

September 21, 2024

Re: Christopher Scott Grant

To: The Honorable Judge John Copenhaver, Jr

I am writing this letter to provide a character reference for my brother, Christopher Grant, who is appearing before your court. I feel compelled to provide my perspective of his wonderful heart and commitment not only to his family but his friends, colleagues and community.

Throughout my 38 years of life, Christopher has been a role model and someone I've always looked up to. He possesses a heart of gold and has been a tremendous source of support for me over the years. As a single mother of two, one of whom has significant special needs after being born prematurely at 26 weeks, I have often relied on Christopher for guidance, assistance, and emotional support.

During one of the most challenging periods of my life, Christopher went above and beyond to offer help. Without hesitation, he took it upon himself to contact a local t-shirt shop and organize a fundraiser by selling shirts to support me financially while I was unable to work. He paid for the shirts out of his own pocket, demonstrating his generosity and selflessness. Additionally, he was by my side at the hospital as much as possible, ensuring I was not alone while I cared for my son.

Christopher's support didn't end there, and he remains a constant source of help today. Given my son's extensive medical history, frequent appointments, and his struggles with epilepsy, Christopher is always quick to assist when something happens. Whether my son is in the hospital for several hours in the emergency room or admitted to the pediatric unit for days, Christopher steps in without hesitation to take care of my 4-year-old daughter and our dog, Augie. He never pauses or hesitates — he just jumps into action.

Beyond family, Christopher is an incredible friend. Right before the COVID pandemic, one of his friends found himself homeless and jobless. Christopher opened not only his arms but his home to his friend for over two years, helping him get back on his feet, find a job, and providing him with compassion and guidance. Christopher was the compass that helped steer this young man toward stability and success.

As a young teenager, Christopher accompanied me on a mission trip to El Salvador after a devastating earthquake struck the country. Together with our team of 15 members, we provided community support and spread the love of Christ to families in remote areas. I remember being in awe of Christopher during that trip, watching him offer love and compassion to the people we met. That same drive to help others continues to this day.

In our local community, I've seen Christopher use his role at work to make a difference. He has helped fund the Winfield Middle School dance when they lacked the necessary resources, secured donations for the Mountain State Autistic baseball team, and supported the Saint Albans Athletic Boosters. Christopher has also donated clothing to a halfway house in Saint Albans, among many other generous acts.

Christopher's unwavering support, kindness, and dedication speak volumes about his exceptional character. His actions have profoundly impacted me and my family, and I am forever grateful for his presence in my life. I hope that my testimony provides insight into the caring and compassionate individual that he truly is.

Sincerely,

Nichole Grant