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U.S. District Court

Southern District of Georgia

Attn: Honorable Judge J. Randal Hall
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Augusta, GA 30903

Dear Honorable Judge J. Randle Hall,

I am writing this letter to provide a character reference for Brandon Thurmond, whom I have known for over 10 years. Brandon and I first met during our time as members of the University of Arkansas Pine-Bluff football program, where he exhibited exceptional leadership qualities as a recurring captain of the team. Throughout our friendship, Brandon has consistently demonstrated integrity, compassion, and dedication to his community.

As a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Brandon embodies the core values of Brotherhood, Manhood, Scholarship, Uplift, and Perseverance. His commitment to these principles is evident in his actions, as he has selflessly contributed to numerous community service projects, including community clean-ups, canned food drives, and youth mentoring programs. Brandon's role as a community figure in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, has allowed him to positively impact the lives of many through his engagement with local schools and youth sports programs.

Beyond his community involvement, Brandon is a devoted family man who prioritizes the well-being of his loved ones. His strong relationship with his daughter reflects his nurturing and supportive nature, serving as a source of inspiration for those around him. Brandon's unwavering faith and spiritual guidance have provided solace and encouragement to those in need, showcasing his role as a trusted advisor and mentor.

I am aware that Brandon is being charged with a crime in federal court at this time. Since his release from the Department of Georgia Corrections Facility, Brandon has demonstrated genuine remorse for his past actions and has successfully reintegrated into society. He has resumed being an overachieving father to his daughter Laila and a present parent to his girlfriend's daughter Dakota. Brandon has not only expressed his future endeavors in business that he plans to attempt to keep himself on a straight path but has also acted on some of those plans, such as his youth football mentorship program. His determination to lead a fulfilling and law-abiding life is exemplified through his commitment to his family, his professional endeavors, and his current mentorship program where he not only provides at-risk youth with new skills on the field but where he is able to share his testimony, provide an outlet and safe space through sports. I truly believe that there are going to be many kids who can relate to the story Brandon shares that you grow up, go to college, play for the NFL and in the matter of seconds your entire life can change

based off the decisions you make. He has not one time complained about the hurdles he has had as a first time convicted felon when it came to obtaining employment. Brandon explained to me the week of being released from prison that he filled out 100 applications, went to 15 interviews with a resolution of 7 different companies willing to offer Brandon a job and give him a second chance. Brandon's testimony can not only help prevent children from going into the prison system but also encourage other individuals who may have a criminal history obtain employment and live a law abiding life.

I believe that Brandon's continued presence in the community, coupled with his dedication to personal growth and positive impact, will contribute significantly to the betterment of society. I urge Your Honor to consider granting Brandon home supervision, as his absence would not only impact his family but also deprive the teenagers he works with currently of a valuable role model and mentor.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding Brandon's character and contributions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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