

# Character Reference Letter for JAHmere Webb

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The Honorable Judge Denise R. Ferrero  
Hillsborough County Courthouse  
800 E. Twiggs Street  
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**RE: Character Reference for JAHmere Webb**

Dear Judge Ferrero,

My name is Lindsey McKenna, and I am writing this letter in regard to JAHmere Webb—a person who is a dear friend or what feels like family/brother to both me and the rest of the McKenna family—to speak of the person I know him to be and the dreary series of events occurring just before this unfortunate predicament he has landed himself in.

## **JAHmere as Family: Six Years of Brotherhood**

JAHmere Webb is one of the most kind, open, and positive people I have gotten the pleasure to call both friend and family, in the 6-7 years that I have known him. He entered our lives as the number one best friend of my late brother Brandon McKenna, who recently passed away on October 9th, 2024 due to sudden heart failure. Over time, JAHmere didn't just remain Brandon's friend—he became close with not only Brandon, but also me, our siblings, and our parents (as Brandon was with his family).

What began as Brandon bringing a friend around evolved into something much deeper. JAHmere became the person who showed up for family dinners, who remembered our birthdays, who checked on our parents when Brandon couldn't. He became family in every way that matters—through presence, through care, through choosing to be there even when it wasn't convenient.

## **The Character I've Witnessed**

Throughout these 6-7 years, I've observed JAHmere in countless situations—celebrations, ordinary days, and difficult times. What has remained constant is his fundamental character:

**Always Wanting to Help:** JAHmere has an instinct to help others when he can. Whether it's something as simple as helping someone move furniture or as significant as being a listening ear during hard times, he consistently shows up. His desire to be useful and supportive isn't selective—he extends this same energy to strangers as he does to family.

**Giving Everyone a Chance:** In a world quick to judge, JAHmere stands out for his openness. I've watched him befriend people others have written off, believing everyone deserves to be seen for who they can become rather than who they've been. This quality made him especially close to Brandon, who shared this same generous spirit.

**Striving to Learn:** JAHmere approaches life with genuine curiosity and humility. He asks questions, listens to answers, and actively tries to grow from what others share. This teachable spirit has been evident throughout our friendship—he's someone who genuinely wants to be better tomorrow than he is today.

**Prioritizing Safety:** One detail that speaks volumes about JAHmere's character is his habit of staying the night when he's too sleepy rather than driving himself home at night. This might seem small, but it demonstrates his consideration for not just his own safety but the safety of others on the road. It's this kind of thoughtful decision-making that defines who he is.

## The Weight of Loss

JAHmere has struggled with Brandon's loss alongside us and is having a hard time grieving. The bond between JAHmere and Brandon was extraordinary—they were brothers in every sense except blood. Watching JAHmere navigate this loss has been heartbreaking. He lost not just a best friend but a daily companion, a confidant, someone who understood him completely.

The timing of his current legal situation, coming so soon after Brandon's passing, provides important context. This is not JAHmere at his best—this is JAHmere in the depths of grief, struggling to find his footing in a world that suddenly has a Brandon-shaped hole in it. Everyone makes a mistake, especially after a loss/losses like the ones we have faced over the past year.

## Understanding and Accountability

JAHmere understands that the decisions he made that day were wrong and the consequences that followed. In our conversations, he has expressed deep remorse—not just for the legal consequences he faces, but for disappointing those who believe in him and for acting in a way that doesn't reflect his values. His accountability isn't performative; it comes from genuine recognition that he let himself and others down during a moment of profound pain and poor judgment.

Though he shouldn't be too harshly judged for one ignorant mistake, one that I am sure he will not make again. The JAHmere who made this mistake while drowning in grief is not the JAHmere I've known for nearly seven years. That JAHmere—the one who became family, who

showed up consistently with kindness and positivity, who valued safety and growth—is still there, waiting to emerge from this dark season.

## **Moving Forward**

JAHmere Webb is a wonderful guy who is just falling through some bad times and struggling with the change, as we all are. The loss of Brandon has left all of us reeling, trying to figure out how to move forward when such a vital piece of our world is missing. But I believe—and Brandon would believe—that JAHmere deserves the chance to process this grief in a way that allows him to heal and grow, not in a way that compounds tragedy upon tragedy.

Your Honor, I ask that you see JAHmere not just as someone who made a mistake, but as someone who has spent years being a positive force in our lives and the lives of others. The McKenna family stands ready to support him through this difficult time, just as he has supported us through ours. We believe that with the right support and opportunity, JAHmere can work through his grief in healthy ways and return to being the kind, helpful, positive presence we've known him to be.

Brandon would want his best friend to have the chance to honor his memory by living well, not by having his life derailed by one mistake made in the fog of grief. We share that hope.

Thank you for considering this perspective on JAHmere's character and circumstances.

Sincerely,

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*"In memory of Brandon McKenna, who saw the best in everyone, especially his brother JAHmere."*