Character Statement for Deputy Dillon Fuston

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mike Krugh, I am a Sheriff's Lieutenant at the Rancho San Diego Sheriff's Station. I have been with the San Diego Sheriff's Department for 27 years and assigned to the Rancho Sandiego Station since March 2023. I have had many assignments during my career to include detentions, patrol, K9 unit, and narcotics detective. I've supervised deputies in patrol, Crime Suppression Team, Drug Enforcement Agency Narcotics Task Force teams, and US Marshal Fugitive Task Force teams.

Prior to starting my current assignment, I met several times with the lieutenant I would be replacing to go over personnel assigned to the Rancho San Diego Station. During these meetings, it became apparent that Deputy Fuston stood out amongst his peers. Words like hardworking, dedicate, proactive, team leader, compassionate, kind, and mature were words that were often repeated when the lieutenant spoke about Deputy Fuston.

As a second level supervisor at the station, I did not directly supervise Deputy Fuston. I was however, assigned as the patrol lieutenant and had frequent interactions with Deputy Fuston. From my interactions with Deputy Fuston, I found him to be respectful, eager to learn, and dedicated to upholding the Sheriff's Departments Mission Statement and Core Values. Deputy Fuston can be counted on to provide the highest quality public safety services to everyone he contacts. He accomplishes this by being honest, loyal, trustworthy, compassionate, respectful, and fair. Deputy Fuston cares deeply about his partners and the community he serves. Deputy Fuston is one of the most dedicated, hardworking, and innovative people I have had the pleasure of working with in my career.

Deputy Fuston is a dedicated family man. His wife was pregnant with their fist child during most of our time together at the station. Deputy Fuston was very excited about starting a family and being a role model for his wife and kids. Since the birth of his son, Deputy Fuston and I have met a few times and from those conversations, I can tell how proud he is of his son, wife, and how excited he is about being a father.

Deputy Fuston is very passionate about helping improve the quality of life to the citizens he has sworn to protect. Deputy Fuston is a great asset to the Sheriff's Department and is exactly the type of law enforcement officer we all aspire to be.

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