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RE: Wilfred Bell, Age 89

Dear Mr. Amato:

At the request of your client, Sue Bell, I interviewed Mr. Wilfred Bell on October 10, 2002. The purpose of this interview was to evaluate his functional ability to make reason decisions and to communicate these decisions to other people. My evaluation and opinion are as follows.

Mr. Bell was told that I was there to see him to make a recommendation to the court about his ability to take care of himself. He was therefore cooperative and informative in his conversation with me.

He told me that for years he had taken care of himself and his family in Southwest Louisiana. He said that he was a businessman. He says that he is divorced from the wife of his six children and at the present time his children are "fighting over him." He says that he wished they could get along. He told me about his heart trouble, his arthritis, his inability to walk, and his diabetes. He says that he is receiving treatment for these conditions and because of these conditions he is confined to a motorized wheelchair. He has a difficult time getting from the wheelchair to the bed and he says that he requires help when bathing and taking care of his daily needs. He says that he cannot cook and that he relies on others to take care of him.

More recently, he is unable to use his crutches since he injured his arms. He readily admits to an inability to get around physically and accepts the fact that he will require personal assistance to take care of his daily needs.

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Mentally, Mr. Bell at first appeared to be depressed, crying very easily and talking about his daughter, Sus, taking his money and "putting him in this place." He did not know the name of the place he was in, the nursing home, and did not know its location. He did not know how he was being sustained at this facility monetarily, nor did he understand why he was there from a physical standpoint. He told me repetitively that he was in this place so his youngest daughter, Sus, could use his money.

He said that prior to this facility, he had received treatment from a medical facility in Fort Worth. According to Mrs. Bell, he was in prison in Fort Worth. When asked about any criminal problems he was involved in, he says that the Federal Government had orchestrated a program to put him in jail. He says they are still out to get him and he feels he is being monitored 24 hours a day. He is very suspicious of everyone's motives.

Mr. Bell suffers from the following problems, which render him unable to take care of himself at the present time. Physically, he cannot take care of his daily needs such as cooking and feeding himself, cleaning and transporting himself within a home, cannot hear well enough to communicate regularly with other people, and in need of constant medical monitoring because of his various physical conditions.

Mentally, he is delusional and paranoid. His demeanor indicates that he is psychopathic in that he says and behaves in such a manner to elicit from others what he wants. Although he is capable of carrying on a conversation, his recent memory is extremely poor and his ability to understand what is happening to him creates the delusion in which he functions at present.

At this time, it is my professional opinion that he is a facility that is best for him and is meeting his needs. Not only is he receiving the kind of care that he needs, he also is in no danger of hurting himself or other people, which is of importance.

If further information, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely yours,

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