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Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 5:48 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: representations

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Dear Samantha,

Please see below, another good character reference that was sent via email in relation to the respective court case.

To the presiding magistrate

Character reference Mark Marriott

I am writing to provide a character reference in relation to Marks court case.

I worked as a Residential social worker for Derbyshire county council , for over 20 years , so I am trained in safeguarding . Last year I semi retired and changed roles to become a parish and district councillor.

I run , alongside my husband an inflatable hire company established over 32years , and also play the organ regularly at the parish church .

I have known Mark almost all my life, and have always found him to be very hardworking , sociable , helpful and well liked in both our own village , and surrounding villages.

Running the business we do , gives us a good sense of characters that we also hire to .

We are a small parish , but quite a close knit community , of which Mark is an integral part . Providing our village with everything from entertainment to charity events. Only this last weekend has hosted a charity event raising money for children's cancer awareness and at Christmas put on a free children's event, teaming up with other businesses within the parish.

Mark , alongside his wife Michelle, whom I have also known all my life , have worked hard to build up one of the best venues in the area . This takes a certain character and true belief , as it takes up and over almost all their lives. I think the amount of clientele that visit the George , is testament in itself to that , whilst also keeping up their own professions .

I am aware of the charges today , and obviously don't condone them.

However , knowing Mark as I do, this is not the Mark I've known and know .

We can all make mistakes and some mistakes are more costly than others , and not just in monetary terms.

I haven't hesitated to write this reference for you today in support of Mark , and hope it helps give you a strength of his character .

Kind regards.

Sally Renshaw