

Date: April 28, 2022

Honorable Dabney L. Friedrich

United States District Judge

United States Courthouse

300 Constitutional Avenue

Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Daniel Johnson

Dear Honorable Judge Friedrich,

Please understand that I do not condone the events of January 6th, 2021. Acts of violence and intimidation are not how change is facilitated in this country. Running for public office or casting a vote on election day is the way our system is designed and needs to be followed.

I am writing to speak to the character as I know it of Daniel Johnson. I can say that my office had no law enforcement contacts with Daniel Johnson prior to the events of January 6th, 2021, and I can say I was shocked to learn of his involvement. Mr. Johnson comes from a hard-working family in St. Ansgar, Iowa. A family that has been involved with the community and involved in their church.


Your Honor, I have served in law enforcement for over 30 years I have seen the behavior of groups of people, the emotion that can come from being a part of a group and actions of individuals while being a part of this group. These actions are not typical actions that a person would display individually. I believe that Mr. Johnson's actions on January 6th, 2021, are out of character for him, these actions are not actions I have seen from Mr. Johnson in Mitchell County where I serve as sheriff.

I have met with Mr. Johnson after his arrest involving his actions on January 6th, 2021, and believe that the behavior he displayed in Washington, D.C. is not behavior the country or my office will ever see again. I believe he has realized his actions did not solve an issue but only created more for himself and family. The effects of Mr. Johnson's actions on January 6th, 2021, will remain with him the rest of his life.

Your Honor, January 6th, 2021, should never have happened. January 6th, 2021, does not define this country. Your Honor, please consider the character of Daniel Johnson as I know it when deliberating his fate. On June 1st, 2021, he will be sentenced in your court, and I believe the sentence you hand down will be in the best interest of the country and Mr. Daniel Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell County, Iowa Sheriff


Gregory Beaver

April 19th, 2022

Honorable Dabney L. Friedrich

United States District Judge

United States Courthouse

300 Constitution Avenue

Washington, D.C. 20001

Your Honor,

First, please understand that in no way do I condone the events that occurred on January 6th, 2021. Violence in the streets of America is not how we as a country change policy or direction. Running for public office or simply casting a vote on election day is how our system is designed and this facilitates change in this country, not violence or mob intimidation.

On June 1st, 2022, Daryl Johnson of St. Ansgar, Iowa will be sentenced in your court for acts occurring on January 6th, 2021, in Washington, D.C. I am writing on Mr. Johnson's behalf to speak to his character and standing within the community of St. Ansgar, Iowa.

I have known Mr. Johnson for many years while growing up in the community of St. Ansgar, Iowa and later having the honor of serving its citizens as a deputy sheriff and currently serving as sheriff. During the many years I have known him he has been law abiding, a strong member of the faith community, a hard-working businessman, a family man and involved in local events within the community. I also have known Mr. Johnson's father and mother and they also reflect the values I have written about concerning Daryl.

Having served in law enforcement for more than 30 years and simply having life experiences I have come to realize a person's behavior can be greatly influenced by having a group mentality and I have observed the emotion that can be brought to a situation or event by a group. Behavior displayed while being a part of this group would not be behavior someone ordinarily would display as an individual. I believe Daryl's behavior on January 6th, 2021, was out of character for him. I had not seen this behavior from him prior to the events of January 6th, 2021, and certainly have not seen this type of behavior post January 6th, 2021.

Your Honor, please also know that since this news broke in the community of St. Ansgar and in the county of Mitchell that I serve, my office has not received any citizen complaints on Mr. Daryl Johnson, no citizen concerns about potential behavior issues and no area law enforcement complaints or concerns involving Mr. Johnson.

When he was contacted by my office regarding his Iowa weapons permit revocation he immediately presented to the sheriff's office and surrendered the permit. Mr. Johnson has always been respectful towards the Mitchell County sheriff's office and continues to be as of this date.

Your Honor, please consider the information that I have provided to you in your upcoming decision, and I believe whatever your decision may be on June 1st, 2022, it will be in the best interest of the country and Mr. Johnson.

Respectfully,

Mitchell County, Iowa Sheriff

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory Beaver", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gregory Beaver