

OPINION

22. Due to Maurice Kirk's wilful non-cooperation with the process of assessment, this assessment could not be completed to an extent that it allows the court to be appropriately advised on either the presence or absence of any mental disorder or risk.

23. Maurice Kirk's history is highly complex, convoluted and difficult to understand. The pattern however of an increasing feeling of persecution that resolves temporarily when a person moves from one environment to another, but then recurs, as has happened in Maurice Kirk's case following his move from the UK to Guernsey and then from Guernsey to South Wales, is consistent with, but not diagnostic of a paranoid illness. This would be supported by some of his beliefs, both regarding the police (that his telephone line was broadcast in the police canteen in Guernsey) and the Caswell Clinic (that we would put drugs in the food and that we were part of the police conspiracy). However, having interviewed Maurice Kirk for many hours, it is difficult to be certain whether these are clear expressions of belief or part of some "game" that for whatever reason Maurice Kirk is playing with the courts. Due to the short period that Maurice Kirk has been willing to discuss his beliefs, a further period is required to clarify this matter.

24. The physical investigations of Maurice Kirk, for example brain imaging, has not fully been reported, though preliminary reports suggest some minor abnormalities, the significance of which has to be clarified.

25. Detailed psychological assessment has shown Maurice Kirk to be of superior intelligence with perhaps a memory which is not as good as one would expect from a person with his level of intelligence and shows him to be slightly impulsive. Whilst he showed no evidence of suffering with any personality disorder, he had a personality characterised by someone who is predisposed to react in an abrupt outburst, which may also escalate into contentious arguments in a person who would be attracted to challenge and undaunted by danger and punishment. Another feature of his personality is to be strongly opinionated, somewhat closed-minded and obstinate in holding onto preconceptions. His personality also shows features of a person who repeatedly recalls past injustices and anticipates future disappointments, and as such is likely to undermine personal objectives and sabotage good fortune. Formal risk assessments have not yet been carried out.

26. Therefore request the court to extend the Section 35 of the Mental Health Act 1983 for a further 28 days, to allow Maurice Kirk and the court the benefit of a more accurate assessment of his current mental health and its relationship to any risk he may pose.

27. I am aware that Maurice Kirk is likely to publish this report, as he has published my previous report on his website, and that Maurice Kirk has been heard making what could be perceived as threats to people on the 'phone (that someone has to "get" me), I have therefore deliberately not included the names of professional colleagues who have assessed Maurice Kirk to help manage any risk that may result from his publication of my report.

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