

Joel Reynolds

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Dear John Kelly,

My name is Joel Reynolds, and I have known Michael Kesselring for the better part of a decade. I first met Michael while playing co-ed recreational sports shortly after he left Bible college and was working as a waiter at Sonny's. Over the next several years, I had the opportunity to mentor Michael in general life skills as he was eager to learn and improve himself. Watching his willingness to grow and seek guidance has always left a strong impression on me.

During this time, Michael became a trusted friend. He has been a welcomed guest in my home on numerous occasions, including holidays with my family. Around both adults and children, he has always conducted himself with respect and consideration. I have known him to be kind, thoughtful, and level-headed—someone who approaches situations with logic and sincerity rather than impulsiveness.

For these reasons, the allegations he currently faces do not align with the character I have observed over the years. I firmly believe that Michael poses no risk to others and that these charges do not reflect the man I have come to know.

Equally important, Michael is the sole employee of the company he owns. Being held in custody prevents him from working to support himself and, most critically, from earning the income necessary to pay for his legal defense. Denying him the ability to work leaves him in a position where he cannot properly defend himself against allegations that already run counter to the character and conduct I have personally witnessed for nearly a decade.

Therefore, I respectfully ask that you consider releasing Michael on bail. Allowing him the opportunity to continue working would ensure he can maintain his livelihood while also preparing to defend himself against these charges.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joel Reynolds

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