

# CHARACTER AFFIDAVIT

On behalf of  
**KIRK COTTOM**

In support of the application of the above named petitioner to the President of the United States for pardon,

I, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, whose occupation is \_\_\_\_\_,  
certify that I have known Kirk Cottom for \_\_\_\_\_ years. During those years I have observed that Kirk Cottom has always behaved in a moral and law-abiding manner.

My knowledge of Kirk Cottom's conviction comes from my understanding that he was tricked into pleading guilty on **August 3, 2015** and that his motion to withdraw that plea on **December 16, 2015** was denied in error. It is my understanding that a plea must both be legally and factually accurate and that Kirk Cottom's plea was insufficient on both grounds.

I believe his conviction is invalid because I have never witnessed Kirk Cottom acting inappropriately with any children. I know that Kirk Cottom has little to no interest in children or childish things. I also know that he views children as avoidable liabilities, actively avoids the company of children and thus only interacts with them when forced to at family or social events.

The forgoing reasons are why I do not believe that Kirk Cottom has ever received, possessed or viewed any child pornography.

I declare under penalty of perjury under 28 U.S. Code § 1746 that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_.