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

Dear Judge Bennett:

I grew up next door to Mr. Braswell and he's been like a little brother to me. I have since begun to coach little league football which has become my passion, pride, and joy. In the fall of 2003 I was truly touched and honored to have Vern drive miles and miles past "established" and "privileged" programs to be a part of our football program. He and his wife served as the Team Mama & Team Daddy, which included things such as assisting with transportation, buying snacks, and washing uniforms, but NEVER did I hear Vern complain unless he felt that the children were not getting a fair shake. The next year, understandably because of the distance he was forced to place his children in a program closer to his home but guess what "HE WAS STILL THERE" for anything that I would have asked him concerning our children and football program. He had to move his kids but he NEVER moved his heart away from us. I know Vern will show up at EVERY COURT DATE if he is given a reasonable bond.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Thomas", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Benjamin Thomas

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