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**CONFIDENTIAL PSYCHIATRIC REPORT
ON CAUL SILFORD GRANT - JC8360**

Date of Birth: 29.12.1961
Home Address: Not known
Charges: Importation of Drugs
Court of appearance: Croydon Crown Court

Report requested by the Court.

(A) Sources of Information:

A.1 I am Dr Olumuyiwa Famoroti, Visiting Specialist Registrar to Dr Oyebode Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist. I am a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and I hold a Master Degree in Cognitive Neuroscience from the Imperial College London. I have also been approved by the Secretary of State for having special experience in the diagnosis and management of mental health disorders. In the preparation of this report I have had access to the following:

1. Inmate Medical Record for Mr Caul Silford Grant.
2. I interviewed Mr Grant at HMP High Down on 9 January 2004 for about 1½ hours.
3. I have also had access to the following documents:
 - a. Letter from Mr Andrew Dent Special Assistant to the Private Secretary of her Majesty the Queen. Mr Grant's letter in 1998, are referring him to Lord Irvine of Lairg, the former Lord Chancellor.

- b. Letter from Lord Chancellor's Department commenting that there are no grounds for approaching Mr Justice Toulson, which Mr Grant has alleged of misconduct.
4. A letter dated 15 June 2001 from the European Court of Human Rights declaring that Mr Grant submitted his application to them too late and therefore they could not go further.
5. A letter dated 5, 19 and 22 September addressed to the Home Secretary and to the Director of Public Prosecution, respectively, complaining about an 'unresolved matter of state lawbreaking (Judicial corruption and unlawful imprisonment)'.
6. A letter dated 3 December 2003 from the Lord Chief Justice Office asking Mr Grant to make further representation to the Department of Constitutional Affairs.

(B) Introduction:

- B.1 Mr Grant reported that he does not think he has any form of mental illness but has only been fighting for injustice meted to him. He was not sure why the Judge requested for him to be assessed if he is mentally ill or mischievous. He alleged that the Judge in December had denied him the assistance of the Mackenzie Friend even though I understand he has defended himself in Court. Mr Grant reported that he was arrested at Gatwick Airport after importing 44.9 kgs of cannabis into the country. He reported that he had pleaded not guilty to this offence, as he had to do that as a last resort to fight the injustice, which he said he has suffered for many years.

Mr Grant agreed that he was caught with cannabis at Gatwick Airport on 16 August 2003 and said the cannabis was found in his baggage, which was not labelled. Mr Grant reported that he did not argue with custom officials when his baggage was found. Mr Grant said he has made about seven trips before to fund the fight for injustice and said for the initial five he was actually sent but the last two was his own journey, which he made on his own accord. He reported he had paid somebody in Kingston to load the baggages in for him, but "unfortunately" the baggage had not been labelled. When I asked him why he did not load the cannabis into the plane himself, he reported that this is what he has always done on previous occasions when he has been on seven trips and he would tell me exactly who he asked to assist him in getting the cannabis onto the plane. When I asked him if he actually meant to be caught, why he did not load the cannabis himself, Mr Grant replied that, he knew that if he got caught, he would only be caught in Jamaica, which is not the place where he has planned to get him into a Court of Law to air his view about the injustice he has suffered.

- B.2 Mr Grant reported that on the day when he was arrested he had waited for his bag at Gatwick Airport and he was waiting for the second bag, which contained the cannabis wrapped in African material. He pulled the bag off, he noticed the bag has been opened and there was a smell of cannabis from it. Immediately he was stopped by a custom official when he tried to collect the baggage and was remanded in custody between 16 and 18 August 2003. He told me he had admitted it and was later taken away to the custody suite where he was interviewed. He told me he had told the officer that his aim of doing that was to get into the Court to get in front of the ordinary members of the public and to show the Jury the extent of the injustice and how the law has failed him to secure his rights. He was adamant that he had acted in that manner as a last resort.
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- B.3 Mr Grant told me about the injustice which he said he suffered, which was about 9 years ago when he lost his son in the accident and emergency of his local hospital because his son was not given the proper treatment at that time. He reported that an hour before his son died, at around 9.30 pm he visited the hospital and was told by staff that his family was not there. He later found out that his child had been rushed to the same hospital with stomach upset and later died at the hospital, where he was told he has not been admitted. He reported that his wife was angry with him that he was not present in the hospital to push for the necessary treatment and he said this led to the breakdown of his marriage as the pressure got too much on him. He separated from his wife a year after the death of their son as the pressure got too much on him and he had wanted to sue the hospital for negligence and for advising him wrongly. He had apparently sought the advice of Bindman & Partners Solicitors in suing the hospital but they later advised him that there is no law in the UK that allows him sue the hospital for wrong advice. He then decided to sue the lawyers and the hospital. He said the hospital and Bindman & Partners had ganged up against him. Bindman & Partner was apparently represented by another firm, who made an ex-parte application and obtained an injunction against Mr Grant. It appeared Mr Grant had breached this injunction and was later sentenced by Mr Justice Toulson to a term of imprisonment in February 1999.
- B.4 Mr Grant who responded saying that this was an abuse of power as an injunction was got behind his back and he was not legally represented. He alleged Mr Justice Toulson should not have presided over the case, which had been brought to Court by a firm in which his younger brother was a Senior Partner. He told me that since then he has pursued relentlessly to seek justice for himself and against conspiracy by people. He has since then written to various members of the Government including the Police, the Prime Minister, the Home Office and Her Majesty the Queen and according to him all these have representations have been futile due to the perceived "conspiracy of silence. Mr Grant said to me he had protested in many ways just to make sure he gets himself into a Court of Law to air his views and has deliberately driven his car before without a tax disc or went to fill car with petrol without him paying and later going to the attendant to give them his name. He reported that as soon as the Police know it is him, they will say, "Oh Mr Grant it is you, have a nice journey." He reported to me that after a while, he did not get a kick from doing that any more as they were not getting him into Court. He then started thinking of more desperate ways for people to hear his grievances in Court in front of ordinary members of the public and a Jury. This quest for justice according to him led him to form an organisation of Campaign for Truth and Justice on which he is a senior member and said they have been making protest marches in London for many years. The last of such protests was on the ninth anniversary of his son's death on the 3rd September 2003.
- B.5 Mr Grant reported that he had resorted into dealing in cannabis to fund this campaign but he was aware he was funding this campaign through an act of crime. I pointed out to him that he was trying to correct an alleged act of injustice by involving himself in criminal activities. Mr Grant reported that he fully understood this but he was doing that as a last resort as the universal law fundamental human right is not able to protect him. Mr Grant said that "that the law of fundamental moral says that if a man is to be prevented from an act of rebellion as a last resort his rights must be protected by the rule of law". I asked him why he did not raise money through other means and Mr Grant replied that the only other way he could have raised the fund was by going to the black community and ask for funds. He said he had realised that people may be sceptical about his intentions.

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B.6 Mr Grant added that he believed Police have deliberately not arrested him on the previous trips he made to Jamaica this is part of the conspiracy of silence to keep him out of Court so as to prevent him airing his views. He found it difficult to believe that he was going in and out of the country and he was not even suspected by the Police. I pointed out to him there would be many people that travel more frequently than he did who will not be stopped by Police at any time. I again asked why he felt he has only been arrested this time around and Mr Grant replied that the Customs who accosted him was a lowly officer who possibly was not involved in this conspiracy and who possibly does not have any record of him and his quest for justice. He said by the time they probable knew it was him, it was too late not to arrest him and too late not to bring him to Court. I added that if he felt strongly that this conspiracy was there, despite arrest, the Police could have released him. Mr Grant reported that the Police would find it embarrassing for them to release somebody who brought in 44.9kgs of cannabis into the country, after junior officers have known. He added that Police would be risking him going into his own community, (meaning black community in Brixton or other places) and bragging to people that he got away with bringing 44.9kgs of cannabis into the country, even though he would not have done that. He continued to maintain his intention was actually to raise funds to continue to fight the injustice against him.

(C) **Past Psychiatric History:**

C.1 Mr Grant described that he suffered from depressive symptoms after the death of his son but has no other psychiatric history. He is not presently on any psychotic medication.

(D) **Past Medical History:**

D.1 Mr Grant has no significant past medical history and he appears a fit gentleman.

(E) **Drug and Alcohol History:**

E.1 Mr Grant describes he drinks occasionally but denied the use of any form of illicit drug including cannabis despite dealing with this as described above.

(F) **Mental State Examination:**

F.1 Mr Grant appeared as a well built Afro Caribbean gentleman who was well dressed, neat and articulate. He was able to establish good rapport and made good eye contact. He was not distractible and showed no abnormal behaviour or movement. He did not appear odd or eccentric to me, throughout the period of the interview. His speech was normal in all aspects and he described his mood subjectively as normal. Objectively my opinion is that Mr Grant is not depressed and has no suicidal thoughts or thought of harm to other people. He is preoccupied with exposing the injustice, which he said has been carried out against him. He denied all biological signs of depression and I felt strongly that he was not depressed at all.

F.2 Mr Grant talked continuously about the "conspiracy of silence", which he claimed has been carried out against him. He has engaged in different activities to expose this "injustice", I saw his actions as that of somebody trying to fight the injustice which he said has been against him and has tried to do this in a way he believed very strongly. I did not consider this behaviour in any way as an over valued idea or a delusion. There was no evidence of thought insertion, broadcasting or withdrawal. Mr Grant has no

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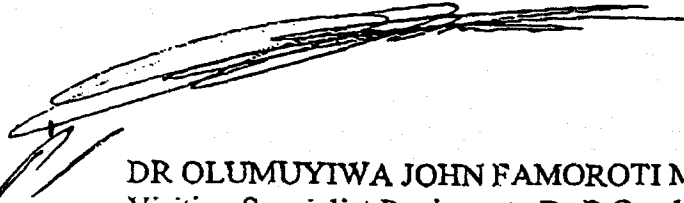
perceptual abnormality and there was no form of illusion, de-realisation, a personality, visual or auditory hallucination. Mr Caul Grant was well orientated in time, place and person and his account of what has happened over the last ten years is very clear and he has a good memory of everything that has happened. He has particularly kept a good record of his correspondence with several establishments. Mr Grant reported that he does not feel anything is wrong with him and said he is only fighting a cause, which he believes very strongly in and has only resorted in illegal means as a last resort to fight a "catalogue" of injustices, which he believed he has suffered. Mr Grant reported that he is very well aware that the Jury that will be assembled in Court are not there to examine the "injustice", which he alleged that he is keen to argue his point. He also realised that if found guilty, he faces the prospect of a custodial sentence.

(G) Opinion and Summary:

G.1 Mr Caul Grant is a 43 year old gentleman who was remanded in prison in August 2003 following arrest for importing 44.9 kgs of cannabis into the country. Mr Grant has had a string of complaints and has written letters to different establishments following the death of his son and reported he has tried to fight this, but no one is listening. He has since then tried to get himself into a Court of Law, so that he could air his view in public and said he has resorted into using illegal means such as breaking the law, importing and selling cannabis hoping that he will be arrested and have the time to state his views in Court and talk about the injustices he felt has been carried out against him. He is aware that importation and dealing in cannabis is illegal, but has only resorted to it because he his fundamental rights has not been guaranteed.

G.2 While some of his behaviour could be described as mischievous at one point or the other, I did not find any clear evidence of mental illness in this man and he is fully aware of what he is doing. In my opinion Mr Caul Grant is not suffering from any mental illness or disorder of a nature or degree that undermines his judgement or that necessitates treatment or hospitalisation.

G.3 In view of the above, I do not have any recommendation for a psychiatric disposal for the Court. It is difficult to comment on whether a custodial sentence will have adverse affect on the mental state of this gentleman as he has coped very well since he has been remanded in custody over five months ago. In a way, it is my opinion, that having a view to air his views to different people by writing letters has helped him a great deal.


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Date of Report: 16th January 2004