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Alcohol and Drug Assessment with Bio/Psycho/Social History

██████████, DOB: ██████████

Assessment Performed by Adam C. DeVaney, LCSW, CECF

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██████████ presented today for an alcohol assessment after pleading guilty to a DUI in either late February or early March 2023. He could not remember. He was referred to get an assessment by his attorney as part of his attempt to appeal to get his license reinstated.

Client also reports that he feels that this assessment is the responsible thing to do to due to his desire to show that he is living a lifestyle that is free of drugs and alcohol.

Demographics:

- ██████████ is a 41-year-old Caucasian with no particular religious affiliation.
- He has resided at current address since purchasing a new home in October 2023.
- He has one son, ██████████, Jr. (7 years old) and has shared legal custody with his child's mother. He is currently working with the courts on getting 50/50 physical custody.

Social/Family:

- Living Arrangements: Client lives by himself and will be moving to Cadillac as soon as a closing happens on his new house.
- Client is dating ██████████ for the past year, and he reports a high level of satisfaction with this relationship.
- Client reports that he does not live with anyone who has an alcohol or drug problem.
- Who do you spend most of your time with? "Usually, alone or with family. I see my dad a lot and Junior when he is over every other weekend, but that order was issued in 2017. We have not had the every other weekend in a while, but I'm working with the courts on that."
- Client reports paying around \$1,200 per month for child support.
- He reports no history of having significant problems with any member of his family, friends or siblings.

- He states: "I don't really have friends. I think we eventually grow out of that. I work a lot, and I don't consider any of the people I work with friends. I have been 15-17 hours a day at work."
- Client is self-employed for the past year buying, improving and flipping houses.

Medical Status:

- Client has an active Michigan Medical Marijuana Card and confirmed this through presentation of said card.
- Client denies the use of Medical Marijuana at this time.
- *In relation to this assessment, I have no way of confirming any of this information as I do not have access to any toxicology history for this client.*

Hospitalizations:

- "A few. Not drug or alcohol related. At least 6 times. I was in a snowmobile accident and had to have my face reconstructed. I shattered my helmet and came to three days later. I was not drinking that day."
- Any Chronic Medical Problems: "Definitely my back. I feel my back and sciatica every day, and my shoulder and my face pain are daily. Definitely, the weather affects it. I try not to do anything for it. I have refused many different drugs, like Oxy, and refuse to take anything other than Tylenol and even that not very often. I have had many friends who died from drugs, so I don't want anything to do with it. I have been on these drugs, and I am simply not myself when I am on them."
- Any Prescription Medications: none "I let them all go. I am prescribed: Concerta, Paxil and other drugs, but I don't use any of them anymore. I haven't for a long time (18 months)."
- In the last 30 days, "I experience only my usual pain in my back, face and shoulder."
- How troubled are you by these medical problems? "I function. I could go through life bitching and moaning, but I don't want to do that. Sometimes I notice that it is getting progressively stronger, the pain and all."
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Psychiatric Status:

- Client denies any history of inpatient psychiatric treatment.
- Client reports history of counseling with [REDACTED] out of Traverse City for his PTSD after he was released from prison in 2014.

- Client does not receive a pension for any psychiatric disability.
- Client reports that he is prescribed medication for his PTSD and ADHD, but he reports that he stopped taking them 18 months ago since he stopped working at Sara Lee.
- Client reports that he has not had any experience with PTSD in the past 30 days.
- He reported that he has not had any experience with night terrors that have plagued him in the past in the last 30 days.
- Client does report that he has had a few bouts of PTSD in the past 18 months, but he refuses medication for this and instead prefers to "breathe through them".

Employment Status and Supports:

- Education: Associates Degree in Applied Science in Business Administration, Certified as an Environmental Green Technologist, 16 college credits in building trades, and two years of college in electrical occupations for industrial and commercial.
- Client reported that he lost his driver's license in 2008 after his first DUI. He has tried 6 times to get his license back, but he has failed each time.
- "I don't drive. It's illegal for me to drive. I cannot get my license back. I've tried."
Assessor notes that this is inconsistent with his conviction of a DUI in early 2023.
- Longest Full Time Job: "Ten years. My last one was 5-6 years. I have not had many jobs, but I do stay at them for a long time."
- Usual/Last Occupation: Industrial and Mechanical Electrical Engineering. "That's what I did at Sara Lee."
- Usual Employment is Full-Time.
- Last 30 Days:
 - Employment: \$0
 - Unemployment Comp: \$0
 - No Pension, Welfare or Family or Friends
 - Client is self-employed as a builder fixing and flipping houses, and this occupies him full time currently.
 - Client did not provide any self-employment income range or annual income for this assessment.
 - No people rely on him solely for their food and shelter.
 - Client provides child support for Junior (7-year-old son@\$1,200/month).
 - *Assessor Notes the Inconsistency Between Stated Income and Stated Child Support*



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Legal Status:

- [REDACTED] was previously referred for an assessment by courts in Emmet County in May of 2023 after receiving his second DUI in February 2023.
- Client also reports being charged with driving without a valid license at this time.
- Client was sentenced to write an apology to the officer due to derogatory statement to a jail officer, community service, impact counseling and probation for a year for second DUI on May 10th, 2023, and after pleading guilty.
- Client is no longer on probation or parole.
- DUI in 2008: Left the [REDACTED] Bar and led to a MVA rollover. "I can remember only bits and pieces of that day due to a concussion that I suffered from for many months afterwards."
- Conviction for Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana on or around 2008 for which he served 7 years and 3 months in federal prison.
- When referring to his legal troubles in 2023, client was asked how serious do you consider your current legal problems? "Pretty serious. I don't like it. It's not a game I like to play. It was a night I went out to have a good time that did not end well. I (was) very worried about this. I have a lot of people who rely on me and don't want to go to prison. I get that I could have killed someone, and I know that."

Drugs and Alcohol:

- *In relation to the 2023 DUI:* "I have drank occasionally for the past 19 years, but (currently) I don't drink 'ever'. They could stop by any night and give me a PBT, and it would be clear. It just doesn't happen."
- "The night of the arrest (in Feb 2023), my girl and I had gone out to celebrate. We left the casino, called for a shuttle from the hotel. We were treated poorly by the woman at the front desk, so the casino shuttled us to the hotel. When we got there, the women we had talked to met us at the sliding doors and told us we were being kicked out of the hotel, so we packed up our stuff and left. It was not supposed to work out that way. We were being responsible, but the circumstances changed."
- Client denies use of any other drugs besides marijuana over the course of his lifetime.
- Client denies currently using any marijuana even though he has his Medical Marijuana certification to do this.



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- Client reports that he has historically had a medical marijuana card through LARA, and at this time it is current and confirmed through presentation of his registry card during this assessment.
- Client denies any problematic use of alcohol despite conviction on two separate DUI charges over the course of the past 15 years.
- Client reports no ability to eat a lot of food or drink any alcohol after having his appendix out in emergency surgery in 2023.
- Client reports no interest in alcohol at this point.

Summary:

- Mr. [REDACTED] has had two DUI offenses as well as driving without a license in the past 15 years.
- He has not had a license since 2008 and has been denied in his appeal of this 6 times.
- Despite this history, he insists that he does not have a problem with alcohol. While it may be true, as reported by this client, that he does not drink on a regular basis, there is clearly a problem with high-risk behaviors, such as driving while intoxicated when, on occasion, he does drink, and continue to bring him before the courts as recently as 18 months ago.
- Due to this fact, one cannot escape the conclusion that there have been poor decisions made by Mr. [REDACTED] in association with the consumption of alcohol, and this has put the public at risk on more than one occasion.
- Finally, Mr. [REDACTED] is a business owner who invests a lot of time into his craft. He displays a well-developed work ethic, and it appears likely that his business could potentially be even more successful if he was granted access to a restricted license.

Diagnostic Criteria Met:

- Risky Use: Recurrent substance use in physically unsafe environments: In this case, driving while impaired resulting in two separate convictions for DUI.
- No other criteria met at this time.

Recommendations:

- Probationary Period of License Reinstatement Including:

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- Ongoing Monitoring to Ensure Cessation of Alcohol Use as the SOS Deems Necessary.
- Use of an Ignition Interlocking Device for a Period of at Least 6-12 Months as the SOS Deems Necessary to Fulfil this Probationary Period and to Provide Evidence for No Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Over Time.

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