

October 6, 2022

RE: Letter of Support for Joey Hoadley

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter to support of Joey Hoadley.

I have known Joey since 2004. He was a young police officer and I was a fairly new prosecutor. I spent a lot of time riding with Caldwell PD Officers while I was the City Attorney, and later a deputy prosecutor with Canyon County. Many of those ride-alongs were spent with Joey and the Street Crimes Unit. It was during the height of drive by shootings and high crime in Caldwell. I truly believe it was a team effort to build strong, prosecutable cases against criminal activity in Caldwell. In fact, Joey and I, along with others, worked diligently to build a case against a Caldwell gang member who was subsequently the first person to be charged with Recruiting Criminal Gang Members and Supplying Firearms to a Criminal Gang in Idaho. Legislation which Joey and I also worked on together.

I have never known Joey to be anything other than professional. I have not received complaints regarding Joey's work as a police officer. There have been times when philosophies of officers and prosecutors were challenged on a particular case, but it has never been anything that could not be resolved with a conversation. I believe that is because regardless of the circumstance, there was mutual respect for what we all are trying to accomplish.

Through the years, Joey has been a dedicated member of the Caldwell Police Department and a positive advocate for the City. He wrote excellent reports, mentored other officers, and made himself and his team available, when follow-up on cases was needed by my Office. He understood the importance of how doing his job with the utmost level of professionalism made us doing our job that much easier.

It has been difficult to see Joey go through what he is going through. Joey is not only an excellent police officer, he is a good person and friend, and he continues to be in my prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bryan F. Taylor".

Bryan F. Taylor, JD, PhD
Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney

December 2, 2022

Chris Allgood
[REDACTED]
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Letter for consideration

To whom it may concern

I am writing on behalf of Joey Hoadley and am asking that you take this information into consideration when deciding Joey's future.

I worked for the Caldwell Police Department from 1985 through 2015 as a police officer. During that time, I moved through the police ranks, and for the last eight years of my career I served as the chief of police. During that time Joey Hoadley worked as an officer and was under my command.

For most of my career Caldwell was a very violent and dangerous place with a reputation as such that stretched far and wide. The notoriety of Caldwell being such a violent town was reported by news outlets such as the associated press, and USA today. In October of 2004 a young man was gunned down in his front yard in broad daylight; we again made national news, and the city council called the police administration into an emergency meeting to find a resolution. Out of that meeting a plan for a repeat offender/ gang reduction program was developed.

Officers were tasked with implementing programs and targeting gang crime. These officers were only slightly successful. Even before being assigned to the program, it became clear that Joey had a skill level that others did not possess. He understood gang mentality, he knew the members, their associates, and their methods. He was assigned to the street crimes unit, and it grew into a successful law enforcement program. The FBI developed a violent crimes task force in Canyon County and the Caldwell Street Crimes unit worked hand in hand with them to quell the violence.

Working on the street crimes task force required Joey to work nights and weekends, be called out at all hours for gang crimes, and to work almost exclusively with the most dangerous of our society. He worked tirelessly and in the face of threats against him and his officers.

Joey was tough and professional; he was not abusive nor was he corrupt. He was asked to do an extremely tough and dangerous job and he did it exceptionally well. His actions played a large part in the reduction of violent crime and the improvement of public safety in Caldwell.

Caldwell came out of that very dark place, and it has now become a destination location in Treasure Valley. Gang violence is a fraction of what it used to be, and people feel safe to enjoy their community. The news that covers Caldwell today is positive and upbeat. Joey and the street crimes unit deserve credit for helping to bring this change to our community.

I would not for a moment tolerate an abusive officer, or one that I could not trust. I value law enforcement and what it stands for and would not allow anyone that worked for me to tarnish it. During the time that Joey worked for me I both trusted him and valued his professionalism. The image that has been portrayed of him recently is not the officer that I have known.

It is my request, that when deciding Joey's sentence, that you take into consideration his hard work, professionalism, and contribution.

Sincerely,

Chris Allgood
State Representative 11B
Caldwell city council-president
Chief of police-retired

To whom it may concern

I have known Joey Hoadley for over 25 years as a friend and coworker. Joey has always been a dedicated person to his family, community and work. Joey is now a single father with the responsibility of raising and providing for his young son by himself. Joey plays a major role in his son's life and any separation would have a devastating effect for him and his son. I have witnessed the relational impact he has on his son and the importance it plays in both of their lives.

Through the years Joey has played a big role in the community from setting up fundraisers for those less fortunate and giving of his time to coach and develop young boys in sports. The hours that Joey has donated and sacrificed to help others is a testament to his desire to serve others and have a positive impact on the community.

At work Joey played a major role in his assignments over the years that had a positive impact on reducing crime in the City of Caldwell. Throughout his career as a police officer Joey unselfishly sacrificed his personal and family time and was willing to risk injury to himself and risk his life to serve others.

Please consider the years of dedicated service and sacrifice Joey has made over the last 20 plus years of law enforcement and community service. Please consider the impact this is having on him and his son's lives. Joey is a great man, father and Christian role model to his son and many others. He is more than this case, more than what the media has tried to make him out to be, He is a Father, Son, Brother, Friend that has sacrificed to serve others over the last 20 years.

I know these are huge decisions that need to be made. I pray for wisdom, peace and grace for you as these decisions are made.

Thank you for your service and may God guide and lead you

Frank Wyant

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing you in regards of Lutenit Joey Hoadley. First off I wanted to introduce myself as Inmate # [REDACTED]. As of 2012 I was released from IDOC serving just under 1 year. At this time I was 21 years old in active addiction. Before my incarceration I can assure you I was on the road to death. I couldn't stay clean, I was running with some of the biggest drug dealers in Canyon County, and I was a runner. My drug of choice was methamphetamines. Without picking up my charges I believe I'd still be in the life style I was stuck in. In 2010-2013 I was known to be one of Caldwell's worst drug addict/ dealer. Between Ryan Bendwald and Joey Hoadley I truly believe those two fought my addiction with me. I wouldn't have made it off the streets alive, I would have been dead. I had no way out and not enough support besides the outcome of the follow ups and run ins with Joey Hoadley, Ryan Bendwald and probation and parole. I can admit I was a horrible human who had no other fight in me besides then to face the addiction that was taking my life. I can say with 10 years sober Joey helped save my life. Joey cared to see people turn their lives around. Joey will forever be honored and the reason why I have three beautiful babies today and a life I never could have dreamed that was possible. Drugs and dealing was a way of life I only knew. From 13 years old when I was turned onto this life style with my own hands rather than seeing it through my own eyes. I knew no other ways. I wanted to be the biggest and baddest and I lived by that. By the force that was used Joey helped give me insight that the life I was living wasn't a life style for myself. The fact that I had ever considered that life style is now a shame. Direct words from Ryan Bendwald once said that I will forever carry with me is " We want more for you than you want for yourself." I often think of his comment and believe I would have been just a dead overdosed statistic. From the heart I have today, the life I was given and the second chance that was offered to me was all because of Joey Hoadley and the the force he stood behind. I can openly say that our Judicial System is broken. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. What doesn't make sense about this? Our judicial system protects true criminals. You have got to realize we live in a world where our Police aren't even protected anymore. Caldwell, Idaho in early 2000s was ran by gang activity.

Joey Hoadley was then part of the street crime unit and was an asset to Caldwell when he and his officers made it safe to walk down the streets again. Joey is very involved with the youth in our community as far as coaching baseball, to giving out a sticker assuring those kids that the Police aren't "bad." He is such an inspiration! It's sad to me that people stuck in life style of criminal mentality still blame "The Cop." Take yourself back to driver's education. They teach you in that class at 14 years old that if your pulled over, why do we put our hands on the wheel? That's because the approaching officer doesn't know what to expect. If you reach as he approaches, there's a chance you could end up dead. Why should these officers put their lives on the line and then the Judicial System fail them. I know here in Canyon County it's a high turn over for officers when your starting pay is \$19.00 per hour. It's sad to society when we can't put child molesters away for life but we are willing to put an officer away for life because he was accused of something and was found not guilty and now the people aren't satisfied so we have to make an example. This isn't a Derek Chauvin case your dealing with. Joey Hoadley didn't kill anyone! So please before making your final decision think about this only Son, his Father, his Mother and his freedom. If you sentence him to prison you have failed us as Americans and give us no hope for the future Officers who will one day also need the protection. The people who are for this sentence also have the mentality to defund our police. We the people need to realize Joey Hoadly is an innocent amazing officer who earned his title for reasoning.

AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE AND I WILL SAY AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN!!!! HE IS A TRUE HERO!!!!

Kind Regards,

J [REDACTED] D [REDACTED]

Thu 11:44 AM

My sister just shared your post from October, as we both know in the years of 2010 through 2013 I was one of Caldwell's worst drug addicts/dealers 😞 between you, Bendwald and a few other troopers who fought my addiction with me, I wouldn't have made it out alive my goal was to die. I felt no way out. I had no way out and not enough support besides the outcome of the follow ups and run ins with you guys, and probation officers. I was a runner. A horrible human who had no other fight in me then to face the addiction that was taking my life. I don't know what your outcome was with the trial you were faced with but as an ex criminal and addict and one of Caldwell's worst drug dealers at those times you personally helped save my life along with many others whom they can't say the same are yet done with that lifestyle or in complete denial April 4th I will face 10 years clean. If it wasn't for the intensive force of the few guys you had along your side I know for a fact the crew I was running with would have destroyed many people's lives including families. Face whatever path you are on right now with honor 🏆 🏆 I'm not sure what God's way of this is, but just know and remind yourself daily the people whose lives and the families you saved you will forever be honored and forever the reason I have 3 beautiful babies today and a life I never knew was possible, drugs and dealing was a way of life I only knew was the way from 13 years old when I was turned on to it with my own hands rather than seeing it through my own eyes, I knew no other ways I wanted to be the biggest, the baddest and I lived by that because of the force you used you helped me realize that was never a lifestyle for myself and the fact I never considered that style was a shame, direct words from Bendwald once that I will forever carry with me was you guys wanted more for me than I wanted for myself. I often think of that and believe I would have just been a dead overdosed statistic if it weren't for you guys, from the heart I have today the life I was given and the 2nd chance that was offered to me was all because of you guys, THANK YOU. If I can do anything to help you or the situation you are in reach out I say that because it's, it's not your situation do not own it, nor claim it, just face it with the strength you have in you but it's not "yours" nor will it end that way if you fight your fight and understand this was all due to someone's hate they have feared from your strength.

Judge Skavdahl,

First, I would like to introduce myself, I am Joey Hoadley's ex-wife Mylinda and the mother of our nine-year-old son [REDACTED]. I'm writing you this letter out of my deepest sincerity and hopes you find it helpful to understand the severity of what the future holds for not only Joey, but our son [REDACTED].

As I have watched the past year unfold, I am beyond heartbroken at what my son's father is facing for I know who he truly is, was, and will continue to be not only as a father, friend, coworker, but a member of our community.

Joey and I have known each other for twelve years, and in this time, I was able to witness a lot of things. Aside from our marriage, our ups and downs, indifferences as everyone has, and having a child together, I would like to give you some insight to who is falsely being sentenced and who's LIFE is in jeopardy.

As we all know, no one is perfect. I think we have all looked in the mirror and questioned the things we have done in our past, what we have witnessed others do, and still see day in and day out on the news and in our local jails. Criminals are being booked and released for actual crimes, drug possessions, batteries, DUI's, and in the end have no "sentencing". So, it's extremely hard to comprehend what Joey is being sentenced for causes for ANY sort of jail time, at all.

I've witnessed, firsthand, how people treat our officers on patrol calls, and it was gut wrenching. I will never understand how he and his fellow officers did their job day in and day out, let alone their long shift schedules.

In my early years with Joey, he was the Sergeant for the SCU (street crimes unit) at CPD. Their camaraderie in this unit was admirable. They supported each other on and off shift. It was a true brotherhood because in that line of work, that's what they needed most. I personally had that unit, which at one point in time had Chad Hessman in it, in our home for team dinners and even out to dinner on shift with the team. There was no animosity between the team at all and I was able to watch how they all worked together, performing the same way, handling calls the same way, walking and talking the same way. They were a unit, and it showed across the team. The statistics speak for themselves for Caldwell used to be an awful place to live. It truly was because this unit was created, thanks to Joey and Mayor Nancolas, that Caldwell is now a safer place to live

Gang violence was so out of control at one point in time that responding to shootings had become just a routine part of the shift. Over 130 reports of shots fired during the month of August, 2004 was enough to garner national attention. Joey and his team took this personally and were able to reduce that number to zero for the entire year by 2012.

Once Joey returned to the patrol division as a commander, he single handedly revamped patrol ensuring it ran smoothly and all teams were working well together to better the cities needs which as Caldwell continued to grow. Patrol teams stayed near minimum staffing while the city's population exploded making it hard to do but he still accomplished these goals with every shift he supervised. He then saw a need in the K-9 department as the unit was not the best and slowly becoming nothing. Taking this on, he was able to build relationships with other departments K-9 units and certify a whole new team of five (?)

officers and their dogs. Not to mention create, manage and run fundraisers that ultimately lead to obtaining and developing a K-9 training park for not only CPD but many other agencies in the valley.

I was able to witness how the police department treated and respected Joey, not only for his police work but for who was as a friend, and mentor. This makes it really hard for me to see and hear how a lot of the people he worked closely with now are turning their back on him because we now live in a world where it's easy to throw police officers under the bus and in worse cases in jail out of old grudges and past failed work evaluations or even valid terminations.

I'm sure you have heard and witnessed the many testimonies, letters, and evidence of Joeys many accomplishments ranging from multiple lifesaving awards, supervisor of the year awards, and many promotions over his 21 years of service at the same department. This goes to show his loyalty to not only the Caldwell Police Department, but Caldwell and its residents and businesses that live and work here. Not only that, but the recognition came from his fellow employees that had to write him up to receive these awards and gain these promotions. Not everyone is liked or works well together. However, their opinion, and it may seem oddly targeted, shouldn't decide my son's father's future because they hold a grudge or didn't like his style of policing. Which if I recall, the city and department signed off/agreed to send him and fellow officers to the roughest streets of Compton and Lenox division in California to work with gang units and departments over there to know how to handle what was happening in Caldwell. The proof shows in his accomplishments as awarded, but now are being stripped or ridiculed for doing what he was taught, and asked of?

Joey has devoted his adult life to his career, and his community. He spent countless hours at the police department that it was almost our second home. Our son and I were highly adored and welcomed there. We spent the majority of our spare time running fundraisers for the K-9 unit, hosting a massive cornhole tournament downtown Caldwell, created a Blessing Box at 3 locations in Canyon County that provides nonperishable food items to our community, opened a baseball facility that wasn't even entirely profitable we just wanted to give back to the youth in the community. He has coached our son's baseball teams since he was four years old over spring, summer, and fall seasons. That's 15 different seasons, with 15 set of game schedules and practices 3-4 times a week not to mention weekend tournaments and traveling out of state. All while still working and basically running the police department. Families, and baseball associations have trusted him beyond measure to not only coach and mentor their kids, but care for them and keep them safe. So much so, we have had majority of the team stay together since they were four years old, and they're now going on to 10 and 11 years old. Even when they were considered "out of district" players they made the longer trips to Caldwell to continue playing for Joey. All my son knows is his father as his coach, mentor, and best friend. My son lives for baseball, and his dad comes with that.

I feel If you send him away for something he's begging for mercy over not doing, it will destroy my son and his passion in life. Not to mention he will question our legal system and why his hero and father have been stripped from his childhood.

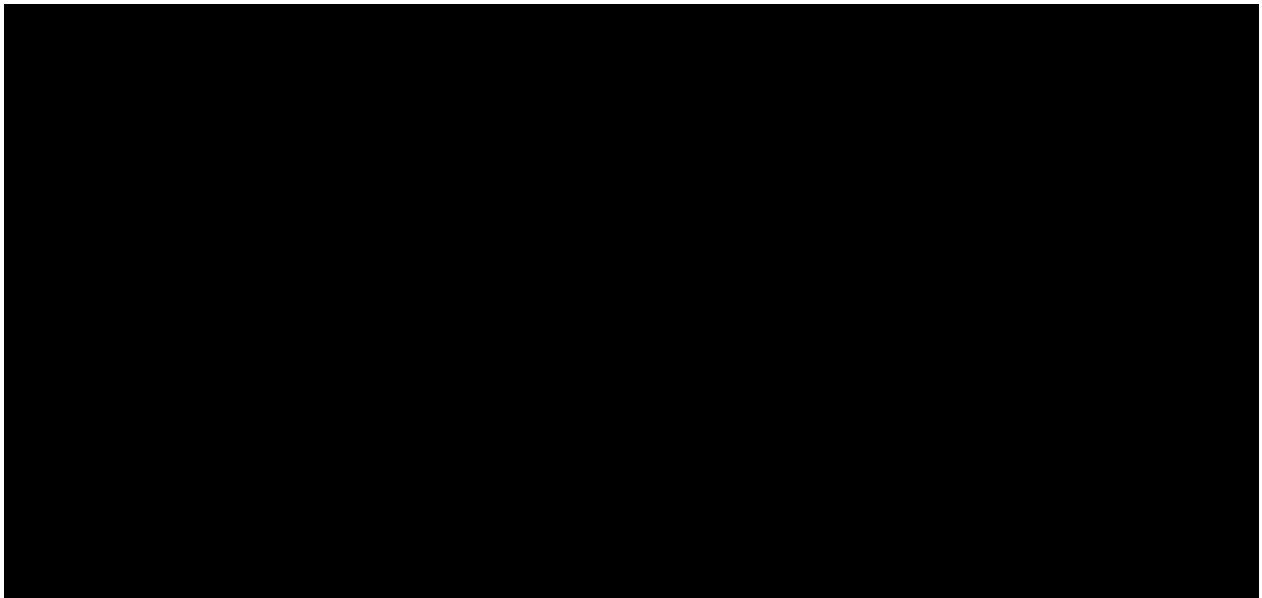
I beg you to see the bigger picture here. To understand there's a human being standing in front of you that is an asset to our community, not a burden or criminal taking advantage of our system or causing havoc. He has no criminal history and I hope this gave you a small snippet into what he does, has done, and who he is. I understand there may be things I entirely don't know or have missed in your courtroom or hearings, so forgive me if my words come across stern. I wish you could see the past 12 years in

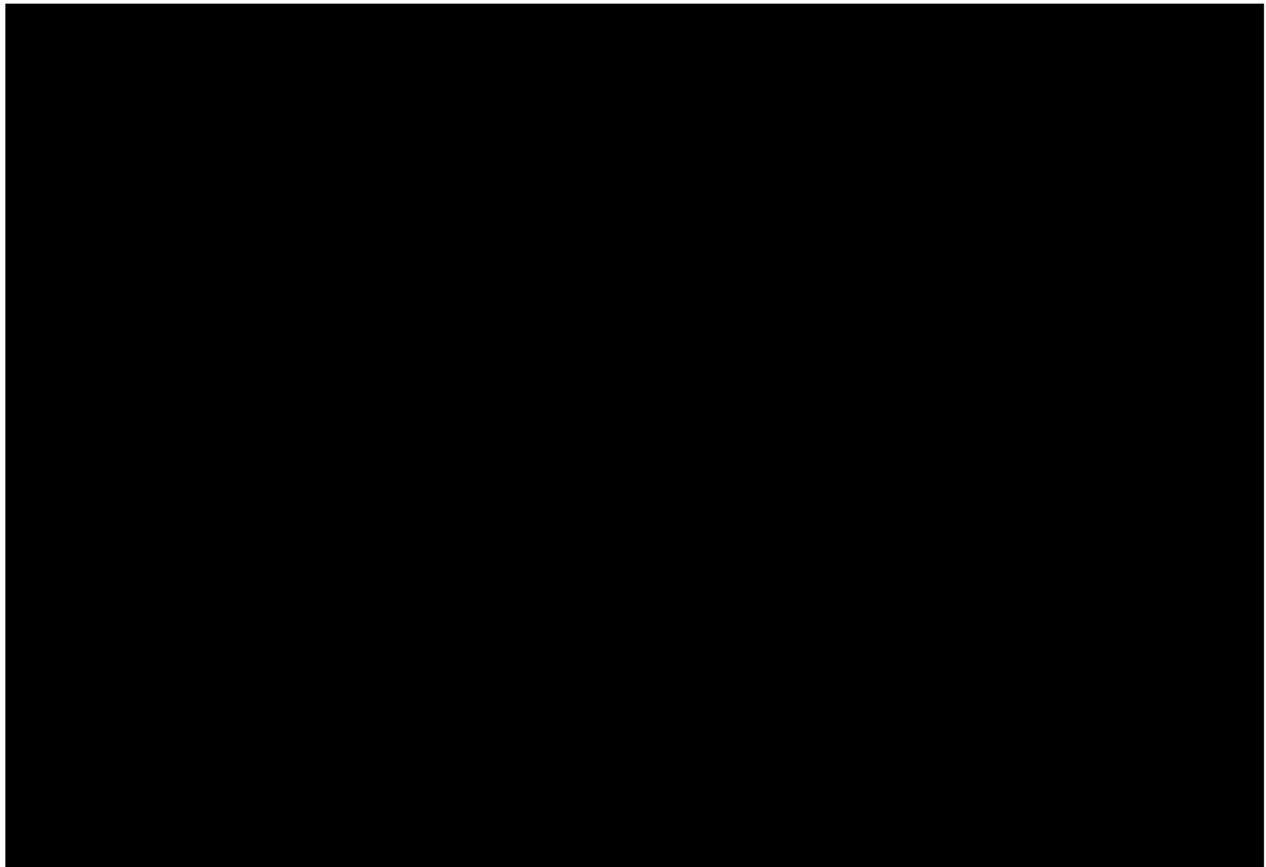
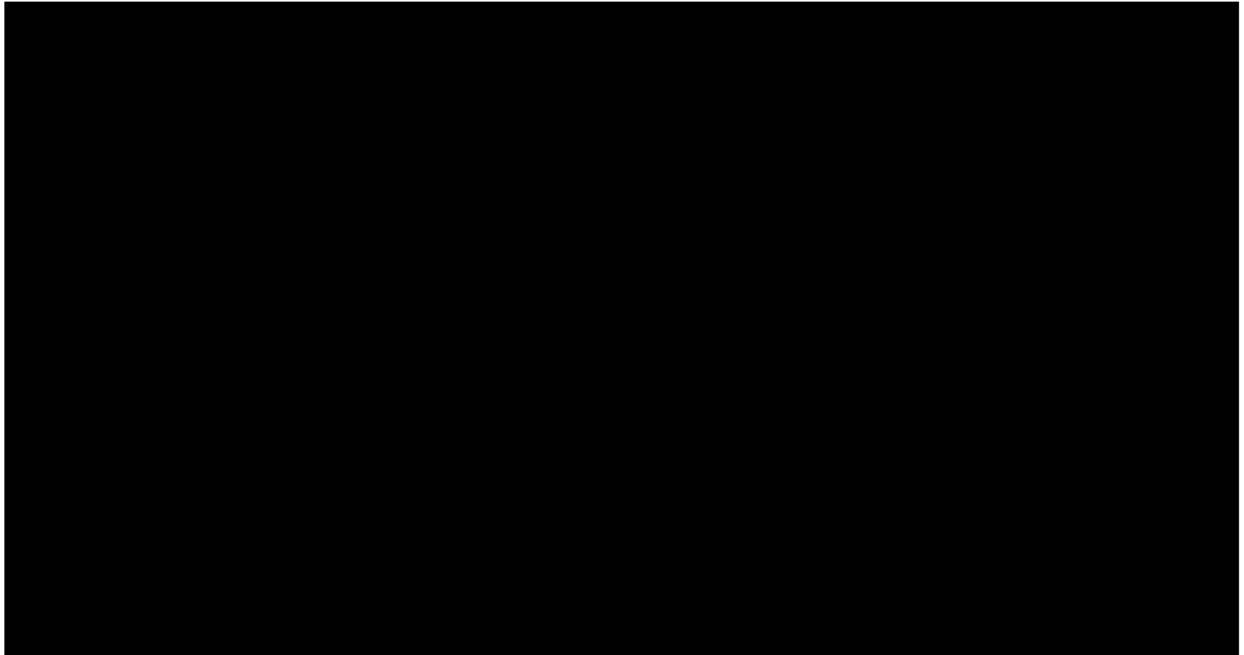
replay. Everyone else's lives are blasted on social media for everyone to see what they're doing, eating, accomplishing, going to this place or that, and it's all the good stuff. It's never reality, it's never the bad stuff or what people have actually done, lied about, cried about, got arrested for, got in this fight or scuffle, stole from this person or that, but that's what everyone wants people to see right? Only the good things and not these things that over mass majority go unnoticed.

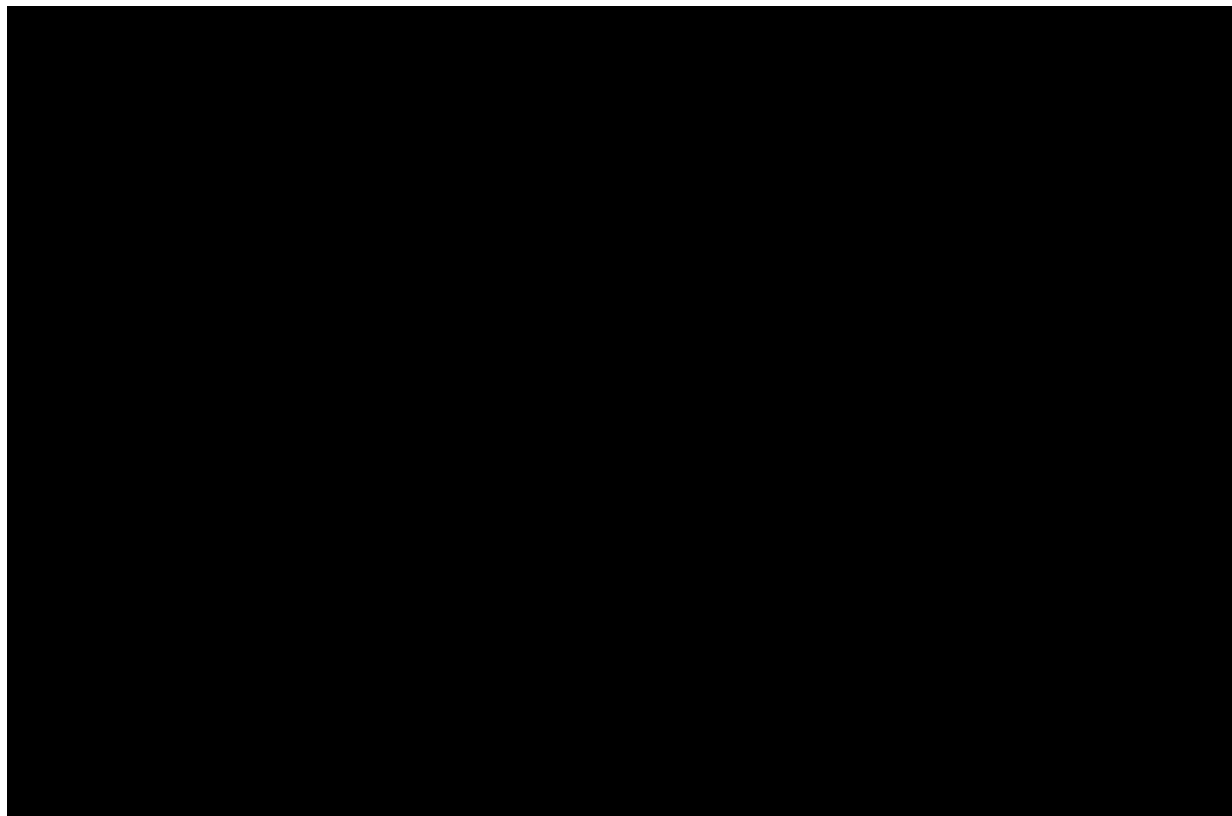
My son's father has been plastered for everything but the good things he has done now because he's an easy target for his choice of career he devoted his life to over 21 years and now is having it thrown in his face as if he is nothing. I can assure you the complete opposite. And I'm sure this may be eye opening for him as well, as I mentioned we all are flawed in some way. However, I do not agree with his sentencing for any jail time at all. I ask you to please consider granting him probation so he can continue to be a part of our community, but most importantly a part of our son's life. Our son will be 10 years old the day before your sentencing hearing, and baseball just around the corner from that. I beg for you to not have that be my son's last birthday and these past seasons of baseball the last with his dad.

Sincerely,

Mylinda Hoadley







January 2022

To whom it may concern

I was elected as the sheriff of Canyon County in 2004 and retired after a nearly 40 year career in 2013. Working my way up the ladder I served in several positions which included patrol lieutenant, CID investigations commander for over 12 years, undersheriff then elected to two terms (8 years) as Sheriff before retiring.

The reason for writing this letter is to put some perspective on the state of crime and criminal activity in Canyon County and specifically in Caldwell in which Joey grew up in the law enforcement world. Gang violence and narcotics had always been an issue primarily carried out by Mexican gang members and resulted in areas of downtown Caldwell literally being dominated by gang members unlawfully occupying abandoned sections of the older buildings.

In 2004 there were over 200 documented drive by shootings in canyon county which resulted in publicity like "DRIVE BY SHOOTINGS PLAGUE CANYON COUNTY". This type of media barrage on a regular basis made our community look like a war zone where you would be crazy to live or move here. This resulted in a depressed real estate market and a terrible reputation. To be clear there was at the time a lot of pressure from every corner of the building, real estate, and development community along with every other business who expressed their concern with the bad image that was hurting our economy as a whole.

This situation resulted in the formation of a task force that was manned by all local law enforcement agency's and the DEA, FBI, and ATF. This task force still exists today and is housed in one location as a concerted effort to target gang and drug activity.

I mention this because the leaders in the law enforcement community saw the need to aggressively target a problem that was effecting our community in so many ways and effecting and impacting so many family's that included injury's and loss of life. I am confident that the message to the troops was "this craziness must stop and our field officers are the front line of this effort"!

From that point on there was a zero tolerance approach towards gang members and gang activity. When a gang member was encountered by law enforcement they were more likely to be cited or arrested than warned about an offense .

All officers from the ground up understood the necessity to quash the kinds of criminal activity that led to the over 200 drive by shootings in one year alone. The result of this effort resulted in the reduction of these types of reckless and violent shootings to nearly zero. A downtown Caldwell that had become a depressed ghost town is now one of the most vibrant and growing economy's in the state and is now a destination for thousands of folks from all around treasure valley boasting numerous new restaurants and the Indian Creek Plaza that has become a premier gathering event venue.

I make these points because men like Joey Hoadley were part of the solution that transformed our community to the vibrant and popular destination that it now is. Joey likely got into law enforcement as his mother and sister worked at the Sheriffs office for many years and I admired them both.

I will leave you with this one last thought. Please understand the Jeopardy in which the citizens of Canyon County and the city of Caldwell were living under and the extra-ordinary law enforcement effort that it took to remove that cloud and bring safety back to the community that expects and deserves nothing less. Joey Hoadley was an integral part of that success.

I am writing this letter in hope that in the upcoming sentencing you would take all of this into consideration along with the fact that he was decertified as a police officer and his lifelong career path is gone. That alone is a punishment that isn't taken lightly and will require significant self reinvestment rather than a cost to the taxpayer by putting him in prison. He is not a threat to the community and parole is sufficient. Save the jail space for people that are truly a threat.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely

Chris Smith

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