

August 21, 2013

Mike Sanders, Attorney
406 S. Griffith St.
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Re: Alcohol Assessment for Robert Imber

Dear Mr. Sanders:

I performed a basic substance abuse assessment for Mr. Imber in reference to his pending DUI charge in North Carolina. This assessment included the administration of: a MAST, an AUDIT, a depression screening, a clinical interview, a review of the arresting officer's report, and a review of his Ohio BMV record. The following are my findings and recommendations:

Substance(s) of Concern: alcohol only; denies other substance use; no contradictory signs/symptoms detected in clinical interview

MAST: score =1; indicates no apparent or overt signs/symptoms of an alcohol use disorder

AUDIT: score= 6; no indication of problem alcohol use

DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns: 1 previous DUI charge 23 years ago (no BAC available); 1 reckless operation stemming from DUI charge (2001), current charge based on BAC of .15 (tolerance possible)

Depression/Anxiety Screening: no clinical concerns reported or detected in the interview

Review of Police Report: no data conclusive of an alcohol use disorder

Review of Ohio BMV Report: speeding ticket 2013 only item present/ no impaired operation of any vehicles indicated

Clinical Interview/Summary: Mr. Imber's written screenings provided no indication of an alcohol use disorder at any level measured by DSM-5 from mild to severe. His interview demeanor was generally open and non-defensive. He reported use of alcohol on a fairly regular basis (3-5 days per week) at a moderate level (2-3 beers) and acknowledged infrequent use on special occasions (celebrations or vacation) that included up to 5-7 drinks over the period of a full afternoon and evening. After a careful clinical interview, a review of the police report, and his Ohio driving record; I was only able to find Mr. Imber displaying 1 possible symptom indicative of a DSM-5 alcohol use disorder (tolerance possible). DSM-5 actual diagnoses for substances require 2-3 symptoms for a mild disorder. Nevertheless, his DUI history and possibility of tolerance are concerning enough to warrant preventative recommendations for the future. (see below)

DIAGNOSIS in reference to Substances: None Found, however recommend a Rule-Out of Alcohol Use disorder during preventative counseling process recommended below.

Recommendations: 1) Preventative Education; complete Ohio Health's 9 hour Drug/Alcohol Awareness course (contact information provided); 2) Preventative Counseling; meet with a substance abuse professional for 2 sessions for additional screening and application of alcohol awareness course; professional should provide and updated assessment and recommendation after 2 sessions.

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

* Basic substance abuse assessments are based on objective and standardized screenings and interviewing methods. Conclusions made are to the best of the professional's ability with data on hand at the time of the assessment. Expanded assessments which involve the gathering of collateral and third party information can be provided as an additional service upon request.

Sincerely,
Brian Davis, LISW-S, SAP

