rule out 305.30 mild hallucinogen disorder

**Recommendations:** 1) Counseling, recommend 12-20 weekly outpatient counseling sessions with a professional substance abuse counselor; 2) Education, recommend completion of OhioHealth's AOD Awareness Series or attendance at 10 AA/NA meetings; 3) Monitoring, recommend 4 quarterly follow-up

sessions after initial counseling is completed to assist with treatment gain; 4) If another negative consequence is incurred as a result of any substance use within the next year, it is recommended that Mr. Prendergast seek further evaluation where intensive outpatient counseling is considered and follow all updated treatment recommendations.

Mr. Prendergast has signed a release to communicate the results of this assessment to you. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions about this assessment.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Smith, LISW-S, SAP, LCDC-III

