

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to discuss my relationship with Mr. Matthew Bayley and my personal opinion of his professional conduct.

I chose to begin training in the martial arts because of abuse I had experienced in my childhood. I believed that learning to protect myself would help me to regain a sense of my legitimate power that had been stripped from me.

This belief proved to be true. Through the training and personal support I received from him, I was provided not only the opportunity to help myself, but to help others as well. Mr. Bayley taught me to trust myself and through his example, I learned how to teach women and children the keys to keeping themselves from harm.

These opportunities sparked my love for teaching and gave me the experiences I needed to follow an educational pathway that has led me to earning my Masters of Arts in Teaching from Colorado College. I am currently a fourth grade teacher at R.E. Kilmer Elementary in District 38. I not only teach my students the required academic subjects, but also give them a sense of legitimate power and pass to them many of the "gems" that I gleaned from Mr. Bayley.

I have also continued my martial arts training to include Shoto Kan Karate. Through my college career I competed nationally through the Amateur Athletic Union.

Matthew Bayley has been a personal support and confident throughout the years I consider myself blessed to have known and been trained by him.

Sincerely,
Patricia Matherson