

November 23, 2015



Jill Mao, PO
507 Third Street
Columbus, Indiana 47201

Re: Substance Abuse Evaluation for Balakrishna Gottipatti

Dear Ms. Mao:

I performed a basic substance abuse assessment for Mr. Gottipatti in reference to his June 2015 OVI charge in Bartholomew County, Indiana. This assessment included the administration of: a SASSI-3, a MAST, an AUDIT, and a clinical interview. The following are my findings and recommendations:

Substance(s) of Concern: alcohol

SASSI-3: screening indicated an overall *low probability* of a moderate to severe alcohol use disorder; screening did not indicate likelihood of a mild alcohol use disorder diagnosis; screening was valid with a lifetime frame of reference

MAST: score=1; no apparent indications of problem drinking; lifetime frame of reference

AUDIT: score=3; scores of "8" or more indicate hazardous alcohol use; past year frame of reference

DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns: client denies a family history of substance use problems, use to relieve emotional/occupational distress, recent hangovers or alcohol-related memory impairment

Depression Screening: no clinically significant concerns reported

Clinical Interview/Summary: Mr. Gottipatti's written screenings provided no indications of an alcohol use disorder. He reported his normal use of alcohol over the past two years as 2-3 standard domestic beers over the course of 3-4 hours on 1-2 occasions per month. He stated prior to this charge his use of alcohol may increase to 4 standard drinks on special occasions such as weddings, birthdays, or special celebrations. His clinical interview did not reveal indications of recurrent use beyond intention, recurrent use in a hazardous situation, loss of control of alcohol use, or continued use despite negative consequences. Mr. Gottipatti and I reviewed criteria for low-risk alcohol use, and Mr. Gottipatti's prior alcohol use appears to be within normal limits. At this time Mr. Gottipatti does not meet DSM-5 criteria for an alcohol use disorder.

DIAGNOSIS in reference to substances: Z03.89 (suspected substance use disorder not found)

Recommendations:

- 1) There are no clinical recommendations at this time;
- 2) Any subsequent negative consequence related to alcohol use within the next year should result in initiation of outpatient counseling and further evaluation.

Mr. Gottipatti has signed a release for me to communicate this assessment to you. Thank you for the opportunity to assist the court, yourself, and Mr. Gottipatti.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan P. Smith".

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cc. Balakrishna Gottipatti