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Honorable Judge Arthur Bennett Division 7 Criminal Court 201 Poplar Avenue Memphis, TN 38103

RE: CHARACTER OF MR. VERN GLOVER BRASWELL

Your Honor,

I would like to take a few moments to describe one of my best lifelong friends Vern G. Braswell. Mr. Braswell and I attended Craigmont High School together in the mid to late eighties. Unfortunately I was expelled, while Vern went on to college. Over the years I went to the U.S. Navy and Job Corps. Throughout those years one thing remained constant, and that was Vern's influence upon me to go to college as well as his insistence that it be done. Because of his influence, I'd like to announce that I am now married with a family and in December of 2004 I walked across the stage and received my Bachelors Degree in Political Science from the University of Memphis. He also convinced me not to stop there, so consequently, I am now enrolled in graduate school at the University of Memphis. Vern has continued to be a great friend, inspiration and an excellent lodge brother. It s an honor and a privilege to attest to the fact that Vern G. Braswell is a man of impeccable character and I know that he'll show up for every court date.

Thank you,

Brain K. James