



United States District Court Middle District of Florida
2110 First Street
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Your Honor,

I have known my first cousin Daniel Tisone for his whole life. He is spontaneous and extremely entrepreneurial. Since his early days in college he has grown tremendously. Following his incarceration, he spent much time and energy assisting me with my ministry to underprivileged youth in Orange, New Jersey. His mentorship was both a help to me and very impactful to the youth we were assisting.

Daniel is very entrepreneurial and does not always think through the consequences of his actions, but he is very kind and I have never known him to be malicious. I appreciate the difficulty of your decision in sentencing Daniel but write you to ask for clemency for Daniel. I have witnessed firsthand the incredible impact he can have on others and would like to see this continue. I believe our society would be a better place with a repentant Daniel using his many talents and energy for good.

In my service as an Army Chaplain I have been involved in too many situations of soldiers who were treated with pure justice over mercy. These rarely had positive results for the soldiers and their families. I am reminded of the New Testament Letter of James which says: "Mercy triumphs over judgement". I believe Daniel to be both repentant and ready to make restitution. I also believe that in this moment he too needs a merciful judge.

I thank you for reading this letter and continue to pray for all involved in this sentencing.

With deep appreciation,

Rev. Andrew J. DeSilva

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To Whom It May Concern:

February 15, 2023

I am writing on behalf of Daniel Tisone. I have known Daniel since he was 16 years old. Daniel has Attention Deficit Disorder, combined type ICD-10 F90.2 which greatly effected his ability to do well in school. He was an athlete which helped him feel successful. However, his father never understood the disorder and often yelled and harshly punished Daniel. Daniel's father was an inconsistent parent who used anger and conditional love as motivators. Daniel vowed to be different from his father and his abusive parenting style.

Daniel started college at Hofstra playing lacrosse. This did not end well due to his inability to focus, difficulty with organization and time management, and his impulsivity in decision making. All of these unmanaged ADD traits created challenges that impeded his academic success. Later on, due to life circumstances and poor decisions, Daniel developed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder ICD-10 F43.12.

Daniel has always been an out of the box creative thinker with a heart toward people. He is always looking to lift people up especially anyone he employs. Since Daniel did not complete his degree, it was a priority for him to continue. When he came back to Virginia his great desire was to finish his college education. He advocated and work hard to get himself into The Catholic University. Furthermore, he was a guest speaker in a High School Boys Therapy Group at Project SAFE to share his story with other troubled teens, many of whom also had ADD. Daniel did such a great job that he continued to volunteer at Project SAFE attending the weekly therapy group as an "older" mentor to these boys. He openly gave of himself.

Dan got into Catholic and was finally able to complete his education with a business degree. After he graduated, he tried to find the right job. There were numerous rejections and disappointments but this path led him to open his own business. This was where Daniel thrived. His creative mind coupled with his fantastic managerial style opened doors. Daniel felt he was finally making his way. Then COVID-19 hit. This devastated his business and the people who worked for him. COVID was the unexpected disaster of our century. Many people suffered loss, emotional distress and fear of the future. Now that things are turning a corner for the better, Daniel's hope is to continue to forge his path forward in order to take care of his family.

I hope this letter sheds some light on who Daniel Tisone is, a truly remarkable human being.

Warm Regard,
Gayle Alexander LPC, ACS, MA
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December 26, 2022

RE: Daniel Trisone

To Whom it May Concern,

I was asked if I would be willing to write a letter of reference for Daniel based on my experiences with him on a professional level. As a college professor for three universities I have and do work with a lot of people from many walks of life and diversities which has made me a good judge of character. I have been told by my colleagues that I have six sense to peoples characteristics and ethics.

I first met Daniel about 2 years ago when I was contracted to remove some dead trees, broken down fence from hurricane Erma. We discussed the scope of what started out to be simple and straight forward, turned into more than we agreed upon because of unforeseen rocks and trash. I ask Daniel to meet on site and discuss the required changes, he did. He was understanding and explained he wasn't looking for anything extra from me just a complete job.

He proceeded to tell me about his parking garage charging stations business and how COVID was taking a toll on his business with the forced stay at home mandate by CDC which is why we he now doing home renovations in an effort to keep things going and hopefully transition his business model to house flipping as Naples is a prime market to do this.

We continued our scope of work as agreed, while our deadline for completion approached we has to work on Sunday to finish the job for Monday so the sprinkler people and lawn crew could finish the yard. At the end of the day Daniel was happy with the job and appreciate the added time and effort to keep the scheduled finish date by working Sunday. He bought me lunch an we spent time talking about everything and nothing, and I got to know Daniel as a person.

Daniel is a man of integrity, honesty and ethics; he had a few opportunities to hold me to our written agreement which would have saved him money, instead he said," he respects a business that stands by their word and appreciation for an honest days work" and how a lot of people would walk off the job and we didn't. I observed Daniel with other workers and his MO was always the same, above board, honest and ethical. I interacted with Daniel over several weeks and feel in my heard he is a man of strong character which to this day trust Daniel inexplicably.

Sincerely

Grant Brosseau

1/24/2023

Your Honor,

Daniel Tisone is my first cousin and I'm writing to petition for leniency on his behalf. Daniel was raised since infancy by a single mom, and the absence of his dad was felt acutely in his childhood and teenage years. He struggled with ADHD and was often in trouble for not sitting still in his classroom. Despite the constant hurdles involving school not accommodating his outside the box learning and personality, Daniel has always been resilient and resourceful. When others would have lost hope, Daniel has persevered. When he was incarcerated for 5 years between the age of 19 and 25 for drug related issues, Daniel educated himself by reading the Wall Street journal from cover to cover every day & working in the law library.

Daniel finished his sentence and went on to get a college degree at Catholic University in business. His teachers were impressed, and Daniel was very pleased and motivated to learn. To those who know Daniel, his intelligence leaves an impact but even more so his generosity and goodwill. Daniel is the kind of guy who would give you the coat off his back. When my husband and I flew into the Washington DC area on extremely short notice to adopt our infant daughter, Daniel offered us the use of his apartment and temporarily moved in with family, so we had a place to stay while our daughter was in the NICU. He's been on a bumpy road of learning the hard-way but has been assuming more and more responsibility along the journey. This has all been a solid preparation for what has been the biggest responsibility that Daniel has assumed just this past year. In February of 2022, Daniel become a dad for the first time. His son Joseph is beautiful and so incredibly loved by Daniel and his fiancée Samantha.

I am humbly requesting that you give Daniel the opportunity to make restitution in a way that allows him to break the cycle of single parenting. Daniel is already such a good dad and wants his son's life to be different. He loves his fiancée, and they wish to be married and raise Joseph in a stable and loving home. Daniel is extremely resourceful and if given an opportunity for community service or paying back funds or anything to that effect, you can be assured that Daniel will complete this opportunity with impressive results. Daniel has a lot to offer society and does not have a malicious bone in his body. He's kind and wants to be helpful. I humbly request that you not incarcerate this young man who strives to better himself and is such a devoted dad to his infant son Joseph.

Sincerely,



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January 22, 2023

Your Honorable Sheri Polster Chappell

Middle District of Florida

Re: Sentencing of Daniel Joseph Tisone, Case #: 2:22-cr-00039-SPC-NPM

Your Honor:

I am writing on behalf of my son, Daniel Tisone, and appealing to you for clemency on his behalf but, more importantly on behalf of his baby boy, Joseph, and his fiancée Samantha Leigh.

The past year has been grueling. Since his arrest last year, we have had much time to talk and reflect on how events unfolded and I want you to know that Daniel is truly remorseful and accepts responsibility for his actions, ashamed of how his choices affected those he loves. Covid was a crazy time worldwide and created a sense of fear and doom with everyone staying in their homes, people dying, empty streets, businesses destroyed and more – it was an unprecedented time worldwide and it went on for years. In Northern Virginia, where I live, I can remember being alone in my house crying about what was going to happen. Pure fear. The effects of Covid are still being felt, 3 years later.

Daniel's father left the family when Daniel was 11 months old and his sister was three. I raised my children as a single mom – their father did not ask for custody, so they never stayed with him. Visitations were allowed; however, their father was and is an angry man and that temper was on display whenever the kids spent time with him. As the kids got older, their time with him became increasingly difficult. He would drop them off at a park and sit in his car while they played, lose his temper and belittle them, or criticize me to them. His temper would flare, and the kids would jump out of his car when he threw a punch – there were so many traumatizing experiences. I never share this information, but I feel it had an influence on Daniel. When Daniel wanted to play lacrosse for Hofstra, his father replied, "No son of mine would go to Hofstra, a son of mine would only go to Harvard." There were constant put downs and comparisons and Daniel always came up short. Daniel had ADHD and was in constant motion – his father decided there is no such thing as ADHD, therefore Daniel just needed to sit still. I am not a psychiatrist, but it was clear that, through the years, Daniel wanted his father's approval even into adulthood. Even when a parent treats a child badly, there is a phenomenon where the child has a connection and wants that parent's approval. Daniel never received that approval from his father.

I know the best of Daniel and tell him I am proud of him. He has made some major mistakes but still perseveres and works hard to improve himself and those around him. He is kind to everyone – when he is home, he visits a former neighbor who is 86 and brings her flowers and cookies. Daniel has enjoyed counseling troubled youth who respond to him better than they do a therapist. He works harder and longer than anyone else – a neighbor used to say he would

pick Daniel to be stranded on an island with him because Daniel worked so hard and was willing to put in the effort in every situation.

Daniel is now a father and his son has changed his life. He is on high alert for a dirty bunkie, a cold bedroom, a just-right bath temperature and a million other perceived dangers. The best part of Daniel's day is reading to Joseph. His son has made him a better man and the love is so apparent. I don't want for my grandson to be without that pivotal figure in his life, his father. Daniel's fiancée is an answer to my prayers as a partner for my son. She is a good, good woman with her head on straight, has strong values and morals and speaks her mind when needed with my son. They make a great team and wonderful parents together.

Your Honor, you have an awesome challenge in your role as judge. My letter doesn't begin to convey what I would like to say about my son and I appreciate you taking the time to read this. I respectfully ask that sentencing reflect how Daniel can best use his talents to help others – which would help him - rather than sit idle in a jail costing taxpayers much money. His punishment will be lifelong – it wouldn't end with a jail sentence. Daniel will continue to be humiliated, rejected, and judged by many for the rest of his life.

Sincerely,

Doreen F. Tisone

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January 12, 2023

Honorable Sheri Polster Chappell

Middle District of Florida

Re: Sentencing of Daniel Joseph Tisone, Case #: 2-22-cr-00039-SPC-NPM

Your Honor,

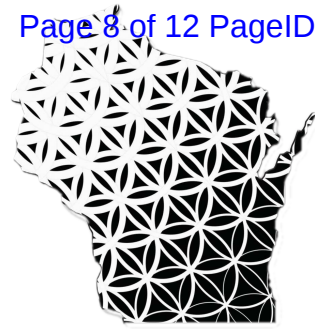
I am writing regarding Daniel Joseph Tisone. I have known Daniel (for many years) through my personal relationship with his mother, Doreen Tisone. He has always been a devoted loving son, and conscientious hardworking young man in whatever endeavor he chose, to achieve his goal.

At one time, my husband had great interest in investing in a business with Daniel, but then Covid made that impossible.

Daniel has recently become a father and is completely and totally committed to him. I would implore you for leniency on behalf of Daniel.

Most sincerely,

Sandi Hoffman



To whom it may concern,

I met Daniel soon after moving to Southwest Florida, through mutual friends. Soon after learning I was a contractor; I began helping him out with some of his residential renovations on the homes he owned.

I referred sub-contractors and laborers to his projects to help him with the different parts of the construction process. Some of those laborers were likely undocumented, but most required cash payments for their labor, which is not uncommon in the construction industry. Daniel hired painters, drywallers, demolition, and stucco crews for his projects in 2020 and 2021, paying the majority of them in cash.

Daniel and I began a renovation project a few months ago in Naples. Upon learning of Daniel's charges, the homeowner no longer allowed him to be apart of the project, without giving him a chance to explain the situation. I did not believe the consequence was fair, considering he had gone far out of his way to help the customer. He has also referred me to other projects, not wanting to be involved because the negative press could affect the relationship and trust with the customer.

I have spent a lot of time with Daniel and his family, and have bare witness to the amount of stress and anguish this situation has brought on him, and Samantha. As someone in the construction industry that understands the situation, as someone who has witnessed Daniel's work ethic, and as a father like Daniel, I hope that he is given mercy and an opportunity for redemption.

Regards,

- Matthew Parish

February 17, 2023

Honorable Judge Sheri Polster Chappell
United States Courthouse & Federal Building
2110 First Street
Ft. Myers, FL 33901

Dear Honorable Judge Chappell:

RE: Daniel Tisone/2:22-cr-000039-SPC-NPM-1

I am respectfully submitting this letter on behalf of Daniel Joseph Tisone. My name is Samantha Leigh Ford. I am Daniel's Fiancé and the mother of his one-year-old son, Joseph. I am writing this letter to offer a more complete picture of the man that I fell in love with and who is the father of our precious son. In May of 2020, I met Daniel briefly through a few mutual friends in Naples. After we met the first time, Daniel reached out to me stating that he needed a Real Estate Agent.

After graduating from Florida Gulf Coast University, I became a Real Estate Agent for a local Naples Real Estate Agency. We decided to have dinner to discuss real estate. Daniel brought up his past in detail within the first hour of dinner. He was honest and very transparent about his past. I was shocked and taken back that he was in prison for five years. I had never met someone who had been in prison. Most people judge "felons" that have spent time in prison, and frankly I was one of them. Never in a million years would I have imagined Daniel Tisone to have spent years of his life there. My perspective quickly changed as I listened to him. I had so much respect and sympathy for Daniel and others that have gone through hardships in their life. We all make mistakes, and we are all far from perfect.

During dinner, I learned that Daniel had to spend five long years paying for his mistakes he made as a teenager, and he served his time as required by the law. His transparency about his past and truthfulness was a breath of fresh air to me. We fell in love very quickly and had similar goals and family values. I was blessed to grow up in a loving home with two caring parents and a brother. Once I learned of Daniel's upbringing, it hurt me knowing that Daniel had an abusive father and his parents divorced when he was four. Daniel was raised by a single mother who struggled to make ends meet, while raising two children on her own.

Our relationship continued to grow, and we both were hoping that Daniel could finally experience what it meant to be loved unconditionally by a loving family of his own some day with me. We made a commitment to each other and decided to move in together.

We were surprised in June of 2021 with the news that Daniel and I were going to have a baby. We got engaged in the fall and our son, Joseph was born on February 12th, 2022. We had plans to be married in May of 2022, but we had to postpone our wedding because of Daniel's arrest.

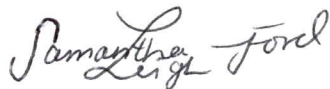
I pray that you will have mercy on Daniel and our family. If Daniel goes to prison, our whole family will suffer and our Sweet Baby Joseph will grow up just like his Daddy – without a father and being raised by a single mother, me. Our hearts will break if the past repeats itself. I see a man who was incarcerated for five years and after serving his time in prison, chose to go back to college and get his college degree and work hard to make something of himself. He accomplished these goals. He went to school and worked.

Daniel is one of the hardest working men that I have ever met. He understands how precious family is now that he is a father. He does not want to be an absentee parent like his Father was to him. To this day, Daniel is still verbally abused by his father. I have been an eyewitness to this abuse. It is heartbreaking.

Our lives have changed forever because of Daniel's recent arrest. If Daniel returns to prison, the collateral damage will be so severe. His son will never truly realize how amazing his Daddy is due to the scaring he will carry with him for the rest of his life. Daniel was abandoned by his father the first time he went to prison and once again has abandoned him. As a couple, not only did we want to create a family with each other, but we also wanted to have a life that we could create and be proud of as we raise our son, our biggest blessing for 2022. Daniel has done everything he can for us and feels the weight of how his actions have affected his family, but I beg of you to not take him away from our baby and me. Our son, Joseph loves his Daddy so much and his little face lights up every time he sees his father.

Daniel is a provider and a worker. Over and over, I have seen Daniel take care of others in need – he is very compassionate and would give the shirt off his back for a stranger. I will not argue the details of the case - Daniel has taken acceptance of responsibility – but know that Daniel and his family have paid a steep price already and will continue to do so. Daniel has experienced so much hardship and pain in his life. He will never be the same if he misses his son's first steps and words. I beg of you to have mercy on Daniel and show grace to our family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samantha Leigh Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and contact information.

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November 7, 2022

Honorable Sheri Polster Chappell

Middle District of Florida

Re: sentencing of Daniel Joseph Tisone, Case #: 2:22-cr-00039-SPC-NPM

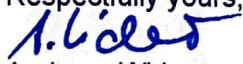
Your Honor:

I am writing with regard to Daniel Joseph Tisone. Daniel was my student six years ago, in 2016, when he was pursuing his Bachelors degree in Business Administration at The Catholic University of America. During that time, I came to know Daniel as an intelligent and positive person. He actually started his company RubaDub during his time as a student, and as I was his entrepreneurship professor, I advised him early on in his endeavor. In my observation of Daniel, he was a person of character. I was especially impressed by his concern for others. He volunteered to help other students, agreed to get involved in our extracurricular activities as the owner of a startup business after he graduated, and in general approached others with an attitude of cheerful helpfulness and sincerity. While I did not have access to his overall academic performance, I can say that he excelled in my classes and behaved himself honorably and always looked out for others during the semester.

I learned with great joy that he has recently become a dad, but also, painfully, that he was facing the charges that are now in front of you. While it is not my place nor competence to speak of the situation you have to decide on, I would like to put in a good word for Daniel and for his little son.

I always thought that Daniel would become a great dad. He exemplified the behaviors I believe are so important in a good dad: a good character, readiness to sacrifice for others, the ability to show vulnerability, and most importantly the readiness to commit and to love. As a professor, I've observed over the years how often the students in my classes who struggle with their studies and struggle with life in general also have absent fathers. Absent fatherhood is unfortunately a vicious cycle that often repeats itself, and it's painful to watch, as I'm sure I don't have to tell you. I would therefore like to plea for leniency on behalf of Daniel, whom I've known to be a good person, but most especially on behalf of his son, that he get to have his father, Daniel, present as he grows up.

Respectfully yours,



Andreas Widmer

Professor of Entrepreneurship

1/23/23

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: Daniel Tisone

To Whom It May Concern,

I met Daniel when he applied to the venture capital firm, where I was working, for his startup company, RUB A DUB, around 2018-2019. When I initially met with him, he divulged his past to me and was forthcoming regarding his criminal conviction as a teenager.

My background is in finance, though my family owns, operates, and manages commercial real estate buildings in the Washington, DC area. Based on our conversations at the time, Daniel's company, RUB A DUB, was operating from several of my family's properties through a partnership with a parking management company in the DMV.

Based on my conversations with Daniel, Covid made his business hard to operate rendering the business plan unviable, as few people were parking in office building parking lots, who would be potential customers for RUB A DUB.

Furthermore, when the Akridge real estate company was issued a subpoena, Andy Pace, the company's general counsel, approached the entire senior management staff at the company, who could have had knowledge of RUB A DUB performing services within Akridge's buildings. He received replies from all of the senior management that they had no knowledge of Daniel or RUB A DUB, hence Andy Pace's letter was accurate. My business is separate and apart from the Akridge real estate business, so he had no reason to come to me at the time. Most importantly, the relationships that Daniel relayed to me were with the parking companies themselves and not the Akridge real estate company, so it is entirely understandable that Akridge real estate company employees would not have heard of Daniel or RUB A DUB.

All in all, I believe Daniel to be a good person with good intentions. I hope for the best for him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'WA' with a stylized flourish.

William Akridge