

January 3rd, 2014

Gary Gerson, Attorney at Law

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Re: Substance Abuse Evaluation for Ryan Krise

Dear Mr. Gerson:

I performed a basic substance abuse assessment for Mr. Krise in reference to his pending May 2013 OVI charge. This assessment included the administration of: a MAST, a DAST, an AUDIT, and a clinical interview. The following are my findings and recommendations:

Substance(s) of Concern: alcohol

MAST: score=1; indicates no apparent problem with alcohol

AUDIT: score=5; scores of "8" or more indicate hazardous alcohol use

DAST: score=0; indicates no current problem with other substances

DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns: Previous DUI charge in 2010 at age 20; blood alcohol level at .04

Depression Screening: no clinically significant concerns reported

Clinical Interview/Summary: Mr. Krise's written screenings provided no indication of a substance abuse disorder of any kind. He reports his normal use of alcohol as 2-3 standard drinks on 6-8 occasions per year. He also reported that on 4-5 special occasions per year (holidays, vacations, weddings, etc) his alcohol use would increase to 4-6 standard drinks. His clinical interview did not evidence signs or symptoms of tolerance, use beyond intention, preoccupation with alcohol use, use despite negative consequences, or evidence signs of an alcohol withdrawal syndrome. Mr. Krise's clinical interview did reveal use despite medical contraindications and use in hazardous situations. At present Mr. Krise meets DSM-5 criteria for a mild alcohol use disorder.

DIAGNOSIS in reference to substances: 305.00 mild alcohol use disorder

Recommendations: 1) Driver Intervention Program, recommend Mr. Krise attend a 3-day driver intervention program certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (contact Wellness, 614-791-8300); 2) If another negative consequence is incurred as a result of any substance use within the next year, it is recommended that Mr. Krise seek further evaluation and follow all updated treatment recommendations.

Mr. Krise has signed a release to communicate the results of this assessment to you. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions about this assessment.

Sincerely,
Ryan Smith, LISW-S, SAP, LCDC-III

