



## ***PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION***

**DATE:** September 24, 2014

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### **Purpose of Evaluation:**

Assessment of psychological health and freedom from psychopathology

### **Records Reviewed:**

- Medical records on a disk, dated July 18, 2014
- Deposition in two parts, dated June 11, 2014 and June 16, 2014
- Deposition of Mr. Bolenbaugh vs. Set Environmental, Inc., dated August 12, 2011
- Brief conference with Ms. Lang, August 14, 2014

### **Evaluation Procedures:**

- Clinical Interviews, August 19 and 20, 2014
- Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2-Restructured Form (MMPI-2-RF)
- Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory-III (MCMI-III)
- Millon Index of Personality Styles (MIPS) Revised
- Rotter Incomplete Sentences Blank (RISB) Adult

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**Evaluation Behavior:**

When Mr. Bolenbaugh arrived, I took him into a small conference room immediately off the waiting room and talked to him about his recording and videotaping behavior. We had a brief discussion regarding any obligation to Enbridge to tell them what they wanted to hear and I pointed out to him that, in the many years I've doing these evaluations, about half of them have been done for plaintiffs and about half for defense and that, had I slanted my evaluations, I would not have that record. He accepted this.

I then told him that I needed to assure everybody involved that he was interacting solely with me and not recording for television or the media in any respect and, therefore perhaps, embellishing his story. After some discussion, he understood that and showed me that his camera was in a pouch and gave me his cell phone after demonstrating to me that it was turned off.

I then took him to an office and we began the clinical interview. After a couple of hours, we received a call from his wife that she was locked out of the house and did not feel very good and so I urged him to go home and take care of her and come back the next morning. He did that and, when he arrived, he showed me that he had not brought his video camera with him and immediately surrendered his cell phone, both in my office and in the testing area.

Overall, he was rational and fully cooperative during the evaluation process.

**Introduction:**

We reviewed Mr. Bolenbaugh's early history, his education, his time in the service, his commission of a felony and time in jail, and his early work history. He did not tell me anything that deviated from what is contained in the deposition, which I thought was very thorough and quite extensive.

The deposition covered more examples of his trying to establish the oil spill cover-up that he alleges, his interviews, his recordings, and his photographs. What he did tell me does not deviate in any substantial fashion from what was uncovered in the depositions.

He talked about his girlfriend being pregnant and his intention to marry her, his financial problems, and his desire to be awarded money in this lawsuit so that he can establish a national consulting service on oil spills and clean ups.

He intends to become the Erin Brockovich of oil spills and is highly motivated to establish an honorable reputation in that field of endeavor. He states he has read hundreds of articles about oil spills and he seemed to know a fair amount about the topic.

Throughout this interview, he was rational and cooperative. I became convinced that, if I were willing to spend two days with him, he would tell me largely what was already in his deposition.

**Evaluation:**

I always use testing in significant evaluations as it's almost impossible to differentiate between what a person may appear to be during the clinical interview at one time and what they appear to be at another time, whereas the testing is objective and is most likely to be interpreted consistently by a variety of psychological examiners who are well trained in the use of clinical instruments.

During my clinical interview time with Mr. Bolenbaugh, he was calm, rational, cordial, and responded readily to questions and to directions. He did not show any signs of depression but rather was enthusiastic, somewhat animated, and somewhat passionate about his goals to expose inadequate cleanup of oil spills. He stated the following, "I feel that I can save people's lives." "My greatest fear is not getting the truth out about cover up." "I can't sit by and watch the Enbridge lies without exposing them."

Regarding his mood during the interview, he stated "My nerves are crisp and sharp and strong." "My mind is still hanging in there." "The future is so bright." "I am best when I am helping others." "I wish I could do better this world."

He expressed concern regarding the pending birth of his first child and to help with his wife. He stated, "My greatest worry is not being an amazing father." In addition, he is concerned about the quality of his investigation of the oil spill cleanup. His mood and his statements about his behavior appeared appropriate to someone who has lost their job and particularly to someone who exposed their employer to negative publicity and likely irritated or angered his employer. He felt pressure from coworkers and other employees concerned with the oil spill that he not create a problem for them resulting in a possible loss of their job. He felt concerned about that and also concerned about people who may have decreased property values, homes that could not be lived in, or physical problems related to the oil spill.

He states that he has collected a significant body of literature about oil spills and their effect on people and thus verbalized more concern than the average individual who is only aware of what they have recently experienced.

I dealt upfront with Mr. Bolenbaugh's desire to record everything related to the oil spill. He was very appreciative of being treated in a respectful, kindly and straightforward manner. He was cooperative in not recording the interview or the testing for reasons I noted, and I think if he were not dealt with in this manner he certainly would become

somewhat argumentative and irritable as he is highly committed to what he sees as his current career and life task in helping people deal with oil spills on a national basis.

Psychological testing consisted of the two primary measures of psychopathology used in psychology, the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory and the Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory. The most recent revisions of both tests were used and in addition I added a test of healthy personality styles by including the Millon Index of Personality Styles. On all three objective measures, he produced valid test results. There were concerns on the index of personality styles and some elevation on the desire to produce a desirable profile on the Millon clinical and a slight elevation on uncommon virtues on the Minnesota. Neither of these are reasons to view the tests as invalid but rather a part of the general picture of Mr. Bolenbaugh who is an emotionally healthy individual free of significant psychopathology and who has experienced some disruptive experiences and has adopted an occupational goal that will often result in contentious relationships. He is very aware of that, he seems to roll with the punches, and to the extent that he may talk about some sleepless nights or some gastrointestinal distress, I think that's related to the occasionally intense and disruptive experiences that he has had in dealing with this current oil spill. I think they are entirely reasonable for an individual who has lost his job because of his interests and activities and has experienced both unusual media attention and push back from other employees and from the employer.

Specifically, testing rules out Major Depression, Posttraumatic Stress, any pathology such as paranoia, Somatoform Syndrome, or thought disorders.

He is profiled as having a great deal of motivation to help others deal with their problems which he relates to the oil spill and cleanup. He can get enthusiastic and very expressive in recounting this, but testing rules out histrionic behavior.

Mr. Bolenbaugh has the characteristics of a team player who stays focused on the external data available to him and what he sees and touches he reacts to emotionally while yet being able to be organized and fairly methodical in what he does. That is, he has made numerous videos and audio recordings documenting what he believes to be true, but he wishes it were better organized and that he could present it more effectively.

Because he has put so much effort into documenting what he sees and believes to be true regarding the spill and cleanup, he wants to be heard and understood in recounting his data; but I found he could be directed away from an extensive discussion of this spill as he readily understood that was not my area of expertise and he should save that for the court or a deposition, etc. Testing further described Mr. Bolenbaugh as an outgoing and socially gregarious individual who has attained a relatively high level of confidence about his knowledge in dealing with oil spills through his experiences and his extensive reading. He is an individual who generally conforms to society and to corporate policies

and procedures unless his sense of duty and responsibility to the larger community directs him otherwise. He will be cooperative and agreeable with things that he thinks are right and people who are doing the right thing while worrying somewhat about the negative reaction of some people who are fearful of what he is doing, disagree with what he is doing, or think he is a threat to their livelihoods. I think he has a normal amount of worry and concern in this respect.

**Conclusions:**

I did not uncover any psychopathology during the clinical interview with Mr. Bolenbaugh, while he gave me an overview of his case and I reminded him a few times that giving me the details about oil spills and clean ups were not my area of expertise.

A careful analysis of objective psychological testing did not reveal any psychopathology. His personality style is one of an individual who gets a great deal of pleasure and reinforcement from his work, which he considers dealing with oil spills, and he is a very nurturant person, which corresponds to what he says about wanting to help the people in his community and in other communities where there was a spill.

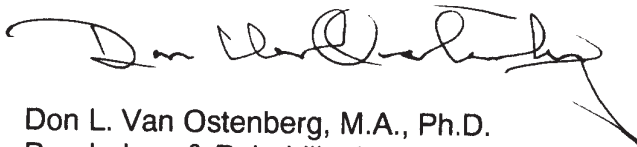
He is outgoing, assertive, conforming to general work standards, and a cooperative and agreeable individual who is not found to be controlling, but rather someone who does his homework and tries to stay databased and logical.

He does not ignore his feelings and he is somewhat innovative, but more someone who organizes information and tries to remain consistent, focused on reality as he sees it, and working cooperatively with other people.

I saw no signs that he was dealing with the threats he feels from Enbridge Oil in psychopathological ways.

Thank you for your inquiry regarding my findings. If I can provide you with further explanation, please feel free to contact me.

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