

To the presiding court,

Your Honor,

We are writing in reference to Stan Smith, who has been charged with DUI in connection with a traffic accident in which he was involved at the end of January of 20xx.

We know Stan from day one, from cradle to college and beyond. His parents and we were associated prior to Stan's birth. The association that started as friends has culminated into our becoming extended family members. Our moving to San Diego after 30+ years of being together in Chicago has not put our relationship at distance. We are as close as ever.

Watching Stan growing up to be playful toddler, bright student, discerning young adult, responsible employee and socially amiable adult was a privilege to say the least. We have seen him making responsible judgments, at times even surprising all of us for his above average thinking; especially, for his age at the times. Cheryl and I had organized a prayer group of family friends in early eighties. It was a monthly platform for growing children to learn virtues and values and for parents to practice them. Stan and his parents were part of the group from day one. All children were encouraged to speak on a given subject in the meeting. Stan invariably was thoughtful, prepared and spoke well. We see him continually displaying the same today.

Stan initiated a get together to celebrate his parents' 25th wedding anniversary. His reverence and love for his parents were seen in every aspect of the celebration he planned. His heartwarming speech displayed his true inner compassionate feelings for them and all attendees.

To Stan, the only son of his parents, what matters most today is parents. His father has a family history of heart disease, and was recently informed about a possible heart issues which might require an angiogram or angioplasty. It is naturally distressing to Stan. And, he is determined to take care of him and mother the best way he could. We are sure, he would.

We have also experienced his high morals and dependable conscientiousness in the practice of his chosen profession i.e. medical software development. On hindsight, we think that his innate inclination to help mankind might have been instrumental in his career choice. His moving in with his parents, observing religious rituals and prayer on regular basis and attending ongoing group and individual counseling to address emotional issues go to show his adjusting to meet life's demands.

His recent accidental situation is just that, accidental; because Stan has handled and is handling, his life with integrity and character. We are sure he wants to, and would, make adjustments as necessary once the current unfortunate accidental situation is resolved. He is well aware of pain he has introduced to his family at the time when his father has medical issues; it is his wish to have another chance to lift this burden and help his parents.

If you need to contact us regarding this reference please feel free to call us (phone no.) or email (email address) as appropriate.

Sincerely,