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To whom it may concern,

My name is Amy Johnson and I have known Scott Guttenberger for over five years. We have been friends the entire length of this time and were romantically involved for a short period in the fall of 2015. I came to know Scott through my apartment community Village Creek where we both lived. He was friends with one of my co-workers Bryan Lee. Our friendship increased and strengthened over time through this connection.

Scott is one of the most intelligent people I know. He is kind, caring and overall a complete gentleman. He has treated me with nothing but respect. I would trust Scott with my life and I know that I can share with him anything and know that I have his confidence.

When we were dating he I could tell that he was struggling moving on from his last relationship. He was not acting like himself and I could see that he was emotionally damaged from the mistreatment he incurred in his relationship with Britney Deane. I have seen him date over the years and I have never seen a relationship negatively impact him the way his relationship with Britney Deane did. We were not able to grow our relationship romantically because of the issues brought on by Britney. As much as we both wanted to explore this option, it just wasn't feasible given the circumstances.

I can tell you firsthand what it's like to be involved in an abusive relationship and I would call the ordeal she has put him through emotionally abusive that has taken a physical toll on him without a doubt. No one should have to endure the things that were said to him, the actions taken against him and way she manipulated their relationship. The way she has treated him is criminal in my eyes.

I could see that he loved her and would do anything to make it work. After all, I have been in familiar situations and I am guilty of being blinded by love as well. He would do sweet things like send her presents in the mail, post videos to youtube.com and praise her for her accomplishments at work on Facebook. She would tell him to delete it and remove the content from social media. This was a huge red flag for me and this was the instant I knew she was using him. I felt powerless to help him as we spent hours talking about his relationship and I could see him slowly wasting away.

Overall, the relationship with Britney took a huge toll on him emotionally and physically. Scott is not the same person now that I have come to know and love over the years. As a friend it tears me apart that someone could do this to someone who has such a gentle soul as him.

Scott has been a wonderful friend to me. He has helped me move on from my own eternal struggles from abusive relationships, been there as a shoulder to cry on and been there to hold my hand through tough times. I am writing this letter because I want people to know Scott's true character, not the lies that are being spread by the Deane family.

Should you have any questions about my statement above, please feel free to contact me on my cell anytime at 720-989-3042 or via email at bellagraphics@live.com.

Sincerely

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