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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a retired Special Agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigation who was assigned as the Los Angeles Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team Commander for the last seven years prior to my retirement. My responsibilities included all operational planning, training, and oversight of the 50 member tactical team. My prior assignments included selection as team leader on the FBI Hostage Rescue Team (HRT) based in Quantico, VA. While assigned there I had the additional responsibility of establishing a weaponless defense program and training all members of the HRT in these techniques.

I first became acquainted with Mr. Emin Boztepe in 1992 while in Germany on official business for the FBI. At that time he was flown in from the United States to conduct a martial arts seminar being hosted by the S.E.K. This is a specialized police commando unit based in Goppingen, Germany. Mr. Boztepe's presentation and course content was extremely impressive and did not compromise legal standards for law enforcement officers in the United States (U.S.). I was so impressed with his approach to weaponless defense that I extended a formal invitation for him to travel to the U.S. and conduct a week long seminar for the FBI Hostage Rescue Team. The seminar was extremely well received and as a result the HRT weaponless program was revised to incorporate certain philosophies and techniques introduced by Mr. Boztepe.

Since moving to the U.S. Mr. Boztepe has provided instruction to various state, county, city, and federal law enforcement agencies. He has provided weaponless defense training to the Los Angeles FBI SWAT Team and I have received several inquiries by U.S. military units regarding the possibility of attending future seminars provided by Mr. Boztepe. Many of the techniques first introduced to me by Mr. Boztepe are still in effect by FBI tactical teams today .

During the nine years I have known Mr. Boztepe I have found him to be an honest law abiding individual with inherent family values. I am not a current student or involved in any way with his business. However, I have attended his seminars and spoken to many of his students. In my judgement the techniques taught by him today parallel the ones I witnessed in 1992. He is an individual of high moral character and I wish him every success in the future.

Sincerely,

Douglas R. Kane