

# Character Reference Letter for JAHmere Webb

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The Honorable Judge Denise R. Ferrero  
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## **RE: Character Reference for JAHmere Webb**

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Kimberly Sams, and I am a close friend of JAHmere's mother. I'd like to share a personal experience that has always stayed with me and speaks volumes about JAHmere's character.

## **A First Impression That Lasted**

I first crossed paths with JAHmere in 2018, before I had even formally met his mother. I was shopping in a pharmacy when I noticed them together in line. His mother didn't appear to be feeling well, and I immediately saw the deep concern and care in JAHmere's eyes. The way he positioned himself protectively near her, his gentle touches of reassurance, and the worry evident on his face—these weren't performative gestures but the natural responses of a son who genuinely cared about his mother's wellbeing.

While we were waiting in line, she had to briefly step away. As I stood behind him with a couple of items in my hand, JAHmere turned to me and, with such sincerity and politeness, said, *"Ma'am, I'm so sorry my mom isn't feeling well, you can go ahead of me."*

I told him I wasn't in a rush, but I was genuinely touched by his attentiveness and kindhearted nature. Here was a young man, clearly worried about his mother, yet still maintaining awareness of those around him and extending courtesy to a complete stranger. I remember thinking, *"What a sweet young man."* That brief interaction left such an impression that I still remember it clearly years later.

## **From Stranger to Family Friend**

About a month later, his mother booked an appointment with me, and I recognized her from the store. I immediately shared how impressed I was with her son's compassion. That moment of recognition sparked a conversation that has grown into a genuine friendship. Since then, we've grown closer, and over the years, every time I've been around JAHmere, he has consistently been respectful, kind, and supportive.

What struck me most was how that first impression proved to be completely accurate. The consideration he showed that day in the pharmacy wasn't an anomaly—it's simply who JAHmere is. Whether he's helping his mother with errands, checking in on family friends, or simply being present in social situations, he brings that same thoughtful awareness and genuine care to every interaction.

## **Witnessing Growth and Maturity**

Since they've moved away, I've noticed the growth and maturity JAHmere has developed. He has grown into a more grounded and thoughtful young man. The core qualities I observed in 2018—his consideration for others, his deep family bonds, his natural politeness—have only strengthened and matured. He's developed from a caring young man into someone who understands responsibility, who thinks before acting, and who considers the impact of his choices on those around him.

This growth hasn't been without challenges. Life rarely unfolds in straight lines, and JAHmere has faced his share of difficulties. But what I've observed is someone who learns from experiences, who seeks to understand rather than blame, and who consistently tries to be better. This capacity for growth and self-reflection is, in my experience, relatively rare and speaks to a fundamental strength of character.

## **Understanding Human Imperfection**

We've all made mistakes in life, but I urge you to consider his character, not just his past actions, when making this decision. The JAHmere I know—the one who worried about his mother's health, who offered his place in line to a stranger, who has consistently shown kindness over the years—that is his true nature. A single poor decision made during a difficult time doesn't erase years of consistent good character.

I often tell his mother that he has a unique gift, a rare ability to connect with others and love unconditionally. Few people have that kind of spirit, and it's something I've always admired about him. This gift isn't just about being friendly or sociable—it's about genuinely seeing others, caring about their wellbeing, and extending grace even when it's not required or expected.

## **My Appeal to the Court**

Your Honor, please consider this letter as a genuine testament to JAHmere's character as you make decisions regarding his future. I truly believe in the goodness of his heart and the strength of his potential. The young man who showed such tender concern for his mother and such

courtesy to a stranger in 2018 is the same person who stands before you now—someone who has temporarily lost his way but whose fundamental character remains intact.

I've seen JAHmere's impact on those around him, the way his presence brings comfort to his mother, the way his genuine nature creates trust in relationships, the way his growth over the years demonstrates his capacity for positive change. These qualities—compassion, courtesy, growth, and that rare ability to love unconditionally—are not just admirable traits but the foundation upon which productive, contributing members of society are built.

I believe that with appropriate support and the opportunity to demonstrate his true character, JAHmere can move past this difficult chapter and return to being the positive force in the lives of those around him that I've witnessed him to be. His unique gifts, particularly his ability to connect with and care for others, could be tremendous assets in community service or rehabilitation settings.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing this perspective on JAHmere's character. That moment in the pharmacy in 2018 revealed to me the heart of a young man worth believing in, and nothing I've seen since has changed that assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

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*"Character is revealed in the small moments when no one is watching—except sometimes a stranger in a pharmacy line who never forgot."*