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Re: Brandon Timothy Ridge

Honorable Judge Jones,

I hope you're able to read my letter and see what a good man Brandon really is. Brandon is my nephew and he's like a son to me.

Brandon has always been a go getter, loving, caring and will do anything for anyone even give you the shirt off his back. In the past Brandon has been a chef and then later managed several five star restaurants and now he has his own business. Our family looks forward to holidays or special occasions so that we can see him. He lights up the room when he comes home to North Carolina. Sometimes several of us will load up the car and ride down to Atlanta to spend a weekend with Brandon. He'll stay busy the entire time making sure we're comfortable, cooks all the meals for us and tells us where the best places are to shop.

I hope you won't see him as a felon or a criminal but will see him as a much loved person. We want more than anything to be able to see him at our family functions, our little trips to see him and to continue doing life with Brandon in person. I beg you your honor, from the bottom of my heart, please have mercy on him. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,
Amy Folwell



To: Honorable Steve Jones

Greetings Honorable Steve Jones, I hope this letter finds you well.

I've known Brandon Ridge now for the better part of a decade. We were introduced as coworkers and soon became friends. We bonded on being hard workers, loving our families and music. He has always been a "Stand Up Guy". Brandon is kindhearted, respectful, honest and giving. He's literally the type to give his last with a smile if he can make someone's day. I've witnessed on several occasions how selfless he can be. Meeting his family (and eventually making them my own), it's clear to see that he comes from good stock. You get a feeling of good vibes, positivity and comfort.

Is he perfect? Of course not, but he strives to be his best and it's admirable. He's a pretty simple person when it comes down to it; Just give him his dogs and his tunes! And Amazon Prime!

Brandon has not been shy about this new hurdle that he now faces. I have been giving him kind words of encouragement, along with prayer. He is not a man of dishonesty. If anything, he can be too trusting of others. He made me aware of this situation and it seemed as if he were speaking on someone else. Brandon works extremely hard for all that he has and takes pride in his accomplishments from good, honest work. We, his tribe, have been supportive of him in any way we've seen fit and will continue to do so; For these times are when friends and family need you most.

Sincerely,

Juwon L. Jackson

Dear Honorable Steve Jones,

I have known Brandon Ridge for 8 years. During this time he has been one of the most positive influences in my life! I first met Brandon when he hired me to work at a restaurant that he was managing. I was going through a tough time but Brandon saw my potential to be a great employee and gave me a chance.. Since then, our friendship has blossomed and he has taught me so much. Brandon has always been an honest person who I can trust and depend on. Even though I came to know Brandon through work, I have gotten a chance to know him outside of work and can confidently say that few people are as selfless, hard-working honest and trustworthy as Brandon Ridge. I am familiar with his general behavior and reputation and can attest that he has been honest about his complications with criminal justice system. I offer this letter in support of Brandon and pledge to be a source of support as he faces the challenges ahead

Sincerely,

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Honorable Judge Jones,

I hope my words reach your desk and fall heavy on your heart. I want to say that I am truly thankful that you are taking the time to read my letter.

My brother Brandon Ridge means a great deal to me. I recently had back surgery or I would be there in person to support my him in this difficult time. I would like to take the time to describe to you the person that you are going to have to judge and determine how his next days, weeks or months will be spent.

This man brings his family and I a great deal of joy. As I said before he is my brother, approximately 9 years younger. He has always been a very smart, honest, kind, caring, and hardworking person. Always pushing to improve himself by furthering his education and putting in the hard work to be successful. He is truly a pleasure to be around and honestly, at holidays, my family and I stand with our noses pressed against the glass door, awaiting his arrival. He is always the guest of honor and the one we look most forward to seeing.

Brandon has also helped me so much with my son that battles addiction. He has gone above and beyond to help my son. He recently moved him to Atlanta, gave him shelter and work, which in turn saved his life.

I hope and pray that you won't see him as a felon or a criminal but will see him as a very loved and adored grandson, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. We want more than anything to be able to continue to celebrate holidays and family gatherings, and continue doing life with Brandon in person. I beg you your honor, from the bottom of my heart, please have mercy on him. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Tera Shell

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From: **Heather Stilley** <heatherstilley@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Nov 3, 2021 at 12:08 PM

Subject: Letter to Honorable Steve Jones

Honorable Steve Jones,

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope it gives you just a glimpse of the person my brother, Brandon Ridge, truly is.

My brother means a great deal to me and my family but I have to say that he and I have a special bond. You see, he and I are only 13 months apart and were always inseparable as children and even now with him living 4 hours away we try to visit each other and talk as much as possible.

He brings our whole family so much joy, especially me, when he comes to visit. He has the best sense of humor and is always the "life of the party". Most of the time we are all there together waiting on his arrival so that we can bombard him with lots of hugs and kisses. My girls, Madison and Ryleigh, adore their uncle "BB". He has to be their favorite person on earth. He loves them dearly as if they were his own.

Six years ago this Christmas Eve, Brandon and I lost our father unexpectedly. He has been there for me through every tear I've shed even if it's through text or a phone call and vice versa. He is so compassionate and loving, not to mention the most hardworking, and determined person I know who is always striving to better himself and furthering his knowledge in being successful.

I pray that you see my brother as the person he truly is and how his family sees him and not as a criminal. He is so loved by all of us and would give the shirt off his back to anyone.

I have prayed and prayed that God will move on Brandon's behalf. I have also prayed for the judge that would be taking his case, along with the lawyer and any others involved and trusting God with the outcome. May there be mercy on my brother.

Thank you again for your time. May God bless you!

Respectfully,
Heather Stilley

Date: November 29, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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ATLANTA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
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v.)	1:21-CR-00037-SCJ-RDC-1
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BRANDON RIDGE)	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on November 29, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing SENTENCING MEMORANDUM with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia by way of the CM/ECF system, which automatically will serve this document on the attorneys of record for the parties in this case by electronic mail.

Date: November 29, 2021

s/ Katryna Lyn Spearman, Esq.

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