

October 27, 2016

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Re: General Mental Health Assessment for Ashley R. Williams (DOB: 03/09/1976)

Dear Mr. Hines:

I performed a General Mental Health Assessment for Mr. Williams in reference to his simple battery charge in St John's County. This assessment included the administration of the following instruments and a clinical interview:

- DSM-5 Cross Cutting Symptom Measures
- A Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)
- Impulse and Anger Control Screening (proprietary)
- Mental Status Exam

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

## **Clinical Instrument Scores/Brief Interpretation**

<u>DSM-5 Cross Cutting Symptom Measure</u> – score = 0; this screening gave no indications of clinically distressing conditions, mental or emotional disorders

<u>PHQ-9</u> – Patient Health Questionnaire – score = 0 on a 0-27 scale; this screening reached no threshold of disturbance or conditions relative to clinical depressive disorders including a bi-polar condition

<u>Impulse and Anger Control Screening</u> – this screening provided no answers directly or indirectly suggestive of an impulse control disorder, difficulty controlling angry thoughts or feelings;

## Mental Status Exam (modified)

Speech Emotional State – appropriate volume and rate of speech, appropriate demonstration of emotional range congruent with content of speech Thought Processes – logic and reasoning intact, no evidence of delusions, hallucinations, obsessions/compulsions

Sensorium & Mental Capacity – oriented x 3, normal Insight & Judgment – appropriate across personal, social and familial dimensions

**Related Legal History Reported:** denies any previous history of legal charges or convictions (including assault or sexual assault, domestic violence, menacing, indecent exposure, public intoxication or disorderly conduct)

Clinical Interview/Summary: Mr. Williams' written screenings did not reveal or suggest mental or emotional disturbances or symptoms of any kind. He answered written questions appropriately and in a manner consistent with the clinical interview. We discussed the legal charge he incurred in May of the present year at length. While it is impossible to determine his or the accuser's exact behavior at that particular time of the incident, I did gain some general impressions through his report which may be helpful to the court with regard to consideration of his mental health.

Mr. Williams states that he has no record of public indecency, sexual assault, or any similar legal charges. His interview did not arouse suspicion that he has present sexual disorder, impulse control disorder, bi-polar disorder, personality disorder or other relevant condition that he is covering to avoid legal consequences.

Mr. Williams overall presentation and demeanor was straightforward and his explanation of the incident was at least plausible. He indicated that some evidence in his favor exists which the court is in possession of. Specifically, he stated that nine individuals provided sworn testimony that essentially supports his claim that he was not acting inappropriately or sexually toward the woman in question. While most people can find a witness to testify in their favor, nine witnesses tends to make establish a more compelling case. Furthermore, he stated that the false confession he made (pinching the woman's behind) for the sake of ending the confrontation with police, is contradicted by the accuser's testimony. Taking into consideration the information at hand, in my best clinical judgment, I was not able to find a diagnosis of a present mental health condition for Mr. Williams.

**DSM 5 DIAGNOSIS** in reference to Overall Mental Health: Z03.89 (suspected mental condition not found)

**Treatment Recommendations**: Having found no cause for a DSM-5 mental health condition of any kind I have no further recommendations for Mr. Williams at this time.

If you or the court possess additional information about Mr. Williams' mental health that might impact the outcome of this assessment, I would be happy to review it and consider appropriate modifications or amendments to the present report.



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

Sincerely,

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cc: Ashley R. Williams

**Diagnostic Conclusions / Limitations**: Directions Counseling Group provides Clinical Mental Health 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.

