

October 18, 2016

John MacKinnon, Attorney at Law 88 W. Main Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Anthony Burke (DOB – 11/05/1993)

Dear Mr. MacKinnon:

I performed a Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Mr. Burke in reference to his August 2016 OVI charge in Logan County. This assessment included a 50-minute clinical interview, and 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

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

SASSI-3: scores indicated an overall *low probability* of a moderate to severe alcohol use disorder; respondent's DEF score (defensiveness) was elevated beyond the norm which increases the likelihood of a missed moderate to severe alcohol use disorder diagnosis but may also reflect situational factors;

MAST: score = 1 / *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; no direct or indirect indication of problem alcohol use (screen relative to lifetime use of alcohol)

AUDIT: score = 4 / *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; scores of 8 or more indicate *hazardous use*, scores of 15 or more in men indicate *moderate to severe* disorder present, mitigate concerns with clinical recommendations (screen relative to use of alcohol within the past 24 months)

Alcohol Use Risk Factors:
☐ legal history – denies previous history
☐ severity of incident – NA
☐ anxiety/depression/mental health – NA
☐ general health issues – NA
□ exposure to trauma – NA
☐ use of liquor – NA
☐ other substance use – NA
☐ contraindicated prescription use – NA

 ☐ family history – none reported ☐ prior treatment history – NA ☒ negative peer influence – peers engage in excessive alcohol use in social settings ☐ at-risk work environment – NA ☐ current stress (relational, work, etc.) – NA
Summary - 1 of 13 concerns, mitigate concern with clinical recommendations
Clinical Interview/Summary: ALCOHOL – Mr. Burke'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 over the past two years as 2-3 drinks on 2-3 occasions per month. He also acknowledged use of up to 5-6 drinks on 3-5 special occasions (weddings, birthdays, etc.) per year.
Mr. Burke and I discussed his August 2016 OVI incident and his general use of alcohol at length. His clinical interview did reveal one positive DSM-5 criterion (see below), but I did not find sufficient criteria that Mr. Burke meets full criteria for an alcohol use disorder. I am, however, including some preventative and educational recommendations in the remainder of this report.
DSM-5 Alcohol Use Symptoms: ☐ Recurrent use beyond intention ☐ Persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to reduce/quit use ☐ Substantial time spent obtaining, using, or recovering from use ☐ Strong craving/desire ☐ Recurrent failure to fulfill a major role (work, home, school) ☐ Continued use despite recurrent social/interpersonal problems ☐ Important social, occupational, recreational activities relinquished ☐ Recurrent physically hazardous use ☐ Continued use despite knowledge of contraindicated physical or psychological condition ☐ Tolerance ☐ Withdrawal symptoms
Summary - 1 of 11 symptoms (Mild 2-3 Moderate 4-5. Severe 6+)
DSM-5 DIAGNOSIS in Reference to Substances : Z03.89 (suspected substance use condition not found)
Treatment Recommendations:



- 1) <u>72 Hour Driver Intervention Program</u> complete program and provide documentation to the court; recommend Wellness Driver, 614-791-8300 or Second Chance Counseling, 614-635-9011
- 2) <u>If another negative consequence</u> is incurred as a result of any alcohol use in the next two years, it is recommended Mr. Burke seek an increased level of treatment or extended outpatient substance abuse counseling as appropriate.

If you or the court possess additional information about Mr. Burke's use of alcohol 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. Burke and yourself in this important matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Anthony Burke

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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.

