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Report of Psychological Evaluation of Wilfred Bell

Date of Report: October 21, 2002

Date of Examination: October 18, 2002

Chronological Age: 89 Years

Reason for Referral: The present examiner has been asked by some of Mr. Bell's family members to do an evaluation to find out (1) if he has the capacity to make reasoned decisions, (2) whether he understands the consequences of his continued actions, (3) whether he is in touch with the reality of his circumstances.

Background History: Mr. Bell was interdicted in May 2001. He is reportedly a convicted pedophile, who, based on his legal counsel (criminal attorney), chose to be interdicted. He was charged with 72 counts and looking at perhaps 8 years in prison, but got six months at FMC Forth Worth (a prison that he refers to as a "medical facility"). He was in poor health and was said to know that he wasn't able to withstand the stress of civil litigation. He is reportedly diabetic, has had neuropathy, with no feeling in his lower legs, for 15 years, has heart problems and is almost deaf. He also has prostate cancer and is receiving Lubron injections. Apparently, the crimes that he and others were accused of made quite a stir in his little community, and a number of the victims want to pursue civil suits against him.

Nonetheless, he apparently now resents placement in Colonial Oaks Manor Living Center, a Skilled Nursing Home.

Family members that I met fear that he needs full time care for his physical illnesses and is also incompetent, psychologically. They indicated that before he was interdicted, he was continuing to see prostitutes and was still calling some of the victims. They said he had spent \$69,000 on prostitutes. They said he wasn't bathing or shaving, was angry, miserable and blames his daughter, Sue, for his present state.

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He also believes that the government conspired against him.

Evaluation Techniques: Records Review
Comprehensive Mental Status Evaluation
Rorschach Inkblot Test
Thematic Apperception Test

Analysis: The records review did, in fact, substantiate the charges against Mr. Bell, and the legal documents reflect the causes for his interdiction.

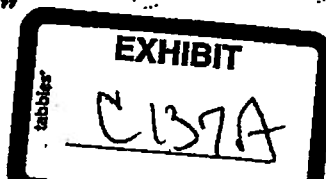
In the interview with the patient, the first thing he said was, "I want to go home!" He seemed confused about pending lawsuits, to some extent, then added "I believe they have 10 years," showing some lucidity. He then said that it would be hard, but he "thinks he could fight it" regarding the lawsuits.

Mr. Bell indicated that he was 89 years old and lived his entire life in Kaplan, LA, except for the time in prison and being moved to his present placement in June, 2002. (He looks younger than his stated age.) Regarding family, he said he "believes" that his wife is still alive. They divorced in 1974. He had six children, but the youngest boy got killed. He said that the oldest living child will be 70 in December and lives in New Orleans. He said that he thinks that his youngest daughter, Susan, is 52 years old. He said, "Susan helped me a lot with that federal investigation I was involved in. Fred Burr was my attorney. He was a good man, but slow."

Medical History: The patient gets around in a wheel chair. He is extremely hearing impaired, and the examiner had to repeat most of the questions, very loudly, for him to hear. He said he has never had surgery, but now complains of a multitude of physical ailments and symptoms. For example, he said "I'm taking medicine for my heart. I'm a bad diabetic. I'm full of arthritis. Both of my knees is gone about 15 years....no more cartilage. And I have prostate cancer." The examiner also reviewed medical reports regarding Mild Chronic Lung Disease with Basilar Fibrosis. He is taking Lupron injections for the prostate cancer, Eulexin, Glucutrol, Celexa, and Tylenol, ES for arthritis, and blood pressure medication.

Daily Activities and Interests: He admits the nursing home staff need to bathe him. He does not like being out with the other patients very much and stays in his room a lot. He said, "they put me like I was crazy."

Previous Psychiatric History: When questioned about this, he reiterated, "they (Susan) put me like I was crazy. She took everything I had, two pick-up trucks, two boats, my John Deere tractor. I never saw a psychiatrist before this."



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Mental Status: The patient is an obese man, sitting in an electric wheel chair, wearing a baseball cap and, as noted earlier, he has severe hearing impairment and looks younger than his age. He was oriented with respect to date (Oct. 18, 2002) and person, as well as situation. He was confused regarding place, thinking he was a place called "Cardinal something" in New Orleans (actually Colonial Oaks Manor in Metairie). He stated, "if I had known I was coming over here, I wouldn't have got in the vehicle. If I had known where, I'd have stayed. The food is not good. You're with people that's crazy. Not their fault. You have to deal with that."

He indicated that he cries a lot. He said he cries about the way he treated his family, stating that he gave them a fortune, and it still didn't work.

He then went on to describe how the Federal Government is crooked. He indicated that they were plotting against him. He then began to ramble about "the government conspiracy." On the other hand, he admits he took nude photos of young girls. He vacillates between stating he was innocent and it was all a conspiracy and expressing a little remorse. For example, he stated, "I know I hurt some people and did some bad things."

He was able to remember 3 of 5 objects after 5 minutes, 5 digits forward but only 2 reversed. He couldn't comprehend my attempt to get to interpret a proverb.

Analysis of Testing: The Rorschach Inkblot Test is a projective personality test. The theory behind projective testing is that when a person is faced with a set of nebulous stimuli, for which there are no right or wrong answers, they will project something of their personality into their responses. The patient responded to 8 out of 10 cards. He used some of the "popular" responses, suggesting that he is psychotic. Nor was there any evidence of response patterns similar to those of brain-injured patients. For the most part, his responses were brief, and he used a lot of animal and insect content, with not much human content. This pattern of responses is seen in individuals with limited intellectual capacity, low educational levels, and a low level of sophistication, as well as difficulty in interpersonal relationships (thus the lack of human content). He gave one definite "paranoid indicator" on card VII. Also noteworthy is that he rejected (had no response to) card VI, which usually elicits some sex content, because oftentimes people see genitalia on this card. Sex abusers often reject this card. He also rejected card IX, often referred to as the "schizophrenia trap card."


The Thematic Apperception Test is also a projective test on which the patient is shown pictures and told to make up a story about the picture, including not only what is happening now, but what could have led up to it and what will be the outcome? One story involved a person crying, and it ended up in divorce. One involved a couple fighting, one involved fear, another a man who had just killed a woman. Interestingly, on one of the cards that often elicits a violent response, he saw the people as "hugging."

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Summary and Conclusions: The patient has a myriad of physical problems, is wheel-chair bound, needs help with his personal grooming, and thus needs round-the-clock personal care. He seems likeable enough and cried for assistance in "getting out of that nursing home" with sincerity. In fact, he was quite convincing when he cried to the examiner, "there is nothing like home. I was born and raised in the country and that is where I want to die". He seems lucid for the most part, but there are signs in the psychological testing of emotional disturbance, including interpersonal difficulties and paranoia. Whether this is enough to prove that he qualifies for Full Interdiction (suffering from an infirmity which intermittently deprives him of reason) is for the court to decide. He has shown, by history, however, that he consistently makes bad decisions, especially financially. He does not seem to understand the consequences of his actions, nor does he appear to be in touch with the reality of his circumstances.


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