

MEDICOLEGAL REPORT

OF

**Mr Tom Hones
DOB 02.12.1968
(Fictitious name and details)**

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M E D I C A L R E P O R T

NAME & ADDRESS	Mr Tom Jones The Tingle New Road New Wells Nowys NW1 5PT
DATE OF BIRTH	02.02.1977
DATE OF ACCIDENT	12.10.2007
TIME OFF WORK	NA
OCCUPATION	car mechanic
INSTRUCTING PARTY	Newcomers and Co Solicitors
SOLICITOR `S REFERENCE	NJF/LK/Mr Tom Jones/12345
DATE AND PLACE OF EXAMINATION	14.07.2009. A&E department, Bronglais General Hospital Aberystwyth SY231ER.
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED	Hospital, and Gp notes

A INSTRUCTIONS

I have been instructed by Newcomers and Co Solicitors to prepare a medico-legal report for Mr Tom Jones, in relation to injuries sustained as a result of a road traffic accident on 12.10.2007. This report reviews the details of the injuries, their progress and prognosis for the future. I understand this report is provided for the Court.

B CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ACCIDENT

B1 The accident itself

Mr Tom Jones was a driver, wearing a seatbelt, when his vehicle was involved in a frontal impact due to other car travelling in the wrong lane. The couple's two children were restrained in the vehicle. Both vehicles caught fire and the driver

of the other vehicle died.

C MECHANISM OF THE ACCIDENT

This was a frontal impact.

D INJURIES SUSTAINED

The following injuries were sustained:

- ∞ Left sided face and eye injuries.
- ∞ Chest and torso injuries.
- ∞ Both knee injuries.
- ∞ Panic attacks.

E TREATMENT

Mr Tom Jones stated to me that he was taken to A&E department at Hereford Hospital in the ambulance. He was seen by various members of trauma and required numerous x-rays. He was admitted for overnight observation.

F PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

Mr Tom Jones denied any significant past medical history.

G PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT

Mr Tom Jones states that he gets nightmares about this accident, mainly concerning about safety of his children. He still gets panic attacks specially during driving at night on average twice monthly.

H PROGRESS OF INJURIES

- ∞ **Left sided face and eye injuries.**

The left side of face was swollen after the accident, with blood shot eye, and laceration under the eyebrow. The worst symptoms lasted for 2 months, and now occasionally the scar is tender.

- ∞ **Chest and torso injuries.**

There was bruising to chest due to possible hitting the steering wheel. The chest remains tender for approximately 6 months. The worst symptoms were in the first 2 months. His own Gp informed him that it was possible that the prolonged duration of symptoms were due to fractured ribs. He also get

backache symptoms, worse since the accident. The back pains are localised and he has to stretch more often to get relief.

∞ **Both knee injuries.**

Both knees were bruised and swollen. There was some abrasions as well.

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Symptoms lasted approximately for 7-10 days.

∞ **Panic attacks.**

Panic attacks happen during driving, on average twice every month. He usually stops driving until it wears off. There has not been any change in his symptoms since the accident.

I EFFECT ON PRIVATE LIFE

Mr Tom Jones states he used to go regular walks 1-2 times per week, and has not been able to do so since the accident, mainly due to partners health and recurrence of backaches.

J REVIEW OF NOTES

After review of the hospital notes I can confirm the followings:

1. Attended A&E department of Hereford Hospital after this accident on 12.10.2007 via ambulance.
2. He needed x-rays of face, chest and cervical spine.
3. Reports by A&E, surgical, and orthopaedic doctors relating to this accident.

After review of the Gp notes I can confirm the followings:

1. Fracture of right ankle 1992.
2. Past history of backache, two attendance on 15th and 25th April 2002..
3. Attended Gp on 27.02.2008 complaining of reduction of sensation left cheek,
no obvious cause was found.

K EXAMINATION ON THE DAY OF ASSESSMENT

Mr Tom Jones is approximately six feet tall and weighs thirteen and half stones. He walked and sat comfortably in the examination chair. Examination of the cervical spine and musculature didn't reveal any tenderness. There was no tenderness in the sternum (Breast bone), lumbo sacral musculature and spine. There was full range of movements. There is a very faint scar under left eye brow. There is some numbness on left side of face.

L OPINION

It is apparent that after discussing the situation with Mr Tom Jones that he suffered soft tissue injuries to left side of his face, chest, abdomen and both knees.

It is possible that he also suffered a fractured rib as a result of this accident, but it appears that this has healed completely. Simple fractures of ribs do not require any treatment.

Backache after this accident is likely due flare up of his pre-existing back problem. On balance of probability I feel that 50 % of his backache symptoms are due to this accident.

Left sided facial numbness is due to bruising of nerve supply to the face (part of the trigeminal nerve).

The psychological symptoms appear genuine after this accident. He has clearly features of post traumatic stress syndrome.

M PROGNOSIS & REFERRAL

I feel that there will be further improvement in his remaining symptoms. On balance of probability the backache symptoms secondary to this accident may take up to two years from the time of accident to reach pre-accident level.

The residual numbness on face may take another 12-18 months to disappear completely, as the nerve injuries are very slow to recover.

I would recommend him to be referred to a psychiatrist to help with

management of his psychological symptoms.

N SUMMARY

Mr Tom Jones was a driver, wearing a seat belt when his car was involved in head on collision. This resulted in death of other driver. He sustained mainly soft tissue injuries to his left face, chest, abdomen, and both knees. He suffered genuine psychological symptoms for which i have recommended referral to a psychiatrist. I feel his remaining symptoms will improve with time, but he may have some minor symptoms directly attributed to this accident. I do not feel that this will affect his life significantly.

O REFERENCES

Medico legal reporting in Orthopaedic Trauma fag and Foy pages 357-367.
471-486

Statement of truth.

I believe that the facts I have stated in this report are true and that the opinions I have expressed are correct.

Statement for the Court.

This report is addressed to the court. I understand that my duty is to help the court on matters within my expertise and I confirm that I have compiled with that duty. I have not been influenced by any third party, including those who are responsible for paying me.

Declaration. I declare that

1. I Understand that my primary duty in written reports and evidence is to the court, rather than that of the party who engaged me.
2. I have endeavoured in my reports and in my opinions to be accurate and to cover all relevant issues concerning the matters stated which I have been asked to address.
3. I have endeavoured to include in my report those matters, which I have knowledge of or of which I have been made aware, that might adversely affect the validity of my opinion.
4. I have included sources of all information I have used.

5. I have not without forming an independent view included or excluded any thing, which has been suggested to me by others [in particular instructing party

6. I shall notify those instructing me immediately and confirm in writing if for any reason my existing report requires any changes.

7. I understand that:

- ∞ My report, subject to any corrections before swearing as to its correctness, will from the evidence to be given under oath or affirmation.
- ∞ I may be cross-examined on my report by cross-examiner assisted by an expert.
- ∞ I am likely to be subject to public adverse criticism by the judge if the court concludes that I have not taken reasonable care in trying to meet the standards set out above.

8. I confirm that I am not entered into any arrangement where my fee is dependent on the outcome of the case.

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INVOICE.

14.07.2009
Newcomers and Co solicitors
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Dear Sirs,

Re: **Medico-legal report of Mr Tom Jones JFK/LK/Mr Tom Jones/12345**

Thank you for letter dated 6th march 2009. I have amended my original report. There is no additional charge for this.

My fees for above is £250.

Please make cheque payable to **Medyg K & Q Bashir Ltd.**

Thank you

Kind regards,

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