

May 30, 2016

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**Re: Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Noah Sturgill (DOB – 03/11/1991)**

Dear Mr. Shafer:

I performed a Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Mr. Sturgill in reference to his March 2016 physical control charge in Madison County. This assessment included the administration of:

- A Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI-3)
- A Michigan Alcohol Screening Test (MAST)
- An Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT)
- A General anxiety/depression screening
- 60 minute in-person clinical interview

The following items provide a summary of the screening results, my diagnostic opinion and professional recommendations:

**SASSI-3:** no scores indicative of an alcohol use disorder at any level (mild, moderate, or severe); DEF score (defensiveness) was elevated beyond the norm which increases the likelihood of a missed moderate to severe substance use disorder but may also reflect situational factors; screening had a lifetime frame of reference

**MAST:** score = 1 / *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; no direct or indirect indication of problem alcohol use (screening appeared valid)

**AUDIT:** score = 2 / *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; scores of 8 or more indicate hazardous use, 15 or more (men) indicates moderate to severe disorder present (respondent appeared to provide forthright responses to questions)

**DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns:** denied subtle indicators of problem alcohol use including pattern of mild hangovers, mild memory loss after use, recurrent use to relieve emotional or work stress, previous treatment, conflict with significant others during or shortly after use of alcohol, guilt or regret associated with use

**Present Use Status / DSM-5 symptoms:** presently not using alcohol, has met 0 of 11 DSM-5 alcohol use disorder symptoms in the 12 months prior to the March 2016 charge

**Anxiety/Depression Screening:** no clinically significant concerns reported

**Substance Related Legal History Reported:** prior alcohol-related OVI charge in May 2011

**Clinical Interview/Summary:** Mr. Sturgill's written screenings provided no indications of an alcohol use disorder at any level (mild, moderate or severe). He reported his normal use of alcohol prior to this charge as 1-2 drinks on 1-2 occasions per month. He also acknowledged use of 3-5 drinks on special occasions (weddings, birthdays, etc.), or on about 5 occasions per year.

Mr. Sturgill and I discussed his behavior on the night of his charge, his prior alcohol-related legal charge, and his general history of alcohol use at length. In my best clinical judgment, I was unable to find the incident or his overall history and presentation indicative of someone experiencing DSM 5 alcohol use disorder symptoms. I did discuss with him one item of concern (use of alcohol to relieve distress) and recommended that he attend a victim impact panel to further increase his awareness of the potential harms of alcohol misuse.

**DSM 5 DIAGNOSIS in reference to substances:** z03.89 None/NA (suspected substance use disorder not found)

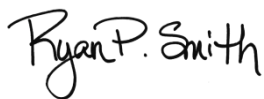
**Treatment Recommendations:**

- 1) Attend a local MADD Victim Impact Panel, 614-885-6233;
- 2) If another negative consequence is incurred as a result of any alcohol use it is recommended Mr. Sturgill seek an updated evaluation and follow all treatment recommendations.

If the reader possesses additional information about Mr. Sturgill's use of any substance I would be happy to review it and consider any appropriate modifications or amendments to the present report.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist the court, Mr. Sturgill, and yourself in this important matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: Noah Sturgill

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**Diagnostic Conclusions / Limitations:** Directions Counseling Group provides Clinical Alcohol Assessments based on objective and standardized screenings and interviewing methods as well as self-reported information. Clinical conclusions are made to the best of the professional's ability with data on hand at the time of the assessment. Expanded assessments which involve additional background research, collateral information and third party verification can be provided as an additional service upon request.