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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
10 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
11 EASTERN DIVISION

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
13 Plaintiff,  
14 v.  
15 FRANK DARRYL HOLDER,  
16 Defendant.

NO. ED CR 08-244-VAP

DEFENDANT'S LETTERS IN  
SUPPORT FOR SENTENCING

Date: 11/30/2009  
Time: 9:00 a.m.

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18 Defendant Frank Darryl Holder, through his attorney of record, Deputy  
19 Federal Public Defender Kay Otani, hereby presents letters in support for sentencing.  
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21 Respectfully submitted,

22 SEAN K. KENNEDY  
Federal Public Defender  
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24 DATED: November 13, 2009

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Deputy Federal Public Defender  
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October 15, 2009

Honorable Judge Virginia A. Phillips,

Where do I begin to tell you about the man I have been married to for 44 years? I walked into my history class in our senior year, (1965) looked at the boy sitting next to me and knew someday, he would be my husband. Two months later he asked me out and two dates later he asked me to be his wife.

We have always been best friends and have rarely been apart, except for the year he was in Vietnam (1966). He came home to a wife and our four month old son Phil. My family, Phil and I picked him up from the airport. We went home and got on with our life. He never spoke of the bad experiences in Vietnam or of his childhood, ever.

He was somewhat of a quiet man, but so loving, kind and loyal. Only once in our entire life together, did I see violence in him. The morning he came home from Vietnam I kissed him to wake him up and he greeted me with a little punch. I was not hurt, but realized you don't wake up a man whose just been taken out of the jungle, put on a plane and sent home, with a kiss. He was devastated and we never spoke of it again.

Darryl (which is the name his family called him), became a Police Officer and dearly loved his job. He had such high moral standards that he never let his desire for promotion change them. When he made sergeant, he was respected by many for his integrity.

We have two wonderful sons that followed in their fathers footsteps. Phil is a Lieutenant for Banning Police Department, and Scott is on the SWAT team for Long Beach Police Department. They grew up with a loving and supportive father, who coached their Little League games and very rarely missed a baseball or football game when they were in high school. Darryl's presence in their lives led to the successful men they are today.

My husband's only flaw all these years has been a financial one. He managed again and again overtime to run up credit card debt and would hide it from me. When I would find out, he would promise to change. Well I **now** know he is a sick man. The man that walked into a Bank is so far removed from the man I know and love, with my heart and soul. He had to have been so very desperate, he snapped. Darryl is filled with regret and shame. The saying, one must hit rock bottom before you can climb back up. This is what my husband is working so very hard to do. He has been actively seeing a psychologist twice a week for almost a year now, to find answers for why he did what he did. I have already witnessed a great change in his behavior.

Our Grandchildren D■■■■ age 8 and E■■■■ age 10, view their Grandpa as their hero. They know he has a sickness to heal from and love him dearly.

Darryl's family and fiends support is unending. Being surrounded by this will help him tremendously.

I pray and beg for the courts mercy to allow him to stay with his family so he can continue to receive the help he needs. This is an exceptional man in front of you who has so much to contribute. Please don't allow him to be thrown away.

Thank you in advance for all your time and consideration in helping my husband.



Terrlyn Holder

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], California [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Your Honorable Judge:

It is with a heavy heart and sadness that I write this letter for you. But, I feel it is important you understand what my father means to me and how he has influenced my life as a person and a police officer. At the conclusion of my letter, I hope you will have a better understanding of the man he is and how truly uncharacteristic his actions were.

Throughout my life my father has been very supportive in all my endeavors while never pressuring me to participate in or join activities that did not appeal to me. When I first started playing baseball at a young age he took his time to teach me the fundamentals of the game with a patience that made it easy to learn. When I made an error or struck out, I could always count on seeing his supportive face in the crowd and it somehow made everything seem better. As I grew older and my interests expanded, he emphasized the importance and value of being a good and responsible person both on and off the field of play. I believe it is these attributes, passed onto me by my father, that were recognized by my teammates who choose me as their captain on my high school baseball and football teams. Presently, I really understand the value of these early lessons as I am now raising two children of my own, aged 8 and 10, who are actively involved in different activities and sports. Often times I hear my father's words of encouragement and praise coming from my own mouth as I talk with my son and daughter.

As I explored my career options in high school, I never really considered becoming a police officer. I thought of being a fireman, architect, and dentist. While I respected my dad's profession I wasn't sure it was for me. Never did my father push me towards his line of work. Instead he encouraged me to find something I would enjoy doing. Upon graduation from high school, I was still undecided about a career choice and decided to attend community college while I figured things out. College just didn't seem to fit for me and after a few short months I decided to join the army. Before signing the final paperwork, I discussed my decision with my father. Although I could tell he was proud of my decision, he didn't just say "go for it." He asked me why I wanted to join Army and what I expected to get out of it. He explained that joining the Army was not a decision that should be made without thought and consideration. After our discussion, I felt more confident in my decision and my commitment to join the Army. My father was very instrumental in helping me break the news to my mother who initially was not excited about the idea. His support and love for the both of us made it an easier transition as I left home for the first time.

After three years in the Army, I returned home to pursue a career in law enforcement. Again I discussed this decision with my father, who at the time was a police sergeant with over 20 years of law enforcement experience. Again I could tell he was proud of my decision to become a police officer but he sat me down to discuss why. Similar to our discussion about the Army, he helped me to better understand my desire to become a police officer and that my commitment level for this line of work was where it needed to be. I began my career as a police officer working for the same department as my dad. On occasion my dad and I would work together on the same shift and I was able to see him in a different light than just being my dad.

I will never forget the evening we both responded to a major traffic collision. I had only been on the job a few months and was still learning what it meant to be a police officer. Upon my arrival, I saw him cradling a woman's head and holding her hand as she lay on the road next to the accident. The firefighters were in the process of extracting the woman's child from the backseat of her vehicle. She was extremely upset and crying uncontrollably. I watched as my father held onto the woman telling her in a calm voice that everything was going to be alright. At that moment, I realized that being a police officer was much more than being strong and confident in order to protect the public. It also involved having the compassion and understanding to give people hope and comfort in their time of need. This was just one of the many lessons I learned from my dad about what it meant to be a good and respected police officer.

Throughout my career I've had numerous opportunities to meet with and talk to police officers who have worked with or for my father. Each one of them has told me how much they enjoyed working with my dad and the positive influence he had on their careers. Often times I would hear other officers talking about different supervisors in the agency and one thing was clear; everyone respected my father as he had a reputation for supporting his officers so long as they did what they were supposed to do and didn't compromise their ethics to the law enforcement profession. As a testimony to my dad's good reputation, as a police officer and supervisor, on his last night on the job he was recognized by his agency with an escort from the police department to the city limits. The department's helicopter was flying above a caravan of police vehicles, with lights and sirens going, escorting my dad's car. As the caravan approached the city limits the police vehicles pulled away as my dad continued driving. At the city limits he drove past numerous police officers, standing on the side of the road at attention, saluting him as he drove out of the city.

As a family man, my dad was just as committed to my mom, brother and I as he was to his job. Some people associate police officers with broken homes or other issues that negatively affect their families. From my earliest memories I can remember always knowing that I had both my mom and dad to count on for support. Their relationship with one another has positively influenced my belief system in marriage and is one of the reasons I have been happily married for almost sixteen years now. My dad and mom also emphasized the importance of spending family time together and we would often go on vacations to the Sierra's to go camping, fishing, and hiking together. To this day, I still enjoy doing these types of activities and passing them onto my children in hopes that they will learn what my father taught me.

As a grandfather my dad has had a positive influence on my two children. They both love him very much and enjoy spending time at "Grandma and Grandpa's House." He gives each of them attention and love in different yet similar ways that complement their interests. He will let me daughter roll his hair into rollers while playing beauty parlor with her and a few hours later he's out playing catch with my son. Both my children love riding on his tractor with him and getting to steer it as he holds onto them. This past year he built a playhouse for them that they helped design and decorate.

While I could go on and on talking about my dad, I'm sure you've been able to see what my dad means to me and how he has positively influenced my life as a person and a police

officer. I've been married now for almost sixteen years, have two beautiful children, and am presently a police lieutenant coming up on my 21<sup>st</sup> year in law enforcement. I believe I can say with certainty these things would not have been possible in my life if not for the foundation my father helped set for me that made me the person I am today.


I realize my father's actions can result in very serious consequences for him. However, I would respectfully ask that as you make your decision on his sentence that you consider what has occurred over the last year. Since his arrest, family and friends have rallied around my dad to let him know how much he means to them and that they are there for him with both emotional and financial support. Although my dad has always been there to help others I don't think he truly realized how many people would be willing to stand by his side to help him.

My dad's physical presence has allowed our family to start the healing process over the last year. Our family has been grateful for this time but the healing continues on a daily level, which has been due in part to the immediate access friends and family have with him to discuss their emotions and provide their support. I know it is a lot to ask but providing a sentence that allows my family to maintain our access to him outside of an institutional setting would be most appreciated. It would allow for a continued a healing process that I believe would have positive results for my family and my father.

I believe, without a doubt, my father will never repeat his previous actions. He has witnessed, first hand, the hurt and anger his actions have caused to the people he loves and cares about the most. But he has also seen these same people still willing to stand by him with their love and support in his time of need.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Holder", written in a cursive style.

Phil Holder

November 4, 2009

Honorable Judge Virginia A. Phillips

There are many experiences that take place throughout one's lifetime. Some of these events can have devastating results, surpassing anyone's imagination. Such is the case that you have before you, regarding the man that you have standing in front of you.

I have been a Police Officer sixteen plus year for the City of Long Beach. I worked the streets for eleven of those years as well as SWAT for the past ten. I have seen my share of devastating events and what it does to the perpetrator, the victim(s), his family, friends and strangers. I have seen the pain for all involved and I have felt the frustration of dealing with people that mock the system and don't care about anything, including themselves.

I never thought in my wildest imagination that I would be one of those family members that would feel such pain I had been witness to for years. For my mother, my brother and I to go through what I had seen for years was the most heart wrenching time I will ever face. It would have been easy if my father were a lifelong thug criminal that I had no ties to. **BUT**, unfortunately this **IS NOT** the dilemma you have before you.

I remember from my early teen years my dad being there for me. When I would do foolish things he was there to correct me. When I would do good deeds he was there to praise me. He was one of those fathers that could make me feel his disappointment just by the way he looked at you. As I got older I started to realize what kind of man I have for a dad.

My freshman year in high school I joined the football team. I was small and not very good. After that year my dad sat me down and asked if I wanted to still play. When I said yes, he proceeded to do everything he could to make me the best. He turned the barn into a gym. He sought out professional weightlifting coaches and provided the best support a father could. When my senior year came I was the strongest player in the league and second strongest teenage power lifter in California. I was recognized for playing my positions; he helped me become the best. He followed through with this support for baseball as well. He never missed a game all through high school.

After high school he supported me in wanting to also become a Police Officer. I went through the San Bernardino County Sheriffs Reserve Academy. I was still too young to be a reserve so I followed in his footsteps and joined the United States Army. It was here that I found another great appreciation and respect for my dad.

I remember seeing the medals he received for his tours in Vietnam when I was growing up. He never talked about them although I would ask sometimes. He was a Pathfinder, which was one of the most courageous and brave jobs to have. Going in before anyone else and going behind enemy lines made him vulnerable to being part of things that one could only imagine and still fall short. When I joined the Army I was still in boot camp when the first Desert Storm started. I was an Infantry soldier. Right out of boot camp I found myself on a plane going to Saudi Arabia not knowing what was coming next.

I remember the phone call home before I got on this plane. My mom cried and my dad gave me some rules that worked for him. Follow your training, follow your orders, shoot straight, keep your head down and keep moving. I got shot at and I shot back during my nine months there. I can now say I only have a very slight glimpse into what he must have gone through; a lot of ugly images, sadness, pain, helplessness, anger and fear that will always be there. I hold great respect for my father serving his country.

The memories that I have of my father are filled with pride. When I was old enough to understand what he stood for as a Police Officer, I was proud. To see him in his uniform and to meet his coworkers when I was a teenager was inspiring, enough so that I again followed in his footsteps.

When I got out of the Army I became a Police Officer for the Long Beach Police Department. I also followed in my brother's shoes (also a Police Officer), who also admired what dad was and had done throughout his career. I respected the fact that he never pushed my brother or me toward law enforcement. But when we chose the same path he was there as always with his devoted support. The frustrations, emotions and ugliness that you see on the streets were always put into perspective for me by dad's support and years of wisdom.

I can't begin to try and explain why after 36 years of service as a Police Officer, several years of service to his country and a lifetime of service to his family that he came upon the decision to do what he did. I too had financial problems many years ago and it was the support of my dad and his suggestions with financial planners that helped me dig my way out. It really hurts me to imagine how trapped and alone he must have felt that he tried to solve the problem the way he did.

Your Honor, you have a tough job and I know a perplexing decision to make. The man that stands before you is not the same criminal that I run into on the streets on a daily basis. He has mental issues that need to be addressed that have festered over many years. He is and has always been a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend to many people throughout his personal and professional life.

I can only hope that the court sees a man standing there that is also in a great deal of pain. He knows what he has done to his family. He knows the dishonor he brought to the badge. The mending process has been ongoing and will continue for the rest of our lives. The family support will never waiver. It is now my time to support him for all the times he did me in my times of need....

I agree one hundred percent that he committed a serious crime, but there are underlying issues that make this a unique case. I feel that for the forty years of service he has done throughout his life he has proven his honor, commitment and loyalty to the United States, the citizens of Pomona, his family and friends. His brief lack of judgment, coupled with his mental concerns should not define his lifetime of service.

I know the court must show prudence with a decision. Any considerations for this man's forty years of service would be greatly appreciated and heartfelt. Please allow my father to continue with the professional help that he needs. If possible, this would involve the tremendous support group that surrounds him.

Your Honor! Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and the many others that were written by my family and my father's friends.

*W. Scott Holder*

W. Scott Holder

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], CA. [REDACTED]

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Allen: Attorney Kay Otani:

Regarding Frank Darryl Holder.

Darryl is my nephew. His mother is my sister.

He has always been a quiet boy and man. He was never in any trouble in school. We lived

close to the family in Georgia and in Calif.

When he graduated from school he went into service (army). After basic training he and his wife Jerry were married and soon after he was sent to Vietnam. Jerry was pregnant when he left for Vietnam and when he returned home he saw his

son Phil for the first time. After he was discharged from the service he got a job with the Pomona Police where he worked until he retired. (But back up he

and Jerry had baby Scott shortly after he returned home from Vietnam.) Darryl & Jerry raised 2 wonderful sons both policemen. Darryl is a good father, husband, son, friend and loved by all his family.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Hope we can help in some way by praying and holding good thoughts.

Darryl's Aunt

Betty G. Vinson

[REDACTED]  
Canton, Ga. 30115  
[REDACTED]



**HAYDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Ray Birch

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Re: Character Letter for Frank Holder

To whom it may concern;

I had the honor and privilege to serve with Frank Holder as a Peace Officer for the City of Pomona, California, and have known him for about thirty years. From the first moment I met Frank, I perceived him as a natural leader of police officers. His professional demeanor, selfless dedication to duty and esprit de corps was an example to all.

During this time we answered countless high priority calls together, I backed him and he backed me, both as fellow officers and while serving under his supervision as a Patrol Sergeant. Frank was without a doubt one of the finest Police supervisors I have ever known. I can truly say I have never seen him deviate from standard practice or violate any departmental policy or law. He was a true mentor both on and off duty.

It was my good fortune to know Frank professionally and socially. Frank was the ideal husband and father. He and his wife were active in community events. He unselfishly spent vast amounts of his personal time supporting local high school athletic events and raising two outstanding sons, both of whom became peace officers, following in Dad's footsteps.

Frank is a veteran. While he did not wear his experiences in Vietnam on his sleeve, once in a great while he would talk about his service to country. He did so with extreme pride and always accentuated the positive. I found that very exceptional when I considered the many shocking and horrifying incidents that occur in combat. None the less that was Frank, head up, positive and with a smile.

*"To Protect and Serve"*

I found out about his incident while I was deployed as a military reservist. I was on my second deployment (OIF), and one of my officers forwarded an e-mail with a link containing the newspaper article. Still and all, even while serving in a combat area, you could have knocked me over with a feather. As cops we always look for motives in just about any case we are assigned. I could find none; if there was a motive it was buried very deep, so deep no one would see it, perhaps not even Frank.

My intention is not to mitigate or make excuses for Frank Holder, he is a stand up guy, and I know that he will accept the consequences of his actions. This letter is written more to shed light on his many years of faithful, dedicated service and to aid in addressing the possible root cause of these serious charges.

Respectfully Submitted;

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Ray Birch  
Chief of Police  
Hayden Police Department  
Colorado

April 14, 2009

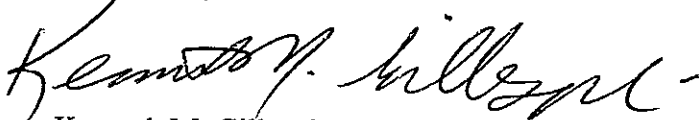
Kenneth M. Gillespie

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], CT [REDACTED]

Honorable Judge Virginia A. Phillips,

Please allow me to introduce myself and share my personal knowledge of Frank D. Holder. I have known Frank professionally and personally for over thirty years. I retired from the Pomona Police Department in 2008 as a Captain and now serve as Assistant Police Chief in New Haven, Connecticut. Frank and I served together on the Pomona Police Department from 1979 until Frank's retirement. We worked the streets together as police officers and Sergeants. Frank and I were promoted to Sergeant on the same day and worked the same shift for several years. Frank was an honest, trustworthy police officer. Frank had a sterling reputation on the Pomona PD and was admired and looked up to by many officers. My wife and I became good friends with Frank and his wife, Terri, and spent a great deal of time with them socially. During these thirty plus years I have known Frank as a professional police officer, a devoted father and husband, and a caring friend. The crimes that Frank is accused of are completely out of character with the man that I have known all of these years. Thank you for allowing me to share this with you.

Respectfully,



Kenneth M. Gillespie

February 28, 2009

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Frank Holder

This letter is to let you know the Frank Holder that I know.

I started with Pomona Police Department in April of 1971. My partner at the time was Richard Tefank, who had come from Montclair PD. He told me that a friend of his, Frank Holder, was leaving Montclair PD and starting with Pomona PD. Tefank said he was glad Holder was starting with Pomona because he is a good police officer, and a good person.

As time went on I found out that Frank Holder was one of a few police officers that I looked forward to working with and around. He was an officer that knew what to do in any situation without losing control of himself or the situation. He was a role model for both the older officers as well the younger ones.

Five years ago I moved into a new house a block and a half from where Frank and his wife live. They both are very giving people. They helped me get settled in, and Frank did some work on my property to help me out.

About three years ago one of my daughters passed away from diabetes. Frank was one of the people that made one of those difficult calls to offer condolences and any help.

Frank Holder is one of the people I have looked up to both as a public servant, a man, and a friend. I am 66 years old and I am a very selective so and so about who I consider a friend.

The Frank that got into trouble is not the person I know and worked with. There is something going on inside of him that caused him to do what he did. He was in combat in Vietnam, then spent 30 plus years in law enforcement in the very violent City of Pomona. I think Frank has stuffed more traumas than he even knows.

Frank Holder is not a hazard to society like some of the people both you and I have seen before.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Respectfully,



Marmont "Monty" Edson

[REDACTED], CA [REDACTED]

12/9/08

To: The Honorable Magistrate

From: James P. Newsom

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Ca. [REDACTED]

Subject: Mr. Frank Darryl Holder

Sir / Madam

I'm writing this letter in regards to Mr. Frank Darryl Holder, Frank has been a close friend and co-worker for the past 34 years. When I first met Frank he had just left the Montclair Police Department and joined the Pomona Police Department, where I had been working for a year. Frank and I had just left the military and the Viet Nam War behind us and were now moving forward with our lives. Frank and I became quick friends and worked on the streets of Pomona together. We also associated together on our off time and with our families. My wife and I became close friends with his wife, Terri, and their two sons Phil and Scott. Over the years we went to the movies, partied and attended get to gathers and dinners together. We had the opportunity to watch Frank and Terri's kids grow up over the years. In the mid 70's Frank and I became part-nears and worked together for the next 4 years together. We were involved in shootings, car chases, foot pursuits and a lot of fights together. I could not have asked for a better partner and a great man. Frank was the best of the best and a man that would not have ever risen above the law for any reason.

In November of 1980 I lateraled to the San Bernardino Sheriffs, where I worked for the next 13 years. While I was there I saw Frank approximately 3 to 4 times a year including the Los Angeles County Fair which we both worked at for many years. While I was a Detective with the Sheriffs Office I would go the Pomona Police Department many times because a number of the crooks moved between both counties when they conducted their criminal activities. We would always catch up on old times and what was happening with or wives and kids. Over the years I found out that both of Franks sons had entered into Law Enforcement, 1 joined the Long Beach Police Department and the other the Beaumont Police Department. Both young men have had great successes so far in their own departments and Frank is very proud of the two of them as is Terri.

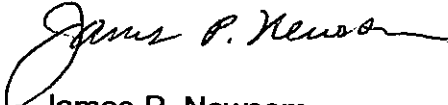
In the early 90's I was retired from the Sheriffs Office because of a back injury suffered during a robbery arrest and forced to have 3 back surgeries. I continued to see Frank ever year at the fair and we caught up on what was going on in each of our lives and our families. I would always ask Frank when he was going to pull the pin from law enforcement. In 2004 Frank did it and we lost touch for a year but met at the Fair and caught up again.

When I learned that Frank had been arrested for Bank Robbery I couldn't believe it, I was stunned. The Frank that I know is not that man. He has been the most honest man that I know. Something must have happened to him to cause this type of behavior that has made him cross the line. I believe that P.T.S.D. from the war days must have finally caused something in him to snap and changed him.

In my opinion Frank needs help, not prison to get him back into society where he can become the citizen he used to be not sitting around doing nothing. Believe me this is a hard thing for me to say about anyone who has committed a crime like this.

Please give him the break that he needs so his wife and son's along with all of his friends can get him back and get him the help that he needs.

Respectfully,



James P. Newsom

To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding Frank Darrel Holder,

We are writing this letter regarding the situation involving Frank Holder.

We have known Frank and his family since 1969 and have shared social events, family vacations, children's weddings and other events over these many years. We have known him to be a great husband, father, and devoted to helping others. As always, they are welcome in our home.

I was in the Police Academy and served in law enforcement with him. During this time he was thought of highly by his fellow officers and supervisors, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In addition he was also well respected by the citizens he served.

Frank honorably served his country in the military and his community in law enforcement.

We still have a difficult time trying to understand and realize what would drive this man to make such an error in judgement.

We are writing this letter in an attempt to make the court aware of the fine dedicated person Frank Darrel Holder is known to be.

Cordially,

*Richard Drake 11-10-08*

*Shirley Drake 11-10-08*

Richard and Shirley Drake

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██████████, Arizona ██████████

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# D.A.S. INVESTIGATIONS

David Sylling/investigator/owner  
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Hesperia, Ca. 92345  
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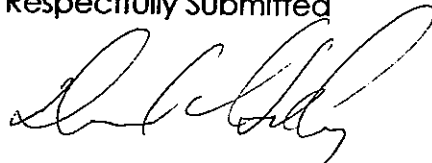
To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Frank Holder since 1978. He is a good husband, father and friend. He was a good police officer and I spent time with him both on and off duty. As a police officer I never saw him do anything dishonest or illegal. He has always been there to help others and I am proud to call him my friend.

Frank's mistake is totally out of character and I believe, with certainty, that it will never be repeated. I respectfully request that the Court consider Frank's service to the United States, the State of California, and to the citizens of Pomona.

When imposing sentence, I respectfully request the Court show compassion and mercy to this man, who has given so much of his life for others and allow him the opportunity to return to his true path. I want to assure the Court that Frank will not be a repeat offender.

Respectfully Submitted



David A. Sylling

**Frank Holder**

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██████████ Ca ██████████

To Whom It May concern

This is a letter on behalf of Frank Holder

The first meeting Frank I had was when he worked as a Montclair Police Officer. He was assigned to Traffic working radar on Mills Ave. At the time I was employed as a Police Officer with the City of Pomona and was rushing to Angel's Hardware on Mills north of Holt. My world turned red and a Montclair Officer approached my vehicle. The Officer explained in a very professional manner as to why he had stopped me. I told him where I worked and his attitude became more relaxed and he questioned me as to where I was going in such a hurry. I explained I was enroute to Angel's because I had a project I had to get material for before they closed. He told me I had a couple more hours before they closed and informed me to slow down. He was very professional, even before he found out where I worked.

That was the first encounter I had with Frank Holder and it was very professional.

I did not see Frank again until he came to work for Pomona Police Department and he came up to me and asked if I recognized him, and I did. We discussed the traffic stop and how times were changing.

Anytime I was at a call where Frank was, I always saw him display a very courteous, respectful attitude towards the people and the Officers he was with. Frank had a knack for getting the job done with professionalism, efficiency, tact, and diplomacy. I assisted and back on a lot of calls with Frank.

Frank tested and moved up the chain of command to Sergeant. During this time I worked for and with him. Sgt Holder was the On-Duty Supervisor when my wife called me and said she was having difficulty breathing. I contacted Dispatch and the sent units and Sgt Holder. Sgt Holder was the first to arrive and fortunately my wife had left the door unlocked and open. Sgt Holder comforted my wife and stayed with her until I arrived.

When I was shown a picture of the of a bank robber, I knew it looked like Frank, but couldn't believe it was him. The man I knew was not the type of person to do this. Even when I heard he was arrested, I was in shock. To this day I can not understand what would make a person of his character go to these extremes.

During the time I worked and talked with Frank, I saw no indications that this type of activity was about to occur. There was no indication that he was having any type of open problems and without having knowledge of his background, I would never have guessed this would happen.

Sgt Holder is an excellent person and I would testify to his character as I know it, and I would trust him as a partner again.

  
Walter J. Barkley

November 17, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

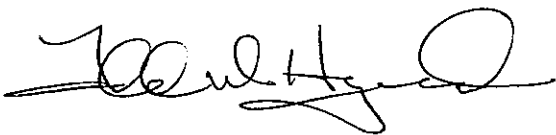
The purpose of this letter is to lend my support of Mr. Frank Holder.

I have known Mr. Holder both professionally and personally for approximately twelve years. As a fellow law enforcement professional, I thought of Frank as someone to emulate if a person truly wanted to be public servant. He seemed to truly care about the community which he served, and was proud of the impact he made on the community in his profession. The number of times Frank risked his own personally safety to protect members of the public are too numerous to count.

In our personal relationship I found Frank to be helpful, friendly, empathetic and caring. He is one of those people that people in a crowd will naturally gravitate to because he seems to genuinely promote a healthy and positive atmosphere. I have never heard Frank say a bad word toward another, nor have I seen him angry with anyone. He is by far one of the most composed individuals I have had the pleasure to meet.

I am honored and privileged to call Frank Holder my friend, and true friends are few and far between.

Sincerely,



Todd Heywood

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CA [REDACTED]  
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*Edwin G. Hanney*  
*Questioned Document Examiner*

May 21, 2009

TO: whom it may concern.

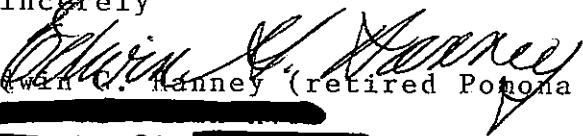
RE: Frank Holder

I was totally shocked when I heard Frank Holder was arrested for bank robbery. Day's later I still shake my head in disbelief at the thought. This is not the Frank Holder I knew when we worked at Pomona Police Dept. the same time.

Frank, as I remember him, was somewhat more reserve, easy going, pleasant to be around. Conscientious, well groomed, an all out company man, a dedicated cop.

No, Frank Holder is not a bank robber, no way!

Sincerely

  
Edwin G. Hanney (retired Pomona P. D. 1962 - 1993).

  
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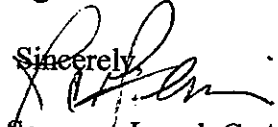

Honorable Judge,

I am a law enforcement officer of twenty six years. I have known Frank Holder for over ten years. In that time he has always displayed a calm and professional demeanor even in a competitive environment. I have never seen him show aggression towards others or even raise his voice in anger. He is a very selfless person. He is always willing to help others and is the epitome of the saying, "He would give you the shirt off his back." He is always friendly and is known in our social circle as the gentle giant. His recent behavior is totally out of character and I have to believe that only extreme circumstances led him down this path.

He served his country in war time and after surviving that experience he risked his life further by serving his community as a Peace Officer. I have always admired his family values and his dedication to his duties. He is a loyal husband of over 40 years, a dedicated father and a loving grandfather. His two sons have followed in his footsteps and have chosen careers in law enforcement, which speaks volumes about the close relationship he has with his family. I have never heard anyone speak negatively about him and he is well liked by hundreds of people. I truly believe he is remorseful for his actions and deeply understands the burden and negative impact he has caused his family and his community. From what I know of Frank he will accept responsibility for his actions as well as the punishment deemed just by Your Honor. I feel that after he has served his sentence that he will return to the person that he was before this unusual behavior occurred and once again be a model citizen. That is why I am still proud to call him my friend and I am more than willing to appear on his behalf.

Any consideration during his sentencing for his past service to his country and community and the support he provides for his family would be a positive step in helping Frank get his life back together.

Sincerely,

  
Sergeant Joseph C. Alesia  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.

December 2, 2008

To whom it may concern:

It has been my pleasure and honor to have known Frank Holder for nearly twenty years. I have spent time with his family, and have come to love him and his wife Terri dearly.

Over these years I have seen Frank behave in such a manner that can only be described as "one of the best". His willingness to help others, work towards making things better, and provide an honest love for his fellow man is unwavering.

Knowing Frank's time and record in the military during the Viet Nam conflict, and of his 30 years of superior service as a police officer, only cements my own support of this man.

With no hesitation, I ask that any and all consideration be given to Frank Holder. Few people have given to society what Frank has, and if ever someone deserved to get something back from that society, it is he.

Sincerely,

Scott McClure, Captain Pasadena Fire Department (Retired)

To Whom it May Concern

Nov. 17, 2008

I am a neighbor of Frank & Terri Holder and have been for 22 years. They have been wonderful neighbors, always helpful and caring.

Frank is a very kind and bighearted man. He has helped me many times and in many ways especially the last few years when my husband was very ill. He helped spread gravel on my very large driveway, he has taken my trash bags to the dump and has offered his help in any way that was needed.

He has watched over my property when I was gone.

He has been at his Father-in-law's side during good health and bad with watchful loving care.

Frank is a very good man. He is generous, gentle and compassionate.

Sincerely,

Mariane Ferguson

# ANTONIA BECK

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November 5, 2009

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RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA 92508  
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**THE HONORABLE VIRGINIA A PHILLIPS, JUDGE**  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT – RIVERSIDE  
3470 Twelfth Street  
Riverside, California 9601

*Re: Frank Darrell Holder*

Dear Judge Phillips:

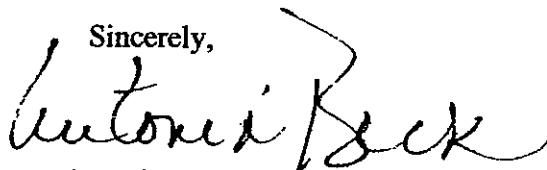
I have been a paralegal for over 20 years and worked as a secretary/assistant to attorneys for an additional 20 years. I have known Frank Holder for over 13 years.

I truly love Frank Holder. He was the best man at our wedding. He is great husband, a wonderful son-in-law and a loving and gentle grandfather. He is gentle man who is always willing to lend a hand when needed. He is caring and considerate and has a well developed sense of humor. He has spent his adult life serving the community and helping others. I consider myself to be extraordinarily fortunate to have Mr. Holder as my friend.

Mr. Holder's actions in stepping outside the law are extremely uncharacteristic of the man I know. When his (80+ year old, double leg amputee) father-in-law had surgery and could not wear his prosthetics for a time, Frank was the one who lifted his father-in-law in and out of the shower. When my husband had to re-plumb our well-to-the-house water connections, Frank was right there beside him in 100 degree weather, digging the trench for the pipe. There are many incidents where Frank quietly and firmly helped keep the peace between out of control friends. After several years of marriage, in the presence of many of our friends, he surprised his wife, Terri, with a ring and asked that she continue to be his best friend and wife for the next several years.

No matter the outcome, I will stand by Frank Holder. God willing, Frank Holder will always be my friend.

Sincerely,



Antonia Beck

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John E. Beck

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Riverside, CA. 92508  
[REDACTED]  
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Your Honor;

I have been a General Manager/COO for private country clubs for 30 years and have made many acquaintances.

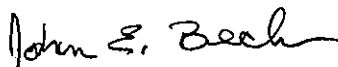
I am proud to call Mr. Frank Holder my friend. He is a good husband, father and grandfather. He is considerate, well-meaning, good-natured, thoughtful, always willing to lend a hand and has a well developed sense of humor.

My wife and I share a common interest in a sporting activity with Frank and his wife Terry. Others who we come in contact with, during this activity, similarly hold Frank in high regard.

What Mr. Holder has done is extremely out of character for a man who has spent most of his life helping others and serving the community. I am aware that Mr. Holder has been going to counseling and I feel he has gained a lot of insight into the "why" he chose not to observe the law.

I will continue to stand by Mr. Holder's side, and will always be proud to call him my friend.

Respectfully,

  
John E. Beck

February 18, 2008

The Honorable Virginia A. Phillips,

I am a very proud man much like the one here before you being judged. This very desperate person is not the man I know. The person I know spent his youth jumping out of cargo planes high above the jungles of Viet Nam, with a prayer, an M-16 and his brothers in arms for his country. He served there with distinction while leaving his family and friends to do his duty as he saw it to be. For this his generation was scorned and there was not a ticker tape parade for sure. Just a discharge and perhaps a hug from some of the other survivors he served with.

Then he became a police officer and served his community and country for thirty years with a very good record any other officer would applaud openly. I am sure you have heard from many of them as well. Raised two fine sons who have also become credits to their law enforcement agencies where they serve their community just as their father did for so many years.

I have found few people in my lifetime more worthy of my love and trust. And they become fewer as the years go by Judge. And no man whose love and trust I value more Sir!

The man charged with robberies is not the man I know at all. This thought would have never occurred to my friend in his right mind. And the man I know would be the first to condemn such action. I fear he needs help. I have said many times that the most dangerous man alive is one who feels he has nothing to lose. And but by the grace of God Almighty there go I.

I have never known such a man as Frank Holder. Being around him you even are more careful not to act up or do anything that might lower you in his sight. His presence seems to demand your respect and attention. Truly a man worth saving, Your Honor. And I beg you for mercy on his behalf. So many of us look to you for our friends' life back. We all owe and love him very much.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Thornton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ken Thornton

[REDACTED]  
Pomona, CA 91767  
November 7, 2008

Re: Frank Darryl Holder

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known Frank "Darryl" Holder for over 30 years. He was a Police Officer in the City of Pomona. I have been a resident of Pomona since 1962 and always called Darryl my "favorite Pomona Police Officer".

His professional conduct was always exemplary, and he was even called to my home once when my 18-year old son was having a party while I was out of town, and my son told me later that Officer Holder was a very nice man.

In addition to knowing Darryl and his wife for this length of time, I being a tax preparer (Enrolled Agent) have done their income tax for several years.

I have always known Darryl to be very honest, dependable, likeable, friendly and a true friend. He had a good sense of humor and just came across as a very strong individual and good family man.

Sincerely,



Priscilla Lerma

PL/I

14 November 2008

  
Huntington Beach, CA  
92647

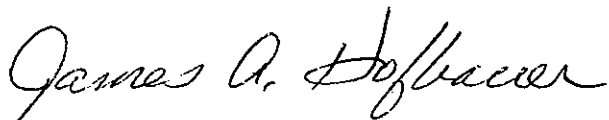
To Whom it May Concern,

I have known Frank Holder for 20 years and his character has been outstanding and exemplary.

To hear of his arrest for bank robbery is completely out of character and I find it unbelievable.

Frank has been a most loyal and dependable friend, one could not wish for one better.

Sincerely,



James A. Hofbauer



**CBC PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY INC.**

Upland, CA 91786

Telephone

December 11, 2008

To Whom it May Concern:

I have known Frank Holder for fifteen plus years and I make this statement based on my personal knowledge.

1. I am a Shareholder of CBC Professional Pharmacy, Inc., (CBC) and our corporate office is located at [REDACTED] Upland, California.
2. I was aware that Frank Holder was associated with the Pomona Police Department.
3. Frank Holder has been a friend and customer of CBC for many years, as has many of his peers.
4. Frank Holder assisted CBC in exposing and catching an embezzler of CBC approximately six years ago.
5. Frank Holder has been a very valuable contact at the Pomona Police Department with issues that I and/or CBC might have or need.
6. Frank Holder has been a guest at my ranch in Wyoming twice and during the time we spent hunting and fishing, we formed a very friendly relationship.
7. During my acquaintance with Frank Holder, I have never known him to display any criminal propensities. My acquaintance with Frank Holder has been both social and professional.
8. I was asked by Frank to prepare this statement based on my past knowledge of him and I do so voluntarily and truthfully.

If I can answer any other questions or be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at the above number.

12/11/08  
Date

  
Bill Chung

# Cajon Cowboys

Phelan CA 92329-3948 -  
Web: - Email:



02/26/2009

To Whomever It May Concern:

Frank Holder is an active member in the Cajon Cowboys Club, I have known him personally for over 15 years, at all times he has been a real gentleman and is well liked and gets along well with anyone. He has many friends. He has always been known for his kindness and gentleness. In my opinion he would be the first to give you the shirt off his back if you needed one.

His character and conduct on and off the range has been above reproach. I have never heard of him being involved in any sort of an incident with other folks or exhibiting any sort of erratic behavior. He was a highly respected Law Enforcement Officer.

In my judgment, any crime he is accused of is completely out of character for this man and I am still struggling to come up with a reason why he may have done what he is accused of. This certainly doesn't fit for the Frank Holder I have come to know and respect. I'm proud to call him my friend.

In the event you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at .

Very truly yours,

James R. Hartman  
President, Cajon Cowboys, Inc.



*Bojack  
President*



*Luke Warmwater  
Vice President*



*Pasture Patti  
Secretary/Treasurer*



*Asphalt Cowboy  
Territorial Governor*

Feb. 16, 2009

I have known Frank/Darryl Holder since the early 1990's. I met he and his wife Terrlyn through the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting. Back then I shot with them 2-3 times a month, and knew them as "Bull" and "Prairie Fire". I've been welcomed to their home and their campsite. Bull was always a joy to shoot with, and would help me out any time I had questions or problems. Also, over the years, I was responsible for building sets/props for the various scenarios that were used in one of the main shooting matches. I could always count on Bull and PF to help me with the construction of these sets, usually without even having to ask them. Working with Bull made the work fast and fun.

In addition to his generous help to me on the range, he and Terri were always ready to help out new shooters, literally across the country. My partner and I traveled to out of state shooting matches where we stayed in the same campgrounds/motels with the Holders, and it was not unusual to see Bull assisting other shooters with safety, procedures and making them feel welcome to the sport. This behavior was recognized by the parent organization of our sport (Single Action Shooting Society) by giving Frank and Terri the Spirit Award one year at the annual World Championship match. That award was given to the person deemed to be the best example of camaraderie, helpfulness and what we expect of shooters in our sport. They were chosen from over 50,000 shooters across the country.

In the last few years I have gotten away from going to the shooting matches and one of the things I miss most is seeing Frank and Terri. I could always count on a hug from Frank and catching up on any news I'd missed. It is difficult for me to believe that Frank is the person that is accused of the bank robberies, in fact, when I first heard of this news, I refused to believe it, it was mistaken identity. I don't know what led him to this behavior, but this is NOT the person I knew a few years ago. I don't believe that he is a criminal; he must have had some kind of a breakdown. I only know him as a good man who was always helpful, caring, and someone that I still consider a friend.



Lynda Paul

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Long Beach, CA

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Feb 17, 2009

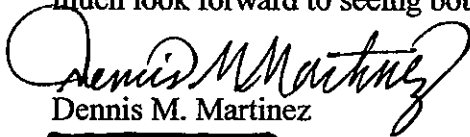
I met Darryl Holder and his wife Terrlyn sometime in the early '90's while an active participant in cowboy action shooting. Called Bull by his friends, which I'm proud to be numbered among, Darryl was many things to many people. As one of many people tasked with helping put on the World Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting in those days I could always count on Bull and Terri to help in whatever task needed attention. No matter what the task, no matter how important or menial Bull was there as an almost inexhaustible resource. The week before the World Championships is hectic with prop building, range maintenance and an endless list of other duties needed to put on an event of that magnitude and Bull and Terri were always there hosting breakfast and lunch for the workers and making sure everything got done and nobody got stuck working alone.

Bull was not only an inexhaustible helper but also a mentor to many new shooters. To say he was loved by all who knew him would not be an exaggeration. He and Terri both were always ready to help new people to the sport with whatever it took to ease their transition, they both always seemed to have time for others while expecting nothing in return.

My partner and I have also known Bull outside of shooting. On several occasions we would travel out of state for a shooting match and then join them after for some trout fishing and site seeing before the trek home. We have been guests in their home for social gatherings and I can say with all candor that the Holders were the most gracious of hosts.

I don't have a clue what caused Darryl to take the path he did. I would have bet everything that it was mistaken identity when I first heard. I simply knew in my heart that this was not Bull, Bull was a retired policeman, Bull was an honest and upstanding person, for 30 yrs he was a guardian of society, no, this was a mistake. I don't know what went wrong, what pushed him over the edge, but whatever it was Frank Darryl Holder the bank robber needs help to get back to being the Darryl "Bull" Holder so many know and love and I don't believe that a long prison sentence will serve anyone anything positive.

Darryl and Terri Holder are my friends, nothing has occurred to change that and I very much look forward to seeing both again.....and I truly hope it is in the near future.



Dennis M. Martinez


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Long Beach, CA 90808-1133

February 23, 2009

Your Honor:

I have difficulty putting into words what I feel about Frank Darrell Holder. I have known him since I started shooting in the "Single Action Shooting Society" in the early 1990's. Of course I did not know him as Frank or Darrell, but as his alias "Bull". And he was a Bull to me. As a tall, large man he has a presence that made you like him and respect him at the same time. He always was soft spoken but quick to laugh. When we were on the same posse, I always noted that he was looking out for everyone's safety. Since we shoot live rounds at metal targets, there is an always-present danger we have to look for. Bull was one to take charge, work or help those who needed it. He is just one of the good guys.

I had the pleasure of sharing a campsite with Bull, Prairie Fire (his wife, also known as Terri Holder) and my husband, Lobo Blanco (also known as Ron Crowder) at the "Shootout at the Jersey Lily" in Norco, California the last weekend of October 2008. After six days of sharing a good time, we said goodbye and they headed north and we headed east to Arizona. Needless to say, I was in complete shock and denial when a mutual friend called to tell me Bull had been arrested. It took me three weeks to let myself believe the news was true. He was the last person I would ever believe would rob a bank. He must have felt very desperate. When talking to Denise Darr and learned that he did rob a bank and found out he never used a gun, I thought: Isn't that typical of Bull because he would not want anyone to get hurt.



Karen Crowder  
Aka "Pure Lilly"

February 23, 2009

Your Honor:

I have known Frank Holder ("Bull" to me) and his wife Terri since the early 1990's when my family joined the Single Action Shooting Society. Frank and Terri were one of our first mentors, teaching us about the safety and fun of the sport.

Over the years this friendship has grown to place Bull and Terri among the group of special people we know in this sport. Frank has always shown to be a concerned and giving person to all people involved in these activities.

Bull, as I know him, is a loving and caring husband to Terri, a proud father and grandfather to his sons, daughter-in-law and his grandchildren.

In October 2008 we (my wife and I) spent a week with Bull and Terri camping and enjoying the sport of shooting in Norco, California. Again, we made plans to share the national competition held at Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix, Arizona in February 2009 as we have for the last 10 years. This includes shooting, camping and socializing together.

When I was informed of his arrest two days after we left them in October of 2008, I could not believe it. Knowing the type of person he has always been, it was a complete shock to me.

Our prayers go out to him and his family. I will always consider him a warm and caring friend.

  
Ron Crowder

February 24, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

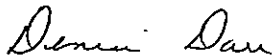
My association with Frank Holder has spanned nearly twenty years. We have spent many hours swapping stories, sharing opinions, and discussing the day's events. During that time I have seen him as a man who embodies a strong, forthright character, someone who has your back.

His career in law enforcement has positively impacted his life. He seems readily able able to take others feelings into account before acting on his own. He is always there for his family and friends whenever needed. His love and devotion for his wife, Teri is obvious to everyone. He is exceedingly proud of his sons Scott and Phil. And, like all grandfathers, he doesn't stand a chance around his grandchildren. Their family seems to spend a lot of time together and often come to support and visit him during competitions.


I've always thought of Frank as a gentleman with a sparkle in his eye, a smile on his face, and a zest for life. At our camp outs, he is always more than willing to help anyone with a problem. He supports his friends as much as he does his family. His stability, honesty, and willingness has made him a great asset to many organizations. Frank has been recognized more than once for his contributions.

Unfortunately, you cannot know the man as I do. His recent actions are so foreign to me that I still can't believe it. I feel very fortunate to call him friend. Therefore, I hope this letter will add to a truer picture of someone who served the public, his family, and his friends for the better part of his life.

Thank you for your consideration.



Denise Darr

  
Prescott, AZ 86305

February 25, 2009

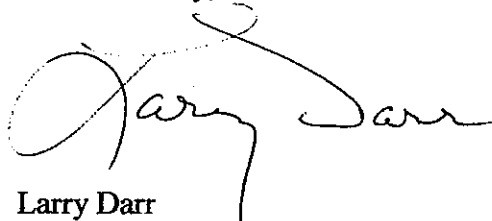
To Whom It May Concern:

I've known Frank Holder close to twenty years and have never heard a negative word about him. We've shared campsites at hundreds of competitions over the years. He is always available and willing to lend a hand.

Frank is a loving husband and father. His family is close-knit. He has served his community as a police officer, his clubs with his hard work, and his friends by being there in whatever capacity is needed. I have always found him to be honest, strong, and forthright.

It has been a pleasure to have him as a friend. I'm still reeling from this recent event because it is so unlike the man I've known these past twenty years. I hope this will give you a clearer picture of Frank Holder.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Darr". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Larry Darr

  
Prescott, AZ 86305

Your Honor -

In support of Frank Boldu, he is a man of great honor. No one that knows Frank could not believe what we heard about him on the news. When I first heard about what happen, I was wanting for the punch line. Because I couldn't believe what I just had heard, and I still can't, we're all dumbfounded. I've known Frank for at least 10 or 12 years. When I was around him, he would talk about how proud he was of his sons and grand kids. And I know he loves his wife, because they always together and I never heard him say anything bad about her, not even in a joking manner. To me, he's a straight arrow.

His time with the Pomona P.D., I believe its something like 30 yrs., that long is not by accident. So he must have been a very good officer. And that should count for something. He's always been a good friend to me and the people around us. I can't remember anyone ever getting mad at him for any reason. We shoot together in the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting. He's always taking in new shooters on his posse and helping them get started in our sport. Some stay and some move on to other posse's.

At some point in our life, we all need a second chance and Frank is at that point in his life. I just don't think he would disagree. If you might have any questions, please call me.

Lyman J. Leister

LYMAN J. LEISTER

[REDACTED]  
Diamond Bar, CA. 91765

[REDACTED]  
My Cowboy a.k.a. is Coop.

To: The Honorable Judge  
Reg: Frank Holder

My name is Julianne Pearson. I have known Frank for almost two years. I have had to take a step back to actually think that Frank could even possibly have done what he is allegedly accused of.

I would like to say that Frank has always shown nothing but the deepest respect for the law and has been a police officer for 30 years, with the grade of Sergeant. He also showed great admiration for our country by serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.

Frank is a father of two sons who are also members of the police force. That alone shows the integrity this family has as caring, concerned and dedicated members of our society.

If these allegations are true, which I find hard to accept, I know there must have been extremely extraordinary circumstances to have led him to this point in his life.

Frank has always been a good friend and has never asked of others, only done for others. Please take his life-long service to our country and for his service as a police officer into consideration when he presents to your court.

I would like to add that Frank is one of the most honest and forthright men I have known. His actions speak of nothing but confusion and an apparent loss of reality while in this state. Frank is a good man.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julianne Pearson". The signature is written in black ink and has a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Julianne Pearson

To: The Honorable Judge  
Reg: Frank Holder

I have known Frank Holder for several years. I have spent considerable time camping, vacationing and competing with him in a highly competitive shooting sport.

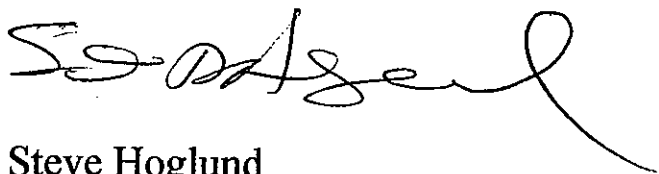
My name is Steve Hoglund and I have been a Licensed Real Estate Broker for more than 30 years. I consider myself a close personal friend. Frank has always been there for his friends and always does more than he is asked to do. He has always been a pleasure to work with and compete with. Frank has been an intermediary in our sport, and has shown great logic, common sense and caring, and has always been concerned about others welfare.

I am writing this letter because the alleged charges against him are totally out of character, and I still find it hard to believe. If these allegations are true, there must have been extraordinary circumstances to lead him to do what he allegedly did.

Frank has served his Country his whole life, first protecting our Country in the U.S. Marine Corp., and then 30 years protecting our city as a Police Sergeant.

In addition, I would like to add that Frank has always shown exemplary conduct in any situation and has always, and will always, have my respect and be my friend.

Thank you,

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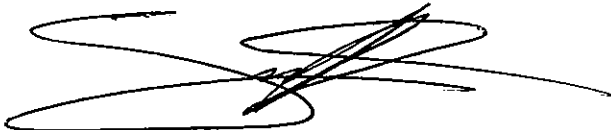
Steve Hoglund  
Licensed Real Estate Broker

Dear Honorable Judge,

I write this letter to you regarding Frank Holder. I am a World Champion in a sport that Frank competed in, and I have interacted with him in this capacity as both a competitor and a friend. I have known Frank for 10 years, and I have always admired him for his service to our country as a Marine and his service to our community as a Law Enforcement Officer. I have also always admired Frank's willingness to help others. I remember one competition where many of the participants needed to attend a funeral during the match. To help accommodate this, Frank volunteered his time and efforts, free of charge, on a hot August weekend and worked hard for the match. He did this out of the goodness of his own heart for the man who passed away and the individuals desiring to attend the funeral. This is only one example of countless such stories.

I can only imagine what drove Frank to these alleged actions, and I can only picture the most extreme, severe and troubling circumstances. I am still struggling with the shock of the news weeks after I heard it, as this behavior is so out of character for Frank. Never in a million years would I have expected to hear the news of what happened. This man is a great family man with a very supporting and loving family. I am sure they have always looked to him for strength, and losing Frank in this manner is going to be very hard.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Spencer Hoglund', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Spencer Hoglund

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

To whom it may concern:

Frank Holder has been my friend since 1989. Sharing a mutual interest in a sports activity, I have been with both he and his wife at many events all over the country.

Frank has shown friendship, camaraderie, and a true love for his fellow man by the way in which he has always behaved. His constant attitude of kindness, his willingness to lend a hand, and unwavering actions of fairness are his hallmark.

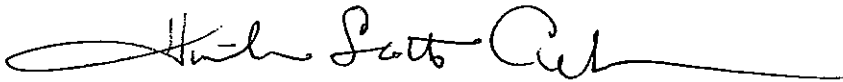
Knowing of Frank's service record in both the military and as a police officer, it is my belief that he has lived every aspect of his life with goodness and love toward all he has known.

I am acquainted with his two sons, both of which have found honorable careers within the law enforcement community. Both of these men reflect the same great qualities of their father in many ways.

I am also friends with Frank's wife Terri, and would express in the strongest of terms her own goodness and loving actions toward all she has known.

I cannot express my hope enough that the court will see the good in Frank Holder, and that he be given the consideration of all this good he has given to others during his life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hunter Scott Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Hunter Scott Anderson  
City of Burbank Building Inspector (retired)

MICHAEL AND JUDY GENSHOCK

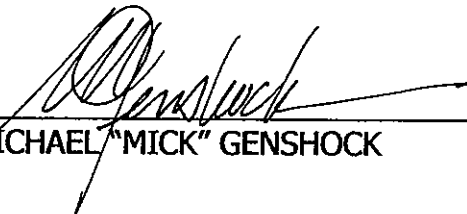
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February 28, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

We have had a friendship with Frank Holder (affectionately known as "Bull" to his friends) and his wife, Teri, for nearly ten years. We have spent long weekends with them in recreational settings, as well as visited their home as they have ours.

In the years that we have known Frank, we have never seen a change in his demeanor. He is always friendly and outgoing, is always one of the first to offer his hand or the shirt off his back, and appears happy-go-lucky. He has a kind-hearted nature and never would he intentionally hurt (emotionally or otherwise) another person.

  
MICHAEL "MICK" GENSHOCK

  
JUDY GENSHOCK

Honorable Judge

My name is Margie Stephens, and I am a friend of Frank Holder

I have known Frank for approximately 10 +years, and have always known him to be a respectful person, helpful and compassionate.

I met Frank at our Cowboy circle of friends, and always admired his willingness to help and teach others the proper way to handle firearms.

Our Cowboy circle of friends and me are very concerned why he was drawn to this conduct, as this is so out of character for him.

I hope he is shown mercy, he has always shown to be a good husband, father, grandfather and friend.

  
Margie Stephens

  
Orange Ca. 92869  


1 PROOF OF SERVICE

2 I, the undersigned, declare that I am a resident or employed in Riverside  
3 County, California; that my business address is the Federal Public Defender's Office,  
4 3801 University Avenue, Suite 150; Riverside, California 92501; that I am over the  
5 age of eighteen years; that I am not a party to the above-entitled action; that I am  
6 employed by the Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California, and  
7 am a member of the Bar of the United States District Court for the Central District of  
8 California. I served the DEFENDANT'S LETTERS IN SUPPORT FOR  
9 SENTENCING.

10 On November 13, 2009, following ordinary business practice, service was:

11  Placed in a closed  
12 envelope, for collection and  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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18 This proof of service is executed at Riverside, California, on November 13,  
19 2009.

20 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the  
21 best of my knowledge.

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24 Kay Otani