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FORENSIC EVALUATION

NAME: NATASHA T. KEY
DATE OF BIRTH: 3/16/72
DATE OF EVALUATION: 12/20//96
TYPE OF EVALUATION: Comprehensive Mental State at the Time of the Offense and Competency to Stand Trial
LOCATION OF EVALUATION: Chesapeake Jail
EVALUATION REQUESTED BY: John Jelich, Esquire
Defense Attorney
COMPONENTS OF EVALUATION:

- Interview with Natasha T. Key
- Consultation with Medical Unit at the Chesapeake Jail
- Phone consultation with Gene Miller, Chesapeake Mental Health Service, who is the individual at that agency who has conducted the most recent evaluation of Ms. Key
- Review of an emergency evaluation conducted 12/6/96 by Gene Miller, including present and past treatment plans for Natasha Key
- Contact with Gussie Hunter (██████████), grandmother of the defendant
- Contact with Ramona Key (██████████), mother of the defendant

EVALUATOR: David H. Keenan, LCSW, Ed.D.
Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Forensic Evaluator

CONSENT STATEMENT

Natasha T. Key received an explanation of the purpose of the evaluation. She seemed to understand the purpose and agreed to provide information for its completion. A full report will be sent only to the defense attorney. An abbreviated report, containing no offense related information, will be sent to the Commonwealth's Attorney and to the involved judge.

COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL

Natasha Key is a long term client of Chesapeake Mental Health Services. Despite taking Prolixin Decanoate 62.5 mg IM q2weeks and Artane 5 mg po bid and Prolixin 5 mg po bid, she has remained unstable as an outpatient and to some extent in jail.

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As with the evaluation done by Mr. Miller, it appeared that at times Natasha was responding to internal stimuli. She was neither suicidal nor homicidal. However, she is extremely impulsive and her judgement appears to be markedly impaired in some situations. She appears to be pleasant and cooperative some of the time, but she may become very volatile with no known external precipitant. She has a very substantial history of mental health treatment, including more than twenty state hospitalizations.

While Natasha Key would likely have the cognitive abilities to understand courtroom terms and procedures and the roles of courtroom personnel, presently it appears that she is not fully stabilized and is experiencing symptoms of psychosis. Her functioning is variable. I believe that the degree of variability is such that it would be difficult or impossible for an attorney to develop a consistent collaborative working relationship at this time. Since my present clinical opinion is that she is not competent to stand trial I am recommending, hospitalization for continued evaluation and restoration to competency. I agree with Mr. Gene Miller's assessment that her mental functioning is sufficiently unstable that she requires a hospital environment for monitoring and possible adjustment of medications. Her restorability is uncertain. She has long term mental health problems, but has not been stabilized even with reasonable compliance with the use of prescribed medications.

David H. Keenan

December 27, 1996