

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

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Teresa Chantay Butler, and I am a longtime family friend of JAHmere Webb. I have known JAHmere for over twenty years and consider him like a nephew. It is with sincerity and confidence that I write this character reference on his behalf.

A Two-Decade Perspective

Throughout the time I've known JAHmere, I've watched him grow from a young boy into a respectful, hardworking, and thoughtful adult. Twenty years provides a unique vantage point—I've seen JAHmere through childhood innocence, teenage challenges, young adult struggles, and his journey toward maturity. This long-term perspective allows me to speak not just to moments, but to patterns; not just to incidents, but to character.

When I say I consider JAHmere like a nephew, I mean that I've been present for his life in the way family is—through good times and difficult ones, through achievements and setbacks. I've watched him at family gatherings, community events, and in quiet everyday moments. What has remained constant throughout these two decades is his fundamental decency and his desire to do right by those he cares about.

Understanding Growth Through Adversity

I do understand the seriousness of his charges from 2013. However, over the past ten years in particular, he has demonstrated extraordinary personal growth and maturity. He has taken

meaningful steps to better himself and consistently shows responsibility and dedication in his actions.

What I've witnessed over this past decade is not just the passage of time, but genuine transformation. The JAHmere of 2013 was still finding his way, still learning hard lessons about choices and consequences. The JAHmere of today is someone who has internalized those lessons, who has done the difficult work of self-examination and change.

This growth hasn't been abstract—it's been visible in concrete ways:

- In how he approaches responsibilities with seriousness rather than avoidance
- In how he considers consequences before acting rather than acting impulsively
- In how he seeks to build rather than destroy
- In how he takes ownership of his past while working toward a better future

The Quiet Integrity I've Witnessed

JAHmere carries himself with quiet integrity. He treats those around him with kindness and respect, and he values the importance of making positive choices. This isn't loud or performative goodness—it's the steady, consistent kind that shows up in small daily decisions and interactions.

His commitment to self-improvement is evident not just in words but in how he now lives his daily life. I've watched him:

- Make difficult choices to distance himself from negative influences
- Pursue work opportunities with dedication and reliability
- Maintain family relationships even when it required effort and sacrifice
- Choose patience and thoughtfulness over quick reactions

This quiet integrity is perhaps most evident in how he doesn't make excuses for his past. He owns his mistakes while demonstrating through actions that they don't define his future.

My Appeal to the Court

I understand the serious nature of court proceedings and do not take this letter lightly. I fully and truly believe that JAHmere is someone of good character who is learning from life's challenges and is continuing to stay on a positive path as he maneuvers through his challenges.

Your Honor, twenty years of observation has shown me that JAHmere's current situation represents a departure from the trajectory of growth and positive change I've witnessed, particularly over the past decade. The young man who made mistakes in 2013 has evolved into someone who understands the weight of choices, the value of integrity, and the importance of contributing positively to his community.

Ongoing Support and Belief

If you require any more information, I am more than willing to speak further on JAHmere's behalf. As someone who has watched him grow from boyhood to manhood, I can provide additional perspective on his character development, his family values, and his genuine desire to be a positive force in the world.

Judge Ferrero, I ask you to consider not just this moment, but the broader arc of JAHmere's life —the consistent growth, the lessons learned, the maturity gained, and the positive contributions he's capable of making. After twenty years of knowing him, I can say with confidence that JAHmere Webb is someone worth investing in, not giving up on.

The boy I met twenty years ago has become a man who understands responsibility, values relationships, and seeks to make amends for past mistakes while building a better future. That transformation, witnessed over two decades, speaks to his true character far more than any single incident.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing this long-term perspective on JAHmere's character.

Warm regards,

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"Twenty years of watching someone grow provides a perspective that transcends any single moment. JAHmere's journey has been one of consistent growth toward integrity and responsibility."