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Dear Mr. Seib:

RE: Marlene LEGARE

Introduction

The following is a psychiatric report prepared on the above-named individual at your request. I understand that Ms. Legare is currently facing charges of uttering threats relating to events which allegedly occurred on December 19, 2006. You have requested this assessment to provide a medical opinion regarding whether or not Ms. Legare suffers from a mental illness and, if so, whether or not this illness would have some impact on Ms. Legare's potential for violence or ability to comply with a court order.

Assessment Procedure

Ms. Legare was interviewed at the Winnipeg Remand Centre on February 19, 2007 for approximately 75 minutes. Prior to our initial meeting I had an opportunity to review your letter, dated February 16, 2007, as well as the information which you provided including the Prosecutor's Information Sheet, Occurrence #20061491314 and the Statement of Margaret Romano, dated December 21, 2006.

At the beginning of my meeting with Ms. Legare, the purpose of the report and the particular limits of confidentiality were explained to her. Specifically, that a report would be prepared based on our interview, as well as the information provided and that this report would be forwarded to her lawyer and maybe used in court proceedings. Ms. Legare consented to proceed with the assessment process.

At the end of our interview, Ms. Legare provided me with two names and phone numbers of her aunt, Madeline Philian, as well as her cousin, Phillip Philian. I was able to speak to both by telephone for approximately 15 minutes each on the evening of February 19, 2007.

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It remains Ms. Legare belief that the family conflict was initiated by her brother and his intention to sell his property, which their father was living on. Their conflict appears to have snowballed from that time. Her belief systems are not bizarre, it is possible and is not of delusional proportion as Ms. Legare is open to alternative explanations for her brother and the rest of her siblings' behaviour.

Past Psychiatric History

Ms. Legare has never seen a psychiatrist. She has never been hospitalized. She denies any history of suicide attempts. She has never been prescribed psychotropic medications. She denied any history of violence although she acknowledges two prior assault charges, both of which she was acquitted.

Family History

Ms. Legare is the second oldest in a sibship of nine. Her parents divorced approximately 25 years ago and her mother remarried approximately six years ago. One of her sisters passed away as a result of breast cancer at the age of 32. Ms. Legare's aunt has been hospitalized in psychiatric facilities. Other than the paternal aunt there was no formal family psychiatric history. There is no family history of addictions or suicides.

Social History

Ms. Legare grew up in Elie. After graduating high school she attended Red River Community College and began work initially with Great West Life and then quickly changed jobs as she obtained a government job with the Department of Transport. She was married in 1971 and Ms Legare and her husband moved to Vancouver in 1972. She continued to work at Transport until she was transferred to Canada Post. She then began working for Revenue Canada and completed two-and-a-half years of a Chartered General Accountant program. She then took courses independently to certify herself in managing mutual funds, stocks, insurance and ultimately a Financial Planning course. She has been working as a Financial Planner for the last 15 years. She has three children and three grandchildren.

Medical History

Ms. Legare denies any significant medical history. She has never been on medications for any chronic illness and is not currently prescribed any medications.

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Mental Status Examination

Ms. Legare presented as a 55-year-old female who appeared her stated age in Remand Centre garb. She was well groomed and was wearing a cross around her neck. She engaged quickly in the interview and demonstrated an appropriate range of affect. She

Ms. Legare's opinion that she had only her parents' interest at heart when she attempted to have her father remain in his home and when she attempted to have her mother return to the clinic in Houston, where, in was Ms. Legare's opinion, she had a positive response to the treatment there in the past. Despite the conflict within her family and the clear different opinions, Ms. Legare remains confident that she has acted in a way that is representative of her concern for her parents and for her family. She indicated that she feels no need to continue with this process as her mother has now passed on and her father appears to have no interest in speaking with her at this time.

Diagnostic Synthesis and Answers to Specific Referral Questions

Ms. Legare does not meet the criteria for any major mental illness by her report, as well as from the collateral information available to me. There does not appear to be a psychotic process or major mood disorder that has influenced Ms. Legare's behaviour. This appears to be a case of a large family entering into conflict in the context of significant losses.

According to Ms. Legare's Aunt and cousin, Ms. Legare has no history of violence and has no potential for violence. They indicated that Ms. Legare has always functioned at a high level, and that there is no indication of prior mental illness, nor has there been changes in Ms. Legare's thinking consistent with the emergence of acute mental illness.

It appears that Ms. Legare returned to Winnipeg to rectify what she felt was mismanagement of her father and mother's well being and presented in a very aggressive and adversarial fashion to the rest of her sibship. Whereas, her family members in Manitoba had proceeded along a path that they felt was reasonable. This appears to have resulted in a conflict which has spiralled and resulted in behaviour on the part of the entire family that appears to be out of character.

Ms. Legare's current intent is to return home to British Columbia. She indicated that she remains confident that she did all that she could for her father and mother, and now wants to get back to her life. She has no intention of remaining in Winnipeg and is hoping to deal with her legal proceedings without ever returning to Winnipeg. She denies any

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desire to have any contact with her brother. It is my opinion based on reasonable medical certainty, as well as Ms Legare's aunt's and cousin's opinion, that this is the most likely outcome and there does not appear to be any risk of violence on Ms. Legare's behalf.

I trust this answers your question.

Yours truly,

Jeffrey Waldman, MD, FRCPC

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