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January 29, 2014

To whom it may concern,

I have been a neighbor to Curtis Reeves since 2005 when he and his wife built their home across the street from my family. For the last 3 years, we have had a regular Saturday morning bike ride on the Withlacoochee Trail. During those rides, we have talked a lot and have become even closer friends.

Curtis is steady. He is routine in so many ways, a very disciplined personality, calm and even tempered. He talks fondly of his many years with the Tampa Police Department and is proud of the many years of service he had with them. He is a good family man, devoted to his wife, Vivian, and his children and now a 2 year old granddaughter. He really lights up when he talks about her. He has told me about many adventures they have had over the years camping, hiking, biking, hunting, and traveling. He is a good neighbor. We've had many "mail box talks" over the years, meeting as we get the mail or newspaper, usually on the weekends. When I have had to be out of town, a simple phone call to let him know is all it takes. He looks after our home. And if I'm gone and my family is home, they feel comfortable knowing he is there if needed. Most important, he is a man of faith. He talks fondly of their many years at their church in Lutz while the kids were growing up. I attend the same church that he and Vivian now attend, First Baptist Church of Dade City, and have enjoyed seeing them become actively involved over the last few years.

My family is comfortable that when Curtis comes home that he is not a threat in any way, but instead a good neighbor to have so close by.

Sincerely,



James D. Berg

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in the attached letter dated 1-29-14 and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: 1-29-14

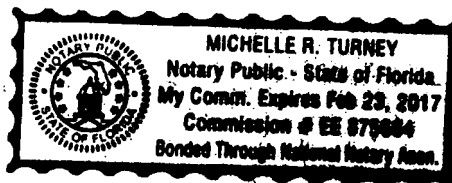
JAMES D. BERG
Print Name

Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA, PASCO COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29 day of JANUARY, 2014, by JAMES D. BERG, who produced PERSONALLY KNOWN as identification.


Notary Public, State of Florida



January 25, 2014

RE: Curtis Reeves

To Whom It May Concern;

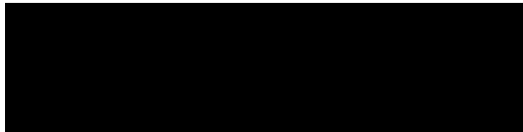
The purpose of this writing is to express my utmost respect and admiration for Captain C.J. Reeves. As a graduate of the Tampa Police Academy, Class # 66, I had the pleasure of serving under his command during the 1980's.

It is my personal observation, that Mr. Reeves is a man of strong leadership and moral character. One who stands by his word and has great respect for the law. More than most in the Command, Captain Reeves was approachable and would render fair and honest advice and direction.

In the past, I've had the opportunity to meet socially with the Captain and always found him to be a gentleman beyond reproach. He has had an exemplary career and has touched, not only my life, but many lives in a positive way. He is a personal hero of mine and often wished I handled myself in his manner.

In closing, it is my strong belief, regardless of the circumstances, Curtis Reeves will stand accountable and honor his obligations. Law enforcement is his life and he still maintains a great respect for the Law Enforcement Community.

Respectfully Submitted,



John J. (Jack) Boleman



I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in the attached letter dated 1/25/2014 and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: 1/29/2014

John J. Boleman

Print Name

Signature

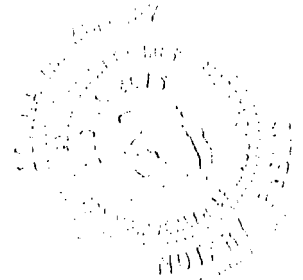
STATE OF Massachusetts, Worcester COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29th day of JANUARY, 2014, by John Boleman who produced license as identification.


Notary Public, State of ~~Florida~~ Massachusetts



DONNA M. KENNEY
Notary Public
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
My Commission Expires
December 10, 2015



Subject: Jan. 19, 2014

From: Larry G. DeLucenay [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Date: [REDACTED]

Jan. 19, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I have known Curtis Reeves for over twenty years. Curtis has always been a person of the highest character, at all times. He is a person of unselfish principles, a person who puts family, friends and community above all else.

We have attended many family functions over the years including, weddings, bridal showers, baby showers, and anniversary parties. Curtis is a family man and often travels with his wife, grown children and granddaughter on vacation. We have never witnessed any behavior other than that of a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Sincerely,

Larry and Janice DeLucenay

Larry G. DeLucenay
[REDACTED]

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in the attached letter dated 1/19/14 and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

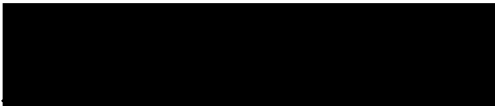
Dated: 1/29/14

LARRY G. DeLucca
Print Name

Signature

STATE OF Kentucky, WARREN COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29th day of JANUARY, 2014, by LARRY G. DeLucca, who produced KY Drivers License as identification.


Notary Public, State of Florida

KY - Warren County
Commission Expires: 6-27-15

January 20, 2014

Richard Escobar, Esq.
2917 W. Kennedy Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33609

Dear Sir:

I worked with Curtis Reeves at the Tampa Police Department from the early 1970's until my retirement from there in 1992. Together we created the Tactical Response Team (Tampa's version of SWAT). Curtis insisted we get our tactical training from the FBI, and Sniper training from the United States Army, so as to have the best preparation for forming a team that would serve to protect the public in highly dangerous situations. As a result of our training and diligence our team earned national recognition. I point this out so it can be seen that Curtis was a professional police officer who dedicated his entire career to help improve the police department. His continuing concern was for everyone to do the job well, in order to best protect the public we served. Eventually, in 1992 I retired from the Tampa Police Department and went on to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office as the Chief Deputy. When Curtis retired in 1993 I recommended him for the job of Security Director at Busch Gardens, precisely because he had been so professional during his career at the Tampa Police Department.

On all of the numerous dangerous situations we were involved in together, I always witnessed Curtis exercising restraint when called for, and action when needed. Never did I see him act outside his training or our department policy. He demanded the same excellence from his officers that he demanded from himself. And, would not allow anger or emotion to effect his, or others, actions.

I haven't stayed in contact with Curtis since his retirement from Busch Gardens except to see him at a funeral for a mutual friend last year. He seemed content in retirement and spent most of the time during the funeral occupied with his toddler granddaughter at the back of the church. Curtis' connection with his family, friends, church members and all other activities he's involved with are all within the local area. I'm not aware of any large accumulated wealth he might have. And, like most of us, he cannot get separated from his retirement income. Therefore, I cannot imagine him being any sort of flight risk.

Thomas A. DePolis

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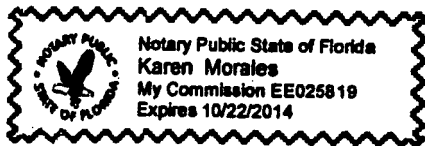
Dated: 1/29/14

Thomas D. Depols
Printed Name
[Redacted]
Signature

STATE OF Florida, Hillsborough COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29th day of JANUARY, 2014, by Thomas Depols who produced FLDC as identification.

[Redacted]
Notary Public, State of Florida



From: BARRY EDWARDS
To: Richard Escobar
Subject: To Whom It May Concern
Date: Monday, January 20, 2014 7:03:37 PM

I worked for Curtis Reeves at the Tampa Police Department off and on from 1979 until his retirement. He was my Lieutenant in Uniform District Two and my Captain in the Tactical Division, Vice Control Bureau. He was always a fair and level headed supervisor. It is sad what has happened and I feel sorry for the Oulson family. I know Curtis Reeves would not be a flight risk if he was granted a bond. Stephen Barry Edwards

Date: Jan 16, 2014 6:22:33 PM

Subject: Curtis Reeves

To: rescobar@escobarlaw.com

To Whom It May Concern:

It has been our privilege to know Curtis Reeves for over 24 years.

We have known him professionally to be a conscientious and dedicated law enforcement officer, but it's been our personal relationship which makes us a solid supporter of him. Our son, Joseph, had a penchant for law enforcement officers and Curtis knew this. When Joseph was diagnosed with terminal cancer, Curtis went above and beyond in being a friend. He arranged for Joseph to experience the team training for the TPD Tactical Response Unit. Joseph spent the day with the officers firing weapons, riding in the big assault tank and rode the police helicopter. The joy this brought our son was immeasurable.

Joseph talked about this experience for weeks and watched the video they made of his visit endlessly. When Joseph passed away, Curtis was there in support of our family. He served as one of the pall bearers and helped arrange for the police silent guard and rights of a fallen officer. We will be forever grateful that Curtis brought his spark of joy in our son's life. We also, during the past years, have interacted with his family in weddings, graduations and other church events. This is where we saw his devotion to his family, his church and God. We urge you to please take into consideration these attributes as you make your decision concerning Curtis.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in his behalf.

Sincerely,

James and Elaine Hall



I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in the attached letter dated Jan. 16, 2014 and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: 1/29/14

James J. Hall Jr.
P [REDACTED]
Signature

STATE OF Florida, Hillsborough COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29 day of JANUARY, 2014, by James Hall, who produced Drivers License as identification.



Notary Public, State of Florida

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in the attached letter dated Jan. 16, 2014 and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: 1/29/14

Elaine R. Hall
Print Name
[Redacted]
Signature

STATE OF Florida, Hillsborough COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29 day of JANUARY, 2014, by Elaine Hall, who produced Drivers License as identification.



Notary Public, State of Florida

From: RH
To: Richard Escobar
Subject: Curtis Reeves
Date: Saturday, January 18, 2014 10:14:56 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I know Curtis Reeves as a result of our working relationship at the Tampa Police Department. I was shocked to hear of this incident because it is too difficult to believe that Curtis would take a life unnecessarily. That is just not him. He was always friendly, helpful, happy, and sincere. He was a credible man and and up-beat and popular leader.

With his service and ties to the community and with a son and son-in-law on the Tampa Police Department I find it very strange that anyone would consider him a flight risk.

Sincerely,

Captain R. D. Hall, Retired

From: Jerry Ann Haynam
To: Richard Escobar
Subject: Curtis Reeves
Date: Saturday, January 18, 2014 11:41:44 AM

To Whom It May Concern

I have known Curtis Reeves and his family for many years. We attended Church together, and he was in my S.S. class. This is not the kind of man the news reporters are portraying.

He is calm, and laid back. He is kind and friendly. There has to be more going on that what we read and hear on the news. I don't believe anyone that knows him would have a bad thing to say about him. I am praying for him and his family and it is my sincere hope that he will be exonerated.

Jerry Ann Haynam



January 15, 2014

To: Whom it my concern

From: Carson Helms

Subject: Curtis Reeves



I have known Curtis Reeves since 1982. When I first met him I was a young officer with the Tampa Police Department and Curtis was a lieutenant in my assigned district. Originally our relationship was just work related. Curtis was the commander of the SWAT team and I was eventually made a SWAT team member. It was at this time that I really got to know Curtis and became personal friends with him. Curtis became my mentor and I have great respect for him and the way he presented himself as a commander. I attempted to model myself after him. My wife and I became very good friends with Curtis and Vivian. We spent weekends at the beach with them and regularly have dinner with them either at a restaurant or at one of our homes. Curtis retired from TPD about 20 years ago, and my wife and I continued to stay in contact with him and Vivian by having dinner with them on a regular basis.

Reference to Curtis as a commander of the SWAT Team and Uniformed Patrol Division commander; it is my observation that he was considered the go to guy when any type of significant incident such a civil disorder or barricaded person occurred. He was also involved in most of the training that occurred within the department. Curtis is a very intelligent and well trained police officer. It is my observation that he has always practiced outstanding judgment in stressful situations. I have worked numerous barricaded person operations with Curtis as a SWAT member and personally seen Curtis save lives through his tactics and leadership as a commander. This was personally observed by me during many SWAT operations that both of us were involved in.

In my opinion Curtis has very high moral standards. He is a religious person that attends church on a regular basis. He is well spoken and never uses profanity. He has very strong family ties and he has always spent a lot of time with his wife and children.

Having known Curtis for 32 years is it my opinion that he would not have reacted the way he did in the incident, at the movie theater, had he not been in fear of his safety or great bodily harm. I feel that Curtis is more concerned about his family at this point than he is about himself, and for that reason I don't think he would be a risk if he were to be released on bond.

Sincerely,


Carson Helms
Retired Police Sergeant
Tampa Police Dept.


I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in the attached letter dated 1/15/14 and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: Jan. 29, 2014

CARSON L. HELMS
[Redacted]
Signature

STATE OF North Carolina, Haywood COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29th day of JANUARY, 2014, by Carson Helms who produced NC-Drivers License as identification.

[Redacted]
Notary Public, State of Florida North Carolina

Ashley Brooke Loggins
NOTARY PUBLIC
Haywood County, NC
My Commission Expires October 16, 2018

Date: Jan. 30, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to Curtis Reeves. I have known Curtis Reeves for over thirty years. I worked with him for many years on the Tampa Police Department. He was one of my commanders on the Tactical Response Team [commonly known as a S.W.A.T. team] of which I was a member for over fifteen years. He was one of the original members responsible for forming and organizing this specialized unit. His knowledge, skill-level, leadership and dedication to duty contributed to the success of the team and professionalism of the Tampa Police Department. He was an excellent leader that provided guidance and training.

For people that do not know him, I would like to point out some things that I know about him. He is a veteran having served his country in the U.S. Navy. He served his community as a career law enforcement officer with the Tampa Police Department rising through the ranks to Captain. He has served his church and above all, raised a wonderful family.

There is a compassionate side of Curtis Reeves. I remember one time on a S.W.A.T. training day he advised the team that a special guest would be attending. The guest was a young boy from his church diagnosed with cancer. He was maybe, seven or eight years old and he idolized the S.W.A.T. team. Curtis arranged for him to come to our training day. The kid was elated. I remember him being excited and thrilled to be among a bunch of S.W.A.T. guys. In the following months Curtis kept us updated on the boy's progress and arranged for some of us to visit the lad at Moffitt Cancer Center. This boy was so happy to see us! It made his day. Unfortunately, he eventually passed away, but in the remaining short time of his life, Curtis Reeves had made this boy's wish come true.

From my experience, Curtis Reeves has always acted with good judgment, good decision-making and in good faith. I believe him to be honest, trustworthy and a man of integrity. I have never seen him hostile or irrational. I believe he has been a model citizen and poses no threat to the community.

Respectfully,

George L. Lease

January 26, 2014

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Martin Mazurek
[REDACTED]

Subject: Mr. Curtis Reeves

As a neighbor to Mr. Curtis Reeves since 2010, I can say he is a kind and gentle man. He was the first neighbor to welcome us to the area. Though strangers at that point, he was the first to offer assistance, and provide it. He offered to loan us what we might need in the settling-in process. Over time Mr. Reeves and I have had many conversations about various subjects that affect our lives. No matter how controversial the subject might be, Mr. Reeves has always been the calm analytical voice of reason. I have never seen him upset or heard him speak harshly of any subject or unkindly of any person.

Mr. Reeves is well grounded and values his family. He is fully engaged in life with his wife, their children and grand child. In our many conversations he beams with pride when he speaks of his family. I've seen him and his wife out walking with their granddaughter many times, clearly enjoying their time together.

Mr. Reeves is a good, solid citizen. As a veteran and police officer Mr. Reeves has spent the vast majority of his life in service to our nation and our community. Additionally, he is a conscientious neighbor that ensures his yard and home are well maintained, not just for him, but because he cares about the neighborhood. He is the type of person America needs as a neighbor. With all that said, know that Mr. Reeves is an honorable man. He would not risk losing all he loves by fleeing. Feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made above and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: January 30, 2014

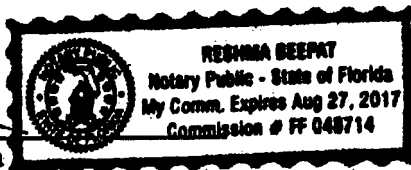
Martin J. Mazurek

[REDACTED]
Signature

STATE OF Florida, Hernando COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30 day of January, 2014, by Martin J. Mazurek who produced FL D/L as identification.

[REDACTED]
Notary Public, State of Florida



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Curtis Reeves
Date: January 28, 2014, 9:12 AM
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

I have known Curtis Reeves for over 55 years. This includes high school, as a neighbor on Simmons Road, and as a member of First Baptist Church of Lutz. As a retired Captain of the City of Tampa Fire Department, I have always had the utmost respect for his professionalism.

As a neighbor and fellow church member, Curtis has always displayed the highest of moral character and principles of right and wrong.

I do not know all that transpired in the theater, but know that Curtis is no threat to society or flight risk.

I pray for Curtis, his family, and legal team, and that justice will prevail.

Respectfully, [REDACTED]

Raymond Mehafeey
[REDACTED]

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in the attached letter dated Jan. 28, 2014 and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: Jan 28, 2014

Raymond L. Mehaffey

Signature

STATE OF Florida, Pasco COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 28 day of JANUARY, 2014, by Raymond L. Mehaffey, who produced personally known as identification.

Notary Public, State of Florida





Thursday, Jan 16 at 3:51 PM

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Curtis Reeves

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Charles Meid. Curtis Reeves is married to my wife's sister, Vivian Reeves. My wife's name is Myra Meid.

We have known Curtis Reeves for over 50 years and lived next door to each other for 30+ years. We have vacationed together many years through hiking, camping, and canoeing along with our children and their children. Until they moved to Brooksville, we attended the same church for 50 years. When we were younger there were about 15 couples in our church who participated in these activities. We were all close and all our children called the adults aunts and uncles. Many of these friends have moved and some have moved to other states. I can't tell you how many of them have called and said, What can we do to help Curtis. You will be getting letters from a lot of them.

Curtis' mother and father lived across the street from us when Myra and I first got married. After having our first child, Mrs. Reeves took care of our daughter when Myra went back to work. Our kids still call her Granny Reeves along with all our friends and their children. We are all a close knit group. Mrs. Reeves is now 94 years old and is in very poor health. This situation with Curtis has really taken a toll on her.

When Curtis and Vivian had their first child, Jennifer, she was born with a hip socket defect and was in a cast until she was a year old. My wife kept her for that first year. We think she is partly our child. (more than an aunt and uncle!) When Jennifer asked us if we would write a letter in Curtis' behalf, we were more than glad to do it, and we certainly know him well. It's been so hard to see all the bad things written about Curtis and not be able to say anything to contradict what they say.

Even before Jennifer asked us to write a letter in Curtis' behalf, I had already composed a letter to send to you and had discussed it with my wife.

We are so confident that Curtis is not a flight risk or is a danger to the community that we respectfully submit the following proposal to you for consideration.

We offer to put up the titles of our home, our two vehicles and our travel trailer as collateral for Curtis' Bond. If this has merit, please feel free to contact us to work out the details.

Sincerely,

Charles Meid
Myra Meid

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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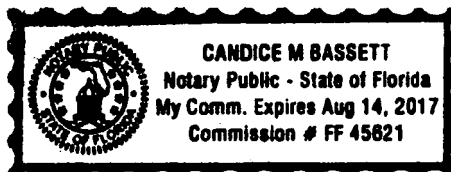
Dated: 1/29/14

Charles Meid
Print Name
[Redacted]
Signature

STATE OF Florida, Hillsborough COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29th day of JANUARY, 2014, by Charles Meid, who produced Florida Driver License as identification.

[Redacted]
Notary Public, State of Florida



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Dated: 1/29/2014

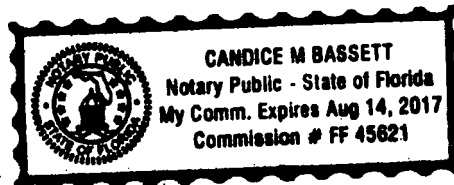
Myra Y. Meid

Signature

STATE OF Florida, Hillsborough COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29th day of JANUARY, 2014, by myra meid, who produced Florida Driver License as identification.


Notary Public, State of Florida



January 16, 2014

To: Who It May Concern

From: Bob Northrop
[REDACTED]

Subject: Captain Curtis Reeves

Sirs / Ma'am's,

As a fellow Tampa Police Officer I have known Curtis Reeves professionally for 40 years. Irrelevant of the very unfortunate and tragic incident that occurred at the Cobb Grove 16 theatre on January 13th involving Mr. Reeves and Mr. Chad Oulson, the accusations, beliefs, proposals, or suggestions that Mr. Reeves might be a threat to anyone or that he might be a flight risk are ridiculous and unjustifiably biased !

Mr. Reeves entire adult life (both while serving as a decorated law enforcement officer and as a retired citizen), has been totally dedicated to serving the community and fighting crime. He is in fact a Career Civil Servant. You need only look around the Court Room to see that nothing is more important to him than his Family, friends, fellow law enforcement officers and the community in which he lives. He would never betray them nor himself by fleeing. Quite the contrary is true. Nothing could stop him from his duty to step up to the plate to answer the charges against him as so ordered by the Court.

Sincerely,

Bob Northrop

From: [REDACTED]
To: Richard Escobar
Subject: Curtis Reeves
Date: Thursday, January 30, 2014 8:20:28 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Curtis Reeves for over 40 years both professionally and personally. He has very strong ties to his family, friends and community in the Pasco County area. Curtis is a honorable man and has a burning desire to clear his name. For the above reasons Mr. Reeves is in no way a flight risk.

Respectfully,

Det. Roy Pierce, Retired

Karen Torelli

From: BetsyandLarry Pinkerton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 11:45 AM
To: Richard Escobar
Subject: Curtis Reeves

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Captain Curtis Reeves for approximately 30 years.

I met him when I was a young police officer.

He was involved in many aspects of training police officers. I will say that his professionalism was the trait I noticed first.

Captain Reeves always took great care in his responsibility of training both new & veteran police officers. Of all the many instructors during my 25 year career, Captain Reeves stood out because of his dedication to training officers to be safe and professional.

The second trait I came to notice in Captain Reeves was honor. He was always about doing what was right. And he cared about helping you to better yourself.

I came to know Captain Reeves and his family, as my husband; also a police officer, was under his command on the Tactical Response Team (SWAT).

By the time my career was coming to an end in 2004, I had come to know Captain Reeves as a truly honorable & caring person. He was an example of reason and responsibility and always available to help during difficult times.

During both my career in law enforcement and my retirement, I have observed Captain Reeves be the center of calm in situations that many would find unnerving and controversial.

Captain Reeves has always demonstrated integrity in his professional & family life. He is an example of someone who avoids adversity and has always been a man of his word.

Respectfully,

Betsy Pinkerton
Detective, retired Tampa Police Dept.

Karen Torelli

From: BetsyandLarry Pinkerton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 11:47 AM
To: Richard Escobar
Subject: Re: Curtis Reeves

To Whom It May Concern:

I met Captain Reeves almost 40 years ago when he was the commander of Tampa Police Department's first SWAT team.

During that time I was under the command of Captain Reeves & Major Tom Depolis.

During the first 2 years of the SWAT team, we did not have crisis intervention negotiators. This duty fell to Captain Reeves & Major Depolis. Many times I watched Captain Reeves talk to people who seemed beyond approach to any logical conversation, slowly calm down. Sometimes this took hours but Captain Reeves had the ability to listen and respond to their needs in a way that diffused potentially violent or suicidal people. In nearly all of those situations, almost all of the incidents resulted in surrender with no need of a violent conclusion.

Throughout my career I considered Captain Reeves a mentor who was always available to anyone in need of counsel. His advice was always sound, logical, and delivered in a positive way.

After retirement we remained friends and our families socialized. We fished, hiked, hunted, and went to dinners & movies. On occasion we vacationed together.

In conclusion I have observed Captain Reeves interact with people under the worst of circumstances during our careers and retirement.

I have never seen him argue, raise his voice or lose his temper with anyone; ever. Not once. He has always advised his friends to walk away from trouble and always avoid conflict if possible.



Based on my 40 years of knowledge and observation of Captain Reeves, I do not believe him to be a danger to our community nor a flight risk.

Respectfully,

Larry J. Pinkerton
Lieutenant, retired Tampa Police Dept.


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Dated: January 30, 2014

Larry J. Pinkerton
Print Name 
Signature 

STATE OF Florida, Hillsborough COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30th day of JANUARY, 2014, by Larry J. Pinkerton, who produced Florida Drivers license as identification.


Notary Public, State of Florida

MARION DOWLING
Notary Public, State of Florida
My Comm. Expires May 29, 2016
No. EE 202680

Subject: ~~[No Subject]~~ CURTIS REEVES
From: Pete Pomponio [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 8:23 PM

I met Curtis Reeves for the first time as a police recruit attending the Tampa Police Academy in 1979. My first impressions of him then were that he was a well trained and professional law enforcement officer, who took all aspects of our job seriously. I tried my best to emulate him throughout my twenty five year career and many of my peers did so as well.

Curtis Reeves was very much in control of his emotions each time I encountered him and especially during stressful situations during his tours of duty. I watched him skillfully command the Tampa Police Department's Tactical Response Team, as they were deployed to resolve very dangerous and stressful threats to our community on numerous occasions.

Never once did I witness Curtis Reeves lose control of his temperament and command presence during his career. I participated in many physical fitness training sessions for specialty team members and Curtis Reeves was the lead instructor. I listened to Curtis Reeves change the mindset of those officers who were not participating in the training sessions seriously, gaining their cooperation with words, not physical force. He spoke in a normal tone of voice, even when disciplining subordinate officers, gaining their compliance without resorting to yelling obscenities at them. Curtis Reeves was highly respected for his calm demeanor, attention to details and his knowledge concerning officer safety skills.

Curtis Reeves has for decades been a well respected, honest and trustworthy member of his community, with numerous family members and friends surrounding him. If Curtis Reeves is allowed to post a bond, he will not be a flight risk simply because most of his friends are law enforcement officer who he would not disrespect by violating the terms of his bond. Nor would he disappoint his wife and family members by committing a bond violation.


It is my hope that Curtis Reeves be allowed to post a bond while awaiting his trial date.

Respectfully,
[REDACTED]

Peter Pomponio
Senior Sergeant, Retired
Tampa Police Department


I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in the attached letter dated JANUARY 29, 2014 and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

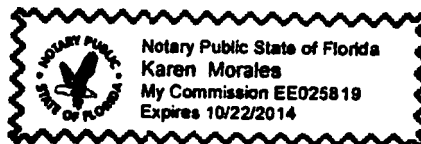
Dated: JANUARY 30, 2014

PETER POMPAÑO
Print 
Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30th day of JANUARY, 2014, by PETER POMPAÑO, who produced FLORIDA D.L. as identification.


Notary Public, State of Florida



From: Kimi [REDACTED]
To: Richard Escobar
Subject: Curtis Reeves
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014 10:39:48 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Curtis Reeves. I grew up attending church with the Reeves family, and Mr. Reeves and his wife have been close friends of my parents for more than 30 years. I have always appreciated Mr. Reeves' devotion to and leadership of his family, as well as his commitment to his belief in Christ and his support of his local church family.

In addition, over the years I have been inspired by Mr. Reeves' integrity. His wise level-headedness and cheerfulness in the face of adversity have been a positive example for me.

Sincerely,


Kimi Sams
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: Richard Escobar
Subject: Curtis Reeves
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014 9:50:25 AM

To Whom it may concern,
I met Curtis Reeves the first time in October of 1993 when He was selected for the Director of Security Position at Busch Gardens in Tampa. I was the Security Manager and I reported directly to Curtis. Knowing that the Security Arena was completely different than the Law Enforcement career that He had retired from, He observed and then instituted a more efficient park Security presence in the park and improved the appearance of the officers uniforms as well as initiated a laundry service at no cost to the employees. Curtis re-wrote the operating procedures and offered training classes in the use of Mase, handcuffs, firearms, bomb threats and proper handling of park guests. Curtis also developed a collectible restitution system from guest shoplifting cases that provided extra revenue for the Security Departments internal use. Curtis also reached out to the Business community and started the North Tampa Business Crime Watch that he headed. Curtis was also the President of the American West Coast Chapter for the American Society of Industrial Security in which He held a (CPP) Designation in which at the time there were only 6000 in the US. (Certified Personal Protection) Curtis was also a member of the American Society of Amusement Parks Safety and Security an organization that had members from many Amusement Parks from all over the United States. Curtis and I developed a great working relationship and then a Friendship that we still have. Curtis and his Wife Vivian, Myself and My wife Mimi have traveled to many places together over the years and probably have been to lunch and a movie more than 50 times in the last 12 years. There is not a more dedicated, professional, religious, Family man and friend that I have ever known. Curtis is very well respected in his community as well in his Church. There is nothing more important to him than his Mother, Wife, children, Grandchild and friends.

Thank You,
Michael Scalise

Holly L. Shoaf



January 24, 2014

RE: Curtis Reeves

To Whom It May Concern:

As we all know a horrible tragedy occurred on January 13, 2014. What we all really don't know are the facts, minute by minute, second by second. Only those individuals that were right there at that moment know what really happened and in due time the facts, not hearsay will be told. We have all been bombarded by the crazy media blitz, giving their version of what happened. As I watched the news unfold, some very important things play over and over in my mind. I watched as reporters scrambled to get the "facts" out to the public because we as humans thrive off of others tragedies. The reporters have stumbled over their words, twisted the story, attempted to repeat what they thought they heard and for the most part, they have failed. What we have not heard is the real facts of the event that unfolded that day, but we as humans do what is natural and start talking about what "we" think the facts are, when indeed we do not. It is not our right to judge, that right is only held to one person and He sits on a much higher throne then any of us ever will.

My name is Holly Lynn Shoaf, I am the niece of Curtis Reeves. You've all heard his name...Curtis Reeves, Curtis Reeves, Jr., Curtis Reeves, retired TPD Officer, Inmate Reeves and many more which I care not to repeat. Now let me introduce you to the real Curtis Reeves, the one that has been a very big part of my life for over 51 years now. The Curtis that the media has introduced you to is and will never be the man that he really is. We as families were very fortunate to live, work, vacation and play in the same area. Prior to my Uncle and Aunt having children of their own, I was the one that went with them on vacations, day trips and sleepovers. I have so many great memories of my time with them as a child, but I will sum them up as best I can.

We are a family that vacationed in Indian Rocks Beach renting a beach house for weeks at a time; my Uncle and Aunt were there with us. We later moved on to camping and canoeing and found ourselves at many different campgrounds between here and North Carolina. Thanksgivings were spent camping; Easter Break was spent camping...so many memories of an Uncle who taught us different games that we all played at the campground. My Uncle would let me hang out with him on

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his days off back when he was with the police department and follow him around while he was doing things around the house or in the yard. I remember the days when he was working undercover, he would take on a new look, drive a sporty car and I was full of questions for him. He took the time to answer them as best he could. We had family game nights, where we would play for endless hours Aggravation, Operation or Monopoly. Sundays were for Church and after Sunday lunch, we would all get together and have a carwash day, a lake day, or riding our bikes throughout the Lutz area, just spending time with family. As time went by they started a family of their own, but we as a family always made time for each other.

I have always had great respect for my Uncle now and as I grew up and started a family of my own, he has always been a vital part of my world. Both of my kids respect him and he has always encouraged them to pursue great goals and follow through with what they start. My daughter will be graduating from USF in May 2014 as a Teacher specializing in Special Education, Uncle Curtis has always made time to discuss school with her, encourage her to go farther. My son is a Firefighter and during his school/training, my Uncle has also encouraged him to keep going.

So, you see, this is a different Curtis Reeves then what you have heard from the media and others who have voiced their opinions as to what they think that they know about him. My Uncle is a courageous man, a family man, a devoted husband, father, and son and now a Paw Paw...yes, this is my Uncle, a man that I have respected for a better part of life. Not the man that you have been introduced to.

At the beginning and end of every day and a lot of time in between, I pray that everyone will see him for who he really is and not what they just speculate based on what they've heard. Yes, this was a horrible tragedy, but it is also one that has greatly impacted two families, forever.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly L. Shoaf

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in the attached letter dated 1-24-14 and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: January 29, 2014

Holly L. Shoaf

Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29th day of JANUARY, 2014, by Holly, who produced Personally known as identification.

Notary Public, State of Florida

Laraine Baker



From: [REDACTED]
To: Richard Escobar
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Curtis Reeves
Date: Monday, January 27, 2014 9:52:27 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of my good friend, Curtis Reeves, who will be seeking and asking for bail on Feb. 5, 2014. I have known Curtis for 40+ yrs and have always known him to be honorable, trustworthy, and a man of his word, who believes in God. He has always been a man of peace, integrity, and held in high esteem by his peers.

I pray that the Honorable Judge will grant Curtis bail. He is not a threat or a menace to society. I know that he will abide by and honor the governing laws of the bail system.

Respectfully,

Gary Smilee
[REDACTED]

SMILEE


I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in the attached letter dated 1/29/14 and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: Jan. 29, 2014Print Name GARY SMILEESignature STATE OF FLORIDAHILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29 day of JANUARY, 2014, by _____, who produced Drivers license as identification.


Notary Public, State of Florida

I am a retired State Farm agent of 38 yrs. Please see previous E/Ms in regards to my relationship with Curtis Reeves.



1-29-14

From: [REDACTED]
To: Richard Escobar
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Curtis Reeves
Date: Friday, January 17, 2014 10:46:38 AM

To whom it may concern;

I am writing this on behalf of my dear friend, Curtis Reeves, whom I have know for 40+ years. I am so saddened and heavy heartened over this unbelievable tragedy!?!? My heart, prayers goes out to All involved. Curtis has always been an outstanding citizen and God fearing man, totally devoted to his beautiful wife, Vivian, and family. I just can't believe this has happened!

He was and outstanding citizen who served and protected his community for many years while serving as captain on the Tampa Police force. He had a flawless career and was a man of impeccable character. On many occasions I heard Curtis say he never pulled his weapon on anyone...and now this!?!? Something had to snap or go terribly wrong!! When it first came on the news, I broke down and cried and prayed, I was just devastated, and still am. This is not the same lovable, caring Curtis that I have known all these years. Something had to happen. I just can't believe it!! He attended the First Baptist Church of Lutz and attended Sunday School faithfully for over 20 years until he moved away from the Tampa By area, which was our loss. I am truly lost for words.

I hope and pray that the judge will be kind and grant him bail. I am sure Curtis is so deeply remorseful and saddened over what has transpired. I know he wishes he could recall that second before this happened and respond differently. I pray that the judge will be merciful.

A friend of Curtis and family,

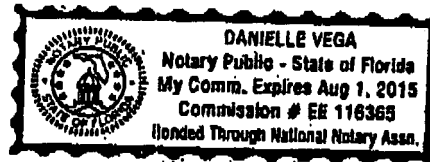
Gary Smilee
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SMILEE


I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in the attached letter dated 1/19/14 and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: Jan. 29, 2014Print Name GARY SMILEESignature STATE OF FLORIDA HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

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Notary Public, State of Florida

I am a retired State Farm agent of 38 yrs. Please see previous E/Ms in regards to my relationship with Curtis Reeves



1-29-14

January 16, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

We have known Curtis Reeves for 50 years. We attended the same high school where he was an all-around good guy who played football and we never knew him to get in a fight. We raised our children and lived in the same community with him and his family for over 35 years. We attended the same church where Curtis was an active member. He was involved with his son, Matt in the R.A.'s (Royal Ambassadors). Because of his friendly demeanor, athletic ability and expertise in camping, the boys really looked up to him. He has always been a very strong father figure as well as a devoted son who has had an active part in caring for his 94 year old mother.

We have attended many family birthdays, weddings, funerals and other social events as friends. As you can see we have had many occasions over the years to be closely involved with Curtis and we have never seen him lose his temper. In fact, for such a large man, he is very soft spoken. What has really touched our hearts over the last 2 years is watching him interact with his granddaughter with such patience and tenderness.

Just like many others we have always enjoyed our friendship with Curtis and his family.

Sincerely,

Ralph and Barbara Stinson



January 29, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Curtis Reeves and his family for the last 24 years. He and his family were members of the church I pastor until they moved around 2005. During the time of his membership here Curtis was a regular participant in both Bible study and worship services. He regularly contributed financially to the support of the church and its ministries. Both he and his wife were present at church functions, typically serving in the kitchen and cleaning afterwards.

Because of family and friends of Curtis who still attend here I have had the opportunity to visit with him on occasion since he and his family moved. In all the years of my acquaintance with Curtis I have known him to be a person of even temper, thoughtful in action, considerate of others. He is a man who understands responsibility to family and accountability before God.

Sincerely,

Charles G. White

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in the attached letter dated 1/29/14 and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: 1/29/14

Charles G. White
P [REDACTED]
Signature

STATE OF Florida, Hillsborough COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of JANUARY, 2014, by Charles White who produced Drivers License as identification.



Notary Public, State of Florida


Verizon Message Center

Thursday, Jan 16 at 11:26 AM

From: [REDACTED]
To: rescobar@escobarlaw.com
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Curtis Reeves

To Whom it May Concern,

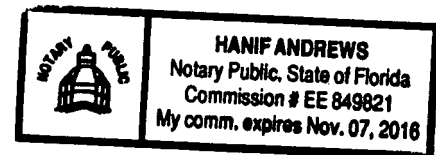
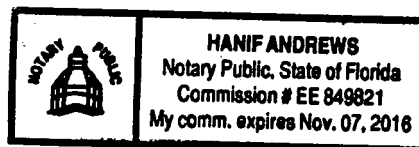
We are writing on behalf of Curtis Reeves who we have known for over 30 years.

We have been involved with Curtis and his family on many occasions including church attendance, home visits, camping trips and community involvement. Over the years we have had many opportunities to observe Curtis and his reaction to different situations involving family and friends as well as strangers. Curtis has always impressed us with his devotion to Biblical standards for interacting with others. His wisdom, kindhearted nature, thoughtful consideration and uplifting character have reflected his commitment to being a loyal and helpful member of our circle of friends and our community.

Curtis is a fine person who has had significant influence on others over the many years we've known him. This influence includes not only us but our daughters and their husbands. We all view Curtis as a role model Christian, husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Al and Donna Williams



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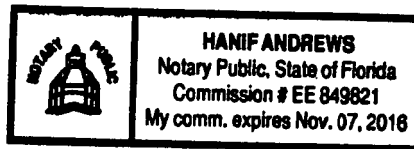
Dated: 1-29-14

DONNA WILLIAMS
Print Name

Signature

STATE OF Florida, Hillsborough COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29 day of JANUARY, 2014, by Donna Williams who produced FL/DL as identification.



I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in the attached letter dated 1-16-14 and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: 1-29-14

AL WILLIAMS

Print Name

Signature

STATE OF Florida, Hillsborough COUNTY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of JANUARY, 2014, by Al Williams, who produced FL/DL as identification.

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Notary Public, State of Florida

