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July 25, 2011

Hon. Kimberly Small, Distr. Court Judge
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RE: Jalen Rose
Case No. 11 – WB – 01910

Dear Judge Small,

I am writing on a personal capacity regarding Jalen Rose's case that is before you for sentencing.

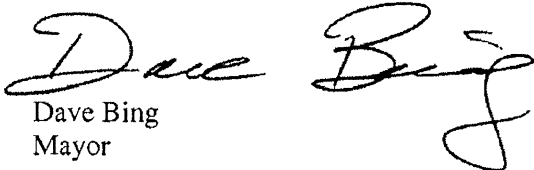
I have known Jalen since the day he was born. Jalen and I have been a force in each others lives since his birth.

In all that time, I have always known Jalen to be a thoughtful, caring, responsible and law-abiding member of our society. Based on our most recent, and lengthy conversations, I can assure you that Jalen fully comprehends the danger he posed on March 11. Jalen has assured me, but more importantly, he has assured himself, that this will never happen again.

The honest remorse I have seen and heard in Jalen, his responsible actions of promptly accepting responsibility are a testament to his character. Since this incident, Jalen has blamed no one else for his failure. Jalen is heartbroken that he let down those who trusted him and had faith in him.

Judge Small, for what it's worth, I fully believe Jalen was truthful to me when he stated: "I will never drink and drive again or ever be in any other court for any violation of the law."

Sincerely,


Dave Bing
Mayor

DAVE BING, MAYOR

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Dear Judge Small,

I was disappointed and very saddened to see Jalen arrested in March. I have known Jalen for twenty-five years. I was not only Jalen's high school counselor, but also his basketball coach at Southwestern High School and the University of Michigan. I have witnessed Jalen's growth and maturation up close and personal. His professionalism, leadership abilities and commitment to our youth and communities make me a proud mentor.

During my coaching career, I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to touch over a thousand young men. Jalen is by far the cream of the crop. His positive attitude, his congenial personality and his commitment to the community is unmatched.

I can assure you that Jalen's actions that bring him before you for sentencing are NOT the norm for him. I have the utmost faith and trust in him and his decisions.

I have spoken with Jalen about his arrest. In that conversation, (and in typical Jalen fashion), he accepted responsibility and did not express sadness for himself, rather true concern for how this conviction might affect his charities and reputation.

Sincerely


Perry Watson

Retired University of Detroit Mercy Basketball Coach




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Dear Judge Small,

I have had the honor of knowing of Jalen Rose for years and have worked closely with him for almost two years as the University of Detroit Mercy's representative to the Planning Team for the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy.

Jalen's compassion for humanity, particularly young people, is evident in every conversation I have ever had with him.

Jalen grew up tough in public schools in the City of Detroit. I was fortunate to spend 33 years teaching and administering in the Detroit Public Schools. So, I know what he faced. With Jalen's vibrant personality and physical talents, opportunities for trouble were made available to him starting from a very young age. Yet, Jalen's maturity, love of God, family and community served him well. As you are no doubt aware, Jalen has experienced amazing things in his life. From the NCAA and NBA finals to traveling the world...yet, Jalen has always returned to his beloved Detroit with a wide smile and ideas as to how he could help.

Jalen's philanthropy isn't just money. He has committed his time, skills and energy to ensuring that Detroit youth have every opportunity to succeed in school and in life. Because of Jalen, an incredible 120 ninth grade inner city high students will receive a full and exemplary college preparatory education tuition free!

I am confident that Jalen's offense of March 11th will never be repeated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane C. Manica".

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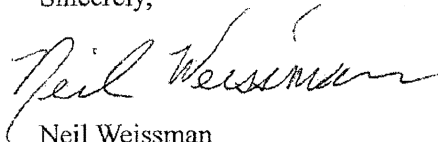
I have known Jalen Rose for nearly ten years and submit this letter in hopes that it will assist you in your sentencing consideration of Jalen's March 11, 2011 arrest for driving while intoxicated. Jalen and I were in the same class at the University of Michigan and I have had great respect for him since these college years. Almost five years ago, we re-connected in Ann Arbor on a mission to work together on his foundation and open a high school in Detroit. Our friendship has grown during this time and I have gotten to know him well. He is an incredible individual with a genuinely philanthropic heart. His work in the community is tremendous and affects the lives of hundreds of children.

I have had frank, open and honest discussions with Jalen about the facts and circumstances surrounding the arrest. In those discussions, I pointedly aired my disappointment in his actions. Jalen's earnest reply was refreshing, humble and contrite.

Since his arrest, Jalen has been very distraught about the possibility that the events of March 11th could adversely affect the *Jalen Rose Leadership Academy*. I am the Vice President of the JRLA Board of Directors and have seen and heard the care he has for the youth of our community. He has worked diligently over a number of years to get the school and funding in place to make a difference in our city.

Based on our discussions and his actions since this time, I am extremely confident that Jalen's offense of March 11th will never be repeated. Please feel free to contact me at any time to further discuss anything at all relative to this letter.

Sincerely,



Neil Weissman

