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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known Gregory Sutton and his wife, Barbara for the last 2 or 3 years. I met them at Church where they always sat in front of me. We met and talked every Sunday throughout those years and socialized over coffee after Mass on several occasions. Gregory was, at one and the same time, friendly and reserved. When we first met, I learned he was an Australian who had lived in Sydney. Since I myself had also lived there for 13 years, he told me he had taught at the Marist Brothers and he acknowledged what great educators they are. I concurred with him and that seems to have established a bond between us.

In the time I have known him, Gregory was always dressed professionally. He conducted himself appropriately. He was especially united to Barbara, especially at the Sign of Peace in the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) where he and Barbara each signed each other's foreheads with a cross as a sign of their love and union.

On several occasions, Greg spoke with pride of his professional life as a School Principal.

Outside of Church, Greg was very supportive of Barbara when she wanted to start her own business. This was not an easy enterprise for her, as it took time to establish the business and build up a clientele. In spite of her slow start, Greg was patient and completely supportive of Barbara.

They have a lovely home in an excellent neighborhood here in St. Louis. Gregory takes great pride in his home and garden and in his hobby of building and running a train set.

Up until the news hit the media that Gregory was taken into custody for charges of sexual assault with persons under the age of 16, I believe Gregory was always respected by everyone for his quiet and professional demeanor. I am sorry Gregory is in custody for these charges and I urge you to release him. The charges do not appear to be typical of him and it's hard for me to believe the charges as they are out of character with the Gregory I know.

Sincerely,

Sister Carol Flaherty, F.M.M.