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Dear Attorney:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Nick Townsley. He has worked for me as an electrician for twenty years. He is a good honest man and a hard worker. He has never appeared to be hung over or using drugs and has always behaved responsibly.

Tom Stone Electric Service is a family-owned business. We do commercial and residential electrical work. My wife is the book keeper, answers the phone and makes the appointments. I have two full-time employees, Nick and Gordon Johnson. I also rely on several part-time electricians I can call on when needed. Myself, Gordon or Nick are the only ones on call 24 hours a day. We rotate who is on call.

I visited Nick in the hospital after he got shot by his wife. I've met Barbara a few times but don't know her very well. The whole thing was a surprise to me. Nick had never said anything to me about his marriage being in trouble. When I went to the hospital, Nick was on an IV and his arm was in a cast. He was pretty groggy. He told me Barbara had shot him and it hurt like hell.

Nick missed about 2 months of work because of his hurt wrist. Summer is the busy season in construction, so he would have made around \$1000 a week with overtime. He came by our job sites a couple of times in August when his arm was still in the cast.

Nick came back to work full time in early September last year. I don't remember the exact date. His arm or wrist seemed to be hurting him a lot. I saw him several times wince like he was in pain when he was trying to tie wires together, especially on commercial jobs when we were using 12-gauge Romex cable that requires a lot of wrist strength to bend the wires. I have seen this on and off all year, and it does not seem to be getting either worse or better.

I don't know anything about the shooting except what Nick's told me, but I am willing to be a witness if someone needs to confirm his story.

Yours truly,

*Tom Stone*