

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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I am a friend of Gregory Sutton; having known him since approximately the Spring of 1991. At that time I met Gregory through the pastor of our church, St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis. Gregory was completing his Masters degree program in Chicago and I saw him at Church on Sundays when he was in St. Louis.


As I remember it, my husband, Ken & I met with Gregory & Barbara during that summer every 4-6 weeks prior to their marriage in October, 1991. We had prayerful discussions regarding our backgrounds as former members of religious orders and about our current relationships - the spiritual, emotional and economic aspects of marriage. In between times we would see Gregory on a weekly basis at St. Francis Xavier.

I am aware that Gregory is presently in custody for charges of sexual assault with persons under sixteen years of age and has been in custody for almost one year now. These charges are certainly not typical of the Gregory I feel I met and knew and journeyed with during the time I've known him. He avidly sought work in the St. Louis area and finally obtained a position as principal of St. Dismas grade school in St. Louis. It is my understanding that he did a fine job and was highly respected by the faculty, parents and students alike! It was during this time that I worked quite closely with Gregory and Barbara in the purchase of their first home in St. Louis.

These charges seem so out of character with the Gregory I knew and it's difficult to reconcile them with the fact that Gregory was in the United States for a number of years prior to being taken into custody with absolutely no charges or hint of possible charges during all of these years, even when working as the principal of an elementary school.

It is my hope that the good that Gregory has and can do will be taken into consideration at the present time and that he will be given a speedy hearing and arraignment.

Sincerely,



Alice B. Kehm