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Phone Number: (352) 275-6598 (home) / (352) 359-0165 (cell)

## Gainesville Direct Primary Care Physicians



06/24/2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Joel Searby. As his physician and his family's physician of three years, and with his family's support, I urge the court to allow Mr. Searby to post ball so that he can receive the mental health services that he urgently needs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Jelle Hymn

Sincerely,

Althea Tyndall-Smith, MD

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24 June, 2024

Dear Judge

I have known Joel Searby for more than twelve years. His children and my grandchildren have been schoolmates and friends since their pre-school days. I have observed him as a father, son, husband, local businessman, devout Christian, and community organizer. He has always acted with the utmost integrity and fairness in all our dealings and in every situation.

I have especially been impressed with his tireless dedication to building a sense of community pride by his efforts to revitalize downtown Newberry. He started a successful family business there, organized and ran a farmers' market, and even organized and ran a semiannual vintage market on his own front lawn, complete with many vendors, food trucks, and live musicians on the front porch. Joel's efforts were highly appreciated, as many hundreds of happy citizens can attest.

He has been a driving force in the resurgence of the Newberry sense of community and I attest that he is a man of high character.

Very truly yours,

Rogers Bartley, MD, Ret.

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June 22, 2024

To Whom It May Concern Regarding Joel Bruce Searby:

We have known Joel all his life; literally from the day he was born. We have personally witnessed him engaged as a compassionate, protective husband, father, son and friend. He has passionately and tirelessly advocated for a better education system in his community, promoted a more reasonable political system, and defended the cause of Christ. Joel has demonstrated a dedication to living out his values and consistently strives for excellence in his endeavors.

We watched Joel grow up in a loving, nurturing and servant minded home. Our friendship with his parents spans nearly 47 years. Drs. Mark and Linda Searby are the finest people we know. They are truly the real deal, genuine wherever the Lord calls them to engage; they are no different behind closed doors.

We beseech the court to offer mercy, without disregard for appropriate and lawful consequences as the court sees fit.

Respectfully

Alan & Pam Cosart

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To: Whom it may concern

From: Howard L. Rogers, MD, MPH Toward of Figure , MD, MPH

Date: June 21, 2024

Re: Character reference for Joel Searby

With respect to the Court, I submit the following character reference on behalf of Joel Searby. I have personally known Joel for over 10 years. He is well known in my personal faith community as a dedicated family man and community servant. There has never been a time where I have questioned his personal integrity. I have known him to be present and active with his family as an outstanding husband and father. I have watched him have a personal passion for the welfare of our country and question our political direction. I have known him to help individuals who needed financial assistance and practical assistance such as air conditioning. Joel has also done mission and support work for Haiti with other personal friends/contacts.

While the current allegations are extremely serious, I know Joel as a trustworthy man. He is fully capable of abiding by any restrictions that the court would place on him, and I'm confident he will fully comply with the orders of the court. Also, he has exceptional family support that would allow him to reside while complying with any court ordered restrictions on movement.

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To: The Honorable Judge.'
From: Mark and Linda Searby

**RE: Joel Bruce Searby** 

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As parents, we could never have anticipated writing a letter to the court in an appeal for our son. We are not parents stepping in to make any excuses for our son's behavior. He made a very bad decision that will affect his life and the life of his family long term. However, there are some things we want to bring to your attention as you contemplate your bond decision.

- Joel has never been in legal trouble. He has been an outstanding citizen of Alachua County for 19 years and is well thought of by all who know him. In every endeavor Joel is involved in, he emerges as the leader because of his giftedness in speaking, writing, strategic planning mind, and relationship-building strengths.
- Joel is compassionate and always helps the marginalized. As an example, he befriended an ex-con, a black man in Archer, who needed employment. Joel hired him to do odd jobs, drove him to appointments, advocated for him to his probation officer, got him an air conditioner for his mobile home, and visited him in jail when he committed another crime. As another example, Joel and Jen took in an abandoned traumatized child brought here illegally from Honduras who had been in foster care for 4 years. Their home was approved for foster care, and they became foster parents to him, with the intention of adopting him.
   now 10 years old, has been with them for two years, and had come so far in his healing and trust. He called them mom and dad, and he loved his big brother and sister. Sadly, DFS mandatorily had to remove him to another foster home last Friday because of Joel's charge. Joel sobbed uncontrollably when he was told. This is punishment for his action in itself.
- Joel is self-employed with his own consulting business, and because of this recent charge, his current two contracts have terminated their work with him. It is doubtful that he will ever be able to work in his chosen profession again. He has to close his second business, as well (which his wife runs). So, this leaves his family without a source of income. So, he is reaping immediate consequences of his action, punishment in itself.
- The information that was part of the evidence for his charge included acknowledgement of sexual exploitation he experienced in high school. This came as a complete shock to us, and deeply disturbed us that we did not know or suspect this. If we had known, we would have intervened and sought help for him. We wonder how much repressed guilt he has had for 30 years over that which has led to bouts of depression.



- We do know that he has had very severe episodes of depression in the past, and has
  engaged in counseling. His wife said he had gone into the depths again this past
  month, and she convinced him to go to his counselor again. He is not on
  medication. We implore you to allow him to leave jail so that we may get him the
  psychological help he needs. We can house him to provide close supervision on his
  mental health. We do not feel he would be a threat to the community.
- We are convinced that the incident which led to his charges is an isolated incident, and totally out of character for Joel. Even if he has had ideations of this nature, he has never acted upon them, to our knowledge. We have learned that he only opened that account on SnapChat last week. Others who know him well and have worked closely with him around youth also trust his integrity and honorable behavior. Many will willingly testify to that fact.

We are not sure you would have access to these facts before the hearing, so we wanted to convey them to you. We ask that you take these things into consideration as you make your decisions.