

Expedited Exemption Review Summary

Name of Applicant: Pittman, Dana, 11/21/63 45

Date of Exemption Review: Expedited, February 26, 2009

Disqualifying offense(s)/ Date/ Age at Time of Offense(s):

[REDACTED]

Program for Which Screened: Day Care Home

The following significant information was gathered for the Exemption Review:

Background:

On 4/02/03, Mr. Pittman received a Suncoast Region Conditional Exemption. The Conditional Exemption permitted Mr. Pittman to live within the licensed family day care home of his wife, Ms. Monica Pittman. The Conditional Exemption prohibited Mr. Pittman's participation in day care operations, including supervision of children. Mr. Pittman, now, seeks a full Exemption to permit his participation in the day-to-day operations of his wife's day care, including supervision of children. Mr. Pittman explained that he intends to continue his twenty-four year career with the City of St. Petersburg. But, he, also, seeks to work with children, as he wishes to serve as a positive male role model, especially to the many children of single parent households.

A new fingerprint screening was completed for Mr. Pittman on 12/17/08. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The original Exemption file includes [REDACTED] for Mr. Pittman's present wife of almost ten years, Monica Pittman (formerly known as Monica Cooper).

[REDACTED]

Disqualifying offense:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Applicant's version of the disqualifying incident:

Mr. Pittman acknowledged relationship problems with his previous wife. In explanation

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Current status with court system/probation:

[REDACTED]

Degree of harm to any victim, any permanent or temporary damage or injuries:

[REDACTED]

Stressors in the applicant's life at the time of disqualifying incidents and whether they are still present:

[REDACTED]

Current Stressors, current support system, current living arrangements:

Mr. Pittman stated he has been remarried for almost ten years. He shares his household with his wife and his nineteen-year-old stepdaughter, who attends junior college. Reference letters indicate Mr. Pittman is active with his church, where he is a deacon and a leader for the church's singles ministry. Additionally, Mr. Pittman is enrolled in a child care training curriculum and is, also, a bible studies student.

Work history for last 3 years:

Mr. Pittman's employment with the City of St. Petersburg continues. He has been employed by the city since 1985. He is a lead worker for tree trimming services. He indicated he plans to continue his city employment, where he hopes to supervise a division, in the future.

Education/Training:

Mr. Pittman provided documentation of his enrollment in the Department of Children and Families online child care curriculum. In 2008, he completed in-service sessions for Health, Safety and Nutrition, Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, Behavioral Observation and Screening and Family Child Care Home Rules & Regulations (verified).

Additionally, Mr. Pittman reported that he is, also, enrolled in the Faith Bible Institute. He anticipates he will receive a degree in the fall of 2009.

Counseling received:**Drug/Alcohol Involvement**

There is no documentation that drugs or alcohol contributed to Mr. Pittman's arrests.

Remorse / accept responsibility:

Mr. Pittman incorrectly signed the Affidavit of Good Moral Character [REDACTED]

References:

Ms. Pittman submitted two updated letters, as follows:

Earl L. Reeves, US Lt. Colonel, retired

Colonel Reeves has known Mr. Pittman for approximately six years. The two men are fellow deacons, according to Colonel Reeves. "(Deacon Pittman's) commitment to children exceeds expectations. Knowing this, we have collaborated on several events wherein children of this community were the beneficiaries of his effective actions. He continues to give of himself to help others...On occasions, I have had the opportunity to seek his wise counsel on several issues. He was compassionate, loving, slow to anger...He is a family man. He exudes the qualities that a husband and father should exemplify for his family..." wrote Colonel Reeves.

Sheila J. Perry, Bethel Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Singles Ministry

Ms. Perry has known Mr. Pittman approximately three years. Ms. Perry has worked with Mr. Pittman in his role as a deacon for their church's singles ministry. Ms. Perry expressed praise for Mr. Pittman. "...He is a gentleman with a gentle and (quiet) spirit, he demonstrates friendship, fellowship understanding, cooperation, consideration...a peacemaker's heart, a teaching attitude..." wrote Ms. Perry.

Additional Comments/Findings of Fact:

1. Mr. Pittman was granted a Suncoast Conditional Exemption on 4/02/03.
2. Mr. Pittman now seeks a full Exemption in order to work in his wife's home day care.
3. Mr. Pittman provided two updated reference letters from individuals who described him as an individual with the temperament to help others.
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. Mr. Pittman incorrectly signed the Affidavit of Good Moral Character.
7. Mr. Pittman provided documentation of his current enrollment in the Department of Children and Families child care training curriculum. Additionally, Mr. Pittman is seeking a bible studies degree and anticipates a fall 2009 graduation.

Submitted by,

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