

OPEN LETTER TO THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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State of Florida vs. Dana Delaney Loyd
05-2015-CF-039871

Ref: Media Camera Ban

Michelle:

As you are aware – our publication – VolusiaExposed.Com has been covering the Dana Loyd criminal prosecution since her arrest in August 2015. We have posted over (30) thirty articles on the subject matter.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/highprofile/danaloydexpose.html>

Our publication video recorded Loyd’s entire trial.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/highprofile/defenseofdanadelaney12/trialpage.html>

During our coverage of Loyd’s trial – Judge Lemonidis impounded our press notes – see courtroom video incorporated within the below linked article – titled March 27, 2017 – Judge Lemonidis Threatened To Arrest VolusiaExposed.Com Representatives.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/highprofile/defenseofdanadelaney12.html>

We suspected that our press notes were illegally impounded. Upon contacting your office and expressing our concerns – the Court returned our press notes the following day.

It is significant to us – that during Loyd’s April 6, 2017 sentencing – Judge Lemonidis stated that we (VolusiaExposed.Com) were Loyd’s cameraman. Leaving us wondering - if Loyd’s trial and sentencing were in any way influenced by Judge Lemonidis’ vitriol for VolusiaExposed.Com – especially given Judge Lemonidis’ references to “fake news” and “yellow journalism” (see incorporate April 6, 2017 sentencing video – from our most recent article)

<http://volusiaexposed.com/highprofile/ouropinionfakenews82018.html>

During a March 19, 2018 hearing – Judge Lemonidis banned our video camera from her courtroom – see courtroom video – incorporated within the below article.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/highprofile/inthedefenseofdanaloyd42018.html>

We hold the OPINION that this ban is an improper expansion of a camera restriction involving another unrelated case – and per judicial order is only attached to that particular case. We hold - that our organization was not properly noticed – nor properly heard – prior to the expansion of this camera ban.

On March 26, 2017 – our publication published an article in which we questioned whether Judge Lemonidis had colluded with Loyd’s attorneys – in denying Loyd a fair and impartial trial.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/highprofile/inthedefenseofdanaloyd32018.html>

On March 29, 2018 - within 72 hours of the above article’s publication – Judge Lemonidis recused herself from the Loyd case.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/highprofile/inthedefenseofdanaloyd42018.html>

On April 27, 2018 – Judge Morgan Reinman was assigned to the Loyd case. Since Judge Reinman’s assignment to the Loyd case – VolusiaExposed.Com has published four (4) articles (see below) in which we expressed our concerns of whether Judge Reinman can maintain any level of judicial impartiality in the Loyd matter.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/highprofile/loydnewjudge52018.html>

<http://volusiaexposed.com/highprofile/judgelemonidis62018.html>

<http://volusiaexposed.com/highprofile/judgemorganreinman82018.html>

<http://volusiaexposed.com/highprofile/ouropinionfakenews82018.html>

Court records indicate that Judge Reinman has denied two motions requesting her recusal.

As your are aware (see below email chain) – this publication contacted your office prior to a July 9, 2018 hearing in the Loyd case. This would have been Judge Reinman’s first hearing. We inquired whether Judge Lemonidis’ verbal order (never memorialized in the court’s written record) banning our video reporting was still in effect.

Your July 8, 2018 response was - “You are welcome to observe the proceedings but the camera ban for your organization remains in place for now”

Loyd has a pending September 17, 2018 hearing within Judge Reinman’s courtroom.

Since your July 8, 2018 response – Judge Tonya Rainwater has been elected as the chief judge. Therefore, we believe it to be proper to inquire whether this video coverage ban remains in place for our media organization, and on what grounds?

Regards,

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