

July 26, 2009

To: Judge Timothy Fall

From: [REDACTED]

Re: Ajay Dev

Judge Fall,

I am writing in support of Ajay Dev. I have known Ajay and Peggy for the past 5 years and my husband, [REDACTED], has been their friend for over 20 years. I have been in numerous situations with Ajay and Peggy, both individually and separately, both with my husband and by myself. I have been to public events with Ajay and spent countless nights in their home both in Davis and in Roseville. Ajay and Peggy have been to events at my home and Ajay was a groomsman in my wedding. In all of these situations, Ajay has been kind and treated others with the utmost respect. Ajay is always one to ensure that others feel welcome and comfortable while in his home. I have always felt comfortable with Ajay and would never hesitate leave my daughter (who is now 4 years old) with him. I did not know [REDACTED] but have seen Ajay with countless children and young adults and have never seen nor sensed any inappropriate behavior.

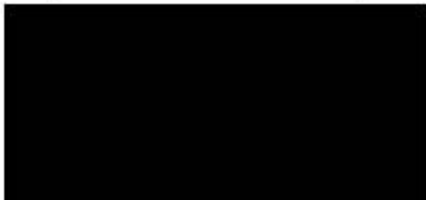
I have a BA in Psychology and have worked in Social Services for 21 years. 18 of those, I worked with the chronically mentally ill in an outpatient setting. I am familiar with all levels of psychological dysfunction and was responsible for conducting psycho/social assessments and frequently dealt with persons who had experienced sexual abuse. From what I know about [REDACTED]'s accusations from all who knew the Dev's intimately and who spent many hours alone with [REDACTED] (my husband included) there is no way this chronic abuse could have taken place.

I met Ajay and Peggy shortly after [REDACTED] made these allegations and from that time until now, I have witnessed the unimaginable stress and heartache it has caused them. They cannot fathom how someone who they loved and who they treated like flesh and blood, could betray them and consciously chose to cause them so much pain. During that time, Ajay and Peggy were attempting to have a baby and were unable to conceive through natural means. After 20 years of unsuccessful attempts, they became pregnant and in April 2008, they gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Kishan has been a blessing among the pain and torment of the past few years. It is torture for both Peggy and Ajay that Ajay is incarcerated.

Ajay has been devastated beyond description by these charges and the resulting incarceration. Ajay has been employed as a professional engineer and is devastated by the effect this has had on his career. He has been fortunate to have so many supportive co-workers and until this recent incarceration, his employer had kept him on in spite of knowing what charges had been brought against him. It would be a travesty if these charges would forever have a detrimental effect on his career and his ability to financially support his family.

I urge you to reconsider the evidence and conduct a retrial to determine his innocence. In the event that he should be sentenced as a sex offender, I urge you to take into consideration his lack of criminal history and his status as a law abiding and productive member of society. I also beg of you to pose a lenient sentence and to not require a lifetime registration as a sex offender.

Thank you for your attention,

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