

February 24, 2015

Chesterfield New Jersey Court
41 Schoolhouse Road
Jacobstown, NJ 08562

Re: Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Kenneth Maguire

Dear Court Representative:

I performed a Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Mr. Maguire in reference to his *Disorderly Conduct and Trespassing* charges in Bucks County. This assessment included the administration of: a Michigan Alcohol Screening Test (MAST), an Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT), an anxiety/depression screening, and a clinical interview by telephone. The following items provide a summary of the screening results, my diagnostic opinion and professional recommendations:

MAST: NEGATIVE SCREEN; no direct or indirect indication of problem alcohol use

AUDIT: score = 0 / **NEGATIVE SCREEN;** scores above 8 indicate hazardous use, above 13 indicates moderate to severe disorder present

DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns: clinical interview revealed 0 of 11 DSM 5 symptoms present

Anxiety/Depression Screening: no clinically significant concerns reported

Substance Related Legal History Reported: refusal of BAC and open container charges in June of 2011

Clinical Interview/Summary: Mr. Maguire's written screenings provided no indication of an alcohol use disorder at any level (mild, moderate or severe). He reported that *prior to his charges*; his normal use of alcohol was 2 drinks on 1 occasion per week and his consumption did not vary if attending a special event or celebration. However, Mr. Maguire states that he has been completely abstinent from all alcohol use for the last two years. Mr. Maguire and I discussed the *Disorderly Conduct and Trespassing* incident and his general use of alcohol at length. He was non-defensive in demeanor and the interview did not reveal any discrepancies or inconsistencies in written or verbal form. My clinical impression is that social factors were a large contributor to the incident that lead to Mr. Maguire's charges and that he does not meet criteria for someone experiencing a DSM 5 alcohol use disorder. Consequently, he seems to have gained some meaningful personal insight to avoid alcohol related incidents going forward.

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

Treatment Recommendations: I have no further professional recommendations for Mr. Maguire at this time. If he incurs additional negative or legal consequences as a result of alcohol use I recommend he obtain an updated assessment and follow all professional recommendations.

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

Sincerely,



Anita McLeod, LCSW, SAP
cc: Kenneth Maguire

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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.