



July 18, 2009

Honorable Timothy Fall
California Superior Court Yolo County
725 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695

RE: Ajay Dev

Dear Judge Fall:

Through the prism of countless tears, I am writing on behalf of Ajay Dev. I am Ajay's sister-in-law and was a witness for the Defense in the criminal trial you recently presided over. I am an accountant in the service of a local engineering firm and have known Ajay and his family for 16 years. I have two sons, both of whom respect and love Ajay deeply. Ajay was a role model for both of my sons through their formative years and continues to be. I have one son in [REDACTED]'s age group and another younger son.

Ajay has always been a responsible, respectful, kind and caring uncle to my children. Of all of their uncles, Ajay is their favorite. Ajay took a personal interest in their well-being and never hesitated to teach them valuable lessons in life and helped them academically. He always included them, made them feel loved, and always made them laugh. When Ajay was around, there was much laughter and happiness. They felt safe.

My eldest son, [REDACTED] is close to [REDACTED]'s age. Although [REDACTED] is very personable, he never felt comfortable around [REDACTED]—even upon her arrival. Almost immediately after her arrival, he decided he did not want to befriend her or be in her company away from adults. After his first encounter with [REDACTED], he told me that she was not the person everyone thought she was. He felt that [REDACTED] was manipulative and not trustworthy. By contrast, [REDACTED] never hesitated to be in Ajay's company and sought him out as a role model.

Ajay has always helped people in times of need. Ajay has given to others from his heart; he has given of himself emotionally, monetarily and has given his time. I and my children are only a few of the people who have benefited from Ajay's generosity and kindness. In the footsteps of his parents, he has obligated himself to help those who need it. He helped me financially and emotionally after the dissolution of a relationship and displacement of our home. There are simply too many to name who have benefited from Ajay's generosity and kindness.

Ajay is a nonviolent man. His life's inspirations are Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Teresa and Bob Marley. Just as Mahatma Gandhi could never impose violence against an individual, Ajay could not. He has embraced their nonviolent philosophy and has lived his life by their teachings and examples. The Bible says, "By their good fruits, you will know their works." Ajay's character has been established through his good works, which included adopting a girl from Nepal and

paying for her education so she could in turn establish herself and help her parents and four sisters. The thought that he has been convicted of a violent crime against another individual has completely shattered him. Ajay is not a violent individual, but he is an emotional one. Peggy (his wife) has conveyed to me her fear that Ajay will not want to live branded as a violent criminal, as this conviction goes against every fiber in his being, his beliefs and what he has dedicated his life to.

Ajay is not the only one who has been shattered by this conviction. My children are ghosts of their former selves. [REDACTED] flew out from Connecticut for the verdict. My son [REDACTED] was there also. [REDACTED] could not emotionally withstand hearing the verdict, broke down and had to leave. He has been withdrawn since June 25th, 2009 and has lost his former sense of life. [REDACTED] sobbed uncontrollably after witnessing Ajay taken away from all of his loved ones in handcuffs. In the courtroom hallway after the verdict was read, [REDACTED] asked me if he was convicted of the alleged rape that supposedly took place in our Monterey home. I answered yes. [REDACTED], in a hysterical and uncontrollable breakdown said he was physically sick and could not comprehend how this could happen. [REDACTED] was lying on the floor next to Ajay, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and the dog when this alleged rape happened. Each morning I wake up with the image of Ajay sobbing in the courtroom as the verdicts were being read, and the image of my sister's face in utter disbelief and pain. I have not been able to sleep knowing how this verdict has affected Ajay and so many others. [REDACTED] nearly finished with a degree in education, and after four years of college, dropped out after hearing of the allegations brought forth against his uncle and the subsequent prosecution.

We are not persons who are easily manipulated or completely devoid of perception. We are responsible, thinking individuals who uphold the standards of morality and law. As strong individuals with a true sense of right and wrong, we would have fought hard against Ajay had any one seen anything untoward.

Our lives will never be the same. Ajay will not share in his son's life. He will not guide his son toward a responsible and productive life as he did my children. We will not have the benefit of his presence in our lives. For us, the light in this world has forever diminished.

We who know Ajay ask that your Honor grant leniency in his sentencing. We ask that you consider Ajay's good works, positive influence and the care and love that he has shown so many. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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