

## OPINION

9. Maurice Kirk presents with symptoms entirely consistent with a mental illness namely paranoid delusional disorder (fixed false beliefs unamenable to reason). This involves the belief that he is at the centre of a web of persecution concerning the Police, Criminal Justice System, the Medical System and Freemasonry. This persecution has an over-riding importance for him and any attempt to move him away from such subjects rapidly returns to his perception of being persecuted by the Police.
10. Maurice Kirk has evidence of significant brain damage to an area of his brain specifically related to self-awareness, judgement, decision making, self regulation of behaviour and control of emotions. It should also be noted that one feature of this function is paranoid ideation and a very fixed dichotomous way of viewing the world- However, further investigation is required which would involve further psychological testing to clarify and quantify this.
11. I understand that the current case before the court involves a precise and highly technical area of law. My current preliminary position is that whilst Maurice Kirk is fit to plead, his difficulties organising and sequencing information, his inability to filter out irrelevant information and his problems with attention and concentration, as a result of probable brain injury combined with his overwhelming perception of himself as being a victim of persecution by the system means that he would be unable to conduct his own defence. However, before coming to a final opinion, I request that Maurice Kirk is further remanded to the Caswell Clinic under the terms of Section 35 of the Mental Health Act 1983 for another period of 28 days to allow the completion of psychological assessments.

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