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To Whom It May Concern:

A week ago I had the opportunity to take a two-day combat pistol class from Mr. Matt Siebert. The class was both enhanced and degraded by the fact that about 25% of it was conducted in the rain, but that certainly did not dampen Matt's enthusiasm, nor interfere with his ability to teach.

I certainly do not consider myself an expert with the pistol, but I have been avidly interested in attempting to improve my skill (mindset, gunhandling, and marksmanship) with one for about 30 years. I have studied the principles of the "Modern Technique", and I have been fortunate to have been tutored by some of the true masters. Coincidentally, I have been a police officer for 21 years, and carry a pistol daily (yes, even when off-duty).

The purpose of this letter is to express my appreciation and admiration for Mr. Siebert's abilities as a combat pistol instructor. The fundamentals of what he teaches differ little, if at all, from what the "big name" private firearms schools espouse. But he is able to enhance the learning process, at least for the way that I learn best, by explaining the big picture, in a physiological sense, as to why certain techniques work, and others don't. I was provided with so much new information in that regard that it will take some time before it soaks in and I am able to reap maximum benefit.

A second thing that Matt does in his class that enhances his credibility, but that I thought for sure would eventually destroy it, is, he shoots! Nearly everything that he asks the student to do, he demonstrates first, both in slow motion and at full speed. I was absolutely amazed that after two days of doing this, in front of a highly critical audience, he never blew a shot! Anybody familiar with firearms instruction and the stress imposed by having to "stick it" each and every time, would have to be impressed.

Thirdly, Matt's creation, the "Reactive Target System", is simply phenomenal. It was set up outdoors, completely unprotected, in rain that at times was torrential. It never malfunctioned, not even once. Although two days was not enough time to demonstrate very much of its capabilities, it is flexible enough to accommodate every skill level. It allows the instructor to spend his time instructing, not waiting for students to paste targets, or put bandaids on their cuts from bullet splatter.

In short, I was very impressed with Matt's knowledge, personal skill, teaching ability, and target system. It also helps that he's a nice guy. I hope to take another class from him some day. Anybody that would like to discuss the class

with me in person can call me at the Newport Beach Police Department, 714-644-3717. That number is to our communications center and it will most likely be necessary for the caller to leave a message. Because of my odd working days and hours it may take a while for me to get back to them, but I will certainly be happy to do so.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Cowell". The signature is fluid and written in black ink.

Ken Cowell