

**David M. Hassine**

Supervising Judge Leon W. Tucker  
Stout Justice Center, Room 1201  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Re: Greg Spector - Inmate #: MD5307  
SCI Houtzdale / PO Box 1000  
Houtzdale, PA 16698-1000

Date: November 20, 2018

Your Honour,

My name is David Hassine. I am a lawyer, a teacher, a realtor, a contractor, and a notary agent. I am also a business owner that has been doing work with [REDACTED]. I have gotten to know the Spector family, the principals of this family owned and operated [REDACTED]. The Spector family is large with many generations having active roles in the company since 1949 within the Philadelphia area. For over 10 years I have gotten to know the entire Spector family well.

I have known Greg Spector since he was a student in high school. Greg and his sister, Breanna, are children of Lonnie Spector – a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation and a principal operator of [REDACTED]. Over the course of many years, I have watched Greg graduate high school, join [REDACTED], get married, have 2 children, and become a member of the fire department. I have spent considerable time with Greg and his family. Greg is a good person.

I have known Greg to be a very peaceful person and he has always been a regular member of his church. This is the first time in my 10 years of knowing him that he has been accused of any crimes. He has never been the type to resolve conflicts through violence and, in fact, he is an active member community groups that do fundraisers and help at-risk youths. Greg's contribution to [REDACTED] as a carpenter's apprentice for over five years is highly regarded by all the staff. He is a promising employee that will move up to a full carpenter and eventually a jobsite supervisor. Greg is a very hardworking person and is usually the last person to leave the jobsite as he tries to resolve problems that come up throughout the day.

It is very unfortunate what has transpired to lead up to this letter. Greg was in an unfortunate, and arguably avoidable situation. I wish I could have been there to advise Greg to never purchase something off Craigslist or warn him of the pitfalls of receiving stolen goods. I wish I could have told him to walk away from the loss of his money or give more patients for the police to arrive at the scene despite 5 phone calls and waiting over 40 minutes for the police to arrive. I would have told Greg that it was not his duty to stop the person from selling more stolen goods. Regardless, Greg feels terrible for what happened. He harmed someone and forever changed that person's life. His actions, despite the intentions of protecting himself and his father, inadvertently tore apart several families. Greg has told me that he never wanted for this to happen. Prior to this incident, Greg has never so much as gotten a speeding ticket. But now he is incarcerated with a heart broken wife and his two young daughters now attending counseling

sessions. Greg expressed to me how sad it is to see the person he harmed forever changed by the injury. Greg wishes he could go back in time and change things so that no one's lives would become altered. At trial, Greg made several statements of how sorry he was for the injury he caused. Greg has never changed his attitude since being incarcerated. He is very upset about the charges and I believe he is sorry for what he has done.

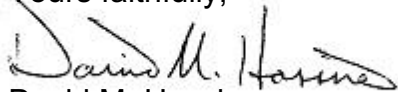
As a result of his punishment, and having been incarcerated for almost 3 years – Greg's life has not been great. His wife is without her husband, her high school sweetheart. His 2 young daughters are growing up without a father. One daughter has been acting out in school. As a result, both are in therapy to deal with this emotional and physical changes to their environment. Greg was very close to his father, who he often refers to as his best friend. They all lived together up to the day of his incarceration. Since then, Greg has not been able to see his father for almost 3 years. Greg's grandfather, Allan, has been in deteriorating health and the stress of this incarceration has been weighing heavily on him. Financially, Greg has been in ruins. He lost his job at [REDACTED] as a result of being incarcerated. Greg was the only provider for his family. Greg's family has lost their health insurance. Greg has had to liquidate his savings and retirement funds just to provide to core basics for his family, while also relying on charity from his extended family and friends.

Since his time incarcerated, Greg has followed all rules. He has been a model inmate with no infractions. Greg has become more religious and attends services. Greg has joined mentoring programs where he tutors other inmates. Greg has also been a successful member in a program to train service dogs – and has begun training his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive dog. Greg has gotten to know the staff well at his prison and no one had anything bad to say about him. He is determined to serve his time being a model inmate.

Greg has had a good upbringing. He comes from a proud and loving family. He has never had a problem with alcohol or drugs. He is mentally fit and god loving and fearing. He values others over himself, which is one of the reasons he joined the fire department. He is a good man, strong worker, loving husband, and proud parent. Greg has never had any prior convictions. The crime for which Greg has been charged, is 100% out of character and not fitting of the reputation he has gained in the community.

Even though Greg has been charged with many crimes, I would continue to trust Greg. Without any hesitations I would trust Greg to be around my wife and my young children and be someone they all can count on. I can say that in all the time I have known him, Greg Spector, has been a decent, hardworking and trustworthy person. I believe any behavior he displayed that caused him to be charged with the crimes are a one-off event. I believe that the entire Spector family is dedicated to supporting Greg and the means necessary for his complete rehabilitation. I know that his job awaits him at [REDACTED] upon his return so that he can be a gainfully employed and be a proud tax paying American. I also believe the fire captain has also saved spot on the squad for him.

Yours faithfully,



David M. Hassine