

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

Dear Judge Ferrero,

We are writing this as a character reference for JAHmere Webb. We have known JAHmere for many years now as he was our son's best friend. Throughout this time, JAHmere has become much more than just our son's friend—he has become a cherished member of our extended family.

A Relationship Built on Trust

JAHmere has always been very courteous and kind to all our family members. From the first time Brandon brought him home, we were struck by his respectful manner, his genuine warmth, and his ability to connect with people of all ages. Over the years, this first impression has only been reinforced through countless interactions.

We trust him around anyone, including our 5 grandchildren who all like to play with him. This trust didn't develop overnight—it was earned through years of consistent behavior. We've watched JAHmere interact with our grandchildren, ages ranging from toddlers to teenagers, and his patience, playfulness, and protective nature have never wavered. The children light up when "Uncle JAHmere" arrives, and as grandparents, there is no higher endorsement we can give than our complete comfort with him around our most precious family members.

The Impact of Loss

My son Brandon (JAHmere's friend) passed away suddenly last October and it had a profound effect on JAHmere. The bond between Brandon and JAHmere was extraordinary—they were

brothers in every meaningful way. Brandon's sudden passing from heart failure left a void in all our lives, but we've witnessed how particularly devastating it has been for JAHmere.

He was actually a pallbearer at Brandon's funeral and gave a heartfelt speech at his wake that left everyone in tears. In that moment, we saw not just our son's best friend, but a young man who loved Brandon as deeply as any blood brother could. His words captured Brandon's spirit perfectly and revealed the depth of their friendship. Many attendees later told us that JAHmere's tribute helped them process their own grief.

Continuing Connection

Even though our son has passed, JAHmere still comes over often to have dinner and spend time with everyone. This continuation of relationship speaks volumes about his character. Many friendships fade when the connecting person is gone, but JAHmere has remained a constant presence in our lives. He checks on us, shares meals with us, helps with tasks around the house, and simply provides companionship during this difficult time.

His continued presence has been a source of comfort for our entire family. In many ways, having JAHmere around helps us feel connected to Brandon. But beyond that, we've come to value JAHmere for himself—for his kindness, his consideration, and his genuine care for our family's wellbeing.

Our Appeal for Compassion

Your Honor, we will pray you can see the good in him and give him the chance he so deserves. We understand that JAHmere has made mistakes, and we don't seek to minimize the seriousness of his current situation. However, we ask you to consider the whole person—the young man who has been a positive presence in our family for years, who served as a pallbearer for his best friend, who continues to show up for a grieving family when he himself is struggling with profound loss.

We believe that with the right compassion shown to him, he will be more than grateful and work hard to once again be a productive member of society. The JAHmere we know has always been a productive member of society—working consistently, helping others, being a positive influence on children, and bringing joy to those around him. We believe this current situation represents a departure from his true character during a time of overwhelming grief, not a revelation of who he really is.

Our Continuing Support

Judge Ferrero, please know that JAHmere has a support system ready to help him through this difficult time and beyond. Our family stands ready to continue including him in our lives, providing emotional support, practical assistance, and the accountability that comes from being part of a loving family structure. We've already lost one son; we don't want to lose JAHmere to

the criminal justice system when we believe he could better serve society through rehabilitation and community support.

We ask you to consider alternative sentencing that would allow JAHmere to address his mistakes while remaining connected to the support systems that can help him heal and grow. We believe in redemption, in second chances, and in the power of compassion to transform lives. JAHmere has shown us these qualities throughout the years we've known him; we pray the court will show them to him now.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our perspective on JAHmere's character. We trust in your wisdom and compassion as you make decisions that will profoundly impact not just JAHmere's future, but the futures of all those who care about him.

Sincerely,

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"In loving memory of Brandon McKenna, whose friendship with JAHmere showed us all what brotherhood truly means."