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To Whom It May Concern

Jason Armstrong – Character reference

I have known Jason Armstrong since 1991 when we worked together as teachers in an Arts college in Soweto, South Africa. Jason's oldest child, Jared was a few months old at that time. Jason became a very close family friend and our friendship grew as we married our partners, our children were born and our lives evolved.

I grew to know Jason as an intense, calm, peaceful, serious minded and reliable friend. I have always experienced Jason as an honest person with deep integrity. Jason has always chosen to be a father who is fully involved in his children's lives. His motivation does not seem to be a sense of responsibility so much as an intense love and caring for his children. He also shows great delight in them and celebrates their being with attention and nurturing that is joyful. Jason has a close-knit family of siblings, parents, grandparents and aunts and uncles in South Africa and he remains in contact with them all.

Jason's friends knew of the turmoil in his relationship with Maria S, the mother of Tatiana and Sophia. On a few occasions when Jason visited my husband at our home he had physical injuries inflicted during domestic fights. Jason spoke of Maria's uncontrollable temper. In 2005 Maria confided in me that she was extremely frustrated in the relationship and wanted to leave it.

Jason's commitment to his children is evident in his move to Denmark to be near to them once they had left South Africa with their mother. His son Jared's visit to Denmark earlier this year indicates the strength of Jason and Jared's relationship as well as Jared's connections with his younger sisters.

I have absolutely no reservations in my recommendation of Jason Armstrong as a capable, hard working, generous and kind person. Jason's capability as a father is manifest in his extraordinarily well-rounded son and in the strong bond the two of them share. I hope that a resolution to the problems facing Jason's new family can be found without Tatiana and Sophia losing the opportunity to know their father and experience his generosity and love in their everyday lives.

Please feel free to contact me if any more information is needed.

Yours Sincerely
Erika Hibbert