

I, [REDACTED], declare as follows:

1. For many years, I participated in activities I am not proud of. My actions hurt those around me, including my family. I take full responsibility for them.
2. [REDACTED], during my incarceration, I worked at a conservation camp and committed to learning the necessary skills to fight fires and protect people. From the moment I arrived, I was determined to learn as much as I could.
3. Monday through Friday, we would be picked up and brought to work. Throughout the day, we would do many things for the community. Beyond fighting fires, we also performed preventative tasks to make the community safer, including clearing brush and other potential fire hazards from homes.
4. Our supervising chiefs at CalFire were encouraging and constant sources of inspiration. They would tell us not to give up and were determined to see us succeed. They would remind us that one day we would be released and that the rewards from staying on “the straight and narrow” path would be well worth it. They always ensured we were taken care of – providing food and water when we needed it – and treated us as members of the team. They made sure we did not forget our vision to transform our lives. The respect with which they treated us and the camaraderie they fostered meant a lot.
5. The work and the people I met changed my outlook completely. Following my release [REDACTED], I had no need or desire to return to the destructive behaviors of my past. I re-entered society a better man, interested in starting a new life. I was diligent in satisfying requirements of probation – my probation officer once told me I was “the least of his concerns” and always at the “bottom of the list” of people he had to check up on.
6. One day, I received a call about a reentry program for former inmates who had completed the “Fire Camp” program. I was overjoyed to learn that I could apply for full-time employment based on my experience, subject to my earning certain additional credentials.
7. For over two years, I worked hard to successfully earn the necessary qualifications and, upon completion, applied for employment with CalFire. I would vigorously despite not knowing whether I would be hired, as I wanted to ensure I was ready if the call ever came. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] To me, it meant that I was beginning a new life with a profession I could be proud of. I reported to work shortly thereafter.
8. Since then, I have been working as a firefighter with the [REDACTED] unit, which is a career I find challenging and fulfilling. I have successfully completed both my Firefighter One and FireFighter Two exams with CalFire (through CalCareers), and I finished courses in Criminal Thinking, Emotional Intelligence, Gang Awareness (among others) at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], for which I was awarded certificates of completion.
9. Here, I attended therapy, even though it was optional and I was grateful for the chance to discuss and work through personal issues that had bothered me for many years. I completed 12 sessions. I also worked with life coaches, many of whom were ex-convicts, to learn from them

and understand how to better myself and start fresh. Speaking to people who had similar backgrounds but who had turned their lives in a more positive direction was impactful.

10. I have worked to rebuild relationships with family and regain the trust of my mother and children. I stay in touch with the parole and probation officers I worked with along my journey. Many of them have told me how proud they are of me and the efforts I have made to change. [REDACTED] was a significant source of support, and he continues to offer to help my journey in any way he can.
11. As a man who is committed to a better and more productive life, I would like to officially put my past to rest and have the burden of my past convictions expunged. I am eager to contribute my part to society and to make the lives of those in our communities safer. I have learned the lessons of my past and seek a better future. I would be grateful for your consideration of the expungement of my records.
12. I have attached the following documents supporting my petition:
 - a. Certificate of Completion from [REDACTED] for successfully completing 12 weeks of [REDACTED] Criminals and Gangs Anonymous Program as Exhibit A;
 - b. Certificate of Completion from [REDACTED] for successfully completing 12 weeks of [REDACTED] Emotional Intelligence Program as Exhibit B;
 - c. Certificate of Training issued by the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) dated [REDACTED] as Exhibit C;
 - d. A letter of support from [REDACTED] Case Manager at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED] as Exhibit D;
 - e. Discharge Notice from [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED] as Exhibit E; and
 - f. A transcript from [REDACTED] Community College District dated July 29, 2024 as Exhibit F.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____.

Exhibit A

Certificate of Completion
(Criminals and Gangs Anonymous Program)

Attached



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Hope and Redemption Criminals and Gangs Anonymous

This certificate is proudly presented to



for successfully completing 12 weeks of
Criminals and Gangs Anonymous Program

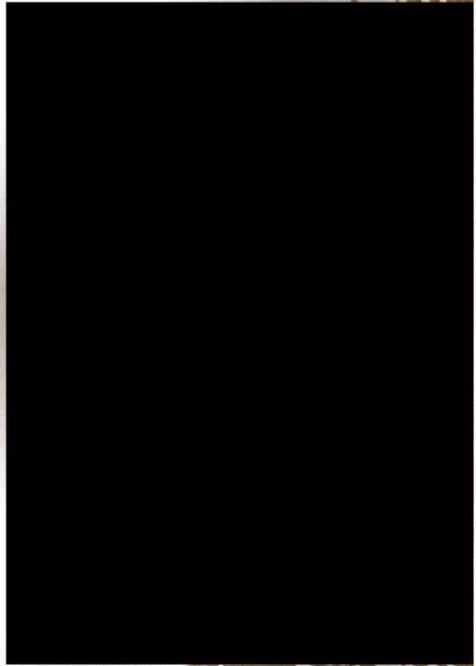
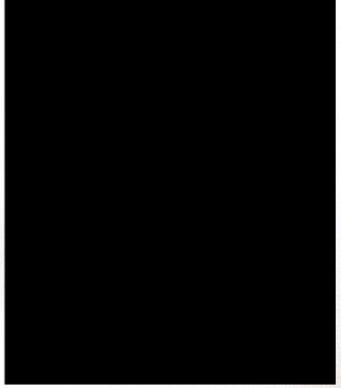
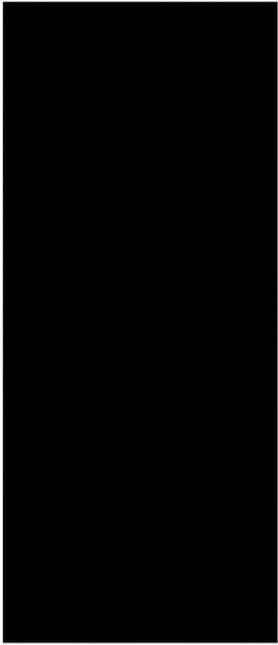


Exhibit B

Certificate of Completion
(Emotional Intelligence Program)

Attached



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Emotional Intelligence



This certificate is proudly presented to



for successfully completing 12 weeks of
ARC's Emotional Intelligence Program

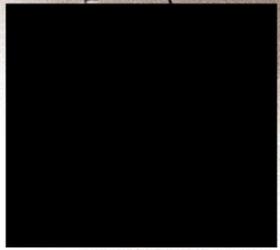
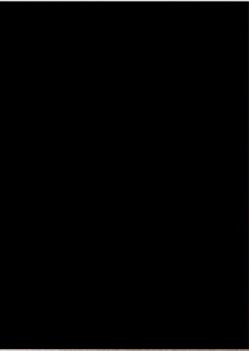


Exhibit C

Certificate of Training (CAL FIRE)

Attached.





State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF
FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
CAL FIRE

Certificate of Training

This is to certify that

[Redacted Name]

has satisfactorily completed 80 hours of

FIRE CREW FIREFIGHTER

*Certified by the California Department of
Forestry and Fire Protection*

On the 15th day of

[Redacted Date]

Exhibit D

Letter of Support

Attached

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Honorable Judge:

I am writing this letter on behalf of [REDACTED]. My name is [REDACTED] and I work for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] mission is to reduce incarceration, improve the outcomes of formerly incarcerated individuals, and build healthier communities. We do this through growing a support network, mentoring programs, connecting members with resource centers that provide necessary services, and advocating for fairer systems.

As part of the [REDACTED], I am currently staffed at [REDACTED].

The mission of the Center is to reduce recidivism by providing formerly incarcerated individuals with a career path in firefighting. At the Center, former fire camp members participate in an 18-month residential program that provides enhanced firefighting training and certification. The program is rigorous – we have high standards and participants must have strict discipline, responsibility, and drive to successfully graduate. Individuals who apply to enter [REDACTED] are motivated to pursue this career, completing a physically and intellectually challenging program that combines classwork with days of fighting active fires as part of the [REDACTED].

I am [REDACTED] Case Manager at [REDACTED]. I am responsible for the documentation and Life Skills support component pertaining to [REDACTED] participation during his commitment here [REDACTED]. My role is to train and prepare system-impacted men to become the best version of themselves in all categories of their lives.

I have known and worked with [REDACTED] since [REDACTED]. As his [REDACTED], I have witnessed firsthand [REDACTED] remarkable diligence and motivation in pursuing a career in firefighting and in changing the course of his life. [REDACTED] has taken advantage of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] successfully completed the onsite Criminal Gangs Anonymous, and Emotional Intelligence on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] participates in the onsite [REDACTED] that deals primarily with underlining issues and provides the necessary skills that are needed to become the best version of himself. [REDACTED] randomly drug tested and throughout the months has provided all negative tests. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities while on and off duty her [REDACTED]. He has always been the first one to assist others when needed. He has by far demonstrated an optimistic attitude as well as reflected positive energy that has consistently encouraged his fellow cadets that are a part of this community. [REDACTED] and I sat down and made some realistic goals. These goals were always centered upon improving his future, giving back to his community, and his relationship with his loved ones. I truly admire him for this and being consistent in pursuing everything that was just mentioned.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I know [REDACTED] is requesting an expungement under the new Bill AB-2147. One thing I know is if this request is granted, I am confident that [REDACTED] will utilize this towards the betterment of his community, family, and to continue to pursue a prosocial lifestyle. [REDACTED] has overcome many obstacles in his life and has demonstrated that he has the resilience, determination, and focus required to succeed as a firefighter and as a productive member of society. In support of his personal growth and professional goals [REDACTED] will continue to provide resources, support, and assistance [REDACTED]

Thank you for allowing me the time to support [REDACTED]. I hope these sincere words will be considered towards his request. If there are any questions or concerns [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Exhibit E

Discharge Notice from Merced County

Attached





PROBATION DEPARTMENT



Kalisa Rochester
Chief Probation Officer

March 28, 2022

Discharge Notice



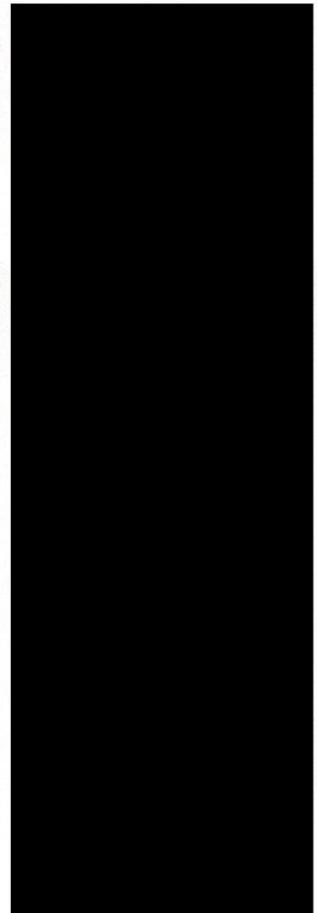
This letter is proof of [REDACTED] discharge from Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Since that time, he has complied with all conditions placed on him through the Merced County Probation Department and has successfully been discharged from our supervision as of March 21, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (209)726-2737.

We wish you the best of success and good luck in the future.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]



Equal Employment Employer

Exhibit F

Transcript (Merced Community College District)

Attached



July 29 2024

IGETC	CSU GE	CID	Course Number				

				8.00	8.00	32.00	
			SEMESTER TOTALS	8.00	8.00	32.00	4.000
			CUMULATIVE TOTALS	8.00	8.00	32.00	4.000
			Good Standing				

Summer 2023							
			E1	3.00	3.00	12.00	
			SEMESTER TOTALS	3.00	3.00	12.00	4.000
			CUMULATIVE TOTALS	11.00	11.00	44.00	4.000

Fall 2023							
4G	D0			3.00	3.00	12.00	
				6.00	6.00	24.00	
	E1			3.00	3.00	9.00	
				3.00	3.00	12.00	
				2.50	2.50	7.50	
			SEMESTER TOTALS	17.50	17.50	64.50	3.686
			CUMULATIVE TOTALS	28.50	28.50	108.50	3.807
			Good Standing				

Spring 2024							
3A	C1			3.00	3.00	9.00	
				4.50	4.50	4.50	
3B	C2			3.00	3.00	9.00	
4G	D0						
	US1						
	E1		K	2.00	2.00	8.00	
			SEMESTER TOTALS	12.50	12.50	30.50	2.440
			CUMULATIVE TOTALS	41.00	41.00	139.00	3.390
			Good Standing				

Summer 2024							
2A	B4	H 150		3.00	
			SEMESTER TOTALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000
			CUMULATIVE TOTALS	41.00	41.00	139.00	3.390
			DEGREE APPLICABLE SUMMARY	41.00	41.00	139.00	3.390
			CSU TRANSFER UNIT SUMMARY	26.00	26.00	95.00	3.654
			UC TRANSFER UNIT SUMMARY	17.00	17.00	59.00	3.471