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To whom it may concern,

David Bender was a member of the GPB news team from January 2007 to March 2009. He was responsible for covering West and South West Georgia, including the area from Columbus to Albany. In that position Dave covered the major stories facing the region, including Fort Benning expansion plans, the building of the Kia manufacturing plant, a coal fired power plant proposal in Early County, unemployment in rural areas, and numerous cultural events in communities of West and South West Georgia among many breaking news stories.

Dave also served as an on-line news site editor. He was responsible for the layout of our GPB news blog. In that position he also steered GPB's multi platform presentations. His extraordinary talent of taking photographs greatly enhanced our on-line offerings.

Dave Bender is a strong team member who is always ready to go the extra mile and assist his colleagues. His ability to cover breaking news on a new media platform is exceptional. Dave gets to the story quickly and always does more than just record his sound. He'll return with pictures for the web or even a video. And he'll quickly upload remarkable audio to go along with it, while writing a story for the website.

As the GPB news staff was adjusting to growing on-line media demand over the past year, Dave Bender was our biggest cheerleader and patiently pulled us along.

His loyalty to his craft is undeniable.

Feel free to call me if you have any further question regarding Dave Bender.

Sincerely,

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