

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

JOEL DANIEL RUDMAN,
Petitioner,

v.

Case No: 2024-DR-001112

ROMI WHITE
Respondent.

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AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT ALEX ANDRADE

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared and who being first duly sworn, says:

1. My name is Robert Alex Andrade, I have known Joel Rudman (“Rudman”) for over two years and have served with him in the Florida Legislature.
2. On the morning of June 20th, 2024, Rudman called me.
3. It was evident from his voice and tone that he was crying.
4. Rudman stated “that bitch is a terrorist and she’s a cancer in this county,” when I asked him who he was talking about, he said “Romi,” which I understood to be the Respondent, Romi White.
5. Rudman then said “She’s lying about me, and I don’t even know why I should keep doing this job;” I interpreted that statement as a reference to his role as a State Representative and resigning his position.
6. Rudman then stated “you have a choice to make, I have a gun in my drawer and I’m not sure what I’m going to do...” Because Rudman was crying, it sounded over the phone as if Rudman’s voice choked up, and he did not fully complete the sentence he’d intended to say.

7. Because he did not complete his sentence, I was not sure whether he was referring to committing suicide or harming Romi White. Because I have known Rudman to make outlandish and dramatic statements over the past two years, I did not believe he was making a credible threat. Nonetheless, I did feel that the statement was inappropriate.

8. I did not want to dwell on the statement he just made, and wanted to better understand why he was crying, so I asked Rudman to take a breath and tell me what he was referring to.

9. Rudman referenced an article published on South Santa Rosa News's website that same morning. **Attached.**

10. Once I determined he was referring to an article, I pulled up the article to review it. After reviewing the article, I told Rudman that I agreed that the article was critical of him, but I wasn't sure if any of the statements in the article were false statements of fact that could be considered "lies."

11. Rudman reacted poorly to my assessment of the article and told me he was going to make it his mission to "ruin her," referring to the Respondent.

12. Rudman stated that everyone needed to stop advertising with South Santa Rosa News, or he would make them his "enemies."

13. I reminded Rudman that I paid for banner advertising on the South Santa Rosa News webpage, and he replied "I know."

14. After I said I would be happy to consider pulling my advertising if he could help me identify the false statement of fact in the article, Rudman stated, "tell Danny (Perez) to find someone else to run in this seat or I'm going to give it to the fucking Democrat. I'm through," and subsequently hung up the phone on me.

15. After Rudman hung up on me, I asked a colleague to reach out to Rudman to assess his actual mental state. While I did not consider his reference to a gun in his drawer to be a credible threat, I nonetheless wanted additional assurances.

16. I then sent Rudman multiple examples of critical articles that have been written about me and encouraged him to reconsider how this article had affected him emotionally.

Attached.

17. Rudman responded to me via text, and stated:

*“This isn’t about criticism. This is about the scourge of Navarre. She is detrimental to this county, nasty. Nasty woman attacked my wife for making a political donation. There’s an extremely long history there. Then sends Bart Pullum to my office begging for a truce. Only to print this story. I have given her Chance after Chance after Chance. **This is war.** I just need to know which side you’re on.”*

18. Rudman’s response to me gave me additional reassurance that he was only making an outlandish and dramatic statement when he referenced the gun in his drawer.

19. At that point, I felt comfortable reiterating to him that he needed to approach criticism differently in the future, and that criticism, fair or not, comes with the job of serving in public office.

20. Since that date, Rudman has complained on several occasions about the Respondent to me and other local officials and has made a point of publicly condemning any political candidate who has purchased advertising with South Santa Rosa News.

21. I have known Respondent for 6 years and have read South Santa Rosa News articles for several years. I have never known Respondent to physically threaten to harm anyone.

22. While Respondent has written and published pieces that are critical of Rudman, I have never witnessed Respondent engage in any actions that would exceed the understood role of a reporter, columnist or editorialist.

23. Rudman has never stated to me that he feared Respondent was stalking him, or that Respondent posed a threat of causing him or members of his family any physical harm.

DATED this 17th day of July, 2024.


R. ALEX ANDRADE

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

The foregoing instrument was sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this the 17th day of July, 2024, by R. Alex Andrade, who is personally known to me, or who produced n/a as identification.




NOTARY

My commission expires: _____

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SANTA ROSA INSIDER: Rudman delivers ZERO money for county projects, reportedly says pro-incorporation take their own poll

Posted on June 20, 2024 by EDITORIAL BOARD



This session Rep. Joel Rudman brought back ZERO dollars for county projects in his district – despite \$6.5 million being approved by the legislature. Governor Ron DeSantis vetoed every.single.county request in District 3, including an appropriation for East River Road park.

That's made many of us wonder if Tallahassee leadership is UPSET with RUDMAN for actively working with DEMOCRATS to expand MEDICAID, an effort strongly opposed by Republicans. He claims Tally loves him, but they certainly showed him no love when it came to sending him money for the county.

Fortunately, Rep. Alex Andrade had better luck and was able to secure appropriations for stormwater drainage in South Santa Rosa amongst other projects.

Tonight Rudman is teaming up with Preserve Navarre to promote a vote for incorporation via social media.

Santa Rosa County Commissioners recently REJECTED Preserve Navarre's request for a Nov. 5 non-binding referendum AKA a straw poll, sending the pro-incorporation group back to the drawing board to correct FALSE and INACCURATE information in their

feasibility study. So now Rudman is reportedly saying he will let them BYPASS an actual ballot referendum and just pay for their OWN VOTE. What a joke, considering everyone with half a brain knows how easily polls can be manipulated. Remember how one local third-party poll showed Rebekah Jones was ahead of Matt Gaetz, who won by a landslide...

Navarre's anti-incorporation leader, Republican Debbie Gunnoe, FINALLY had a meeting yesterday with Rudman. She said he told her he hasn't read all of the feasibility study nor watched all of the county commission meeting in which Preserve Navarre was corrected by commissioners.

The good news is that Rudman cannot unilaterally make the call about local bills. The Northwest Florida Legislative Delegation for Santa Rosa County will ultimately decide whether or not a self-funded poll by Preserve Navarre will suffice to move the initial legislation forward. The binding vote on whether or not Navarre wants incorporation would take place after that.

Also keep in mind that Florida House District 2 Representative Alex Andrade represents Navarre Beach and part of the Navarre mainland. He shut down an attempt by Perdido Key to incorporate after reading the related feasibility study. He's one of the most intelligent and effective legislators we've seen in the Florida Panhandle.

So let Rudman try to help Preserve Navarre cheat the system, bypassing a true vote and instead presenting what will surely be a biased poll which they design and fund. We still have two other legislators who likely won't go along with that scheme.

During his first term, Rudman actively worked with Democrats and community agitators. He was only able to get 4 of 14 of his sponsored bills passed and did a DISASTROUS job carrying funding back home across the finish line this session.

Hopefully he will do a better job in his second term. To do so he will need to stop pandering to Pitchforkers.

He seemingly hates us for speaking the truth about his actual performance record. Recently an area leader asked me to "back off" Rudman. How can that happen when he continues to favor liberal agendas, especially those trying to change our community by opposing higher taxes and more government regulation on Navarre residents who are struggling just to make ends meet under Bidenflation?

Slow down the madness. There is no need to rush a poorly written \$22 million per year plan from Preserve Navarre just because they're sycophants for Rudman.

Let Rudman know your thoughts about letting pro-incorporation rush their costly, inaccurate plan. 850-642-0777.

MENU READ MORE: DETAILS ON RUDMAN WORKING WITH LIBERALS

Thu, Jun 20 at 11:01 AM



Editorial: Salzman, Broxson right to urge DeSantis action against Skanska

pnj.com

Broxson didn't sign the letter either, but I was the only one accused of refusing



Marlette: DeSantis smacks down anti-freedom bill from FPL, Andrade

pnj.com

Chris Smith and Jerry Couey

Joel >

Andrade

pnj.com

Chris Smith and Jerry Couey talked a lot of shit about me publicly and privately around you. I never once brought them up to you like that.

If you're gonna pull out over Romi's piece, it's shortsighted, but it's your call



Andy Marlette: Milton woman details battle and betrayal over Florida alimony law

pnj.com

I can keep going. lol



Joel >



Marlette: Black eyes and brown noses: Behold the princes of Pensacola!

pnj.com



Marlette: Andrade finds a spine? Who's next?!

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Marlette: Andrade gets nasty on Dosev in dying days of District 2

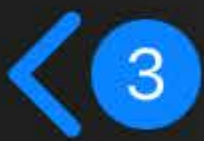
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It's about criticism. She doesn't like you, she has a platform, and she's bullying you.

Joel, this isn't war. An owner of a platform is bullying you, but that's why I asked you to go through the piece with me to identify the line that's false. I honestly don't know if there are any sentences I could define as a lie or just a statement of her opinion.

At any rate though, I need you to remember that I lit you up for supporting the pitchforkers at that meeting last summer, then moved on. I got it off my chest, but I never expected you to stop associating with them. You gotta take a step back and breathe.

It's criticism. I've gotten plenty. It can suck when it feels unfair, but it's still just words.

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That's an actual lie he made up. I'm not telling you not to go to that weird ice cream thing they're doing. 😂

But I won't be judged by you after going to bat for you on the only real problem you've actually faced to date.



Joel >

Thu, Jun 20 at 9:51 PM

I'm going to tell Danny you're quitting tomorrow. If you're not actually quitting, you need to tell me.

That's not something you want Danny to know if it was fake.

I'm good. I'm staying. I'm sorry. Didn't mean to leave you hanging. It's been a busy day. I reflect on what you say. It takes me a while, but I do digest it. Thank you.



People are allowed to hate you. Even if it's for unfair reasons. I don't care that you're friends with people that shit on me in my day job all the time. So long as you don't come to meetings when they're all doing it, you're well within your rights to have the circle of supporters you have

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JR

Joel >

Romi White does not have that power over me. But when she doxxes me and I'm seeing patients with random strangers calling me, that is totally across the line.

It really is part of the job.

Don't get me started on doxxing



You have been a really big help these last couple months. Don't think I don't appreciate it.

I trust you way more than Salzman. I'm giving you the best advice I possibly can right now. But man, I had the Rolling Stone do a piece calling me a racist like 2 months ago! It's not fun, but it comes with the job

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I will. And next time we are together, let's compare notes about our neighbor and colleague



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