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January 9, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Mike Clark has worked at BigHorn Materials, Inc. since August, 2010. He was hired and trained in hardware, lumber-building materials, and receiving departments. Most people are assigned to one department only. Mike's previous experience and background allowed him to fit into this assignment. He learned quickly, integrated into the company easily, and accepted assignments willingly. Mike works with customers, vendors, and fellow employees in a friendly manner, professionally, and with confidence. He is liked by those with whom he comes in contact

Please know that we are not hiring someone to replace him at this point in time.

As president and owner of BigHorn Materials, Inc., I will miss Mike's contribution at work.

Sincerely,

Betsy Sather

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January 11, 2012

Judge Thomas Mulvahill
Boulder County District Court
1777 Sixth St.
Boulder, CO 80302

Re: State of Colorado v. Michael Martin Clark
Docket #2012CR222
Request to release defendant

Dear Judge Mulvahill:

My name is Thomas N. Petersen. I have been practicing law for 30 years, including many years in California as both a criminal prosecutor and defense lawyer. During that time, I handled many bail hearings and heard many reasons pro and con relating to defendants' bail motions.

Aside from that, I acted as a State Bar probation monitor for the California State Bar to ensure that sanctioned attorneys complied with terms of probation. I am currently a member of the local Inns of Court in Jackson County, Oregon and am a partner in an AV rated firm.

In my experience, I have run across all kinds of people and stories. For the reasons that follow, I am contacting you to ask that you consider releasing Michael Clark pending trial, notwithstanding the nature of the charge or what the papers have concluded by way of information given to them by law enforcement.

As you know, determining whether to release someone pretrial rests in your discretion, based upon the best information available to you. Whether a defendant is entitled to release under Colorado's constitution and bail statute has to be based on whether the proof is evident or the presumption great that the defendant committed the crime of which he is accused. The D.A. cannot rely solely on hearsay to substantiate its position that the defendant be remanded, and the bar is purposely set higher for bail setting purposes than mere probable cause.

I have known Michael Clark for many years. My family traveled to Colorado to witness his marriage to my wife's and my niece, an elementary school teacher in Summit County. Mike and his wife have three young children ages 7 and under. I have spent quite a bit of time with Mike and his family when they lived in Oregon. They have stayed at my family home in Ashland on

holidays, and they returned the favor to my family and I at their home in Portland, where they lived before returning home to Colorado. They had moved to Oregon several years ago when Mike's wife was hired to teach school in the Portland area. During that time, Mike held steady work, he came home after work and tended to family, and was always a gentle and well-spoken soul, paying particular attention to his family's needs. Mike also played local team sports, which I witnessed; and he never was involved in any rough play. Mike's family adores him. To anyone who knows Mike and his family, one would conclude that they are tight-knit and loving.

My family, my wife and two daughters, and I were sad to see Mike and his family move home to Colorado; but we knew that we would see them from time to time on vacations and even had plans to have one of our daughters visit them this summer at their home.

Needless to say, we were stunned to hear of the charge against Mike and the sensationalism exhibited by the press in this matter. Of course, in the news business, blood sells. But here we are talking about a case that was rejected for prosecution in 1994. The current D.A. has no new evidence, and the case is based on weak inferences and the word of a jail-house informant from 1994.

Meanwhile, Mike, who has never spent a night away from his children, is held in jail, away from his family and job. His wife and children need him and are suffering a great deal.

It is my sense that Mike is not a danger to the community, he has never tried to avoid arrest, he always cooperated with law enforcement's contacts with him, he notified them when he was leaving the state recently for a family Christmas visit in Texas. In short, there is no urgency to keeping Mike penned up. Rather, he should be given an appropriate release order which will allow him to meaningfully participate in his defense. Any sense that Mike is a risk to the community is belied by the fact that the police who interviewed Mike last Spring did not seek immediate arrest back then. In fact, they informed him months ago that he may be arrested, and Mike did not run.

I ask you to please consider all the circumstances presented and release Michael Clark either on his own recognizance or on a modest bail. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Thomas N. Petersen

TNP:

January 9, 2012

Thomas F. Mulvahill
20th Judicial District Judge
1777 Sixth Street
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Re: Michael Martin Clark

To The Honorable Judge Thomas F. Mulvahill:

I am writing on behalf of Michael Clark, my brother-in-law and long time friend. I wanted to share some of my reflections and experiences with Mike in advance of the bond hearing to be held this Thursday, January 12, in the hopes that you will take these things into consideration as you make your decision. The portrayals of Mike by the District Attorney and the Investigator that have been publicized in the media do not ring true with me, a person who knows him so well, and it is my sincerest hope that you read this letter and the many others written on Mike's behalf when considering whether he should be eligible to be free on his own recognizance or on bond while awaiting the trial in which I believe he will prove his innocence.

I have known Mike for many, many years, since he and my sister, Amy, began dating just after my sister graduated from CU Boulder. Mike is and has always been a loving and kind person, a caring husband, and a wonderful father.

As have many people in this country in the past several years, Amy and Mike have faced some very tough financial times -- an undeniable stressor on any person -- and through this all Mike has remained calm, level-headed, steady, and reflective. Never have I seen him engage in any angry or aggressive behavior, never have I seen him do anything other than try to take care of his family and himself in the best way he knows how. Added to that, Mike is always the stable person, willing to pitch in, willing to give his rational and wise advise, and above all, a good, kind, gentle, caring husband and father. He could not have committed this crime.

Although the charges against him are grave, it is my sincerest belief that Mike is not guilty of the horrible and shocking crime that was committed in 1994. I do hope the Grisham family is able to find justice, but it would be an injustice to keep Mike in jail through the trial. Mike cooperated with the investigators after they re-opened the investigation, and has never shown any indication that he may flee, even after the FBI showed up to question me and my family members -- a shocking event for all of us, none more so than Mike. This, above all, can serve as an indication that Mike has no intention to go anywhere other than home to his family. As I told the FBI agents when they interviewed me, there is NOTHING in Mike's behavior that would ever have given

me any reason to believe he could have committed such a crime. I do believe he is innocent.

On top of this, Mike has no reason to flee if released; indeed, he has everything in the world to stay for: a wife who loves and supports him, kids who adore and miss him and who he loves more than anything, a network of extended family and friends who are there for him, and the most basic hope that he can vindicate his name. I hope that you can trust the many people represented in these letters who tell you that Mike would not flee if released and would not commit any crimes or pose a threat in any way. We, his family and friends, are dumbfounded at what has happened and heartbroken at the trauma this is causing Mike and his wife and children.

Please consider what you read about Mike and give him the opportunity to return to support his family, and be supported by them, as he faces these charges.

Best regards,

Heidi Flanagan

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To the Honorable Thomas F. Mulvahill
20th Judicial District Judge
Boulder, Colorado

Re: Michael Martin Clark

Dear Your Honor,

My name is Kathleen Petersen and I am the aunt of Amy Clark, Mike Clark's wife. I would like to take this opportunity to speak on Mike's behalf, as the date of his Bond hearing approaches (Thurs. Jan. 12th). I have known Mike Clark for approximately ten years when he and Amy were dating. I was immediately struck with Mike's gentle nature, and to date I have never seen him display any other disposition that insinuates anger. My husband, Tom, and our two daughters, Ursula and Haley, spent many hours with Mike and Amy when they moved from Colorado to Oregon. Although 300 miles away from us, we managed to drive from our home in Ashland to their home in Portland on numerous occasions and spend time with them. My daughters were flower girls in Mike and Amy's wedding in Colorado. When Amy later became pregnant with their first child, we gave them their baby shower in Portland at their home. My children, although biologically Amy's first cousins, are closer in age to Amy's three children and thought of them as their "little" cousins.

During the many hours I have spent with Mike Clark I have never once seen him display anger. It is simply not his nature. Even when diapering crying babies with two large dogs underfoot, Mike remained calm and unrattled. My husband and I marveled at this more than once, and admired Mike's devotion to his wife and children. He did not go out with friends or leave Amy with more than her share of the workload and has always been a family man. When their first child, Mikaela (now 7), was very small, Mike arranged his day off from work to accompany her to the local city pool for swimming lessons. Any spare time he had was spent on family and until now he has never spent one night away from his home, wife, and children.

I am a business woman, sole owner of two residential care homes for the elderly. Before my marriage and children I was a mental health/crisis intervention technician in several maximum security jails in California. My forensic work included employment with C.O.N.R.E.P., Conditional Release Program in Sonoma County, Calif. Conrep's role was to reintroduce inmates into society who had successfully pled not guilty by reason of insanity to very serious crimes, typically murder. After spending time in one of the three state hospitals for the criminally insane, the inmates had an annual evaluation and hearing to determine their potential success if released. One aspect of my job was to evaluate the inmate and make a formal recommendation to the judge as to whether or not the inmate in question should be held or released. If released, they were mandatorily ordered to custody of Conditional Release Program where they were seen by me and the other two clinicians several times a week. Later I was offered and accepted the job as Administrator of the residential treatment facility that housed the releasees while they worked the program rules.

It is with this experience that I am familiar with what is seen as someone who is a danger to society, and one who may be a flight risk. I am clear about the criteria of both of these. I can say without question that Michael Martin Clark is neither a danger to society or a flight risk. Mike has extremely strong family ties, as I have described above. Mike and Amy and their three children live with Amy's parents, my brother, Bob and his wife Marilyn. Bob is a former Summit County Manager and now a Trustee for Colorado Mountain College. Marilyn is a recently retired Professor, having taught at several Universities. They recently returned home to Summit County from Hawaii, where Marilyn taught at the University of Hawaii for several years. Mike and his family's housing needs are secure. Both Mike and Amy work full-time jobs. Amy is a teacher in a local elementary school, where their daughter attends 2nd grade. Mike has been working the

same job since August 2010 at a local hardware and lumber store and had been advanced from entry level to a managerial position. Mike's parents and sister live in Colorado and are extremely supportive.

In looking simply at what constitutes a person to be a potential danger to the community, one would have displayed behaviors consistent with anger. Mike Clark has never behaved in such a manner. He has always been kind and gentle. I am sure you will receive many letters that will attest to his gentle manner.

In looking simply at what constitutes a person to be a flight risk, Mike Clark meets none of that criteria. He lacks the resources to flee and hide from authorities. He lacks the motivation and if he had been motivated, surely would have fled before now. He has stayed in touch with the authorities, per their request, since they began questioning him last Spring. He called them before Christmas to inform them that he planned to leave the state for a family holiday in Texas. They had no problems with this. If the authorities saw Mike as a flight risk, would they have allowed him to board a plane and leave the state? And if he had plans to flee, would he have been calling the police to let them know where he was going?

Mike has a full-time secure job and his family needs him. He helps his in-laws around the home as his father-in-law recently had knee surgery and is recovering. Mike is a great help bringing in the firewood and shoveling the snow from the driveway among many other jobs about the home. The logistics of two parents working full-time and managing to get three small children to all of their community activities is mind-boggling, and Mike is a huge part of that being successful.

Mike Clark is loved and supported by his community, his friends and family.

The only risk here is that of destroying his life and those of his family by remanding him to custody while awaiting trial when he poses no threat of any kind if released.

I respectfully ask, Your Honor, that you consider releasing Mike Clark on his own recognizance considering all of these factors. Family funds are limited and a large bond would prove difficult or impossible to post. At the very least I ask that you consider seriously a house arrest arrangement in which Mike wears an ankle alarm and stays in touch with authorities per your instructions. Considering that he has cooperated fully with the authorities without fail since Spring when first contacted by the police, I believe his behavior has spoken for itself and Mike Clark is a safe and solid candidate for release from jail.

I implore you to consider the impact of keeping this man from his family if he is not guilty. There has been no trial yet; he has not run from your questions. But his absence from his family and his home may prove to traumatize three small children in an irreversible and dramatic way. This family is already suffering seriously from the press coverage and financial impact. Let Mike Clark return to his home and his job and face his charges in court.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Petersen

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Marilyn J. Taylor, and I am a college professor recently retired after 40 plus years in the education field. I am also the mother-in-law of Michael Martin Clark and have known him since 1998. After knowing Mike for a long time, I am in disbelief to see the way he has been portrayed in the press—such a contrast to the man I have known for almost fourteen years. I understand that he made mistakes as a teenager, but, from my view, this is not a man who would commit murder. He is, in my experience of him, the mediator, the one with the level head in a crisis, one of the more even-tempered people I know.

My husband and I, and all our children, are college educated. Our daughter Amy, Mike's wife, is a teacher with a master's degree and 12 years teaching experience. We have welcomed Mike into our family and he fits well. He is an intelligent and capable man. His parents are fine people who are very close to Mike; our two families, both living in Colorado, visit each other and mutually enjoy the grandchildren.

For six months in 2010 and six months in 2011 we have lived with Michael, Amy (our daughter), and their three children Mikaela (7), Kylie (5), and Kiernan (3) as they relocated from Oregon and we from Hawaii. What I have learned about Mike is that he is a remarkable and well-loved father who has not been apart from his children one day since their birth, with the exception of a couple weekend trips to see his brother.

He is a patient, encouraging and soft-spoken father, interested in encouraging his children to be the best person/student each can be. He has been dedicated and reliable in his job, where his employer describes him as competent, respected and well liked. He has rarely (if ever) missed a day of work. At home, he spends his off-time putting up Christmas lights, taking his children to the movies, to the ice skating rink, to the aquarium, to tumbling classes, the Rec Center to swim, or to the Children's Museum. Every evening since Mikaela's 2nd grade year started he has worked one-on-one with her after dinner on homework. He is a family man and a reader who relaxes with his Kindle each night after the children go to bed.

From all that I know of Mike, I am convinced that he did not, could not, commit the crime he is now being accused of. I am also convinced that without him, all of his wonderful children are placed at risk. He did not get a chance to say good-bye to them when he was arrested in front of them by the Boulder Police. The children are distressed, lonely, and full of questions. His wife Amy is hardly able to talk for crying.

To understand Mike, you need to recognize all the good he brings to his family, his co-workers, and his friends. What he wants most of all is to be with his family. It is my highest hope that he can return to the community where he lives and to his wife and three children who love him and need him.

Sincerely,

Marilyn J. Taylor, EdD

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Dillon, CO 80435

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is written in support of Michael Clark being given the possibility of posting bail and also of his not being a flight risk.

I have known Michael Clark since he began dating his current wife, Amy Clark, since the late 1990's. I even lived with the couple for a brief period of time after graduating from college in 2001. Because of the length of time that I have known Mike (Michael Clark), I believe that I can speak to his character.

In all of the time that I have known Mike, he has never displayed any violent or aggressive behavior. He has always been a loving and supportive father and loves his children and wife. The Clark's have been through a rough couple of years, yet Mike has always stayed by his family's side. He has never left or attempted to leave his family even during rough financial times, or during the re-opening of this investigation. I therefore believe that Mike is not a flight risk. I believe he should be able to have the comfort of his family while going through this process and also have the opportunity to comfort his children, whom have never known a night without their father before Mike's arrest.

Please take this letter into account when making your decision regarding Mike Clark's bail hearing. Thank you.

Best regards,

Nicole Dean

January 8, 2012

Re: Michael Clark

To whom it may concern;

I am writing as Michael Clark's aunt in Seattle, Washington.

I do not know what happened years ago, when Mike was a young adult, but I know that Mike today, and for many years, has been a thoughtful, loving and devoted husband, father and son.

I hope you consider this fact and that Mike be able to be at home to be with his family as he awaits what will come next.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to.

Sincerely,

Kitty Grupp PhD, ARNP, RN

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January 8, 2012

Dear Judge:

I am writing on behalf of Michael Martin Clark, who will appear before you on Thursday this week, January 12, for his bond hearing in the Boulder District Court.

I am Michael's aunt, his mother's first sister, and Michael's Godmother. I have known Michael all of his life, and I have always loved him.

Michael's adult life has not been easy as a result of his involvement in forging checks in his

late teens, which put a felony on his record, and closed some doors to him. Growing up he was always so involved in life and excited about all of the possibilities for the future. Fortunately, he found Amy, his wife, and the mother of his really very amazing and wonderful

children. The first time I met his youngest, his little son, I thought he was Michael as a baby

again! He and Amy have build a good, solid life together, and recently were able to return to

Colorado, and to Frisco, where Amy grew up. Michael has been a partner with Amy in creating

a fine family, and Michael's children love and respect him.

I do not believe in any way that Michael is a flight risk. He has know of the possibility of this arrest for

many months, and has continued to live his normal, stable life. There is no way that he would change

that now, no way that he would abandon his family. He has so many other family members supporting

him, including his family as well as Amy's family. We all love Michael, and we want to see his

experience with this court process to be as positive and reasonable as possible. I think it is best for him

to be with his wife and children during this very difficult and sad period of their lives. I request that

you consider all of our support of Michael, and allow him to return home to his children during this

process. He will be better for it, and Amy and his children need him.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Terry Grupp, Boulder CO

To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I have known Mike for 7 years. We have played soccer with him several times a week, attended birthday parties, Christmas parties, and other social events with Mike and his family.

We have witnessed Mike's dedication to and love for his family for as long as we have known him. I know him to be a hard worker, empathetic, and loyal to those who depend on him. Additionally, I have never seen Mike get upset, angry, or violent in situations where other people have lost their composure. For what it is worth, we request that his devotion to his wife and children serve as the basis of our opinion that Mike should be released from custody while awaiting trial.

Respectfully,

Todd & Lisel Williams
503.888.9101

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Chelsea King and I have known Mike Clark since we were in high school together in Boulder. We lost touch after graduating, but reconnected some years later and he has been a close friend since.

Mike has been a wonderful friend and committed family man since I introduced him to his wife in the late 90's. Mike had never spent a night away from his children until he was arrested a few days ago. Mike's family lives in Loveland, CO, his wife and children, whom he loves dearly, live with him in his in-laws house in Dillon, CO, he has many friends, a job, and people that love him.

Mike and his immediate family have faced several obstacles in the last few years and thus have been living in his in-laws house free of charge, his family of 5 has 1 car among them, and both he and his wife work full time to make ends meet. Mike is committed to his wife and three children, he loves them and has only ever wanted to take care of them as the head of his household.

As I mentioned I have known Mike Clark for over 20 years and since the late 90's we have been what I would consider to be very close friends.

Thank you,

Chelsea King
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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter to the Court of Boulder, Colorado, on behalf of Mike Martin Clark.

I have known Mike for about 4 years, my daughter, Julie Atlas Taylor, is Mike's sister in law.

I have spent time with Mike in Summit County, Colorado, where I have had a home for 30 years. I also had his whole family in my home in Houston, Texas for a week during the Christmas Holidays.

In my opinion, Mike has always been a perfect gentleman.

He is a great family man, meaning, his family is of utmost importance to him. I have been so upset, to think of how his sweet family, has been devastated by all of this. Please consider that he did not run away, when he found out about this, and I am sure that he still will not run away, but will be there to fight for his innocence.

If I can be of any help in the future, do not hesitate to call.

Cindy Atlas
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To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing this letter because I am devastated over the news I have received that Michael Martin Clark is the prime suspect in a murder investigation. I have known Mike for almost 8 years since I started dating my husband, Jeremy Taylor. Mike became my brother in law in 2009, when Mike was a groomsman in my wedding. I have never known Mike to be anything but an incredible father to his 3 kids and a supportive husband to Amy. We have been on many family vacations with the Clarks and have spend the past 8 Christmas Holidays together. Just last week, Mike came to my hometown of Houston with his family and stayed as a guest in my parents home to celebrate Christmas. Everyday he did something special for his kids, they went Ice skating, to the Aquarium, the Zoo, the Children's Museum, everything he does is for his family.

Mike is such a sweet person and he is the rock of his family. He has never spent a night away from them until Thursday when he was arrested. Mike is trustworthy and works so hard to support his family. They don't have a ton a money, but he does whatever he can to be the best dad and to give his kids the best childhood possible. His family needs him more than ever and I am asking to please let Mike out of jail on bail. He is not at flight risk, he just needs to get back home to Summit County to be there for his family. He has known about this investigation and he never once tried to leave and run away. There is no reason that Mike should not be let out on bail. Please let him spend this time with his family.

Sincerely,

Julie Atlas Taylor

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Julie Atlas Taylor
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January 8, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am distraught to hear that there are efforts to hold Michael Martin Clark without bond. I have known Mike for almost three years when he was a groomsman in my sister and brother in-law, Julie and Jeremy Taylor's wedding. He recently spent a week in my parent's home in Houston with his family for Christmas.

Mike's dedication to his family is apparent at all times. His gentle demeanor and patience with his children is heartwarming, and their love for him is overwhelming. It is heart-wrenching to know that they are without him for the first time and under these awful circumstances.

Mike was born and raised in Colorado and lives there today with his family and in-laws. His relationship with his family and home state is unmistakable, and his release would allow his family and him the support they need to get through this very difficult time in all of their lives. He has known about this investigation for months and continues to fight for his innocence rather than flee.

My hope is that you understand Mike's character, and that his dedication to his family, as well as his innocence, will hold him in Colorado and face the devastating charges while out on bail.

Sincerely,
Angela Atlas

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Houston, Texas 77057

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Mike Clark. Amy Clark is a lifelong friend of mine and I have known Mike since before they were married. I will keep this note short and just tell you what has been on my heart since the moment of hearing Mike had been arrested.

Mikalea, Kylie and Kiernan are three of the sweetest most amazing children I have meet. They have such supportive and loving parents who have done a outstanding job raising them. When I think of Mike what comes to mind first is father.

The last time I saw Mike was at a friends wedding where our two families were the only ones with young children. We all spent the majority of the wedding following our children around as they played and enjoyed themselves.

His children are the most important thing in his life and they are missing him as much as he misses them right now. I truly hope that you will allow Mike to return home to take care of his family. Mike is so close to his family and I am sure he is concerned for them right now more than he is for himself. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Lisa Fukayama

To whom it may concern:

My name is Jeremy Taylor and Michael Clark is my brother in law. I have known Mike for the entirety of my adult life, and he has always been a positive role model for me, a great husband to my sister Amy, and an exceptional father to his three young children.

Mike is one of the most rational and calm people I have met in my entire life. He takes great pride in fulfilling his responsibilities to his family and to his work. I have never seen Mike back away from any situation no matter how difficult it may be. He rather faces the situation straight on with his head held high. I have no doubt that Mike will handle himself for the remainder of this trial just as he has since the questioning began in early 2011. He has met with the officers whenever they requested and fully cooperated with the investigation. He did all this while remaining a valued employee, a good husband, and a wonderful father, and a great brother-in-law. He has known that these charges might be coming for almost a year and he continued to live his life just as he has since I have known him, as a hardworking family man.

Michael Clark is truly selfless. His children and his family always come first. Every night when he gets home from work, he literally spends hours with each of his girls helping them with their homework at the same time as trying to entertain his son. Mike has a very stable, loving home to go back to if he is granted release while the trial is in progress. Mike has never spent even a single night away from his children since they have born until this arrest. I can guarantee that he would spend each and every night of the trail at home with his family should he be released on bond or his own reconnaissance.

Mike is loved by his entire extended family and his friends. The Michael Clark that is being portrayed by the media is not the Michael Clark that I have known for the past 14 years. The Michael Clark I know is a happy, loving, family man. I hope this helps you get to know the real Michael Clark

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Taylor

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Mike's uncle's girlfriend and I have known Mike for just over 2 years now. He has always demonstrated to me a sincere and devoted love for his wife and children. He is truly invested in their lives, happiness and well-being. In addition, he is very good to his parents, John and Colleen Clark. Mike, Amy and the children visit Loveland often, and invite John and Colleen to their home in Summit County, as well. Mike defines the term, "family man"!

I truly hope that the court decides in favor of allowing Mike to return to his loving family and home, while awaiting trial. He will do the right thing. I believe that he will cooperate and abide by the terms outlined by the court.

Again, many thanks,
Best regards,

Cathie Devore

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask that Michael Clark be released on bond. I have known Mike for about 7 years, he is a calm person whose children need him. It's obvious that he is not a flight risk, he has had several opportunities to run during this long investigation and has not. Mike has been in plain sight, if he wasn't going to stand and fight these charges he would not have been so available to law enforcement.

Sincerely,

Ian Flanagan

Dear Sir,

I would like to testify to the sincerity and good citizenship of the Taylor family, of which Michael Martin (Mike) Clark has been a member for a long time now.

I have known the Taylors since 1984. Dr. Marilyn Taylor and I were both teachers at Summit high school. I was getting divorced, had no relatives in the U.S.A. and had just moved to Summit County. The Taylors were warm and welcoming and the family and I spent a lot of time together.

Bob and Marilyn Taylor educated their children well and made their home into a stable and happy one. They have always been a respectable and respected family in Summit County.

In 1992 I moved back to the Netherlands. We kept in touch and Bob and Marilyn came to visit my daughter and me there and we visited them frequently in their Dillon home.

I met Amy's husband Mike Clark on a few occasions and liked him a lot. I was very pleased to see how Mike and Amy were creating their own home were their three children could grow up stable, safe and happy. So many pictures testify to this.

Everything is different now. It is heartbreaking to think of how this is affecting the lives of their three children as well as many other lives.

I understand that this investigation has to happen, but I would like you to consider bond for Michael Martin Clark on behalf of his children, his wife and him. Of course I cannot imagine him not being innocent, but even if I were to be wrong; the damage to this family, to these children is immense already. it would be wonderful if it would be lessened by allowing them the presence of their father.

I am absolutely sure that Mike will have the interest of his children first and that he will be at his trial.

Yours faithfully,

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To Whom It May Concern:

We know Mike Clark through his wife, Amy, and her family. Having known Amy as a child, we were eager to get to know her husband and their children when they moved to Summit County. Our active community has been a good fit for them. Mike and Amy are very close and work well together with their children. We have seen how very attentive Mike is with his children and their needs. Mikaela, Kylie, and Kiernan automatically go to him to be comforted, to play and to get help. It is obvious Mike's family is very important to him. We know Mike as an easygoing, mild mannered husband and father of three young children.

Richard and Pat Hale

To whom it may concern:

I have been a licensed home child care provider in Summit County for twenty nine years. During this time, I have experienced many different family dynamics in the families that I have had in my home. It has been a privilege for me to get to know Mike and Amy and to provide child care for their three wonderful children for the last year and a half. Mike and Amy are unique, because they are the parents who put their children's needs before their own and are completely devoted to their children. Our relationship has become more than just business related, they are great parents and great friends and we are thankful that they are a part of our extended family.

Mike and Amy are incredible parents, they have strong values of love, family, compassion and empathy for others and model this to their three sweet children. This is shown to me every day in their behavior at my home. The children are happy, very well behaved and have wonderful manners. We all know that raising a family has its struggles, finding the balance of work schedules and all the responsibilities as a parent, in providing what is needed for your children hour by hour throughout the day. Together, Mike and Amy have a strong family who depend on each other for financial and emotional support to raise their children so they can thrive to be the best that they can be. Mike and Amy always make the holidays and the children's birthdays a special occasion, during these times I would always be impressed by the love and joy this family has for each other.

When Amy's work schedule changed this fall, Mike began bringing Kiernan to child care in the morning and Kylie and Mikaela to school. Mike is one of the best fathers I know and loves his family so much. He is patient, gentle, loving, encouraging and completely involved in all the responsibilities and activities of all his children. Mike and Kiernan have a special routine that they do every morning at my home, Mike helps Kiernan with his shoes, socks and coat, then Mike picks him up for a big hug and Kiernan always says " Great day dada" and Mike says "love you, see you tonight." Mike is a wonderful man and would be there for you if you needed help.

This family has been devastated by the current situation and I pray that this will be taken into consideration in bringing this incredible family, who depend on and love each other so much, back together again.

Sincerely,
Joanne Green

Regarding Mike Clark

To Whom It May Concern:

I have worked closely with Mike for the past year plus at the local hardware store here in Silverthorne. He is a hard working, conscientious person who gets along excellently with all the staff. Mike is very even tempered – I have not seen him get the least bit angry or upset at anyone or in any situation. He has earned increased responsibility as the year has progressed and carries out his duties in a very competent, professional manner. In my eight years at the store, he ranks among a few as truly great fellow employees to work with.

He is also a dedicated family man. An example: this summer, the Town of Dillon had a special celebration at its Marina Park to introduce a new horse that would be part of their police force. I attended with my young granddaughter. Mike was there with his three kids. While waiting for the horse to make its appearance, all the kids played together on the play ground equipment. Mike interacted with all in such a great, fatherly way.

It has been and is, my pleasure to know and work with Mike Clark.

Sincerely,
Paul Hage

To Whom It May Concern:

Michael Clark is married to my cousin's daughter Amy. As a family member I have known and loved Amy all of her life. My acquaintance with Mike is limited to family celebrations such as weddings and small reunions in Oregon. However, these brief encounters have led me to believe Mike is a good person, a loyal husband and a dedicated father to his three children.

Mike is a quiet person, always polite and soft spoken. He is gentle with his children, speaking in soft tones when communicating and interacting. He is aware of their whereabouts at all times and diligently guards their safety. The children are comfortable in his presence, generally milling around him and vying for the coveted position in his lap. He attends to their needs with patience and care.

On the occasions that I have been in Mike's presence I've not seen him behave in anyway to cause the slightest stir of attention or discomfort to others. He is always fully present; his manner is easy and unobtrusive.

In their move from Oregon back to Colorado Mike and Amy have reestablished themselves within a community of friends and family. They've made a good adjustment to their life in the mountains; Mike and Amy have jobs and a steady income, the children are happy in their schools. My cousin and her husband are close at hand to participate and support their lives and parenting as dedicated grandparents.

I believe Amy and the children are the center of Mike's life. He is grounded by his love and participates fully in maintaining their family unit. I do not think he would jeopardize their welfare in any way. He has always been there for his family and will continue to do so as this difficult event unfolds.

Thank you for your time and attention in reading my words of support for Mike and his family.

Dorothy Ruggles Stern

January 11, 2012

To Whom It May Concern ~

I've known Mike Clark for 12 + years. The first time I met him he was with his girlfriend Amy and they were chasing their (2) young yellow Labrador dogs across our park We did that everyday for many years.

Mike & Amy got married and had their first baby and I was their first babysitter. I've seen their family grow over the years. I have been blessed to be a part of this amazing family for years. If you have ever had (2) Labs and (3) kids you may understand Mike's world. Mike Clark is a family man. He loves his children & wife. He is a gentle, loving man.

I remember the day Mike showed me the ring at the dog park. He asked Amy to marry her on Valentine's Day.

I look forward to hearing from Amy that this awful debacle is over ~

Cathleen Hogan

January 9, 2012

To whom it may concern;

I am a licensed general contractor and forty year resident of Summit County. I also am proud to count Mike Clark as a good friend. When I first met Mike, at our home for my wife's childcare introduction, I was struck by his calm, friendly demeanor and the protective attention that he devotes to his children and the family labrador retrievers. He plays a critical role in attending to his children's needs before his own, making sure that they are properly prepared for their day before he assumes his responsibilities as purchaser/ receiver for Bighorn Lumber.

I really enjoyed the recent photo in our newspaper that Mike had taken of his son, Kiernan, to announce his birthday. Mike explained how he had worked to get just the right expression of his son, taking multiple photos before finding the perfect angle and effect. I could feel the love that Mike holds for his son as he spoke proudly of Kiernan. I also witness how Mike's devotion comforts his son, as we see every day when Mike drops Kiernan off for the day at our daycare and Kiernan's newly found confidence emerges as he bids farewell to his dad with "Great day dada".

Mike has advanced rapidly to management level responsibilities with his employer, Bighorn Lumber. My frequent transactions with Bighorn have been facilitated by Mike's attention to detail, with reliable follow up and problem solving. I consider Mike to be a wonderful, attentive father and husband with exceptional integrity. Please keep in mind how much his co-workers, family and friends rely on Mike's involvement in their lives and how we look forward to his return to his responsibilities in Summit County.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Green