

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ROBERT SANFORD

Defendant.

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Case No: 1:21-CR-86-PLF

ADDENDUM TO MOTION TO RECONSIDER DETENTION

COMES NOW the defendant, Robert Sanford, by and through undersigned counsel, and submits the following addendum to the previously filed Motion to Reconsider Detention for this Honorable Court’s consideration. Undersigned counsel received thirty-six reference letters in support of Mr. Sanford from friends, family, neighbors, former co-workers, and other members of the community. Attached are the seven reference letters that capture the sentiment of the Chester City community.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Sanford

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 1st day of March, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing motion with the clerk of the court using the CM/ECF system, which will send an electronic copy to the following:

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February 19, 2021

Re: Mr. Robert Sanford
[REDACTED]
Upper Chichester, PA 19061

To whom this may concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf and in support of Robert (Bob) Sanford. Bob and I worked together during his 26 years as a firefighter in the City of Chester, Pennsylvania. We are fellow career firefighters with over a combined 60 years of dedicated service to our community. Throughout our firefighting careers, in fulfilling our duty to protect the public, we have endured many difficult and dangerous situations. Bob, under the most intense firefighting conditions, never wavered in performing his duties. Bob is a proven team leader providing exceptional leadership qualities consistently over his entire career.

I have known Bob to be a devoted family man and well respected in his community. Always quick to help others and to provide a kind word of encouragement to the people that surround him in his life.

With deepest respect,



Captain John R. Barbato (Retired)

[REDACTED]
Aston, PA 19014
[REDACTED] t

February 18, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in the hope that it will help you to see what kind of person Robert Sanford is, despite the transgressions that led us to this point.

I have known Robert Sanford as of friend, co-worker for over 30 years and in that time have seen many aspects of Robert Sanford personally. I have always found him to be extremely kind, dependable and well regarded among his peers.


I was the former Battalion Chief of the City of Chester Fire Department A Platoon. In this position, I was Robert's supervisor. I have always found him to be a loyal and trusted colleague. On one occasion, myself and Robert were the first to arrive on working building fire. We had to make entry with no back up and I completely trusted him with my life in that situation. On another occasion, I witnessed Robert assist a Chester Police Officer with an arrest when the office had no backup. Robert held the suspect down until the office was able to handcuff him.

The transgression of the crime committed should not be the only factor you look at in this case. I hope you will also consider Robert's strong commitment to his family.

I can tell you without a doubt that Robert is incredibly remorseful for what he has done.

Sincerely,

Charles Bolgunas (Retired Battalion Chief) CFD A Platoon


Wallingford, PA 19086

Charles Evers

[REDACTED]
Upper Chichester, Pa 19061

February 25, 2021

Re: Robert Sanford

Your Honor or Whom It May Concern,

I have known Robert (Bob) Sanford for well over twenty-five years. I was troubled and surprised to hear of his alleged actions at the Capitol on January 6, 2021. For this reason I am writing you this letter of reference.

Bob and I grew up on the same street just a block apart. Although Bob is my elder by ten years we became very close friends when we were both hired in our hometown city fire department in 1994. Even though we started work six months apart we worked together on the same platoon for several years. Due to transfers during our careers we worked opposite shift rotations, but still remained good friends both in and outside of work.

In addition to our friendship Bob has always been an outgoing member of our community. He has three children one a young adult and two school age still at home, which he is very involved in their school and extracurricular activities. Bob has never been in any trouble before and it is unfortunate he made a bad decision that day. While I was surprised to hear of his actions I am not surprised how quickly he stepped up and took responsibility. I believe Bob has deep remorse for his actions and has learned a valuable lesson.

Although I understand the seriousness of this situation, I hope you will take this letter into consideration and show leniency. I believe Bob is a good person and valuable member of our community.

Sincerely,



Charles Evers

James Krapf

Springfield, Pa. 19064

February 18th, 2021

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the character of Robert Sanford, a coworker and friend of over 20 years. I met Bob when I was hired by the Chester Fire Dept. in August of 1998 at the age of 20 years old. As a young firefighter that lived outside of Chester, Bob was one of the 1st firefighters to "take me under his wing". Bob was able to show me different aspects of the job, helped me learn about the city he had grown up in, and would assist me if I had a problem, issue or question about anything. As a young firefighter, having a person like Bob around helped me immensely to learn the job and still sticks with me today.

When I was promoted to Captain, I had the opportunity to work with Bob as his direct supervisor. Bob showed tremendous pride in being a firefighter and serving the community that he grew up in. I watched as Bob took other young firefighters "under his wing" and showed assisted them with all aspects of the job, just as he had done for me 15 years prior. When I was promoted to Battalion Chief in 2018, I was assigned to A-Platoon. As the Battalion Chief I was responsible for all that happened on the shift, including any issues that would arise regarding the conduct of my members on shift. During my time as a firefighter, Captain and Battalion Chief there were no issues with Bob. He was respectful, always showed pride in his job and was a person you could rely on inside and outside of the station. Bob is honestly the type of person that would give you the shirt off of his back if you needed it.

Bob and I were more than coworkers, we are friends. We are both fathers and would talk to each other about our kids often. Bob is tremendously involved in his kids lives and devoted to his wife April. He is

always going away for sports tournaments, camping trips and other events with his family.

In closing, I'd like to reiterate the positive affect that Bob has had on my career and my life. I know in my heart that if Bob could change the events that necessitated the need for this letter, he would. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely;

James Krapf
Battalion Chief
Chester Fire Department

John Gresch

[REDACTED]
Wallingford, Pa. 19086

Date: 2/19/2021

Subject: Retired F/F, Robert Sanford

I John Gresch am writing this letter to provide a character reference about Mr. Robert Sanford who I know as a friend and as a colleague for a period of 30 years.

I can say this with total confidence that Bob is an up standing man. I came to know Bob as his officer in the Chester City Fire Department on and off duty. He has an exemplary work record, reports for duty on time, was always presentable and an excellent firefighter that followed orders and always respected authority. He has through the department reached out to the community helping the citizens of the City of Chester whether it was installing fire protection devices or helping our senior citizens, and to the best of my knowledge he is an excellent family man.

Thank you

John F Gresch

March 1, 2021

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing this letter in support of the character of Robert L. Sanford, colleague and lifelong friend. I met Robert when we were both ten years of age. Our families lived in the same first ward neighborhood of the city of Chester, the neighborhood know as Chester Park. I became close friends with Robert over many, many seasons of enjoying the playground equipment, ball fields and tennis courts of the 71 acres that made up Chester Park, the center of our neighborhood. Me and Robert attended separate elementary schools but remained closed friends year round. Once high school years arrived we began schooling together, both attending and graduating from St. James Catholic High School for Boy's, also located in Chester Cities First Ward neighborhood. Over our teenaged years me and Robert performed several hobbies together. We were both avid fitness buffs, lifting weight and staying in physical shape. We also shared a love for music and would frequently attend concerts together with our group of friends.

After high school ended, both of us found our careers serving the public, Robert working as a firefighter for the city of Chester Fire Department and I as a police officer for the city of Chester Police Department. For over 20 years I worked side by side with Robert on many emergencies which took place in the city of Chester, residential fires, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies just to name a few. During this same period, I always admired Robert's professionalism while performing in his job. He always had the safety of the citizens of Chester foremost in his mind while performing the necessary dangerous tasks while on an emergency scene. Robert would communicate with victims in a way which was comforting to them in their time of need, always going the extra mile to make sure they made it out of situation safely.

Over the years time has not affected our friendship. For over 45 years we have watched each other grow from boy's to men, husbands, fathers and professional / dedicated first responders. We have watched our families grow and thrive together while also enduring grate pain as a result of the loss of family During the 45 plus year in which I have know Robert I have always appreciated his intelligence, calm demeanor and commitment to tasks. In my opinion Robert is and always will be a good friend, excellent father to his 3 children, excellent husband to his wife April (23 years).

During Robert's 26 years on the job as a fire fighter, the citizens of the city of Chester as well as surrounding communities placed their lives and well being in Robert's hands. Without fail, year after year, Robert rose to the occasion and was able to Sheppard many citizens to safety, outside the confines of the emergency scene. Even though Robert is now retired from firefighting he still takes great pride in being a productive citizen to his home town as well as his country.

Sincerely yours

Captain Joseph Massi (Ret)
Chester Police Department
Chester Pa.

FROM THE DESK OF

RAYMOND J. LAMBERT

February 18, 2021

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing this letter in support of the character of Robert Lee Sanford, colleague and most of all lifelong friend. I met "Bob" when I moved from one part of the City of Chester to another around 1977. I was a young kid moving to a new neighborhood full of strangers and Bob and his family were one of the first to make me feel comfortable after being uprooted from my known world. Throughout the years we have grown as kids enjoying the wonderment of youth to adults who have watched each other fall in love, marry, raise children, care for and bury parents, and also share our careers in the Chester Fire Department for some 25 & more years. Throughout this time I've seen Bob become a fine father, dedicated husband and a distinguished person in the community. I've shared nearly my entire life with this fellow and have never seen anything but the best put forth by him in everything he's attempted and done. We've shared successes in life, on the job and after the job, and hope to continue through all life has to throw at us. Although we've been friends forever, I also had the opportunity to be one of his direct supervisors at work. Bob has always gone over and above in any tasks that needed to be done, always treated the community we served with honor and pride, treated his coworkers with the utmost respect. Bob has always been a person you could rely upon whenever help is needed. I do hope that whatever you get from reading this short reflection on Bob can bring to light the positive presence he has had not only on myself but others over the years. I'm uncertain if putting things into a short letter does any justice to the overall good that Bob brings to those around him but I could go on for hours if need be...examples are far too many to list. I am certain of the fact that, if given the chance to change anything that has caused the need for this letter, Bob and those around him would make those changes at the drop of a hat.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond Lambert, Capt. (retired) CFD A Platoon

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