

February 23, 2016

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Re: Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Kyle Maze (DOB – 03/03/1989)

Dear Mr. Artz:

I performed a Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Mr. Maze in reference to his January 2016 OVI charge in Franklin County. This assessment included a 50-minute in-person clinical interview by, 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 substance use disorder; client's 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 has a lifetime frame of reference

MAST: score = 2 / *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; all scores were related to presence of two alcohol-related legal charges; lifetime frame of reference

AUDIT: score = 2 / *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; scores of 8 or more indicate *hazardous use*, scores of 15 or more in men indicate *moderate to severe* disorder present; screening has a past 12 months frame of reference

Alcohol Use Risk Factors: client denied a family history of problem alcohol use, early onset alcohol use, or recurrent use to relieve emotional distress; acknowledged a prior alcohol-related OVI charge and acknowledged peer influence to excessive alcohol use

Present Use Status: presently not using alcohol; unsure to overall duration of alcohol abstinence

Anxiety/Depression Screening: no clinically significant concerns reported

Substance Related Legal History Reported: prior alcohol-related legal charge in 2009

Clinical Interview/Summary:

ALCOHOL – Mr. Maze's written screenings provided no indication of an alcohol use disorder at any level (mild, moderate or severe). He reported his normal use of alcohol before this charge as 1-2 standard drinks on 2-3 occasions per month. He also acknowledged use of three or more drinks on 3-4 special occasions (celebratory events, birthdays, etc.) per year.

Mr. Maze's clinical interview revealed recurrent alcohol use beyond intention during celebratory events when in the presence of certain peer influence. He acknowledged one instance of alcohol use in a hazardous situation and denied engaging in hazardous use on any other occasion in the past year. I did not find indications of preoccupation with alcohol consumption, loss of control of alcohol use, or a withdrawal syndrome. Indications of a tolerance condition were unclear and should be ruled out through ongoing assessment. I have provided recommendations below to assist Mr. Maze in gaining information and skills to help moderate his alcohol use and/or prolong alcohol abstinence.

DSM-5 DIAGNOSIS in Reference to Substances: Z03.89 (suspected substance use condition not found); Rule out F10.10 alcohol use disorder, mild

Treatment Recommendations:

- 1) Alcohol & Drug Education – recommend completion of a 72-hour Driver Intervention Program (e.g. Wellness Driver, 614-791-8300 or Second Chance Counseling, 614-635-9011);
- 2) Outpatient Counseling – recommend 3-5 outpatient sessions with a professional substance abuse counselor after completion of recommendation #1; update recommendations or discharge as appropriate;
- 3) If another negative consequence is incurred as a result of any alcohol use it is recommended Mr. Maze seek further evaluation and follow any and all updated treatment recommendations.

If the court possesses additional information about Mr. Maze's use of alcohol that might impact the outcome of this assessment, 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. Maze, and yourself in this important matter.

Sincerely,

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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.