

Western District prepared a report (PSA Report). The report recommended that Mr. Dresch should be released on conditions with a \$20,000 unsecured bond. PSA Report at 6. Even still, the Magistrate Judge in the Western District ordered that Mr. Dresch be held without bond pending trial, finding by clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions would reasonably assure the safety of any person and the community and also finding by preponderant evidence that no condition or combination of conditions would reasonably assure his appearance at future proceedings. Order of Detention Pending Trial (Detention Order) at 2. Mr. Dresch's case was transferred to this District.

2. On February 3, 2021, a five-count indictment was filed against Mr. Dresch in this District. At some point after this, Mr. Dresch was brought to this District by the United States Marshals Service. Mr. Dresch was arraigned on that indictment on March 29, 2021. A status conference has been set for May 12, 2021.

3. The five counts that Mr. Dresch is charged with in his indictment are: 1) Obstruction of an Official Proceeding (18 U.S.C. §§ 1512(c)(2), 2); 2), Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds (18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1)); 3) Disorderly or Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(2)); 4) Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building (40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D)); and 5) Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building (40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G)). Only count 1 is a felony. As before, none of these charges are of the type that creates a presumption that Mr. Dresch should be held without bond (18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(2),(3)) or that, by its nature, even qualifies Mr. Dresch for consideration for preventive detention (18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)).

4. The government has begun providing undersigned counsel with discovery for this case. While counsel expects additional discovery to come, counsel is not currently aware of any evidence that would indicate that Mr. Dresch assaulted anyone or destroyed any property at the Capitol on January 6. Moreover, he is not aware of any evidence that

would indicate that Mr. Dresch made any kind of forcible entry into the Capitol on January 6. Based on a review of the discovery provided so far, it appears that the government's evidence in this case is simply that Mr. Dresch entered the Capitol on January 6, 2021 as part of the large crowd who occupied the building to protest the counting of the Electoral College votes.

5. Mr. Dresch is 40 years old. He is from a small town on the already remote Upper Peninsula of Michigan. His family is from the Upper Peninsula. Mr. Dresch's father was an academic who turned local politician. Even now after his death, his father remains well known on the Upper Peninsula. Though Mr. Dresch was born in Connecticut and spent a few years abroad as a child due to his father's employment, he was largely raised on the Upper Peninsula, and except for a period in his early 20's when he went to live with a brother in Georgia, he has spent all his adult life on the Upper Peninsula. Mr. Dresch is married and has a 13-year-old son with whom he shares joint custody with his former wife. Mr. Dresch, his wife, and his son live in a house that had already been in Mr. Dresch's family for a while before he took over occupancy of it a few years ago. The house is owned by his mother. Mr. Dresch's mother is 78 years old and continues to live nearby. She relies on Mr. Dresch to help her. Mr. Dresch is self-employed as a laborer. Most of his work involves installing hardwood floors. The past year has been difficult for Mr. Dresch financially because of the pandemic. To make a little extra income, Mr. Dresch sells pro-Trump paraphernalia (flags, banners, baseball hats, wool hats, etc.) from the front porch of his home.

6. Since undersigned counsel has been appointed to represent Mr. Dresch, he has been receiving a steady stream of letters of support for Mr. Dresch from various friends, neighbors, and family. The letters are contained in an attachment that is being filed with this motion for bond. Attachment, Letters of Support. It is clear from letters that Mr. Dresch lives in a community where he is well known, valued, and trusted. The letters are consistent in stressing Mr. Dresch's humble and gentle nature and the essential

goodwill he has for his family, friends, and neighbors. The letters unqualifyingly present Mr. Dresch as a non-violent person. The letters are from people of all walks of life in Mr. Dresch's community and include letters from the local sheriff, a local mayor, and the pastor of Mr. Dresch's church. It is submitted that a review of the letters is the best way to get a sense of who Mr. Dresch is.

7. Mr. Dresch has prior criminal convictions for what appear to be traffic-and-alcohol-type offenses in five cases: 1) Disturbing the Peace from 2008 (fine only), 2) Owner Permitting Another to Violate Motor Vehicle Code and Unlawful Use of License Plate, Registration, Title from 2010 (fines only), 3) Obstructing Officer from 2011 (fine only), 4) Fleeing Police Officer and Operating Vehicle while Impaired from 2013 (one year jail), and 5) Fleeing Officer from 2013 (11 months jail followed by two years probation). PSA Report at 4-5. These appear to be Mr. Dresch's only prior convictions. Id. It should be noted that the convictions from cases 4 and 5 above both concern a single incident in which Mr. Dresch apparently fled police in Wisconsin across the state line into Michigan, thus separately violating similar laws of each jurisdiction. Id. The convictions in these two cases are by far the worst of Mr. Dresch's prior convictions. Indeed, they appear to be the only prior convictions he has where he got anything more than a fine. The convictions are eight years old, and it should be noted that Mr. Dresch successfully completed the two-years probation he was given in connection with them. Id. at 5.

8. When Mr. Dresch was arrested on January 19, 2021, the police executed a search warrant at his residence. According to information presented at his initial appearance in the Western District of Michigan, during the search of the residence, the police found four firearms and various quantities of ammunition. The four firearms consisted of two shotguns, a Glock .40 pistol, and wood-bodied rifle. Pictures of the firearms have been turned over to undersigned counsel through discovery. From the pictures, it is clear than none of the long guns are what could be described as modern firearms. Indeed, at least one of the shotguns and, especially, the rifle appear to be fairly

old. The handgun is similarly unremarkable. According to information presented at Mr. Dresch's initial appearance, during the search of Mr. Dresch's residence, the police also recovered a small knapsack with Atlanta Braves logos on it that contained several rounds of ammunition that could be used in the rifle that was found at the residence. A picture taken at the Capitol on January 6 shows a person who the government claims is Mr. Dresch holding a knapsack that resembles the one with the ammunition inside that was allegedly found at Mr. Dresch's residence on January 19. At this point, it must be stressed that photographs and videos from the Capitol on January 6 that the government claims capture Mr. Dresch show that he did not have a rifle with him.

9. In addition to selling pro-Trump paraphernalia from the front porch of his home, Mr. Dresch also sells, for some reason, knapsacks with Atlanta Braves logos on them. Indeed, photographs from the search of Mr. Dresch's house that have been turned over to undersigned counsel in discovery show that there was actually a small cache of such knapsacks at Mr. Dresch's house the day the search was conducted (January 19).

10. At his initial hearing in the Western District of Michigan, it was brought out that Mr. Dresch's conviction from Michigan for Fleeing a Police Officer is a felony conviction. Accordingly, under federal law, it would be illegal for Mr. Dresch to possess firearms. At this point, it should be noted that the government has not presented any evidence to show that Mr. Dresch possessed the firearms that were allegedly found at his house. Further, he has not been charged with any crimes in connection with those firearms. Beyond this, it is important to note that the guns that were allegedly recovered from the house would not qualify in anyone's understanding as anything other than the type of ordinary firearms that are commonplace in rural households throughout America. They are not assault weapons—but guns that really are for hunting and home protection.

11. In his detention order, the Magistrate Judge who ordered that Mr. Dresch be held without bond noted that one of the factors he felt warranted such action was Mr. Dresch's "[h]istory of violence or use of weapons." Detention order at 2. This conclusion

seems unfounded. While it could perhaps be argued that there is a suspicion that Mr. Dresch possessed firearms after getting a felony conviction, Mr. Dresch has no history of violence or of using weapons in connection with criminal activity. See PSA Report at 4-5.

12. Where a magistrate judge has ordered a person to be held without bond pending trial, “the person may file, with the court having original jurisdiction over the offense, a motion for revocation or amendment of the order.” 18 U.S.C. § 3145(b). In order to hold a person without bond pending trial, a judicial officer must find that “no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of any other person and the community.” 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(1). Here, conditions of release can be fashioned for Mr. Dresch that will reasonably assure his appearance at future court proceedings and the safety of other persons and the community. Accordingly, Mr. Dresch should be released on conditions.

DISCUSSION

As an initial matter, it must be noted that it is questionable whether or not Mr. Dresch even qualifies for consideration for preventive detention on either the grounds that he poses a “serious risk of flight” or the grounds that he poses a “serious risk to obstruct justice.” Though the Magistrate Judge who detained Mr. Dresch likely thought that Mr. Dresch’s prior convictions for fleeing and eluding police officers in 2013 provided a basis for finding he posed a serious risk of flight, it does not really follow that, just because Mr. Dresch may have fled from the police during a traffic stop eight years ago, he will now fail to appear for court in this matter. This is especially true since, despite apparently having five prior cases, there is nothing to indicate that Mr. Dresch has ever failed to come to court in the past. Moreover, Mr. Dresch has extremely strong ties to his community. That Mr. Dresch might pose a serious risk of obstructing justice is even harder to see. There is nothing in his past to suggest he might do this, and nothing he has done or said in connection with this case indicates differently. Beyond all this, even if it can be found that

Mr. Dresch does qualify for consideration for preventive detention on the grounds that he poses a “serious risk of flight” or a “serious risk to obstruct justice,” the Court still cannot find that such detention is actually required. When deciding whether or not to detain a person pending trial, a judicial officer is to look at 1) the “nature and circumstances of the offense[s] charged,” 2) “the weight of the evidence against the person,” 3) “the history and characteristics of the person,” and 4) “the nature and seriousness of the danger to any person or the community that would be posed by the person’s release.” 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g). Consideration of these factors compels a finding that Mr. Dresch should be released on conditions.

Nature and Circumstance of the Offenses and Weight of the Evidence

The government’s case against Mr. Dresch appears to be based on evidence that he was present inside the Capitol on January 6 with the crowd that was protesting the counting of the Electoral College votes. Admittedly, the government does appear to have video and pictures that show that Mr. Dresch was inside the Capitol with the protesting crowd on January 6. However, while this evidence might go some way towards helping it get convictions against Mr. Dresch for the four misdemeanor counts it has charged him with, it is less clear how the government can prove that Mr. Dresch intended his conduct to be anything more than an act of protest—as opposed to an attempt to actually obstruct Congress from performing its duties. Thus, the evidence against Mr. Dresch in connection with the only felony he is charged with—the Obstruction count—seems weaker. Beyond this, no matter what the strength of the evidence against Mr. Dresch may be, it must be acknowledged that none of the counts in the indictment against him are for offenses that are considered dangerous enough to create a presumption that he should be held without bond. Moreover, in regards to the events at the Capitol on January 6, there is no evidence

that Mr. Dresch engaged in any assaults or destructive conduct or even that he obtained entry by force. On this point, it should be noted that, in United States v. Munchel, No. 21-3010, slip op. (D.C. Cir. March 26, 2021), the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit recently considered a situation where the District Court had made a dangerousness finding against two defendants charged in connection with the events at the Capitol on January 6 based on the nature and circumstances of the charged offenses, the weight of the evidence, and danger-to-the-community factors. Id., slip op. at 9, 15-16. The Court of Appeals concluded that the District Court had clearly erred in doing this because it had failed to consider the fact that there was no evidence the defendants had vandalized any property or physically harmed any person. Id., slip op. at 18. The Court of Appeals went on to add:

In our view, those who actually assaulted police officers and broke through windows, doors, and barricades, and those who aided, conspired with, planned or coordinated such actions, are in a different category of dangerousness than those who cheered on the violence or entered the Capitol after others had cleared the way.

Id., slip op. 18-19. Mr. Dresch appears to be precisely the kind of January 6 defendant who falls into the lower category of dangerousness.

In evaluating the nature and circumstances of the offenses Mr. Dresch is charged with, the Court should also consider that the events at the Capitol on January 6 were occasioned by an already uncommon event (the quadrennial counting of the Electoral College votes in the United States Congress) occurring in the extremely unusual context of people being widely told by relied-on news sources and high-ranking officials entrusted with public authority, including the then-sitting President of the United States, that the votes were illegitimate and the counting process corrupt. The odds a similar confluence of

events and crowd dynamics occurring again seem currently unlikely. In Munchel, the Court of Appeals noted that, for those defendants charged in connection with the events at the Capitol on January 6 who did not assault anyone or damage any property, “the presence of the group was critical to their ability to obstruct the vote and to cause danger to the community.” Id., slip op. at 19. The Court indicated that, in order to find that such defendants should be held without bond because they are likely to do something similar in the future, judicial officers must explain how those defendants would be able to do so “now that the specific events of January 6 have passed.” Id., slip op. at 19-20.

For all the above reasons, consideration of the nature and circumstances of the charged offenses and the weight of the evidence militate in favor of Mr. Dresch’s release.

The History and Characteristics of Mr. Dresch

Mr. Dresch is 40 years old. He is from a small town on Michigan’s remote Upper Peninsula, which is where his family is from where he has lived the majority of his life. His family and community ties to where he lives could not be stronger. As the letters of support that have been written for him show, Mr. Dresch is well-known in his community and universally regarded as a humble and gentle family man who goes out of his way to help his neighbors. He is regarded as a fundamentally non-violent person. While Mr. Dresch does have prior convictions, they appear to be for traffic-and-alcohol related offenses. He has no history of violence or even property crimes. For all except two prior convictions, he appears to have received only fines. The other two convictions are both related to a single event—a police chase that, because it occurred across state lines, ended up resulting in similar convictions in each jurisdiction. These convictions are eight years old and represent Mr. Dresch’s most-recent convictions. As a result of these convictions

Mr. Dresch was placed on two-years probation, which he successfully completed. There are no indications that Mr. Dresch has ever failed to appear in court for any of his previous cases. Mr. Dresch has a wife and a thirteen-year-old son who depend on him. His mother, who lives nearby, also relies on him. He has a supportive family and community behind him.

Likely, what will concern the Court about Mr. Dresch is the fact that four firearms were allegedly found in his house when it was searched after his arrest. As to the guns themselves, there is nothing concerning about them. They are just two shotguns, an old rifle, and a handgun. The problem of course is that one of Mr. Dresch's prior convictions related to the police-chase incident from 2013 is considered a felony. Accordingly, it would be illegal for Mr. Dresch to possess guns. It is this fact that will likely trouble the Court. This is understandable, but it is still not enough to warrant a finding by clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Dresch poses a danger to others or the community—especially when viewed in conjunction with the letters of support for Mr. Dresch from the very people he lives among, which clearly show they feel entirely safe around him. The guns allegedly recovered from Mr. Dresch's house are not assault weapons. They are exactly the type of guns that can be widely found in homes across rural America—guns that really are for hunting and home protection. A person living where Mr. Dresch does would regard them as commonplace. Moreover, there is no evidence that Mr. Dresch is the one who actually possessed the guns, and he has not been charged with any crimes in relation to them. Also, the guns have now been seized by the F.B.I. and removed from Mr. Dresch's house. Thus, notwithstanding the fact that four firearms were allegedly found in

Mr. Dresch's house, consideration of his history and characteristics still militates in favor of his release.

The Danger Posed by Mr. Dresch's Release

If the Court sees fit to release Mr. Dresch, he will go back to live with his wife and son in their home in Michigan's remote Upper Peninsula. Mr. Dresch will consent to GPS location monitoring and travel restrictions. If these conditions are imposed it is difficult to see how Mr. Dresch would pose a danger to the community. As to posing a danger to society writ large, it bears repeating that the events at the Capitol were unique and do not appear likely to recur. Thus, for this reason alone, it is unlikely Mr. Dresch would do something similar again. As to posing a danger to the community he lives in, it bears calling attention again to the letters of support that have been written for Mr. Dresch. The people who know Mr. Dresch, the people he lives among, know him to be gentle and peaceful and do not fear him. This means something.

Conclusion

Consideration of the above factors shows that conditions of release can be fashioned that will assure Mr. Dresch's appearance at future court proceedings and the safety of the community if he is released. Accordingly, it cannot be found that "no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of any other person and the community." 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(1). For these reasons, Mr. Dresch's preventive detention is not warranted.

WHEREFORE, the defendant, Karl Dresch, moves this Honorable Court to vacate the order of preventive detention in this case and release him on the conditions specified above.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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**ATTACHMENT
LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

3/16/2021

Englewood, CO

Philadelphia Insurance Companies

Your Honor,

Hello, my name is Robert Greenlee, and I am writing to you regarding the case involving Karl Dresch. I was a classmate of his from kindergarten through high school, and we remain friends today.

Karl is an intelligent individual, and a very caring friend. He is generous, always willing to help a friend in need, and has an amazing sense of humor. No exaggeration; I have never seen Karl act violent, lash out, or even act physically or verbally aggressive or confrontational toward anyone. He is a kind, sensitive, thoughtful individual, who has strong political beliefs, but is not a threat to anyone, ever.

My hope is that you hear from other people in Karl's life, as I know all who become aware of his pending legal case will surely write to you and confirm the information I have provided. Karl is not a danger to anyone, and anyone who knew/knows him will reiterate this same sentiment.

Karl will always be a friend of mine. Our political views differ, so we don't talk about politics. We talk about all of the good times we have had in the past, and all the good times to come in the future. Karl doesn't force his political views on others, and is not a danger to society.

It saddens my heart to know that Karl got caught up in everything that happened in January. I hope and pray that it be made aware to the court that he would never hurt anyone for any reason, and that he was not one of the violent protestors in January.

Best Regards,

Robert Greenlee

March 16, 2021

This letter is to Jerry Ray Smith concerning the character of Karl Dresch
From Billie Yarbrough, a neighbor and friend of the Dresch Family

Dear Sir:

I am writing to affirm the fact that Karl Dresch is a fine, upstanding, conscientious young man, a good father, a loving husband, and a wonderful son. He is a hard worker and has always been someone that others could count on to do a good and thorough job, such as shoveling snow as a teenager for older neighbors and helping his mom with difficult maintenance jobs in her home.

Karl is not an aggressive person and he has had many good friends as he has grown into manhood. There is not a malicious bone in his body. I believe in his integrity and goodness as a person.

This is a true and honest assessment of how I feel about Karl Dresch,

Billie Yarbrough



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911 Coordinator

March 19, 2021

Jerry Ray Smith, Esq.
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Washington, DC 20004

RE: Karl Friedrich Dresch dob 6/24/1980

Dear Mr. Smith;

Please accept this letter pertaining to the character of Karly Friedrich Dresch who is a lifelong resident of our county. I have know the Dresch family for many years since they have resided in east Hancock where Karl was raised.. His father, Stephen was a Michigan Tech professor for year who had gotten into politics regarding issues with MTU and a capital venture group called "Ventures" and was elected to the MI House of Representatives. Stephen was a brilliant man, near genius level economist and stood for what he believed in. The Dresch family has always had a good and solid reputation here.

Karl is a very bright kid and although in his teens had a few brushes with local law enforcement as a lot of kids that age are; had settled down a lot as he grew older and has never shown any violent tendencies to any of law enforcement in our area. He is strong in his beliefs also, but he is not this "violent terrorist" that the media seems to want him to be. I believe him to be more a follower who went to have his voice heard and got caught up in the crowd and followed in and posted his photos to prove to everyone that he had made his statement. I have heard no statements that he had assaulted anyone at all, and I would have been very surprised if that was the case.

I acknowledge that Karl stepped over the line by going in, however I just wanted to advise you I don't believe he is a dangerous man or dangerous to the community. Yes, there were weapons they found at his apt. in Calumet up here but nearly all homes here have weapons as we have a tremendous number of hunters and fishermen as well as a long history of military volunteers and retirees. Yet, gun violence is nearly non-existent as the people are trained to respect the weapons for their intended use for sport.

Please contact me anytime if you have further questions. As always, I remain,

Very Sincerely Yours,

Brian J. McLean

To whom it may concern,

My name is Pastor Tony Laidlaw. I live in Calumet Michigan and pastor a small Baptist church here. It is my understanding that there is some question about Karl Dresh, and his danger to our society because of his recent actions, as well as the concern of him trying to "run" from his legal responsibilities. I would like to address these two questions as honestly as I can.

I have known Karl and Sarah for a little over 2 years. I married them about a year and a half ago. They have been part of our church fellowship the entire time I have known them. They are not yet members of the church, but they attend here regularly. We have shared a few meals together, and Karl has done some work for the church. Sarah has attended many bible studies and small groups. That is the extent of our relationship.

I do spend a lot of time with people, that is the nature of my job, which has made me a fairly quick judge of character. Regarding Karl's danger to society, I do not believe that Karl is any real danger to our community or our government. I "think" that Karl got wrapped up in a movement and made some very foolish decisions. Karl has been around my family, been around my church family, and has even had a key to our church building. If I thought, he was dangerous in any way I would not have allowed any of those things.

Regarding Karl's ability to show up for his legal responsibilities, I can only say that I can't imagine him being foolish enough to try to run from this. He has a wife and a church family that will support him as long as he is willing to follow the law. And his wife and church family will encourage him to do so! Strongly! I obviously cannot predict the future, but it is my hope that Karl's wife and child would be his first thought as he decides to own his actions and do whatever he needs to do to clear his name. I personally will encourage Karl to understand that this means showing up for legal responsibilities, especially since I am putting my name at the bottom of this letter.

I do not agree with everything happening in American politics, but I do believe that scripture says very clearly that we are to obey the authority that God has placed over us. I will make sure Karl knows that the Bible says this as well.

I hope that Karl can come home to be with his wife and son. They need him. Until then we will continue to support them as best as we can.

Sincerely
Pastor Tony Laidlaw
First Baptist Church of Calumet

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tony Laidlaw".

From: [REDACTED]
To: jerryraysmith@verizon.net,
Subject: Karl Dresch
Date: Mon, Mar 22, 2021 4:35 pm

To whom it may concern:

I have known Karl Dresch since he was 5 years old. As long as I have known him He has been a polite and kind young man. He is the kind of son who helps his elderly mother by changing the oil in her car and keeping it running for her. He also does heavy chores for her like shoveling snow, painting, and moving heavy furniture. The last time we were in Hancock, we needed someone to mow our grass. Karl came with his lawn mower and would not accept anything for his work.

He is also a good father to his 13- year-old son who, needs him in his life,

Karl's 78 year old and sickly mother and his 13 years son need Karl Dresch in their lives.

Sincerely,

Ryszarda L. Pelc

From:**To:** Jerryraysmith@Verizon.net,**Subject:** Character Reference for Karl Dresch**Date:** Mon, Mar 22, 2021 8:14 pm

To whom it may concern,

My name is David Carr, 41 years old. I have known Karl since 1995, we went to Hancock Highschool Together. I have grown to know my friend as a kind, caring, and thoughtful person with little to no ego. Even with healthy self-esteem, Karl is a humble person who never brags about himself or his accomplishments.

Karl has a brilliant, articulate, keen mind. His drive at discovering the truth is insatiable, a gift he inherited from his father (Dr. Stephen Dresh). Always up for a good debate, he listens and values my opinions. If I'm ever wrong or misspoke, he would correct me in a sarcastic fun way we could both laugh about, thoughtful not to make me feel inferior. He is great to be around, always making me laugh with sarcastic humor and telling jokes. All around he is fun to be around and it draws others to be around him.

In all the years I've known him, I've never seen him with a temper, never seen him yell at anyone. Violence is not in his nature, he would never be capable of it, nor would he ever condone it.

Karl's loving wife (Sarah) and son (Stephen) look up to him with admiration and miss him dearly. Stephen, now 13, needs his father around now more than ever. These are the years that a boy is molded into a man. Karl is a patient loving father and Stephen is Karl's pride and joy! Stephen is Bright, respectful, and stays out of trouble. Stephen (as most adolescents do at one point) got into trouble spray painting on an old abandoned mine building with his friends. Karl found out about it and made him scrub the brick off. After hours of tedious work with a brush and paint thinner, Stephen asked if he could just paint over it? Karl knew that would not instill the lesson Stephen needed to learn and made him finish. Stephen needs his father and Karl needs his son.

God and country are very important to Karl, he believes in high moral values, love, and thoughtfulness, along with the truth. That is who my friend is underneath.

David Stewart Carr

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March 16, 2021

Re: Karl Dresch

I have known Karl since he was a toddler. He and his family have been my neighbors. Karl has always been a very polite considerate young man - a good member of our community.

I have observed Karl and his son Stephan. They have a very caring and loving relationship.

Karl is a good father.

He did participate in the Jan 6th uprising. Perhaps he was misled by the former President Trump's rhetoric and conspiracy theorists.

Karl is a fine young man. He would never have any evil intentions of any kind.

Sincerely,

Ruth Thistle

From:
To: Jerryraysmith@Verizon.net,
Subject: Karl Dresch
Date: Sun, Mar 21, 2021 5:11 pm

To: The Honorable Judge

From: Lois and Ronald Mazuk Aunt and Uncle of Karl Dresch

We have known Karl Dresch is entire life. Through the years we have never observed him to ever be violent or destructive. Karl is a talented man with an excellent work ethic in laying and finishing hardwood floors as well as renovation of old houses. In our observation, Karl has been respectful and considerate of the family, old and young. He is not an angry or violent person.

Karl has a wife and a 13 year old son who are greatly affected both financially and emotionally by Karl's continued absence. Also Karl is very generous in his ongoing care and help with the needs of his elderly mother.

As his Aunt and Uncle, we respectfully beg the court to consider time served as sufficient restitution or punishment. May it be taken into consideration that no damage or violence was exhibited by Karl. He is a caring father and his presence is needed by those who depend on his loyal help and care.

Thank you for considering our plea on his behalf..

Lois and Ronald Mazuk

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is a testament to my lifelong friendship and respect for the character of Mr. Karl Dresch as well as an expression of my deep knowledge that Karl is goodhearted and completely non-violent human being.

Karl and I have been friends since I moved to the Hancock Public School system (Hancock, MI) in first grade and I have always known Karl as an extremely smart, funny, outgoing, and generous man. Karl is the kind of friend that if you got stuck in a snow bank at two in the morning he would be there in no time with a shovel and few jokes to make a not fun situation into a positive experience.

Karl also has a deep love, knowledge, and respect of the United States of America. He has studied our history and believes wholeheartedly in the freedoms, that so many great men and women have fought for over the last two and half centuries, that make this country so great. While Karl is passionate about his beliefs he never lets disagreements become anything more than a difference of opinion. In the countless great times I have spent with Karl I have never once seen him angry or combative. He instead always lets his great personality and sense of humor diffuse disagreements.

Karl is also an excellent and loving father and husband. His son Stephen is an amazingly smart, well mannered, and caring young man and his wife Sarah is a wonderful woman who really brings out the best in Karl.

It would be a great disservice to justice to persecute this man for supporting the cause of freedom and truth. I implore the court to consider the reality of the events of January 6th and not to the sensational headlines that media has chosen to paint what happened that day with. While many unfortunate, sad, and criminal things did take place in Washington D.C. that day I know Karl was not there to do anything other than support a cause he believed in.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of the true character of my friend Karl Dresch.

Sincerely,

Thomas Sanford, USAF Veteran

From:
To: Jerryraysmith@verizon.net,
Subject: Karl Dresch
Date: Thu, Mar 18, 2021 1:01 am

To Whom This May Concern:

As a longtime friend of his family, I have known Karl Dresch since he was 14 years old. During that time, I have known him as a good friend, and a devoted husband and father. He has shown great concern for others, and I have never known him to be violent or even personally inconsiderate.

While he may have been in the wrong place at the wrong time and got swept up in the unfortunate events of the day, I can not imagine that he had any intent to inflict injury to persons or property. The Karl Dresch I know has too much respect for others and he loves this country, values instilled in him by his family and upbringing.

Sincerely,

Anthony C. Pizzi

From: 1

To: Jerryraysmith@verizon.net,

Subject: KD release

Date: Wed, Mar 17, 2021 9:26 am

Re: Karl Dresch of Calumet, MI

I am texting you in regard to Karl Dresch of Calumet, MI, whom I have known for the past 25 years. He is a very patriotic, passionate person who loves the USA and all this great country stands for. He has always enthusiastically embraced the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights but is not inclined to violence or destructive behavior. It is with startling horror that I learned of his incarceration in January because through the years he has displayed such a fine example of a caring father, husband and friend, as well as being a steadfast laborer, trying so hard to improve his home life. I pray that you will come to realize that Karl is truly needed to be able to continue to care for his wife and family and be given the chance to return to them. He is certainly not a "rabble-rouser" and while his passions for his country and patriotism for the American people sometimes carry him to over-enthusiasm, his actions do not warrant further incarceration! I trust you will be convinced of his "lesson Learned" and his need to be returned to his family and community again with guidance.

In humble gratitude,
Fayth R. Wolffe

Paul A. LaBine

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March 19, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Paul LaBine and I am a long-time friend of Karl Dresch. I am also a local attorney in our hometown and a public servant as Mayor; however please note that I am writing this letter in a strictly individual capacity. I have known Mr. Dresch since high school in the early 1990s and have been in touch with him and his circle of friends, both personally and professionally, over the years.

I understand through the media and local communications that Mr. Dresch has been charged with several serious offenses related to the events in Washington D.C. on January 6, 2021. I also understand that he is currently seeking bond/bail and I have been asked by several members of his family to write this letter, which I agreed to do.

I wish to briefly speak to my personal knowledge and experience of his character. Mr. Dresch is a very intelligent person. He has very strong political views concerning government, in particular the legislative and executive branches, and law enforcement. Also, to be candid, he has occasionally exercised rather poor judgment. However, in spite of his history and flaws, he has managed to raise a family and conduct his own affairs and stay out of trouble until this recent incident. I have represented Mr. Dresch as his attorney in several matters over the years and he has always appeared when directed to, accepted the legitimacy of the judicial system, and faced the consequences of his actions. Most importantly, I have never known Mr. Dresch to be violent in any way nor do I believe him to be a flight risk nor a person who would obstruct justice.

As an officer of the court, I fully understand the seriousness of the charges that Mr. Dresch faces and completely respect the role of the court in this decision. I only ask that that reader deeply consider the entire complex spectrum of Mr. Dresch's character before rendering any decision on this or any other matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or, if necessary, to confirm any facts or opinions stated in this letter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Paul LaBine in cursive script.

March 15 2021

To Whom It May Concern;

Karl Dresch

I have known Karl for 2 years or so as a casual acquaintance through First Baptist church in Laurium Michigan where we both attend. I can vouch for his sincere friendly character, morals and integrity over the time I have known him. Karl is friendly and personable and takes time to listen with genuine interest to others around. Karl is quick to laugh and smile with those he converses with. I have witnessed his kindness through the gentle way he interacts with his family.

This past year my wife and I observed Karl at our local 4th of July celebration where Karl compassionately helped others with directions and conversation..

I currently am a Hospice case manager serving since June of 2019. Previously I was employed as a charge nurse at Greentree of Hubbell (Our Lady Of Mercy) from August 1996 to June 2019.

Respectfully,

Steven R Foix RN

From:
To: jerryraysmith@verizon.net,
Subject: Letter of Support for Karl Dresch 3.19.21
Date: Fri, Mar 19, 2021 9:46 pm

3/19/21

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you regarding Karl Dresch.

Having served as a public school administrator for years, I became very familiar and often professionally involved with students and their families when serious issues occurred. In many instances, a spontaneous "bad decision" can define all we know and think about someone. I've always believed it to be extremely important to understand all of the factors contributing to any situation.

I am hoping that you will be able to see Karl as a good person separate from his entering the Capitol. I truly believe that he got caught up in the emotions of the crowd that day and made a choice to follow others into the Capitol Building. In Karl's case, he has also been vilified in the press both nationally and locally. People in Houghton County and surrounding areas including Michigan Technological University have unfairly been called extremists. This couldn't be farther from the truth unless one is an extremist merely by virtue of being a Republican.

The Karl that I have known for years loves the USA, and he has conservative views valuing faith, family, democracy and freedom. He lives in a very small community in Houghton County and makes an income by installing flooring and selling a variety of memorabilia including Trump flags. This in itself makes one a target in today's culture; I would never consider Karl to be an extremist.

Karl is a loving husband and father to Sara and Stephen. He is not a flight risk. He has very close ties to his brother, sisters, and mother who also know Karl to be trustworthy and gentle. Karl is not mean nor would he ever seek to hurt anyone.

The focus of any intervention for me during my career was always to facilitate a fair, workable, and hopefully positive outcome for the individuals involved. This situation requires a deep sincere understanding and concern for Karl that is shared by those who know him. Your vision for how his future will be shaped within the judicial system without prejudice and politicization may be a daunting task.

A life certainly can be destroyed by a person's action and compounded by a court's decision. I am hopeful that the courts will see Karl as a worthy person who has great regret for his choice to enter the Capitol, and fully understand that Karl with his many wonderful qualities will continue to responsibly and productively contribute to society given the opportunity to do so.

Sincerely,

Joan Boyer