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Section A

Tim Curran

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Dear Judge Curiel,

I am writing this letter in support of Wael "Will" Anton who will be coming before you for sentencing in the near future. While I know little about his legal matters, I have had the pleasure of knowing Will for the past 10 plus years and have always found him to be a good person who cares deeply about family, friends and his community.

Will is present everywhere within the local Chaldean community as well as the greater San Diego County community. He has given hundreds and hundreds of hours doing volunteer work for numerous local organizations and charities. Will is also a very successful local businessman who has provided, and continues to provide, excellent employment opportunities to several people.

As a 27 year law enforcement professional (retired) and as current security manager with a local public transportation company, I can say without reservation that I have trust and faith in Will to be an upstanding and inspiring member of this community. Everyone makes mistakes in life and we can only hope that the mistakes that we make as flawed human beings will not be so egregious that we cannot learn from them and move on with our lives. Thank you for taking the time read this and I wish you well.

Sincerely,

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Tim Curran, Assistant Sheriff (retired)

July 25, 2022

Honorable Gonzalo Curiel
U.S. District Judge
Southern District of California

Dear Judge Curiel,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Walel ("Will") Anton who will soon be coming to your courtroom and before you for his sentencing.

My name is Mark Elvin and I was honored to have served on the San Diego County Sheriff's Department for 28.5 years from 1989 – 2017. My last assignment within the Sheriff's Department before retiring was as, the Undersheriff. I would like to take a moment to speak of the overall professional character and work-ethic of a person I met while I was working for the Sheriff's Department – his name is Will Anton. I understand that Will, within the past two to two-and-a-half years ago, may have made some poor decisions. I do not know all of the exact charges in which Will is facing in court – nor do I want to necessarily be informed of those charges. However, I would like to speak of the overall character, work-ethic, and man that I know Will Anton to be. I don't believe I've met a person as willing to give to others as Will Anton has. Will possesses an extreme work ethic in general, but especially when you focus on his work for the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association (HDSA), and numerous public servants and other local community leaders.

I met Will Anton approximately 11 years ago and I was truly amazed at his willingness to help those in the community as well as those serving in local public servant roles. Will was always the first person to volunteer his personal time to help those within the Sheriff's Department, the HDSA, and as I mentioned public servants. Will was always available for others even when he had other responsibilities of his own. That is one of the things I admire the most about Will – Will owned two private businesses at the time (a to-go pizza business and a garage door company), yet he always seemed to have time to help others.

Will didn't just assist others in small ways, he analyzed a particular project's needs and took a leading role in helping so many others. It didn't matter whether Will would benefit from the assistance – he was there to help. I personally witnessed Will work with the HDSA and turn that organization into a well-run business. But, Will felt his talents would be better served as a Board member of the HDSA so he ran for office. Will was voted in as an HDSA Board of Director's member and assisted in multiple projects that helped not only the Sheriff's Department, but several of the communities within San Diego County as well. I feel I need to emphasize that Will didn't just assist those in the law enforcement community, he helped those throughout San Diego County.

Will possesses many attributes that many people don't have or just don't care to reveal – he is caring, intelligent, very hard-working, and extremely compassionate. Will is very much a family-man – there is nothing Will cares about more than his wife, children, and his extended family.

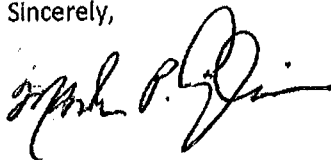
As I mentioned, Will may have made some poor decisions in the more recent past (18 months to two-years ago), but I know Will also gave a tremendous amount to community leaders, public servants, the HDSA, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, as well as many communities within San Diego County. Will's work ethic is second to none.

However, the reason I went into some detail on my knowledge of Will's character, background, and the way he has chosen to lead his life, is to reveal what a stark contrast his few errors were compared to his stellar past and present.

Although I met Will 11 years ago within my duties as a San Diego County Sheriff's Department employee, I definitely consider Will Anton to be a friend of mine.

Thank you for your time and for allowing me to share a glimpse into what my observations have been of Will Anton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Elvin". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "M" and a long, sweeping "E".

Mark Elvin

Hon. Gonzalo Curiel
U.S District Judge Southern District of California.

Dear Judge Curiel,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Waiel (Will) Anton who will come before you for sentencing.

My name is Amanda Anton. I am Waiel Anton's wife. We have been married for 6 years and we were friends for about 10 years prior to us getting married. Will truly has a heart of gold. He is funny and caring. He always has a smile on his face and is always making jokes to make everyone around him laugh. My husband and his family migrated to America 20 years ago. Since coming to America Will has always worked very hard to support his family. He worked at his uncles pizza shop and for a garage door company. It wasn't long until he took over the pizza shop and branched off to open his own garage door company. He also got into politics and quickly fell in love with it. He enjoyed all the people he met and represented. He was truly proud of all he did and accomplished in his career.

These past 3 & a half years have been a complete nightmare. Something I never thought not only I would have to go through, but something I never imagined my husband would go through. He always did everything right. He always wanted to be on the right side of everything he did. He proudly took care of our Church. He helped in any way our priest needed him and held many fundraisers for them. Every year he would go talk to the kids in catechism classes and guide them to make good choices and follow the path of God. He created sports for them to play. He has always had a passion and love to help others especially our youth. To know Will is to truly love him. He is a man of family and of God.

Not only was it a complete shock and a horrible experience getting raided the first time, but it was a nightmare going into labor and giving birth to my son in an ambulance alone. When he was born he was completely blue and not breathing. The paramedic worked on him what felt like forever to revive him. Our son Mason was on a ventilator for the first 2 days of his life. Aside from that I was in danger due to the placenta being in my body too long after delivery. When we arrived to the hospital a doctor and two nurses were waiting outside and quickly rushed my son to the nicu. I was rushed upstairs. I remember hearing nurses yelling to the doctor 'she's here, she's here!' I then saw a doctor running down the hall as they rushed me into the room to deliver the placenta as soon as possible. Will was completely distraught by all of this that occurred in one day. Our lives have been in turmoil since. I know his intentions were never to do anything wrong.

The agony of everything we have been put through has left us drained emotionally, physically, & mentally. Our children haven't had the opportunity to have the best of their parents. Our sons idol is their dad. They are truly obsessed and in love with Will. Especially our older son Luke. He is attached to his dad and hates going a minute

without him. After Will leaves for work everyday within a hour both boys say 'mommy it's taking forever for daddy to get home'. Since Will pleaded my heart has broken thinking what are they going to do and feel when their daddy is gone for a year? How am I going to make life normal for them without their dad when they can't go a day without him. Will has never left us for even one night. His whole world has always been revolved around me & our children.

In 2011 I got held up at gun point outside my home and suffered from anxiety and PTSD. In 2013 I lost my dad unexpectedly who was my best friend due to a massive heart attack. I suffered a deep depression. All of my anxiety and PTSD came back after this whole situation came about. The agony & anxiety I have felt since being raided has been unbearable. I couldn't sleep for days that turned into months because every time the cameras went off I feared it was the FBI coming again and I would have to grab my children to protect them from another nightmare. We have strong faith in God so I know whatever the outcome God will give me strength to take care of my kids, but being without my husband for a year seems unbearable with all I have endured.

My husband is truly a good person. Always wanting to help anyone and everyone he meets. He is full of laughter and love. He doesn't have a bad bone in his body. In all the years I have known him and been with him I have never seen him the way he is now. He is beyond exhausted and defeated. He has pleaded not because he knowingly or intentionally broke the law, but because he just wants to live his life normally again and give our kids a happy home again. We want to be able to take them on vacations and make beautiful memories to last a lifetime. We want their childhood to be filled with love and happiness not this pain and drainage that has taken over our lives.

Will's dream has always been to have kids and give them an amazing life. He grew up in Iraq with the war going on and still remembers the sounds of bombs going off and having to hide. All he has ever wanted was to give our children the best life and make memories with them he didn't get to have growing up. He is an amazing father who is fully involved in their lives and everything they do. He is supportive, caring, and actively engaged in all our children do. He is truly the best role model for our sons. He attends every sport game and every school event. He is their world.

I truly appreciate you taking the time to read my letter. I hope in your decision all of the good and amazing things about my loving husband come to your mind. I hope you feel the amazing dad he is and how much my children need their loving dad. God bless you and your family always.

Amanda Anton.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda M. Anton". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

August 12, 2022

Dear Judge Curiel,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Waiel Anton who will be soon coming to your courtroom for sentencing.

My name is Wisam Anton. I am Waiel's younger brother, and I have attended every court hearing since 2019. This has been the very first time that my brother or I have ever stepped into a federal court for this matter. We have learned a lot together during these very difficult times for our family.

I'd like to start by telling you a little bit about myself. I'm 32 years old and I have a wife and two beautiful little girls. I am a healthcare professional with a very rewarding career in the medical device industry. I began working at Sharp Healthcare in the Cardiac Catheterization lab, saving lives of patients suffering from coronary heart disease. Then, I wanted to advance in my career which brought me to where I am today, which is Medtronic Clinical Consultant. My specialty is utilizing devices to treat patients with aortic valve stenosis. My day to day consists of helping and guiding doctors and staff through a very complex procedure for Transcatheter Aortic Valve replacement.

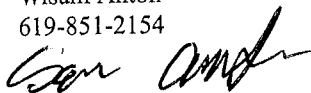
I feel it is necessary to explain my history and current position because Waiel is one of the main reasons for my success. With his support, selfless attitude and generous attitude, I was able to attend school and make something of myself. He gave up his own educational goals and worked multiple jobs to put me through college. Waiel made sure that not only our rent was paid monthly, and food was on the table, but also gave me a good life and a chance to pursue my dreams while holding back on his own. He knew that I aspired to help people who suffer from heart disease, as our parents did as we were growing up. I wanted to give up many times and get a job to help our struggling family, but Waiel had a different plan for me. He never let me stress and allowed me to focus on my education so that I could be successful in my future, even if it meant him missing out on going to college.

Waiel has always been a father figure and role model to me. He's taught me to be a good man. He has taught me valuable life lessons that I can never repay him for. For as long as I've known him, he has always been the helping type.

In life we live, and we learn and I can assure you that Waiel has learned the biggest life lesson of all. He had been unfortunately mixed up with the wrong people, but those people are no longer in his life. My life isn't the only life Waiel has touched. My sister can also praise for him as he has helped her save her house as they were going through a hardship. She had a struggling business and 3 children and they were struggling to make ends meet. He's incredibly caring, selfless and generous. He always puts others first, no matter how it affects him.

If Waiel gets taken into custody, I will have to step in and run his company, while simultaneously doing my daily work and responsibilities. Also, I will help his wife Amanda take care of my two young nephews. I pray that he gets back to his normal life soon and puts all this behind him as a new man. Your Honor, I would really appreciate if you looked at all the good things Waiel has done not just for myself, and my family's lives but also in the community police departments before you make your decision. Thank you for reading this and if you have any questions, please call me. Thank you for your time!

With gratitude,
Wisam Anton
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Dear Judge Curiel,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Waiel (Will) Anton who will come before you for a sentencing. My name is Lance Safarta, I am the nephew of Mr. Anton and I have known him my entire life. I am a pre-medical student and graduated from UC San Diego in 2021 majoring in Human Biology. I am currently working in a biomedical lab at Stanford School of Medicine. I was awarded an NIH fellowship focusing on ophthalmology and Alzheimer's pathology research. Alongside this I am a current medical school applicant and want to pursue a future as a Physician specializing in internal medicine and cardiology.

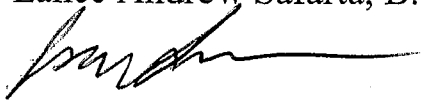
Mr. Anton has been nothing short of a great role model and mentor to the entire family. Time and time again Mr. Anton's efforts and presence has helped cultivate unity and growth within my personal life and family. Growing up he was not only an uncle to me but a big brother that I could go to in order to seek guidance and perspective on life. Beside being a mentor his presence filled in a gap that my father could not. He would attend my football games and my brother's basketball games and be very active in our development. He was not only our number one supporter but he taught us the proper moral principles of life and the importance of a higher education and seeking opportunities that he did not have when he was our age. Especially during my academic career at UCSD studying human biology and now applying to medical school Mr. Anton's support has helped me to stay determined on my goals. I first handedly watched Mr. Anton develop into a great father and husband showing characteristics of selflessness, a hard work ethic and optimism to help his family grow. Mr. Anton has done work within the community to help cultivate a culture of discipline and hard work for the youth in the community. He taught me that taking advantage of my opportunities at hand are most important and to wake up and strive for greatness everyday. Mr. Anton coming from an immigrant background understood best what opportunity meant. The absence of Mr. Anton will not only affect the growth of his immediate family but will also pour out onto the rest of the family. Evidence shows how this will not only affect Mr. Anton consequently, will directly impact his children and wife. Studies show in children

separation from a parent has been correlated with psychological trauma, poor social facilitation and insecure attachment related to increased stress (Pesonen & Räikkönen, 2012; Rusby & Tasker, 2009; Mitrani, Santisteban, & Muir, 2004).

Mr. Anton's sentencing will come with negative effects impacting the future of his children affecting them during a critical period of development. Mr. Anton's absence will mean we lose a good standing citizen, mentor, father and beloved uncle during times where his family needs him most.

Thank you for your time Judge and I hope you will be able to see and understand who Mr. Anton is to my family through my perspective.

Best Wishes,
Lance Andrew Safarta, B.S.

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July 28, 2022

Hon. Gonzalo Curiel
U.S. District Judge
Southern District of California

Dear Judge Curiel,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Wael (Will) Anton who will come before you for sentencing.

I would like to start by introducing myself; my name is Rev. Higinio Garcia and I am the Pastor at St. Pius X Jamul. For over a year, He, his wife (Amanda) and two boys (Luke & Mason) have been attending Mass at St. Pius X every Sunday since they moved to this parish community.

I have come to know Will over the past several months as being very polite, a good parishioner, husband, father, very faithful, generous, and have donated his time and labor in maintaining desperately needed repairs on the church grounds.

I hope that this is helpful. Should you need more information feel free to contact the parish office at (619) 669-0085 or by e-mail at parishoffice@stpiusxjamul.com.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Higinio Garcia
Rev. Higinio Garcia



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Hon. Gonzalo Curiel
U.S District Judge
Southern District of California.

August 5, 2022

Dear Judge Curiel,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Wael (Will) Anton who will come before you for sentencing.

I am Fr. Andrew Younan, Rector of the Seminary of Mar Abba the Great, and Parochial Vicar at St. Peter Chaldean Catholic Cathedral. I have knowing Will for over ten years, and can attest that during these years he has volunteered often at Church, helping with sports events for young people, connecting them with the deputy sheriff for speaking events, attending Sunday Mass and retreats, and donating his time and funds to helping at events.

Will is, moreover, a family man, a good husband and dedicated father to his children, and an honest and trustworthy working man.

Please let me know if I can be of further service in helping Will during this time, and feel free to contact me at fatherandy@gmail.com.

Thank you for your attention.

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Fr. Andrew Younan
Rector

**CHALDEAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
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**St. Michael Chaldean Catholic Church
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August 24, 2022

Dear Judge Curiel,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Wael (Will) Anton who will come before you for sentencing.

I am a Chaldean Catholic priest and administrator of St. Michael Chaldean Church in El Cajon. I have known Will for over 10 years. He and his family are very active members of the Chaldean community here in San Diego and have contributed to the church in many ways.

Will himself has brought many sponsors for church events and has help run sports events for the children of the community. He was also involved in bringing police to come speak to our children on multiple occasions.

I am sure that he will continue with his help for the church community as he, his wife, and children are very dedicated to the church.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Fr. Simon Esshaki

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Dear Judge Curiel:

I, Scott Salmu, have been a practicing attorney in San Diego for the past thirteen years. I am writing this letter on behalf of Waiel (Will) Anton regarding his pending matter in the San Diego U.S. District Court. Since I met Will, I have been impressed by the dedicated manner with which he carried out his work and diligently ran his own businesses. Will has displayed a maturity, motivational level, and seriousness which I have rarely encountered with most people.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Will for nearly a decade. We were introduced through a mutual friend when he expressed a keen interest in law enforcement and wanted to learn how the legal system operated. Will offered his assistance and knowledge to the San Diego Sheriff's Department in exchange for the opportunity to obtain exposure and insight of the justice system.

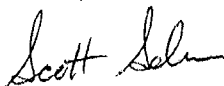
Will possesses many other qualities which I believe will make him a successful candidate for probation. He is very well-organized, approaches projects in a systematic way, and manages his time efficiently. Will's success as a business owner, zealous ambition, and principles of ethics are the foundation on which strong careers are founded.

Will has no prior record, attended high school here in San Diego, and lives with his wife and two children. He helps support his elderly parents, attends church regularly, and leads a sober lifestyle. More importantly, he admits he made a mistake, participates in local community programs, and is willing to pay restitution in full.

Will is well respected by his peers, supervisor, and co-workers. In addition, he is the father of two young children and regularly cares for a disabled family friend. Depending on the outcome of this case, if Will is sentenced to custody, he will be unable to support his family.

In conclusion, Will is an outstanding individual who has demonstrated the character and work ethic that I am confident will lead to success in his future. On behalf of Will Anton, I ask the court to consider all of the positive attributes he has and sentence him to probation. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance or provide further information.

Sincerely,



Scott N. Salmu, Esq.

August 7, 2022

Hon. Gonzalo Curiel
U.S. District Judge Southern District of California
Edward J. Schwartz United States Courthouse
221 West Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

IN RE: United States of America v. Wael Yousif Anton (19-CR-4768-GPC)
Letter of Recommendation- Wael Yousif Anton

Dear Judge Curiel:

My name is Schuyler Van Vechten Hoffman V, and I am a duly licensed attorney in good standing in the State of California since 2007. I write this letter today on behalf of my dear friend Wael "Will" Anton with hopes that Your Honor will take into consideration the contents and honest sentiment herein at Mr. Anton's forthcoming sentencing hearing.

As background, I first had the pleasure and opportunity to meet Will through our interactions and collective efforts as members of the Honorary Deputy Sheriffs Association ("HDSA"). Founded in 1974, the Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association is a prestigious organization of business, community leaders, and service-minded citizens dedicated to supporting law enforcement countywide. As a non-profit and non-political organization, the HDSA is unique as an ally of the Sheriff's Department and the County's nine police departments.

I first joined the HDSA in 2010, and over the past five years have served as "jurisprudence" for the HDSA Board. It was during that time, on or about 2016, with Will's appointment as the "law enforcement liaison" between the HDSA Board and SD Sheriff's Department, that I first had the opportunity to meet and begin work with Mr. Anton and suffice to say, we immediately became close friends. Will and I were (by a good margin) the youngest members of the HDSA Board. His tremendous energy and active involvement immediately injected a badly needed "shot in the arm" for the Association, and over the three following years, Will was awarded commendations for increasing HDSA membership and raising substantial capital. As a single of many possible examples I could provide, Will spent countless hours chairing the HDSA Annual Golf Tournaments that raised tens of thousands of dollars for the Association. And where did a good portion of those profits go?

In no small measure due to the efforts of Will, the HDSA was able to raise sufficient funds to donate several "TruNarc" devices (each at a cost of \$33,000.00) to assist and protect Sheriff's Deputies in the field while performing searches of possible drug material containing the highly dangerous substance fentanyl. To give you an insight on just how dangerous this drug is, I would urge Your Honor to research online the recent incident that occurred in July of 2021 of fentanyl exposure involving San Diego County Sheriff's Deputy David Faiivae that nearly resulted in the death of the Deputy.

In my humble opinion, Will was one of the best and most valuable "Community Organizers" HDSA has ever had, and the Association has certainly suffered as a result of his loss. On many occasions, Will and I would meet during the day (or after hours) with other HDSA Board Members and active SD Sheriff Department staff to discuss the Department's financial needs and what the Association could do to better support and protect deputies in the field. And "yes" there were certainly occasions where Will and I would "argue" over who would pay the lunch or dinner check. But neither of us did so to "curry favor" with Department Staff, but rather offered (nay insisted) on doing so as an honest token of our appreciation for their service to our fine city. Will and I both share a deep admiration and appreciation for law enforcement and the tremendous sacrifices that are made by these dedicated deputies to ensure the protection and safety of our community and families.

I am unable to speak intelligently about the case before the court or the pending charges. The allegations set forth in the Department of Justice directly contradict in every sense of the word the "Will Anton" that I know. What I can say is that it breaks my heart and nearly brings me to tears to be writing this letter. The Will Anton that I KNOW is kind, generous, charismatic, hard-working, sincere, and civic-minded... A role model citizen who has dedicated his life not only to his family but also to giving back to our community. The HDSA is fortunate to have several older, wealthy donors who are in a financial position to write large checks. Others, like Will and I, who are much younger, own small companies, and are raising young families, don't have the luxury of offering sizable grant money, but what we can and did do was donate our time and energy to this important cause.

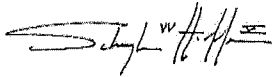
As a father of a seven-year-old daughter in my own right, I am still haunted with memories of the call I received on the day Will was arrested and placed in custody... the same (exact) day his second son, Mason was born prematurely, and rushed to the hospital in an ambulance when he stopped breathing for a period of over four minutes. Mason spent the next five days in intensive care, and I vividly recall the family's struggles that later ensued over the following months and years when Mason was unable to gain weight, and the anxiety that accompanied each and every trip to the pediatrician. The pain and agony that Will (and his family) suffered over that time (and throughout the course of this case) isn't something that I would wish upon my worst enemy.

The Government's charges and the subsequent, seemingly never-ending, pursuit by the FBI and DOJ into every aspect of his life, regardless of the relevance (including his mortgage loan applications of many years prior) have broken him. The Will Anton that I now see is only a shell of the person I once knew. His public reputation is ruined, and it is all he can do just to get out of bed in the morning, work a 12-hour day, six days a week, and put food on the table for his family. The "energy" and "spirit" he once exuded are gone. To sum it up: Will is a defeated man.

When sentencing Will, I would, humbly, ask the Court to strongly consider all the "good" that Mr. Anton has done for the San Diego community and the vital role he plays in supporting his family, as well as those of his employees. As human beings, we are all fallible and susceptible to making bad choices in the heat of the moment. And while I know that prior good deeds don't balance out the bad, please (please) take into consideration the man as a whole. The Government has gotten its "conviction" and has extracted its "pound of flesh." Will and his family have (already) paid a

truly terrible price and the impact of these events will forever leave an indelible scar on their lives. I, humbly, ask you to take mercy on my dear friend and grant him the opportunity to open a new chapter in his life.

Sincerely,



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Hon. Gonzalo Curiel

U. S. District Judge Southern District

Of California

Dear Judge Curiel,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Wael (Will) Anton who will come before you for sentencing.

I, Vincent S. Dickow, have known Mr. Anton on both a personal and professional for over 15 years. Mr. Anton and I have been teammates in indoor soccer for many years. Before Covid, we played in a Chaldean league every Tuesday night for many years. Mr. Anton's actions on the field have demonstrated that he is the true definition of a "Team Player". He doesn't make excuses for bad passes or errors on the field. He accepts the positive criticism and just does better! More importantly he is a genuine individual with a heart of gold. He is a true teammate that will stand with his team during the wins and the losses. He has extended a hand when his teammates and opposing players have fallen. My experience with him on the field has shown me that he is a caring and selfless individual that will sit out in order to allow others players to have more time on the field. These actions define his character as a "teammates teammate" which we all strive to be. I have always looked forward to being on his team and know that he will put others first!

On a business level, Mr. Anton has helped me with many construction projects. I have a Contractors "B" License and Mr. Anton has helped with interior and garage doors. He has always been fair and has stood behind his work. He has been reliable and treats each project as his own. As the owner of his company he has exemplified the true definition of "standing behind your work and product" mentality. I have felt very comfortable using him on my projects and will continue to do so.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to read and consider my letter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 619- 252-1797.

Respectfully

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Vincent S. Dickow

August 16, 2022

Hon. Gonzalo Curiel
U.S District Judge Southern District of California

Dear Judge Curiel,

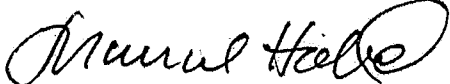
My name is Shannel Halbo. I am a Senior Vice President responsible for legal and risk management for the YMCA of San Diego County. I am writing this letter on behalf of Waiel (Will) Anton who will come before you for sentencing.

I have known Will for over 20 years. He has someone who has been heavily involved in our church and we share a passion for family and love for God.

Will is the definition of a family man. He places his wife and 2 young sons above anything else. He is heavily involved in the families day-to-day and extremely hands on. He is also a wonderful and caring husband. His boys absolutely adore him and look up to him. He is their role model, their hero, and their best friend.

Understanding all individuals make mistakes, I believe that Will has learned from this entire process. I am confident that this mistake will not be made again. By being present and visible for his two young sons, Will has the opportunity to guide them in a different direction. As we all know, children are prone to make mistakes. The lesson of how one grows from their mistakes is by far the most important. As Will's children grow up, they too will make mistakes. The best way for his children to learn is by having the presence of their mother and father.

Judge, you now play a very important role in these children's lives. It's one that will impact these children forever. My hope is that the decision to punish is weighed closely by the decision to grow and live—not only for Will, but the family who will forever be impacted. Thank you for your time in reading my letter.


Shannel Halbo

Honorable Gonzalo P. Curiel
U.S. District Judge of the United States
District Court for the Southern District of CA

Dear Judge Curiel:

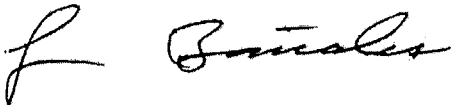
I'm writing this email to serve as a reference letter for Wael Anton. I understand he will have a court matter in your Department later this week.

Your Honor, I've known Wael over twenty years. Our relationship has evolved from Contractor/ Client (I've known him to own/ manage a garage door business) to Instructor/ Student (I was a Police Academy Instructor, and he was one of our students) and now I consider him a good Friend. He has always been reliable, dedicated, loyal and hardworking (regarding his career, his Friends and his Family).

I've held positions such as: School Officer, SWAT Officer, Background Investigator and now Security Deputy. Other assignments/ career experiences have been Police Officer, an Academy Instructor, Sheriff Deputy and now a Corporal. As a result, I've gained valuable insight regarding quality Men and Women of action.

To offer some personal insight, Wael is not only a Man of Action, but he is also a loyal Friend, a reliable Contractor and a dedicated Husband and Father to his young and growing Family (he fully supports his Wife and two children).

Thank you,

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Leo Banales

(banales.leo@gmail.com)

Hon. Gonzalo Curiel
U.S District Judge Southern District of California.

August 22, 2022

Dear Judge Curiel,

I have known Will (Wael) Anton for many years, and have found him to be a man of great character, affable, and with good sense of humor.

We became friends through mutual friends, and eventually we went to his wedding to celebrate this special friend.

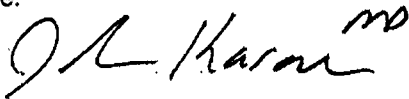
He has done work for my home and rentals, and he was always a very straightforward contractor that I encountered. He never overcharged, made excuses, and delivered what he promised.

I see him interact very lovingly with his wife and children, and he works hard to provide for them. Also seems whenever we go to the Church that he attends (we normally go to different Church), we will see him and family.

When we have community needs, we can count on will to participate.

I know Will has made some mistakes and misjudgements, but I never asked him about any details. But I do know he has shown remorse, and seems to have grown from the experience.

If there's anything more you would want like to know from my perspective, please don't hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kasawa" with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Kasawa, MD
Family Physician
858.349.8826 cell

8/26/22

Amad Attisha
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La Mesa CA 91941

Honorable Gonzalo Curiel
U.S. District Judge
Southern District of California

Dear Judge Curiel

I'm writing this letter on behalf of Wael (Will) Anton who will come before you on his sentencing. My name is Amad Attisha. I have lived in San Diego County since 1976. I'm an entrepreneur in the gas station and real estate business. I currently employ approximately 150 people, most who have worked with me for at least 5 years and up to 25 years.

I have known Will for the last 15 years. Will is a dear friend and I have the utmost respect for him. He is kind and respectful to his fellow man. When in need and you ask for Will's help, he comes running. The circumstances he is in has been life changing for Will. This error in judgment has shaped his life positively specifically around his family and his career. He has acknowledged his mistakes and accepts the consequences of his actions. This is very important because I know going forward, he will be an outstanding citizen to the community.

In your sentencing please be weigh in what I have mentioned of Will's character. I could attest that going forward he will surpass anyone expectations in a positive way.

Sincerely,



Amad Attisha

September 12, 2022

Honorable Gonzalo Curiel
US District Judge Southern District of California

Dear Judge Curiel,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Waiel (Will) Anton who will come before you for sentencing.

My name is Carol Ballard and I have known Will Anton since May 2022, when he came to Holy Trinity School for an evaluation with his son upon entering our Kindergarten class. I was immediately impressed with the bond that he seemed to share with his young family. He showed support to his son, Luke, who was the prospective kindergartner by giving him praise and encouragement as I took him to the classroom for his evaluation. When we returned to the office, Mr. Anton was the first one to lift Luke up and tell him that he was proud of him. At our school, family dynamics and interactions are a key insight into the support we want to see in the over-all development and education of our students. That love, support and family focus was very much witnessed my first meeting with the Anton family.

Since that time, Will Anton's enthusiasm and support of his family and our school has been channeled into volunteering for ongoing service projects to maintain and improve our school's facility; including Saturday work parties, donating and installing window shades for the Kindergarten classroom, and donating requested items from my Teacher's Wish List to supplement resources and supplies. As soon as I ask for something, Will Anton is the first person to respond to anything I might need. He has shown a compassionate, generous heart of service towards others. I have witnessed on multiple occasions his willingness to share his time, talent and hard work to help anyone in need. He seems to represent the mission of service that we are all called to by our faith in God, which is an important factor in our school community. He has also been involved in all school activities, events and fundraisers, again in support of his family and the school.

I have only known Will Anton and his family a short time, but in that time, he has shown commitment, generosity, compassion, love of family, faith in God and a strong willingness to serve others. He is someone that I can depend on in any situation, and I look forward to working with him, his family and specifically, his son, Luke, this coming school year.

I am and have been the Kindergarten teacher at Holy Trinity School in El Cajon California for the past 34 years. I am and have been the vice principal at the school for the past 15 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Ballard".

Carol Ballard
Kindergarten Teacher/Vice Principal
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Section B



