

October 1, 2015

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**Re: Clinical Alcohol and Drug Assessment for Gaber Alawi**

Dear Mr. Stavroff:

I performed a Clinical Alcohol and Drug Assessment for Mr. Alawi in reference to his charge of assault of a police officer in Franklin County (5/2015). This assessment included the administration of:

- A Michigan Alcohol Screening Test (MAST)
- A Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST)
- A General anxiety/depression screening
- 50 minute clinical interview by telephone

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

**MAST:** score = 0/ *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; no direct or indirect indication of problem alcohol use (screening appeared valid)

**DAST:** score = 1 / scores of 6 or more indicate hazardous or problem use of illicit or prescription drugs

**DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns:** denies subtle indicators of problem alcohol use including pattern of mild hangovers, mild memory loss after use, repeat 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:** presently reports he has not and will not use illicit drugs since the May 2015 incident; denies use of alcohol since early experimentation at age 17

**Anxiety/Depression Screening:** one mild symptom reported/ does not reach level of clinical disorder

**Substance Related Legal History Reported:** denies any previous history of alcohol or substance related arrests/legal charges

**Clinical Interview/Summary:**

ALCOHOL - Mr. Alawi's written screenings provided no indication of an alcohol use

disorder at any level (mild, moderate or severe). He reported the he experimented with alcohol at 17 years of age but after about five uses did not find it beneficial on many levels. He noted that he didn't like the effect it was also having on his peers (mood alteration, behavior changes, etc.) His overall demeanor seemed credible on this point and I did not find reason to suspect that he was covering for problem alcohol use.

**ILLICIT DRUG** – Mr. Alawi acknowledged experimentation with cannabis which lead to regular weekend use in high school. He reduced the frequency of use of cannabis after high school but periodically smoked it until he was charged with possession and paraphernalia in the early part of this year. He participated in a diversion program but subsequent to that experimented with hallucinogenic mushrooms which resulted in a blackout in which he fell or possibly jumped from a single story roof and suffered a concussion. He relayed to me that bizarre behavior followed the fall, police were called and he assaulted an officer trying to arrest him. Mr. Alawi then visited with Dr. Almhana Diab, MD. Dr. Almhana had no further drug treatment recommendations but Mr. Alawi noted that he established good report with the doctor. Since this incident has been both embarrassing and expensive Mr. Alawi presently reports a strong aversion to any and all drug experimentation or usage, including marijuana. He is also aware that he may be required to present for a drug test on short notice for the court.

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG** – Mr. Alawi denied any recreational use of prescription medications which are prone to abuse including stimulant/ADD medications, narcotic painkiller medications and anxiolytics and sleeping medications. He reported having briefly used a painkiller as prescribed following removal of his wisdom teeth. The interview did not reveal hesitation, discrepancy with his written screenings or other non-verbal signs of minimization or covering a prescription drug use problem.

As a preventative measure I am providing an education oriented recommendation for Mr. Alawi below. If the court possesses additional information about Mr. Alawi 's use of alcohol or drugs that might aid in the accuracy of this assessment I would be happy to review it and consider any appropriate modifications or amendments to the present report.

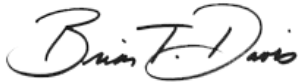
**DSM 5 DIAGNOSIS in reference to substances:** V71.09 (none found)

**Treatment Recommendations:**

- 1) Preventative Alcohol & Drug Education, recommend 8 hrs. of alcohol/drug education including a combination of any of the following – local class (hospital, treatment center or community facility), AA/NA, MADD VIP, online alcohol or drug education course;
- 2) If another negative consequence is incurred as a result of any alcohol use it is recommended Mr. Alawi seek further evaluation and follow all treatment recommendations. Consider any additional consult with Dr. Almhana Diab since a clinical relationship has already been established.

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

Sincerely,



Brian T. Davis, LISW-S, SAP  
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cc: Gaber Alawi

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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.