# Character Reference Letter for JAHmere Webb

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The Honorable Judge Denise R. Ferrero Hillsborough County Courthouse 800 E. Twiggs Street Tampa, FL 33602

#### RE: Character Reference for JAHmere Webb - My Brother and Best Friend

Dear Judge Ferrero,

My name is Jordan Dungy and I am writing to support JAHmere Webb's request for alternative sentencing. I have known JAHmere for three and a half years in my capacity as his brother and best friend. I am a community advocate.

### **How We Met: A Divine Connection**

When I first met JAHmere, I was at Wesley Chapel Honda. I'd traded in my truck for a Honda Civic without my dad's permission and had to return it the next day. When I came back to get my truck with my dad, I told him there was someone who wanted to meet him. We drove to the back of the dealership lot and stopped by the detailing area.

I called JAHmere's name. He turned around, leaned back, and saw my dad in the driver's seat. He got so excited because it was Coach Tony Dungy. My dad signed a blank piece of paper for him. Then we met up a couple days later and started hanging out every day.

This has given me the opportunity to observe his character through the highs and lows throughout our friendship.

# **Specific Examples of JAHmere's Character**

## **Example 1 - Always Being There**

JAHmere has been there for me in ways most people wouldn't understand. He:

- Picks up my siblings from school when I can't
- Visits me at the hospital time after time when I'm having bad days, always making me laugh when I'm down or not in the mood
- Gives money to homeless people even when he doesn't have much himself
- Helps my siblings with rides whenever they need them

What impressed me was how JAHmere makes people feel safe. He'll pay for people's food sometimes, not to show off, but because he genuinely cares. This showed me that he makes people feel valued and safe.

#### **Example 2 - Taking Responsibility**

JAHmere messed up when he went out that night. He made a huge mistake and he's paying for it by sitting in a 10x10 jail cell learning from it. JAHmere is responding by showing accountability, owning up to his challenges and mistakes from the past and present.

Rather than making excuses and blaming others, JAHmere is taking responsibility every day. He's been doing this his whole life, from being a kid to being a man.

#### **Community Impact**

JAHmere has contributed to our community by giving back in Gainesville and back home in Wesley Chapel. Everyone looks up to JAHmere no matter what the circumstances - he's willing to give his all 110%. This includes both the Dungy family and the McKenna family.

## **His Growth and Transformation**

When I first met JAHmere, he didn't know the difference between college football and NFL football, so I had to teach him. But he's teachable when it comes to learning new things. Now he knows about:

- Politics
- History
- Major sports leagues
- Art
- Science anything you can think of, he knows
- Fashion

I've seen JAHmere grow over the years I've known him. He's learned to go to church on Sundays when he can and reads the Bible daily. This transformation is real and ongoing.

## **Understanding His Impact**

JAHmere has expressed to me his understanding of how his past actions affected others. When we go places or hang out with people, he keeps his past from everyone because he doesn't want them to treat him differently. He demonstrates this awareness through his actions every day.

# The Bridge Project

I am aware of JAHmere's Bridge Project initiative, which would help youth avoid the mistakes he made. Based on my observations of his work with youth, I believe this program would help JAHmere in ways no one else can do. I have seen him successfully mentoring youth kids day to day.

# **My Ongoing Support**

If granted alternative sentencing, I commit to:

- Being there and supporting him through everything he's going through in his head, brain, and while in jail
- Being more frequent in my involvement in his life and this court case
- Providing any resources or opportunities I can
- Being there for him no matter what happens in life

## My Personal Appeal

Your Honor, I do not write this letter lightly. I understand the seriousness of the situation and the importance of public safety. However, I genuinely believe that JAHmere Webb confined to prison serves no one, while JAHmere Webb supervised in the community can prevent others from making similar mistakes.

In my 24 years, I've never seen JAHmere work so hard in his life. He is passionate about what he does for everyone - not just in the community but in his friends' and families' lives.

I will be available to provide additional information or testify in person if needed. Thank you for considering how JAHmere might serve our community through redemption rather than just serving time.

Respectfully,

Jordan Dungy Brother/Best Friend (813) 297-4828

"Sometimes the people who make the biggest mistakes have the most to teach others about avoiding those same mistakes. JAHmere is one of those people."