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Homeland Security

To Whom It May Concern:

Presently I am a Law Enforcement Specialist for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga. where I train over 90 federal law enforcement agencies ranging from tactical medicine and field care, arrest and defensive tactics and active shooter response. I began working with Mr. Anthony Racciatti in Krav Maga for approximately five years at his Ramsey, New Jersey location.

It is clear that Mr. Racciatti is not only enthusiastic and passionate about his work – but what separated him from other martial arts Instructors was his humility, patience with his students, and his willingness to listen and go over a tactic or situational driven scenario with precision. It is a great tribute and honor that today so many take interest in martial arts, however and unfortunately, due to so much activity in the world of martial arts, many try to make a “business” of the art and for all the wrong reasons. As we know, the gulf that separates a good quality teacher and outstanding Instructor is not just having a strong background and holding titles (guru, sifu, etc.) or belts, but how does one translate them to a student body, down to the one student who has more difficulty grasping concepts than his classmates.

Today I reside in Georgia and do not have the ability to go up to New Jersey as often as I would like. My work does take me all over the nation and internationally – teaching basic tactics, combat field care and in a lesser degree than before, some defensive tactics. We employ several bona-fide subject matter experts here at FLETC in several of the martial arts and receive VIP visits from professionals in the circuit. I am thankful for Mr. Racciatti being available to sharpen my skills, touch up on tactics or just hone in on the latest in Krav Maga whenever I get a chance to visit. His tactics are effective, up to date, and simple to understand and he still is my “go-to” Instructor whenever I have a question on a topic or tactic.

In conclusion, in my position, I am responsible for developing lesson plans, getting them accredited through working groups with state, local, tribal law enforcement partners nationally, as well as with our federal partner organizations. I must implement these plans and perform pilot programs before we can approve the program before the Board of Directors in Washington DC. I am pleased to say that last year, Mr. Anthony Racciatti and I spoke about tactics regarding VIP and principal protection; even though much of what we spoke about was already “par” for the course or already implemented in our program, he showed and demonstrated a few new tactics using his students in a mock situational driven response. I recalled this presentation, and proceeded to formally present these tactical responses of an attack on principal to a subject matter expert working group seminar. I could not thank Mr. Racciatti enough.

If you have any questions or further inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me at 912-267-3307.

Shalom,

Carlos Vales

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos Vales".