**Domestic Violence Evaluation**

Client: Mr. D. Nial Date of Birth: 4-2-1972

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 Denver, CO

Date of Report: 06/18/08 Evaluator: Ms. Prov. Ider

Mr. D.Nial presented for a Domestic Violence intake and assessment. The evaluation was completed in one session on June 18, 2008. The evaluation conclusion are based upon a review of the client’s criminal background including referring case police report, clinical interview, observation of the client, victim statement. The following assessment instruments were utilized: DVRNA, SARA, SASI and mini mental status exam.

Mr. D.Nial is 36-year-old, male who was fairly open throughout the interview. He was well groomed and oriented to the time, place, and purpose of our meeting.

SOCIAL HISTORY

Mr. D.Nial is a US citizen. He reported that his grew up with his parents and two siblings in Wisconsin, and had a normal childhood. He did not report any instances of domestic violence between his parents. He first married at age 17 when he lived in Wisconsin and he has a 17 year old son, who still lives there. His first marriage lasted two and a half years. He states that he and his wife fought often, he admitted to pushing her once, but states he never hit her and the police were never called. He said they just didn’t get along well and decided to divorce. He then remarried and that marriage lasted for three years. Out of that marriage he has a daughter who lives in the Denver Metro Area with his ex-wife. He reports that this relationship was much more amicable and loving. He states that his wife drank too much though and she did obtain a restraining order once. He moved out for three months and then they decided to divorce, he states he left because of her drinking. He feels that he is close to his children as he contacts his son often and he spends time with his daughter. Mr. D. Dial reported that presently, he is starting to date a female.

Mr. D.Nial reported that he completed 9th grade. He had to drop out of school to start working. He said that he is self-employed. He is an auto-mechanic and has had his own business for four years.

LEGAL HISTORY

Mr. D.Nial reported that he has had two DUI arrests and had treatment for this. He also reported the referring case related to domestic violence. He denied any other history of arrests or pending charges. He also reported the previous restraining order and denies any violations of that order. Mr. D.Nial’s legal history was reviewed with probation and no information was added.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Mr. D. Nial reported that his overall health is good. He reported that he is overweight and this is concerning for him. He is not taking and prescribed medication.

MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY

Mr. D.Nial reported that he is in good mental health. H commented that he has not had prior counseling other than for the DUI. He denied any history or current suicidal or homicidal ideation or attempts. He commented that he has felt stress due to the present case. When this stress was explored further with him, he stated he is just worried about paying for treatment. He is employed and the sliding fee scale was explained to him.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE HISTORY

Mr. D.Nial reported that he began consuming alcohol at the age of 21. He reported that the last time that he drank was one month prior to this evaluation. He said that he usually drinks on weekends and had between three and five beers. He reported that he used marijuana once at the age of 28. Mr. D. Nial denied any other history or current substance abuse. However, his results on the SASI reveal substance abuse of alcohol and need for outpatient treatment and BA monitoring.

REFERRING OFFENSE

Mr. D.Nial provided detailed information about the domestic violence incident. He noted that he argued with his ex-spouse and he wanted to leave and she was attempting to stop him. He got into his car and attempted to drive away and his ex-spouse got in his way. The police were called and he was arrested that day.

A review of the police report and victim impact statement reveal that Mr. D.Nial had been drinking, admitted to this and smelled of alcohol, his BA was .08. the neighbors called and reported a woman screaming and a man yelling from next door. The police also described the offender trying to hit the victim with his car. There was no mention of verbal threats of suicide or homicide.

RISK FACTORS

No obsession with the victim was noted in any reports. No children were present in this incident. No evidence of current or previous social services cases. Mr. D. Nial does exhibit denial of his behaviors as evidenced by the conflict in the police report from his statement. During the interview he stated “women can be such a pain, sometimes you have to keep them in line, you know, don’t let them push you around and if they do, let them know you are in charge.” Victim and the offender are separated for the past 18 months. Mr. D.Nial reports that he spends time with family, but he keeps most of this information from them because they would not approve. His friends are mostly fishing buddies and they have not been involved in any crimes, other than DUI’s.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. D. Nial is appropriate for initial placement in Level C treatment. His results on the SASI reveal substance abuse of alcohol and the need for outpatient treatment and BA monitoring.

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Assessor