

Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2 Restructured Form® Yossef S. Ben-Porath, PhD, & Auke Tellegen, PhD

## MMPI-2-RF<sup>®</sup> Police Candidate Interpretive Report David M. Corey, PhD, & Yossef S. Ben-Porath, PhD

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Age:	25
Gender:	Female
Marital Status:	Never Married
Years of Education:	12
Date Assessed:	04/07/2013



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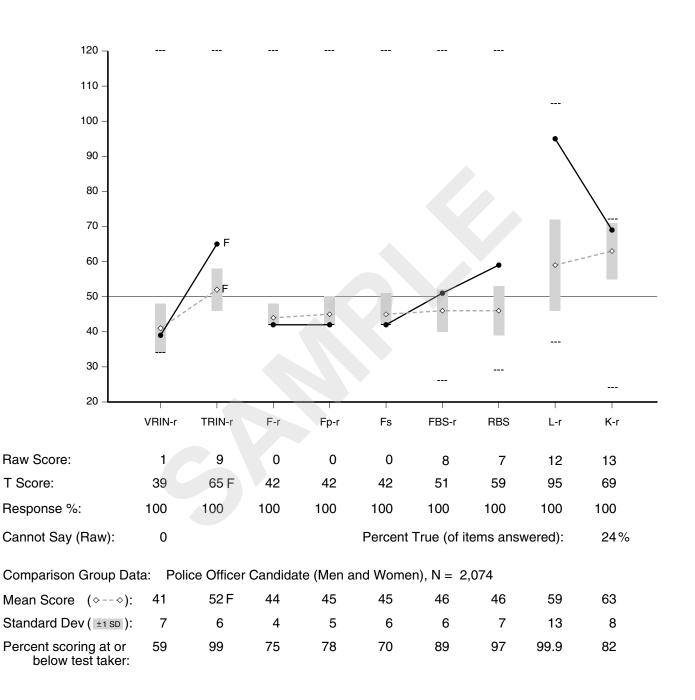
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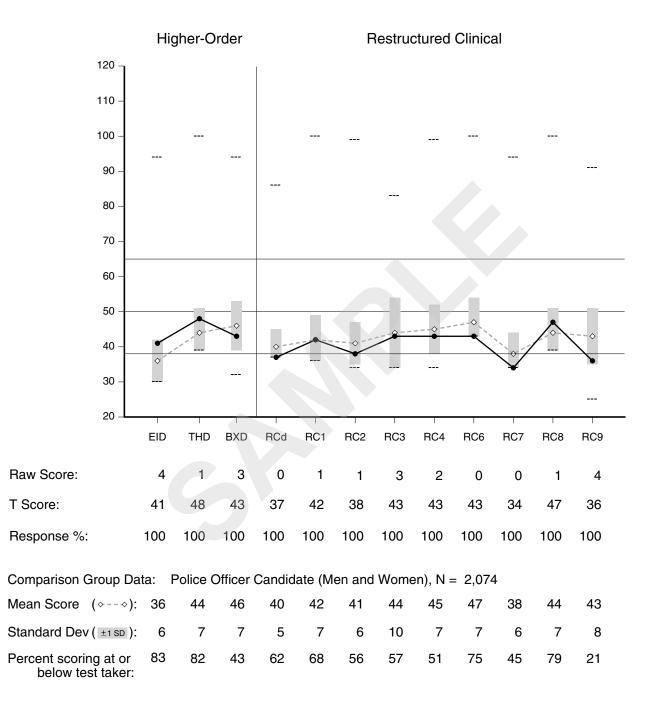
## **MMPI-2-RF Validity Scales**

The highest and lowest T scores possible on each scale are indicated by a "---"; MMPI-2-RF T scores are non-gendered.

	Variable Response Inconsistency True Response Inconsistency Infrequent Responses	Fs FBS-r RBS	Infrequent Somatic Responses Symptom Validity Response Bias Scale	Uncommon Virtues Adjustment Validity
En_r	Infraguent Psychonathology Responses			

Fp-r Infrequent Psychopathology Responses

## MMPI-2-RF Higher-Order (H-O) and Restructured Clinical (RC) Scales



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RCd Demoralization

EID Emotional/Internalizing Dysfunction

THD Thought Dysfunction

BXD Behavioral/Externalizing Dysfunction

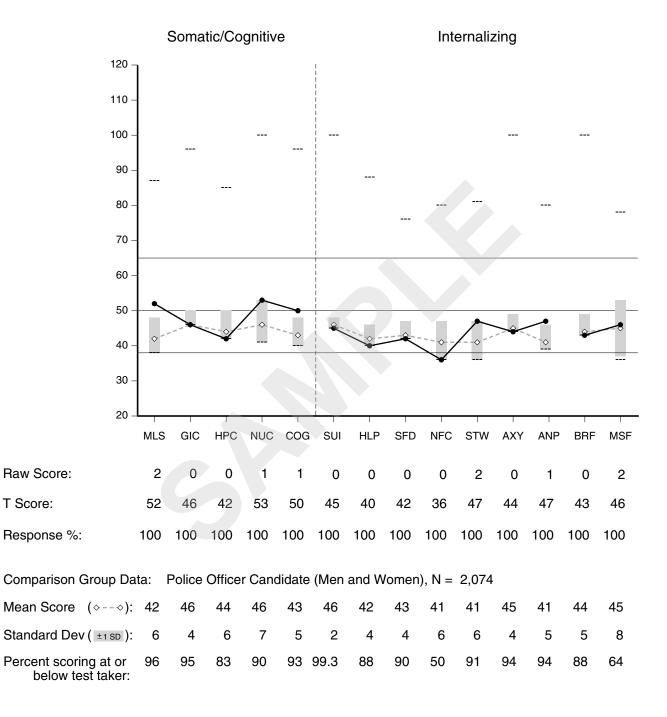
RC1 Somatic Complaints

RC2 Low Positive Emotions

RC3 Cynicism

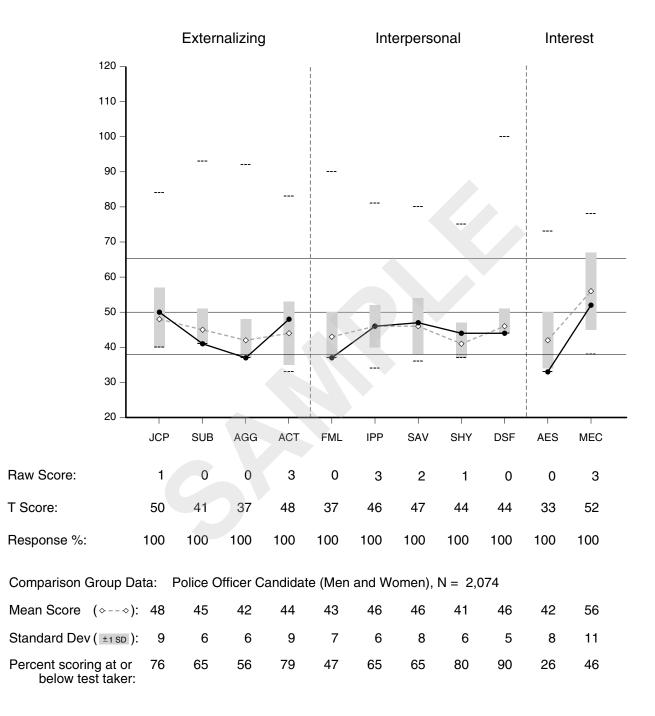
RC4 Antisocial Behavior

RC6 Ideas of PersecutionRC7 Dysfunctional Negative EmotionsRC8 Aberrant Experiences



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	Malaise Gastrointestinal Complaints Head Pain Complaints	HLP SFD	Suicidal/Death Ideation Helplessness/Hopelessness Self-Doubt	BRF	Anger Proneness Behavior-Restricting Fears
NUC	Neurological Complaints	NFC	Inefficacy	MSF	Multiple Specific Fears
COG	Cognitive Complaints	STW	Stress/Worry		



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JCP	Juvenile Conduct Problems
SUB	Substance Abuse
AGG	Aggression
ACT	Activation

FML Family Problems IPP Interpersonal Passivity

SAV Social Avoidance

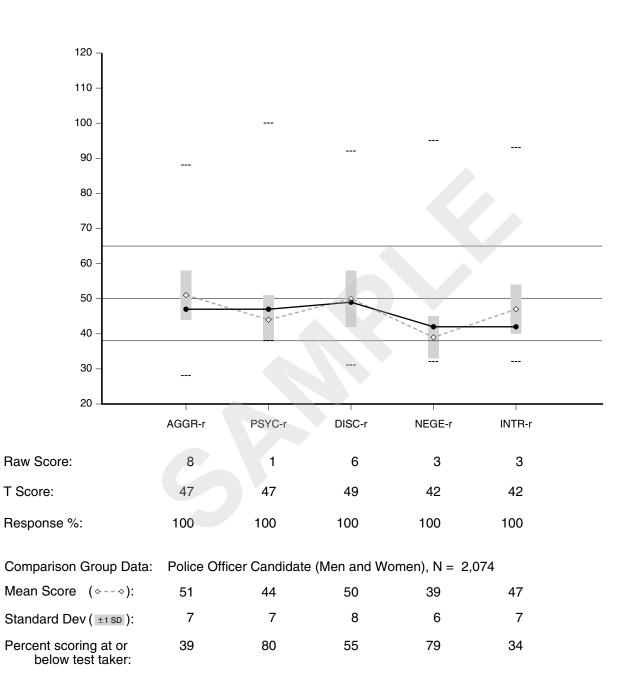
SHY Shyness

DSF Disaffiliativeness

AES Aesthetic-Literary Interests

MEC Mechanical-Physical Interests





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AGGR-rAggressiveness-RevisedPSYC-rPsychoticism-RevisedDISC-rDisconstraint-RevisedNEGE-rNegative Emotionality/Neuroticism-RevisedINTR-rIntroversion/Low Positive Emotionality-Revised

## **MMPI-2-RF T SCORES (BY DOMAIN)**

#### PROTOCOL VALIDITY

Content Non-Responsiveness		0	39	65 F				
		CNS	VRIN-r	TRIN-r				
Over-Reporting		42	42	_	42	51	59	
		F-r	Fp-r	_	Fs	FBS-r	RBS	-
Under-Reporting		95	69					
		L-r	K-r					
BSTANTIVE SCALES								
Somatic/Cognitive Dysfunctio	n	42	52	46	42	53	50	_
		RC1	MLS	GIC	НРС	NUC	COG	
Emotional Dysfunction	41	37	45	40	42	36		
	EID	RCd	SUI	HLP	SFD	NFC		
		38	42					
		RC2	INTR-r					
		34	47	44	47	43	46	42
		RC7	STW	AXY	ANP	BRF	MSF	NEGE-r
	Г	_						
Thought Dysfunction	48	43						
	THD	RC6						
		47						
		RC8						
		47						
		PSYC-r						
Behavioral Dysfunction	43	43	50	41				
	BXD	RC4	JCP	SUB				
		36	37	48	47	49		
		36 RC9	37 AGG	48 ACT	47 AGGR-r	49 DISC-r		
Interpersonal Functioning		RC9	AGG	ACT	AGGR-r	DISC-r	44	
Interpersonal Functioning							44 DSF	-
Interpersonal Functioning Interests			AGG 43	АСТ 46	AGGR-r 47	DISC-r 44		

Scale scores shown in bold font are interpreted in the report.

*Note.* This information is provided to facilitate interpretation following the recommended structure for MMPI-2-RF interpretation in Chapter 5 of the *MMPI-2-RF Manual for Administration, Scoring, and Interpretation*, which provides details in the text and an outline in Table 5-1.

This interpretive report is intended for use by a professional qualified to interpret the MMPI-2-RF in the context of preemployment psychological evaluations of police and other law enforcement officer candidates. **It focuses on identifying problems; it does not convey potential strengths.** The information it contains should be considered in the context of the test taker's background, the demands of the position under consideration, the clinical interview, findings from supplemental tests, and other relevant information.

The interpretive statements in the Protocol Validity section of the report are based on T scores derived from the general MMPI-2-RF normative sample, as well as scores obtained by the multisite sample of 2,074 individuals that make up the Police Officer Candidate comparison group.

The interpretive statements in the Clinical Findings and Diagnostic Considerations sections of the report are based on T scores derived from the general MMPI-2-RF normative sample. Following recommended practice, only T scores of 65 and higher are considered clinically significant. Scores at this clinical level are generally rare among police officer candidates.

Statements in the Comparison Group Findings and Job-Relevant Correlates sections are based on comparisons with scores obtained by the Police Officer Candidate comparison group. Statements in these sections may be based on T scores that, although less than 65, are nevertheless uncommon in reference to the comparison group.

Sources for interpretive statements in all sections are listed in the Endnotes section of this report. See User's Guide for the MMPI-2-RF Police Candidate Interpretive Report for detailed information on report features.

## **SYNOPSIS**

Scores on the MMPI-2-RF validity scales raise concerns about the possible impact of under-reporting on the validity of this protocol.

## **PROTOCOL VALIDITY**

#### **Content Non-Responsiveness**

There are no problems with unscorable items in this protocol. The test taker responded relevantly to the items on the basis of their content.

#### **Over-Reporting**

There are no indications of over-reporting in this protocol.

#### **Under-Reporting**

The test taker presented herself in an extremely positive light by denying an extraordinarily large number of minor faults and shortcomings that most people acknowledge<sup>1</sup>. This level of virtuous self-presentation is very uncommon even among individuals with a background stressing traditional values<sup>2</sup>. It is also very uncommon among police officer candidates. Only 1.1% of the comparison group members claimed this many or more uncommon virtues. Any absence of elevation on the substantive scales is uninterpretable. Elevated scores on the substantive scales may underestimate the problems assessed by those scales<sup>3</sup>. The candidate's responses may be a result of unintentional (e.g., very naïve) or intentional under-reporting. One way to distinguish between the two is to compare her responses to items with historical content against available collateral information (e.g., background information, interview data). Following are the test taker's responses to items with potentially verifiable historical content:

19. Item Content Omitted (True)
38. Item Content Omitted (True)
49. Item Content Omitted (False)
66. Item Content Omitted (False)
141. Item Content Omitted (False)
173. Item Content Omitted (False)
205. Item Content Omitted (False)
223. Item Content Omitted (False)
312. Item Content Omitted (False)



**Special Note:** The content of the test items is included in the actual reports. To protect the integrity of the test, the item content does not appear in this sample report.

Corroborated evidence of intentional under-reporting may be incompatible with the integrity requirements of the position. In addition, this level of virtuous self-presentation may reflect uncooperativeness that precludes a reliable determination of the candidate's suitability. Corroborating evidence in support of this possibility may be found in other test data, the clinical interview, or background information.

The candidate's virtuous self-presentation may reflect an overly rigid orientation to matters of morality and/or an inability to self-examine that may impair her effectiveness as a law enforcement officer. This can be explored through interview and collateral sources.

In addition, she presented herself as very well-adjusted<sup>4</sup>. This reported level of psychological adjustment is relatively rare in the general population but more common among police officer candidates.

## **CLINICAL FINDINGS**

# The following interpretation needs to be considered in light of cautions noted about the possible impact of under-reporting on the validity of this protocol.

There are no indications of clinically significant somatic, cognitive, emotional, thought, or behavioral dysfunction in this protocol. However, because of indications of under-reporting described earlier, such problems cannot be ruled out.

## DIAGNOSTIC CONSIDERATIONS

No specific psychodiagnostic recommendations are indicated by this MMPI-2-RF protocol.

## **COMPARISON GROUP FINDINGS AND JOB-RELEVANT CORRELATES**

# The following interpretation needs to be considered in light of cautions noted about the possible impact of under-reporting on the validity of this protocol.

The test taker's scores on the substantive scales are all within normal limits for the general population and for police officer candidates. However, as indicated earlier, in light of evidence of considerable under-reporting<sup>3</sup>, these results do not rule out the possibility that psychological problems will impede the candidate's ability to perform the duties of a police officer.

## **ITEM-LEVEL INFORMATION**

#### **Unscorable Responses**

The test taker produced scorable responses to all the MMPI-2-RF items.

#### **Critical Responses**

Seven MMPI-2-RF scales--Suicidal/Death Ideation (SUI), Helplessness/Hopelessness (HLP), Anxiety (AXY), Ideas of Persecution (RC6), Aberrant Experiences (RC8), Substance Abuse (SUB), and Aggression (AGG)--have been designated by the test authors as having critical item content that may require immediate attention and follow-up. Items answered by the individual in the keyed direction (True or False) on a critical scale are listed below if her T score on that scale is 65 or higher.

The test taker has not produced an elevated T score ( $\geq 65$ ) on any of these scales.

#### **User-Designated Item-Level Information**

The following item-level information is based on the report user's selection of additional scales, and/or of lower cutoffs for the critical scales from the previous section. Items answered by the test taker in the keyed direction (True or False) on a selected scale are listed below if her T score on that scale is at the user-designated cutoff score or higher. The percentage of the MMPI-2-RF normative sample (NS) and of the Police Officer Candidate (Men and Women) comparison group (CG) that answered each item in the keyed direction are provided in parentheses following the item content.

Uncommon Virtues (L-r, T Score = 95)

16. Item Content Omitted (False; NS 16.7%, CG 37.3%) 45. Item Content Omitted (False; NS 40.0%, CG 52.0%) 95. Item Content Omitted (False; NS 5.8%, CG 29.6%) 127. Item Content Omitted (False; NS 2.7%, CG 11.1%)



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182. Item Content Omitted (True; NS 33.6%, CG 72.4%)
183. Item Content Omitted (False; NS 9.6%, CG 5.8%)
211. Item Content Omitted (False; NS 10.9%, CG 29.2%)
241. Item Content Omitted (False; NS 14.0%, CG 28.2%)
268. Item Content Omitted (True; NS 18.1%, CG 20.0%)
298. Item Content Omitted (False; NS 27.2%, CG 65.8%)
325. Item Content Omitted (False; NS 5.4%, CG 7.6%)



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#### **Critical Follow-up Items**

This section contains a list of items to which the test taker responded in a manner warranting follow-up. The items were identified by police officer screening experts as having critical content. Clinicians are encouraged to follow up on these statements with the candidate by making related inquiries, rather than reciting the item(s) verbatim. Each item is followed by the candidate's response, the percentage of Police Officer Candidate comparison group members who gave this response, and the scale(s) on which the item appears.

The test taker did not respond to any critical follow-up items in the keyed direction.

### **ENDNOTES**

This section lists for each statement in the report the MMPI-2-RF score(s) that triggered it. In addition, each statement is identified as a <u>Test Response</u>, if based on item content, a <u>Correlate</u>, if based on empirical correlates, or an <u>Inference</u>, if based on the report authors' judgment. (This information can also be accessed on-screen by placing the cursor on a given statement.) For correlate-based statements, research references (Ref. No.) are provided, keyed to the consecutively numbered reference list following the endnotes.

- <sup>1</sup> Test Response: L-r=95
- <sup>2</sup> Correlate: L-r=95, Ref. 1
- <sup>3</sup> Correlate: L-r=95, Ref. 2, 3, 4
- <sup>4</sup> Test Response: K-r=69

### **RESEARCH REFERENCE LIST**

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#### **End of Report**

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