

requested information. If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please provide a written estimate from production of the records indicated above if the estimated cost is expected to be more than \$25.

As you're aware, agencies must redact only what is necessary to protect exempt information and must explain the basis for any redactions I ask that responsive records be released on a rolling basis _ that is, as they are available, rather than waiting for my entire request to be processed before releasing documents.

If for any reason any portion of this request is denied, please provide a written explanation for the denial, citing each specific statutory exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

I am directing this request to you as the agency's communications office. Please direct it to the agency's public records officer, if there is one.

If your agency does not maintain these public records, please let me know who does and include the proper custodian's name and address.

As the Open Records Act requires that an agency respond to a request within five business days of receipt of a request, I would appreciate a response as soon as possible. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than a reasonable amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect them.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Regina Garcia Cano
The Associated Press, Las Vegas
Office: 702-382-7440

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Exhibit 5

Garcia Cano, Regina

From: PIO <PIO@LVMPD.COM>
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 10:15 AM
To: Garcia Cano, Regina
Subject: RE: Records request from The AP

Good morning Regina,

Quick email to acknowledge receipt of your request.

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To: PIO <PIO@LVMPD.COM>
Subject: Records request from The AP

Metro PIO Team—

Good afternoon. I hope you are well.

I have attached a request for public records under the custody of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. The AP is looking for two reports.

Please let me know if I can provide additional information. I would appreciate if you could confirm that you have received this message.

Many thanks,

Regina

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Exhibit 6



Administrative

Location 129 FREMONT ST Lv, NV 89101

Sector/Beat A1

Occurred On (Date / Time) Monday 1/29/2018 3:11:59 PM

Or Between (Date / Time)

Reporting Officer 07426 - Brewer, Michael J

Reported On 1/29/2018

Entered By 15176 - Ellison, Julie

Entered On 1/30/2018 7:30:19 AM

Related Cases

Jurisdiction

Las Vegas, City of

Traffic Report

Place Type

Accident Involved

Offenses:

Sex Assault(F)-NRS 200.366.2B

Completed Yes

Domestic Violence

Hate/Bias None (No Bias)

Entry

Premises Entered

Type Security

Tools

Weapons None

Location Type Gambling Facility/Casino/Race Track

Criminal Activities

Victims:

Name: [REDACTED]

Victim Type Individual

Written Statement

Can ID Suspect

Victim of 50095 - Sex Assault(F)-NRS 200.366.2B

DOB [REDACTED]

Age 67

Sex

Female

Race

White

Ethnicity

Unknown

Height

Weight

Hair Color

Eye Color

Employer/School

Occupation/Grade

Work Schedule

Injury None Observed

Injury Weapons

None

Addresses

Residence

Phones

Home/Residence

Offender Relationships

S - Wynn, Steve

Victim Was Employee

Notes:

Suspects:

Name: Wynn, Steve

Alias:

Scope ID

Sex Male

Height

DOB

Weight

Age 76

Race

White

Ethnicity

Unknown

Employer/School

Hair Color

Occupation/Grade

Eye Color

Narrative

[REDACTED] stated she was employed as a dealer for the golden Nugget in 1974. Her maiden name when employed was [REDACTED]. Several times during her employment, Steve Wynn and she had sex. [REDACTED] stated the sex was consensual but she felt coerced to perform the acts. The following times are what she remembers?

1st- April or May of 1975. She was approached by Wynn at her table and he escorted her back to his office and they had sex.

2nd-Summer of 1975. Steve Wynn asked her to go to his house on Rancho Dr. between Charleston and Sahara. She told him she had no way to get there and he sent a cab/driver. They had sex in his bedroom.

3rd- Spring of 1976. Wynn flew her to a concert in Oklahoma in his private jet. On the way back she performed oral on him.

In the Summer of 1976, Wynn approached her in the back hall and wanted her to go with him. she told him, "no", she was done and had someone she was seeing. She was soon after accused of stealing \$40.00 and forced to resign.

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This Information Released To:

By: MANZANI Date: 2/7/18

Las Vegas Metro Police Dept.



Administrative

Location UNKNOWN ADDRESS CHICAGO Chicago, IL

Sector /Beat OJ - Other
Jurisdiction n

Occurred On (Date / Time) Friday 6/1/1973 12:00:00 AM
Reporting Officer 07027 - Chavez, Irma M
Entered By 07027 - Chavez, Irma M
Related Cases

Or Between (Date / Time) Saturday 8/31/1974 12:00:00 AM
Reported On 2/7/2018
Entered On 2/7/2018 11:26:37 AM
Jurisdiction Other Jurisdiction

Traffic Report No Place Type Accident Involved

Offenses:

Sex Assault(F)-NRS 200.366.2B

Completed Yes Domestic Violence No
Entry Premises Entered Hate/Bias Unknown (Offenders Motivation Not Known)
Weapons None Type Security Tools
Criminal Activities None/Unknown Location Type Residence/Home

Victims:

Name: [REDACTED]

Victim Type Individual Written Statement Yes Can ID Suspect Yes
Victim of 50095 - Sex Assault(F)-NRS 200.366.2B

DOB [REDACTED] Age 27 Sex Female Race White Ethnicity Unknown
Height 5' 0" Weight 115 Hair Color Blond Eye Color Green
Employer/School
Occupation/Grade
Injury Not Provided Work Schedule Injury Weapons None

Addresses

Residence [REDACTED]

Phones [REDACTED]

Cellular [REDACTED]

Offender Relationships

S - Wynn, Stephan

Notes:

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Record is Regulated by Law. Secondary
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and Civil Liability.

This Information Released To:

Assigned Person / LAPDIA CARD
By: [REDACTED] Date: 2/7/18

Suspects:

Name: Wynn, Stephan

Alias:

Scope ID DOB Age 76 Race White Ethnicity Not Hispanic or Latino
Sex Male Height 5' 6" Weight 145 Hair Color Brown Eye Color Brown
Employer/School Occupation/Grade

Addresses

Phones [REDACTED]

Business/Work [REDACTED]

Notes:

Narrative

[REDACTED] came to NWAC to report that in 1973-1974, in Chicago, IL, she was exercising in her old apartment and when she stood up, Stephan Wynn was standing in front of her and said a word that she didn't understand, and then he pinned her up against the refrigerator and raped her as she was standing holding onto the refrigerator. Stephan then called someone for a few minutes then came and kiss her on her cheek and said he had to go and then added I call you later.

When he left she was still standing holding onto the refrigerator and looked at the window and saw her reflection, crying, and asking herself what just happened, what did he say?

A few days later, after her shower, she wrapped herself in the towel and was going to the bedroom and there was Stephan, sitting at the kitchen table. He got up and says some words, pinned her to the wall forcing himself on her then just like before, he called someone, kissed her on the cheek and said he would call her later and left. She was standing holding onto the wall and the towel was on the floor, and she was crying, saying to herself, why her, what did she do to be treated so badly, and why is he coming to her apartment. She didn't give him a key to her apartment. She remembers that Stephan said "you make me horny" then raped her twice.

She ended up pregnant. It was a hot steamy afternoon and she needed to go to the restroom. She saw a gas station and went in to the restroom. She was in pain standing by the wall and gave birth. The baby was laying on her feet inside the water bag. She slid down and said a doll is inside the water bag, the blood falling down, and she wanted to open, but the water bag was thick. She used her teeth to make a small opening then with her finger, opened the water bag and saw that the doll was purple. She started to blow on her and in a short time her cheeks were turning pink and she opened her eyes. She looked so much like her.

The gas station attendant opened the door to the restroom and when he saw her with a baby, he ran to the office and called an ambulance.

Her name is [REDACTED] and she lives in Las Vegas - Stephan and my child. [REDACTED] knows me as her mother and has her own family now.

Report taken per Det K. McCaffery, P#8731.

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[REDACTED]

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Exhibit 7



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APNewsBreak: Woman tells police Steve Wynn raped her in '70s

BY REGINA GARCIA CANO

Feb. 28, 2018



LAS VEGAS (AP) — A woman told police she had a child with casino mogul Steve Wynn after he raped her, while another reported she was forced to resign from a Las Vegas job after she refused to have sex with him.

The Associated Press on Tuesday obtained copies of police reports recently filed by the two women about allegations dating to the 1970s. Police in Las Vegas revealed earlier this month that they had taken the statements after a news report in January revealed sexual misconduct allegations against the billionaire.

The allegations are the latest leveled against Wynn by women. He resigned as chairman and CEO of Wynn Resorts on Feb. 6, less than two weeks after the Wall Street Journal reported that a number of women said he harassed or assaulted them and that one case led to a \$7.5 million settlement.

Wynn has vehemently denied the misconduct accusations the newspaper reported and he attributed them to a campaign led by his ex-wife, whose attorney has denied that she instigated the Jan. 26 news story.

One police report obtained by the AP shows a woman told officers that Wynn raped her at least three times around 1973 and 1974 at her Chicago apartment. She reported she got pregnant and gave birth to a girl in a gas station restroom. The woman, the child of the accuser and Wynn, now lives in Las Vegas, according to the report.

In one instance, the woman claimed that Wynn pinned her against the refrigerator and raped her. She said he then made a phone call, kissed her on the cheek and left. The report does not explain how Wynn is alleged to have entered the apartment or if they knew each other. The woman claimed she did not give him a key.

The second police report shows a woman told police she had consensual sex with Wynn “several times” while she worked as a dealer at the downtown Las Vegas casino-hotel Golden Nugget, but “felt coerced to perform the acts.” She reported she was forced to resign when she turned him down.

“In the Summer of 1976, Wynn approached her in the back hall and wanted her to go with him,” according to the report filed Jan. 29. “(S)he told him, “no”, she was done and had someone she was seeing. She was soon after accused of stealing \$40.00 and forced to”

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resign.”

The women’s names are redacted on the reports, and police said they do not identify people who say they are victims of sex crimes.

The Las Vegas case will not be investigated because the statute of limitations in Nevada is 20 years.

Ralph Frammolino, spokesman for Wynn, on Tuesday declined comment on the latest allegations.

Wynn Resorts is facing scrutiny by gambling regulators in Nevada and Massachusetts, where the company is building a roughly \$2.4 billion casino just outside Boston. Regulators in Macau, the Chinese enclave where the company operates two casinos, are also inquiring about the allegations.

In addition, groups of shareholders have filed lawsuits in state court in Las Vegas accusing Wynn and the board of directors of Wynn Resorts of breaching their fiduciary duties by ignoring what the lawsuits described as a longstanding pattern of sexual abuse and harassment by the company’s founder.

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Plaintiffs,

v.

) Dept. No. XXVIII

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individual; and HALINA KUTA, an
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Defendants.

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AND SET BRIEFING SCHEDULE
(First Request)

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On May 31, 2018, Defendants filed their Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to N.R.S. § 41.660 (the "Motion").

[Signature]

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25 the terms of this Stipulation.


1 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

2 Dated: June 5, 2018.

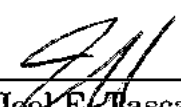
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ORDER

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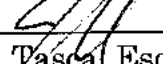

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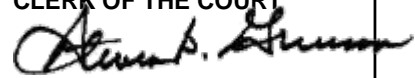
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19 **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER TO CONTINUE HEARING**
20 **ON DEFENDANTS' SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO N.R.S.**
41.660 AND SET BRIEFING SCHEDULE (First Request)

21 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 13th day of June, 2018, the Clerk of the
22 Court entered a Stipulation and Order to Continue Hearing on Defendants' Special
23 Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to N.R.S. 41.660 And Set Briefing Schedule (First
24 Request) in the above-referenced matter.

25 A copy of said Stipulation and Order is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 13th day of June, 2018, and pursuant to N.R.C.P. 5(b), I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER TO CONTINUE HEARING ON DEFENDANTS' SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO N.R.S. 41.660 AND SET BRIEFING SCHEDULE (First Request) was filed and served on the following parties via the Court's electronic service system:

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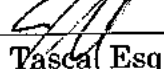

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Case No. A-18-772715-C

Dept. No. XXVIII

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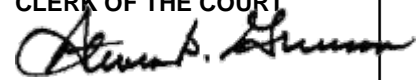
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20 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 5th day of July, 2018, the Clerk of the
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22 Dismiss Pursuant to 41.660 in the above-referenced matter.

23 A copy of said Stipulation and Order is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 5th day of July, 2018, and pursuant to N.R.C.P. 5(b), I filed and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER REGARDING DEFENDANTS' SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO N.R.S. 41.660 on the following parties via the Court's electronic service system:

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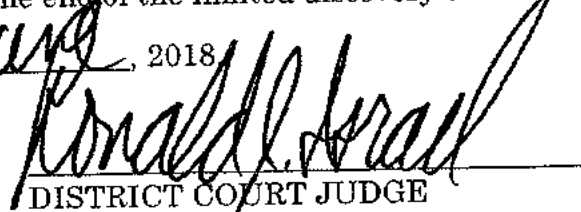
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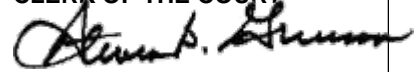
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**OPPOSITION TO THE ASSOCIATED
PRESS DEFENDANTS' SPECIAL
MOTION TO DISMISS ON ISSUE OF
FAIR REPORT PRIVILEGE**

Date of Hearing: July 31, 2018

Time of Hearing: 9:00 a.m.

Plaintiff Steve Wynn, by and through his attorneys, hereby files this Opposition to Defendants The Associated Press's ("AP") and Regina Garcia Cano's (collectively, "AP Defendants") Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to N.R.S. § 41.660 (Anti-SLAPP Statute) (the "anti-SLAPP Motion"). Pursuant to the "Stipulation and Order Regarding Defendants' Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to N.R.S. 41.660" entered on July 5, 2018 (the "July Order"), the parties

1 agreed to bifurcate the arguments contained in the AP Defendants' anti-SLAPP Motion such that at
2 the upcoming July 31 hearing, the Court will consider "the fair report privilege under the Nevada
3 Anti-SLAPP Statute, a question of law." (*See* July Order at 3:1-2.) Therefore, this Opposition will
4 address only the issue of the fair report privilege.

5 As set forth below, Nevada Supreme Court precedent dictates that the fair report privilege
6 cannot be used to transform the false police report—which may be covered by a qualified
7 privilege—into a false news story protected by an absolute privilege. And, even if it could be used
8 in that manner, the AP Defendants' article at issue in this action was not a fair, accurate, and
9 impartial report of the false police report. Therefore, the Court should find, as a matter of law, that
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1 This Opposition is made and based on the following Memorandum of Points and
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4 Respectfully submitted this 17th day of July, 2018.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

Faced with a meritorious defamation claim for unfairly reporting on a fanciful and delusional police report accusing Mr. Wynn of rape ("False Police Report"), the AP Defendants have seemingly adopted the "that which is ignored does not exist" approach. There can be no serious debate that the accusations in Defendant Kuta's False Police Report were inherently improbable on the face of the report. In the report, she falsely alleged that Mr. Wynn raped and impregnated her more than 45 years ago, resulting in the birth of "a doll" "inside [a thick] water bag," that she opened with "her teeth" and "her finger," revealing a "purple" "doll" that she breathed life into, turning it into a pink baby. (*See* Compl. at Ex. 2.) Yet, the Court will not find the words "purple," "doll," "teeth," "water," or "bag" anywhere in the AP Defendants' article reporting of the rape accusation ("AP Article") or in the AP Defendants' anti-SLAPP Motion. The AP Defendants' omissions are fatal to their attempt to hide behind the fair report privilege.

Indeed, had the AP Article included those words and the other accusations, Defendant Kuta's False Police Report and rape accusation would have been stripped of all credibility. The Court need not take Mr. Wynn's word for it. The Court can read the AP Article for itself, attached as **Exhibit 1** to this Opposition, and then read the article published by ABC News titled "Woman tells cops she had casino mogul Steve Wynn's baby after he sexually assaulted her", attached as **Exhibit 2** to this Opposition.

The AP Article mined into extraneous details in the False Police Report—from keys, to kisses, to phone calls—to add a veneer of reality to the tale. But the AP Defendants knowingly omitted the key exculpatory details, such as details about birthing a purple doll in a water bag that she opened with her teeth and fingers, and then breathed life into. The AP Article unquestionably increases the sting and defamatory impression that was created by the False Police Report. By omitting the exculpatory details that cast doubt upon the credibility of Defendant Kuta's rape allegations, the AP Defendants clothed her fanciful and delusional rape accusations with an aura of credibility. This is patently unfair and establishes that the AP Article is the antithesis of impartial.

1 The ABC News article, however, published the defamatory portions of the False Police
2 Report—accusations of the alleged rapes and the resulting birth in a gas station restroom—but also
3 published details that destroy the accuser's credibility: Defendants Kuta's fanciful statements about
4 birthing a purple doll in a thick water bag, which then transformed into a pink baby after she ripped
5 the bag open with her teeth and her finger. If the result of the alleged rape could not have happened
6 (giving birth to a doll in a water bag), then a reasonable reader may believe the alleged rape did not
7 happen. Simply put, a reasonable reader comes away from the ABC News article feeling much
8 differently about the rape accusations than one feels after reading the AP Article.

9 The AP Defendants' primary defense is that the AP Article accurately reported that the False
10 Police Report contained an allegation that a woman was raped by Mr. Wynn and bore a child as a
11 result, and that they are not required to make credibility determinations. The AP Defendants would
12 have the Court believe, for example, that if Defendant Kuta's False Police Report claimed that after
13 giving birth in the gas station she boarded a space ship and flew to the planet Asgard to be with her
14 husband, Thor, the AP Defendants would be justified in reporting her story, omitting the part about
15 space travel to Asgard to be with Thor. This hypothetical exposes that the AP Defendants' assertion
16 of the fair report privilege is errant nonsense. The issue at this stage is not a matter of the AP
17 Defendants failing to make a credibility determination but rather is the simple issue of whether the
18 AP Article is a fair, accurate, and impartial report. In the absence of any description of the fanciful
19 and delusional story about the birth, it is not.

20 To be clear, Mr. Wynn does not, through this case or this Opposition, seek to vilify
21 Defendant Kuta for her delusional thoughts. Since the filing of this action, it has become clear that
22 Defendant Kuta may suffer from delusions about people in the news, including Mr. Wynn and
23 Michael Jackson. She may not have known the damaging ripple effect her accusations would have.
24 To this day, Defendant Kuta acknowledges that her words were utilized in the False Police Report
25 and that every word of the Narrative section of the False Police Report is important to accurately
26 convey what happened to her. (*See* Section II(A), *infra*.) Yet, the Court need only read the entirety
27 of her Affidavit to know that Defendant Kuta deserves compassion, not condemnation.
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1 The AP Defendants, on the other hand, knew better than to publish Defendant Kuta's
2 fanciful and delusional accusations, but did so anyway. The AP Defendants must be held
3 accountable for their vicious, false attack on Mr. Wynn. This was not just any old attack. The AP
4 has a unique platform as the premiere wire service in the United States. The AP's publications
5 reverberate like few others, as the AP feeds content purporting to be hard news to the media at-
6 large, who then distribute it to more than half the world's population every day.¹ And those media
7 outlets can republish a false AP story and escape liability by claiming they relied on a wire service.
8 A false attack by the AP is nothing short of a contagion for which the AP is patient zero, spreading
9 lies like a reputational plague. The AP now wishes to carve out a more expansive privilege to
10 spread its false contagions. The Court should reject their efforts.

11 What's more, the False Police Report was not investigated by the Las Vegas Metropolitan
12 Police Department ("LVMPD") and will not be. Nor was Mr. Wynn ever arrested or subjected to
13 formal charges as a result of the False Police Report. And, Defendant Cano concedes that she was
14 informed that the LVMPD was not going to investigate the False Police Report because any sexual
15 misconduct charges would be time barred. Nevertheless, the AP Defendants published the AP
16 Article and now want to treat the hearsay statements in the False Police Report as part of a judicial
17 or quasi-judicial proceeding. In this regard, the AP Defendants ask the Court to do what the Nevada
18 Supreme Court has not done, what the Restatement (Second) of Torts has not done, and what no
19 other court cited by the AP Defendants has done thus far; *i.e.*, apply the fair report privilege to
20 hearsay statements contained in a police report, when the police report does not result in, or arise
21 out of, an investigation, arrest, and/or criminal proceeding. The Court should decline the AP
22 Defendants' invitation and hold, as a matter of law, that their conduct falls squarely outside the
23 limits of the fair report privilege.

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28 ¹ See <https://www.ap.org/about/annual-report/2017/ap-by-the-numbers.html> (last visited July 15, 2018).

II. FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

A. Defendant Kuta Files the False Police Report About Mr. Wynn.

While the name of the alleged victim was redacted in the False Police Report, Defendant Kuta has confirmed that she filed the False Police Report. (*See* Affidavit of Halina Kuta ("Kuta Aff.") at ¶ 22, **Exhibit 3**.) Defendant Kuta also claims that she was, and may still be, married to Mr. Wynn. (*Id.* at ¶ 6.) Consistent with this belief, she falsely informed the LVMPD officer that her relationship to Mr. Wynn was "Spouse". (*Id.* at Ex. E.)²

Defendant Kuta states that the Narrative portion of the False Police Report utilizes her "words to describe" what happened to her. (*Id.* at ¶ 24.) According to Ms. Kuta, "every word of the Narrative section of the police report is important to accurately convey what happened to me." (*Id.*)

The Court should take a few minutes to read "every word" of the short nineteen (19) line Narrative section of the False Police Report. (*See* Kuta Aff. at Ex. E.) When it does so, the Court should ask the following question: does the False Police Report describe a fanciful and delusional scenario that raises serious doubts as to the truth of Defendant Kuta's accusations? The inescapable answer is "yes."

In the False Police Report, Defendant Kuta started her story by making many disjointed and irrational statements about what she claims happened in her apartment, what Mr. Wynn supposedly said to her, and her own internal thoughts, which led up to and followed Mr. Wynn raping and impregnating her in 1973 or 1974.³ (*Id.*) Defendant Kuta goes on to describe a fanciful tale of

² According to Ms. Cano's Affidavit, the Offender Relationships portion was redacted and, therefore, she did not know Defendant Kuta claimed to be Mr. Wynn's spouse. (*See* Aff. of Regina Garcia Cano ("Cano Aff.") at ¶ 11.) However, LVMPD Officer Larry Hadfield sent to Mr. Wynn's counsel a copy of the False Police Report, which did not redact the phrase "Victim was Spouse", and stated that "[a]ll documents that were provided *were exactly the same* and no additional information was provided." (*See* Email dated May 31, 2018, **Exhibit 4**.) (emphasis added).

³ For yet another example of an obvious red flag, the False Police Report states that the alleged victim, Defendant Kuta, is 27 years old; however, she is complaining about an event that took place in 1973-1974, approximately 17-18 years before she would have been born. (*See* Kuta Aff. at Ex. E.) Given that Defendant Kuta is currently 71 years old (*id.* at ¶ 5), a possible explanation is that she used her age at the time of the alleged incidents, but used Mr. Wynn's current age in the False Police Report.

1 giving birth to a purple doll in a water bag, which she opened with her teeth and her finger, and
2 breathed life into in a gas station restroom:

3 She ended up pregnant. It was a hot steamy afternoon and she needed to go to the
4 restroom. She saw a gas station and went in to [sic] the restroom. She was in pain
5 standing by the wall and gave birth. The baby was laying on her feet inside the water
6 bag. She slid down and said a doll is inside the water bag, the blood falling, and she
7 wanted to open [sic], but the water bag was thick. She used her teeth to make a small
opening then with her finger, opened the water bag and saw that the doll was purple.
She started to blow on her and in a short time her cheeks were turning pink and she
opened her eyes. She looked so much like her.

8 (*See* Kuta Aff. at Ex. E, p. 2.) Taken in its totality, this story is absurd on its face.

9 Unsurprisingly, the LVMPD did not undertake any investigation or arrest Mr. Wynn as a
10 result of the False Police Report. (*See* Cano Aff. at Ex. 3.) The explanation offered by the LVMPD
11 was that the "report was not filed within the time frame allowed by NRS." (*Id.*) Notably, Defendant
12 Cano was informed on February 13, 2018, two (2) weeks before she wrote and published the AP
13 Article, that "an investigation cannot go forward." (*Id.*)

14 The False Police Report was not the first time that Defendant Kuta made false, fanciful, and
15 delusional accusations about having a sexual relationship with Mr. Wynn that resulted in her giving
16 birth to a daughter. In August of 2017, Defendant Kuta sued Mr. Wynn for \$4,000,000, alleging,
17 *inter alia*, that: she is the mother of his daughter, Kevyn Wynn (*see* Compl., Ex. 1 at ¶ 12); he
18 impregnates girls he calls "Young Polish Pigs," (*id.* at ¶ 19); she was being hypnotized by a man
19 who pretended to kidnap Kevyn (*id.* at ¶ 26); Mr. Wynn plotted to have her and Kevyn killed (*id.*
20 at ¶ 41); Mr. Wynn was having her followed (*id.* at ¶ 56); and she has "dodged bullets flying past
21 her just to silence her" (*id.* at ¶ 57).⁴

22 The Honorable United States Magistrate Judge C.W. Hoffman, Jr. screened Defendant
23 Kuta's Complaint. (*See* Report and Recommendation, **Exhibit 5**.) After doing so, Magistrate Judge
24 Hoffman *sua sponte* recommended that Defendant Kuta's Complaint be dismissed with prejudice
25 because it was "incoherent, describing a clearly fanciful or delusional scenario." (*Id.*) Ms. Kuta
26 then voluntarily dismissed her false and frivolous lawsuit against Mr. Wynn.

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28 ⁴ As hinted to the Introduction, it appears from her Twitter feed (@halina_ya) that
Defendant Kuta also claims to be the mother of one or more of Michael Jackson's children.

1 **B. The AP Defendants Publish an Unfair Article About the False Police Report.**

2 A compelling argument exists that no fair-minded professional journalist could read the
3 entirety of the transparently fanciful and delusional False Police Report and then would publish any
4 article about it. At a bare minimum, if a professional journalist decided to write about the False
5 Police Report, he or she must report all of the pertinent statements in the False Police Report so
6 that an average reader could decide for themselves whether the False Police Report had any merit
7 and whether the victim was credible. (*See e.g.*, Ex. 2.) The AP Defendants chose neither path.

8 On or about February 28, 2018, the AP Defendants published the false and defamatory AP
9 Article entitled, "APNewsBreak: Woman tells police Steve Wynn raped her in '70s." (*See* Ex. 1;
10 *see also* Cano Aff. at Ex. 7.) The AP Article republished the false rape accusations from Defendant
11 Kuta's delusional and fanciful False Police Report. (*Id.*)

12 The AP Article unfairly reported that a woman accused Mr. Wynn of rape but omitted the
13 many rambling and incoherent statements about what happened before, during, and after the alleged
14 rape. (*Compare* Ex. 1, with Kuta Aff. at Ex. E.) While the AP Article stated that Defendant Kuta
15 "reported she got pregnant and gave birth to a girl in a gas station restroom," there was no mention
16 of the fanciful and delusional scenario about giving birth to a purple doll in a water bag, using her
17 teeth and finger to open a hole in the bag to free the doll, and then breathing life into it. (*Id.*) The
18 AP Article, however, described various inconsequential details from the False Police Report—from
19 a refrigerator, to a phone call, to a key, to a kiss on the cheek. The AP Defendants unfairly painted
20 a picture of Mr. Wynn as an unfeeling rapist and of Defendant Kuta as a credible victim.

21 The AP Article spread like wildfire through the AP's wire service. The media outlets that
22 republished the AP Article verbatim included The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The
23 Chicago Tribune, The Washington Times, CNBC, Time, and countless local news providers.⁵

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25 ⁵ *See e.g.*, [https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/27/business/steve-wynn-rape-](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/27/business/steve-wynn-rape-accusation.html)
26 [accusation.html](http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-steve-wynn-rape-allegation-20180227-story.html); [http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-steve-wynn-rape-allegation-20180227-](http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-steve-wynn-rape-allegation-20180227-story.html)
27 [story.html](http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-biz-steve-wynn-rape-allegation-20180228-story.html); [http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-biz-steve-wynn-rape-allegation-](http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-biz-steve-wynn-rape-allegation-20180228-story.html)
28 [20180228-story.html](https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/feb/27/apnewsbreak-woman-tells-police-steve-wynn-raped-he/); [https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/feb/27/apnewsbreak-](https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/feb/27/apnewsbreak-woman-tells-police-steve-wynn-raped-he/)
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1 C. **Mr. Wynn Files the Current Action for Defamation Against Defendants, and**
2 **the AP Defendants File Their Anti-SLAPP Motion.**

3 Contrary to the AP Defendants' insinuation that Mr. Wynn is litigious because he filed a
4 "series of defamation actions" (*see* anti-SLAPP Motion at 1:8), Mr. Wynn sought to resolve his
5 dispute with the AP Defendants before seeking the Court's intervention. That is, Mr. Wynn
6 demanded in writing a retraction from the AP. (*See* Compl. at ¶ 95.) The AP declined. (*Id.* at
7 ¶ 96.)

8 In the absence of a retraction, Mr. Wynn was forced to file his Complaint for Defamation
9 against the AP Defendants and Defendant Kuta on April 11, 2018, to defend his reputation.
10 Defendant Kuta neither moved to dismiss the complaint nor filed an anti-SLAPP motion. The AP
11 Defendants filed their anti-SLAPP Motion on May 31, 2018, arguing that the AP Article is
12 protected under the fair report privilege and that Mr. Wynn cannot prove they published with actual
13 malice. (*See generally* anti-SLAPP Motion.)

14 On July 5, 2018, the Court entered the July Order. Pursuant to the July Order, the Court
15 will first decide if the absolute fair report privilege does not protect the AP Article. (*See* July Order
16 at 4:27-28.) If the Court concludes the AP Article is not a fair, accurate, and impartial report, it
17 will defer ruling on the rest of the anti-SLAPP Motion, allowing the parties to agree to a limited
18 discovery timeframe on the issue of actual malice.⁶ (*Id.* at 5:1-4.) After this discovery, the parties
19 will then be allowed to file supplemental briefs, and the Court will set a continuance date for the
20 hearing on the remainder of the anti-SLAPP Motion that is at least forty-five days after the end of
21 the discovery period. (*Id.* at 5:5-7.)

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27 ⁶ Mr. Wynn expressly reserves, and does not waive, any and all facts and arguments
28 regarding the issue of actual malice.

1 **III. ARGUMENT**

2 **A. Applicable Legal Standard.**

3 To defeat the AP Defendants' Anti-SLAPP Motion,⁷ Mr. Wynn need only show that his
4 claims have a "minimum level of legal sufficiency and triability." *Mindys Cosmetics, Inc. v. Dakar*,
5 611 F.3d 590, 598 (9th Cir. 2010) (discussing the analogous California anti-SLAPP statute's burden
6 of proof).⁸ Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute seemingly sets a high burden by requiring the nonmovant
7 to adduce "prima facie evidence" that demonstrates "a probability of prevailing on the claim." NRS
8 41.660(3)(b). But this requirement "is often called the 'minimal merit' prong." *Mindys Cosmetics*,
9 611 F.3d at 598 (quoting *Peregrine Funding, Inc. v. Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP*,
10 133 Cal.App.4th 658, 675 (2005); *see also Navellier v. Sletten*, 29 Cal. 4th 82, 93 (2002) ("[T]he
11 statute poses no obstacle to suits that possess minimal merit.")). "To establish minimal merit, the
12 plaintiff need only state and substantiate a legally sufficient claim." *Mindys Cosmetics*, 611 F.3d
13 at 598–99 (internal quotation marks omitted).

14 Per the Court's July Order, the only issue currently before the Court is whether the fair report
15 privilege does not cover the AP Article. (*See* July Order at 4:27-28.) In terms of the legal standard,
16 Mr. Wynn need only show, by a minimum level of legal sufficiency, that the fair report privilege
17 does not apply. Mr. Wynn easily satisfies this burden.

18 **B. The False Police Report Is Outside the Fair Report Privilege Because It Is Not**
19 **a Report of a Judicial Proceeding.**

20 The absolute fair report privilege only applies to official proceedings. The Nevada Supreme
21 Court's definition of a judicial proceeding *expressly* excludes statements that occur before the
22 initiation of a criminal proceeding. It is undisputed that the LVMPD did not conduct any
23 investigation on the False Police Report and no criminal proceedings resulted from the False Police
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25 ⁷ Mr. Wynn does not concede that Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute applies to his lawsuit. He
26 reserves the right to challenge its applicability after the Court resolves the threshold issue on the
fair report privilege.

27 ⁸ As the AP Defendants acknowledged in their motion, "the statute is modeled on California
28 law, and Nevada courts look to California law for guidance on its construction and application.
Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.665(2) (adopting California standard for burden of proof)." (*See* anti-SLAPP
Motion at 11:17-19.)

1 Report. (*See* Section II(A), *supra.*) Thus, before the Court examines the substance of the False
2 Police Report and the AP Article, it should first find the fair report privilege cannot even apply
3 because there was no official proceeding.

4 **1. *Because the False Police Report predates the initiation of criminal***
5 ***proceedings, it is not covered by the fair report privilege.***

6 To avoid liability for defamation, the AP Defendants assert that the fair report privilege bars
7 Mr. Wynn's defamation claim. (*See* anti-SLAPP Motion at 15-18.) The AP Defendants' theory is
8 misplaced.

9 Under Nevada common law, there are two absolute privileges related to statements in a
10 judicial proceeding: (1) the privilege *to make statements* in a judicial proceeding; and (2) the
11 privilege *to fairly report on statements* made in a judicial proceeding. The definition of a judicial
12 proceeding is identical for both privileges. The Nevada Supreme Court has held that the absolute
13 privilege to make statements in a judicial proceeding does not cover making criminal accusations
14 to the police; thus, the fair report privilege cannot apply to the AP Article's statements about the
15 False Police Report.

16 In *Sahara Gaming*, the Nevada Supreme Court inextricably linked the privilege to make
17 statements in a judicial proceeding with the privilege to fairly report on such statements. *See Sahara*
18 *Gaming Corp. v. Culinary Workers Union Local 226*, 115 Nev. 212, 215–19, 984 P.2d 164, 166–
19 68 (1999) (discussing both privileges). Although the ultimate question in *Sahara Gaming* was what
20 kind of proceedings were covered under the fair report privilege, the Court spilled most of its ink
21 discussing what kinds of proceeding were covered under the absolute privilege to make statements
22 in a judicial proceeding. *See id.* at 215–19. The Court analyzed one fair report case and then
23 discussed six cases about the privilege to make statements in official proceeding—using the latter
24 to define the scope of the privilege for a fair report. *Id.* The *Sahara Gaming* Court's point was
25 clear: *both of these absolute privileges cover the same type of proceedings*, "administrative
26 hearings, quasi-judicial proceedings as well as judicial actions." *Id.* at 219.

27 The Nevada Supreme Court has also held that the absolute privilege for statements made in
28 judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings cannot be extended to a citizen's preliminary report of a crime.

1 *See Pope v. Motel 6*, 121 Nev. 307, 317, 114 P.3d 277, 284 (2005). In *Pope*, an employer reported
2 to the police that his employee committed theft. *Pope*, 121 Nev. at 310. The *Pope* Court held that
3 because this communication happened "before the initiation of criminal proceedings," it was not
4 covered by the absolute immunity for "communications preliminary to a judicial proceeding." *Id.*
5 at 317 (internal quotation marks omitted) ("To the extent that we suggested in *K-Mart* that
6 statements made to police before the initiation of criminal proceedings could be deemed
7 'communications preliminary to a judicial proceeding' under the Restatement (Second) of Torts,
8 section 587, we recede from that premise."). In other words, the absolute privilege cannot apply
9 until there is some initiation of a criminal proceeding, such as an arrest or an indictment. The *Pope*
10 Court reasoned instead that "[t]he competing policies of safeguarding reputations and full
11 disclosure are best served by a qualified privilege." *Id.*

12 Under *Sahara Gaming* and *Pope*, a judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding subject to the fair
13 report privilege cannot include police reports made "before the initiation of criminal proceedings,"
14 much less when no investigation will occur at all. Indeed, the Nevada Supreme Court has been
15 cautious in extending the fair report privilege, lest it "allow the spread of common innuendo that is
16 not afforded the protection accorded to official or judicial proceedings." *Wynn v. Smith*, 117 Nev.
17 6, 16, 16 P.3d 424, 430 (2001). Not surprisingly, it is undisputed that no criminal proceedings have
18 been initiated against Mr. Wynn based on the false accusations in the False Police Report; thus, the
19 Court should find as a matter of law that the AP Article is not covered by the fair report privilege.

20 **2. Under the Restatement, which Nevada follows, the fair report privilege**
21 **cannot apply.**

22 The Restatement (Second) of Torts ("Restatement") likewise mandates a finding that the
23 AP Article is not covered by the fair report privilege. The Nevada Supreme Court has adopted the
24 Restatement approach to the fair report privilege. *See, e.g., Wynn*, 117 Nev. at 14 (quoting and
25 relying upon Restatement (Second) of Torts § 611). The Restatement refuses to extend the fair
26 report privilege to mere "statements made by the police or by the complainant or other witnesses .
27 . . as to the facts of the case" because such statements "are not yet part of the judicial proceeding or
28 of the arrest itself." Restatement (Second) of Torts § 611cmt. e.

1 The Restatement draws the logical line between protected reports of an "official action,"
2 such as an arrest, versus unprotected reports of statements by witnesses reporting a crime. This
3 stands to reason. An arrest essentially initiates a judicial proceeding (*e.g.*, the arrestee will be
4 processed through the judicial system), whereas a citizen reporting a crime does not. Moreover, an
5 arrest has the hallmarks of an official action because it requires an officer to exercise judgment in
6 finding probable cause and depriving a person of liberty. There is some value to the public in
7 reporting that a government official decided that the facts warranted a deprivation of liberty. This
8 exercise of official judgement also lends some indicia of reliability to the notion that a crime may
9 have been committed.

10 Here, the False Police Report is merely a hearsay statement recorded by the police about a
11 purported witness's unsubstantiated accusation of a 45-year-old crime—before the initiation of a
12 criminal proceeding, no less. Under the Restatement approach, which Nevada follows, the False
13 Police Report cannot be the subject of the fair report privilege.

14 **3. *Other jurisdictions rightly refuse to extend the fair report privilege to***
15 ***police reports of a citizen's accusation.***

16 Nevada is not alone in holding that the fair report privilege is not extended to statements in
17 a police report of accusations that do not result in an arrest or other criminal proceedings. The AP
18 knows this to be true, given that it was a defendant in a case wherein a court rejected the very
19 arguments the AP Defendants now make.

20 In *Reilly v. Associated Press*, 59 Mass. App. Ct. 764 (2003), a news article relied on a police
21 report as its source for defamatory statements about the plaintiff. *Id.* at 776–77. The police report
22 at issue in *Associated Press* memorialized a private citizen's accusations of criminal conduct by the
23 plaintiff. *Id.* at 776. However, the police report did not result in any police investigation. *Id.*

24 Under those circumstances, the *Associated Press* Court refused to expand the fair report
25 privilege to cover the police report:

26 The privilege applies to reports by news media outlets of official government action,
27 including police action, such as the fact of an arrest, a search warrant issued, or a
28 crime charged; but it does not apply to witness statements to police, whether
appearing in an official police report or not, where no official police action is taken.
Such reports to police are unverified hearsay.

1 *Id.* (citations omitted). Further explaining the rationale for its holding, the *Associated Press* Court
2 emphasized the minimal public interest in extending the fair report privilege to statements about
3 preliminary police reports:

4 Such unconfirmed hearsay, upon which no police action was taken, has neither the
5 authority nor the importance to the public that other documents or statements
6 shielded by the fair reporting privilege possess. . . . An analogy may be drawn
7 between such reports and a preliminary written statement of a charge: Knowledge
8 of them throws no light upon the administration of justice. Both form and contents
depend wholly on the will of a private individual, who may not be even an officer
of the court. . . . Extending the privilege in this case would not further the public's
interest in learning of official conduct.

9 *Id.* at 776–77 (internal citations omitted).

10 Vermont likewise does not extend the fair report privilege to police reports made before the
11 initiation of criminal proceedings. *Stone v. Banner Pub. Corp.*, 677 F. Supp. 242, 246 (D. Vt. 1988)
12 (no fair report privilege for police investigatory report where criminal proceedings were never
13 initiated).

14 A national survey of the law shows a steadfast adherence to the Restatement's line between
15 official conduct, such as arrests or missing person bulletins, versus hearsay reports about alleged
16 crimes. *See, e.g., Kenney v. Scripps Howard Broad. Co.*, 259 F.3d 922, 924 (8th Cir. 2001)
17 (applying fair report to missing person report seeking information about kidnapped child); *Porter*
18 *v. Guam Publications, Inc.*, 643 F.2d 615, 618, *certiorari denied*, 454 U.S. 940 (1981) (applying
19 privilege to blotter about arrests).

20 **4. *The cases the AP Defendants rely upon provide insufficient legal support***
21 ***for extending the fair report privilege to the AP Article's statements about***
22 ***the False Police Report.***

23 The AP Defendants do not cite to any binding or persuasive legal authority that would
24 extend the fair report privilege to the AP Article. Instead, the AP Defendants ask this Court to do
25 what no other court in Nevada has done: apply the fair report privilege to a police report of a
citizen's criminal accusation. The Court should not do so.

26 The AP Defendants scoured the country for legal support, but they could not muster a single
27 case that applied the privilege to a report like the False Police Report. Despite their failure, the AP
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1 Defendants declare that "[c]ourts routinely apply the privilege to police incident reports" and that
2 "the privilege [applies to] . . . allegations made to police." (See anti-SLAPP Motion at 16–17 (citing
3 *Porter*, 643 F.2d at 616, 617–18; *Imig v. Ferrar*, 70 Cal. App. 3d 48, 54–57 (1977); *Adelson v.*
4 *Harris*, 402 P.3d 665, 667–68 (Nev. 2017); *Sahara Gaming*, 115 Nev. at 213; *Circus Circus Hotels,*
5 *Inc. v. Witherspoon*, 99 Nev. 56, 60, 657 P.2d 101, 104 (1983)). The AP Defendants' cases can be
6 disposed of in short order.

7 In *Porter*, the court applied Guam's statutory fair report privilege to an article about an
8 arrest and booking. See *Porter*, 643 F.2d at 616–17 (addressing a story based on a daily police
9 bulletin, reporting that the plaintiff had been "arrested and booked for stealing a car and some
10 cash"). As discussed above, the Restatement and many jurisdictions apply the fair report privilege
11 to arrest reports, because arrests are official acts that initiate criminal proceedings. This sheds no
12 light on whether a citizen's preliminary accusations of a crime are within the fair report privilege.

13 The *Imig* case is the closest the AP Defendants could get. But at issue in the *Imig* case was
14 a statutory fair report privilege being applied to a *non-criminal* complaint about a police officer,
15 which was part of an administrative internal affairs investigation (*i.e.*, a quasi-judicial proceeding).
16 *Imig*, 70 Cal. App. 3d at 54–56. The False Police Report did not contain a complaint about a police
17 officer. Nor was it part of an internal affairs investigation. Therefore, the *Imig* case does not help
18 the AP Defendants' position.

19 The AP Defendants' Nevada cases are more inapposite than the rest. The Court in *Adelson*
20 applied the privilege to a statement about a sworn declaration in a civil lawsuit. 402 P.3d at 669.
21 *Sahara Gaming* applied the privilege to a letter that quoted portions of a filed civil complaint. 115
22 Nev. at 164. *Circus Circus*—which is not a fair report case—applied Nevada's statutory "absolute
23 privilege for all oral or written communications from an employer to the Employment Security
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1 Department." 99 Nev. at 60. And, *Wynn v. Smith* did not even apply the fair report privilege because
2 the underlying report was confidential. 117 Nev. at 15–16.⁹

3 The AP Defendants cannot point to a single jurisdiction (a) that refuses to extend an absolute
4 privilege for reporting criminal accusations to the police, and (b) nonetheless applies an absolute
5 privilege to write an article about the police report. Nor do the AP Defendants negate *Pope's*
6 holding that a "judicial proceeding" does not include criminal reports made prior to the initiation
7 of criminal proceedings.

8 In sum, neither Nevada Supreme Court precedent, the Restatement, nor the AP Defendants'
9 own case law support extending the fair report privilege to the AP Article's statements about the
10 False Police Report. The Court's analysis need not go any further. The Court should find, as a
11 matter of law, that the fair report privilege does not apply to the AP Article, and it should deny the
12 AP Defendants' anti-SLAPP Motion as to the fair report privilege.

13 **C. The AP Article Was Neither Fair nor Impartial.**

14 If, for some reason, the Court is disinclined to find that the fair report privilege does not
15 apply, there is another reason that requires a denial of the AP Defendants' motion on the fair report
16 issue. That is, the Court should find that the AP Defendants cannot seek shelter under the fair report
17 privilege because the AP Article is not fair, accurate, and impartial. The omission of the description
18 of birthing the purple doll in a bag, which was lying at Defendant Kuta's feet, with no apparent
19 umbilical cord, and which had to have life breathed into it, precludes a finding, as a matter of law,
20 that the AP Article was fair, accurate, and impartial.

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24 ⁹ The confidential nature of the False Police Report provides a stark example of why the
25 fair report privilege should not apply: it is impossible for the AP's readers to consider the source of
26 the accusation (especially where the AP Defendants' consciously manipulated the tone and sting of
27 the False Police Report). Had that source been revealed, the readers could have reviewed Defendant
28 Kuta's public twitter posts and seen that she is noncredible: for example, she believes she gave birth
to children by both Michael Jackson and Mr. Wynn. The AP Defendants used the confidential
nature of the report to accuse Mr. Wynn of rape, while hiding the obviously unreliable source.
There is little value to this kind of reporting, which does not warrant the protection of an absolute
privilege that allows the media to knowingly publish lies.

1 **1. *The AP Article was not a fair report because it increased the sting of the***
2 ***rape accusation.***

3 In exchange for the news media's absolute privilege to report newsworthy events in judicial
4 proceedings, "comes the requirement and responsibility that the report be fair, accurate, and
5 impartial." *Sahara Gaming*, 115 Nev. at 166. To this end, the fair report privilege only applies to
6 reports that are "fair, accurate, and impartial." *Lubin v. Kunin*, 117 Nev. 107, 114, 17 P.3d 422,
7 427 (2001); *see also Wynn*, 117 Nev. at 14 (quoting Restatement standard that the report "must
8 either be accurate and complete or a fair abridgment").

9 "Even a report that is accurate so far as it goes may be so edited and deleted as to
10 misrepresent the proceeding and thus be misleading." Restatement (Second) of Torts § 611 cmt. f.
11 The report need not be complete, but "it is necessary that nothing be omitted or misplaced in such
12 a manner as to convey an erroneous impression to those who hear or read it, as for example a report
13 of the discreditable testimony in a judicial proceeding and a failure to publish the exculpatory
14 evidence." *Id.* A report is "fair" when "the overall impression created by the summary [is] no more
15 defamatory than that created by the original." *Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. v.*
16 *Jacobson*, 713 F.2d 262, 270 (7th Cir.1983) (citing Restatement (Second) of Torts § 611 cmt. f).
17 Ultimately, the privilege does not apply when a "summary unfairly portray[s] the gist of the
18 [underlying] report in a way that a jury could 'conclude that the summary carried a greater sting
19 and was therefore unfair.'" *Lubin*, 117 Nev. at 115 (quoting *Brown & Williamson*, 713 F.2d at 271–
20 72).

21 In *Schiavone Construction*, a report was unfair as a matter of law because the article omitted
22 exculpatory material. *Schiavone Const. Co. v. Time, Inc.*, 847 F.2d 1069, 1087 (3d Cir. 1988). Time
23 magazine reported that the plaintiff's name "appeared several times in the [FBI's] reports on the
24 1975 disappearance of former Teamster Boss Jimmy Hoffa," and that this "detail would surely have
25 intrigued both [a] Senate committee . . . and the special prosecutor." *Id.* at 1072. Time's article
26 omitted the FBI memo's statement that the appearances of the plaintiff's name did not "suggest[]
27 any criminality, or organized crime associations." *Id.* (internal quotation marks omitted). The court
28 held that a "report that intentionally excludes information that is as obviously exculpatory as the

1 information [Time] elected to delete simply cannot, under any definition, be deemed either fair or
2 accurate." *Id.* at 89.

3 Here, a reasonable jury could find that the AP Article was not a fair report of the False
4 Police Report. The AP's conduct is like the example in comment f of the Restatement § 611. The
5 AP published "the discreditable portion" of the False Police Report—detailed accusations of the
6 alleged rape and a brief, cursory description of the resulting birth in a gas station restroom—but
7 failed to publish exculpatory details: Defendant Kuta's fanciful statements about birthing a purple
8 doll in a thick water bag, which she bit into and pried open, freeing the purple doll that she then
9 breathed life into. The gist of the False Police Report is that a troubled individual with a loose grasp
10 on reality accused Mr. Wynn of raping her, resulting in her giving birth through a fantastical
11 scenario. By omitting the totality of the story about birthing the purple doll., the AP Defendants
12 created a far more damaging defamatory gist: *i.e.*, that a woman had *credibly* accused Mr. Wynn
13 of rape. A rational jury could certainly conclude that the AP Defendants' omissions provided a
14 greater sting to the story. Put differently, the AP Defendants' omission of certain details in the
15 False Police Report, such as the doll and the bag, is the difference between an accusation that is
16 credible versus one that is non-credible.

17 Like *Schiavone*, the AP Defendants' intentional omission of obviously exculpatory material
18 is unfair as a matter of law. Ultimately, the AP Defendants reported on seemingly inconsequential
19 facets of the False Police Report—from a refrigerator, to a phone call, to a key, to a kiss on the
20 cheek. But the AP Defendants omitted the crucial details that the alleged rape resulted in the
21 fantastical birth of a purple doll in a water bag.

22 The AP Defendants might suggest that tales of birthing an inanimate object in a water bag
23 by a woman who bit into and tore open the bag with her finger have nothing to with the false rape
24 allegations. This defies reason. The purple doll in the water bag, which then became a pink baby,
25 was allegedly the direct result of the rape. If the result of the alleged rape could not have happened,
26 then a reasonable reader may believe the alleged rape did not happen.

1 In closing, the false and defamatory sting of the False Police Report was transformed by the
2 AP Defendants' decision to omit the exculpatory details about Defendant Kuta's tall tales. The
3 Court should find that the fair report privilege does not apply and deny the anti-SLAPP Motion on
4 this issue.

5 **2. The AP Article was not impartial.**

6 Similarly, the AP Article was not impartial because it piled on negative stories about Mr.
7 Wynn to enhance the sting of their flawed reporting on the False Police Report. *See Lubin*, 117
8 Nev. at 114 (explicitly requiring impartiality). The AP Article went beyond the False Police Report
9 accusing Mr. Wynn of rape, buttressing the false rape accusation with reports of Mr. Wynn's
10 resignation from the company, scrutiny from regulators, shareholder lawsuits, and alleged sexual
11 misconduct. The article had nary a good word for Mr. Wynn—not to mention its omission of the
12 key exculpatory details about the purple doll, the water bag, the biting and tearing of the bag, and
13 the breathing of life into the doll. The AP Article's omission of the exculpatory details is particularly
14 suspect because of its inclusion of minor details, like the refrigerator, a kiss, keys, and the phone
15 calls. Given the absence of balance and neutrality in the AP Article, it cannot be deemed impartial.
16 *See Lubin*, 117 Nev. at 115 (discussing withholding privilege where the "[e]lement of balance and
17 neutrality is missing") (quoting *St. v. Nat'l Broad. Co.*, 645 F.2d 1227, 1233 (6th Cir.1981)).

18 Implicitly acknowledging the partiality of the AP Article, the AP Defendants made no
19 attempt to address *Lubin's* impartiality requirement. As with the fairness requirement, the AP
20 Defendants' silence is fatal. There is no excuse for failing to report the crucial details that undercut
21 the credibility of the rape accusation.

22 **3. The AP Defendants fail to explain why the AP Article was fair.**

23 Tellingly, the AP Defendants do not address the "purple" "doll," or Defendant Kuta biting
24 into the "water bag": these words appear nowhere in their brief. The AP Defendants failed to explain
25 how the AP Article's omission of these words did not magnify the defamatory sting of the False
26 Police Report. In fact, the AP Defendants never apply the fairness requirement to the AP Article.
27 They just throw out rote statements of law about fairness, hoping they will land. For this reason
28 alone, the AP Defendants' anti-SLAPP Motion should be denied on the fair report issue.

1 The AP Defendants' sole attempt to apply the privilege to the actual statements in the AP
2 Article focuses entirely on the accuracy requirement. First, the AP Defendants argue the AP Article
3 "faithfully¹⁰ and *accurately*" described the False Police Report because the "statements [were] all
4 drawn directly from the police report, and described as allegations." (*See* anti-SLAPP Motion at
5 18 (emphasis added).) Second, the AP Defendants argue, "[n]or is the *accurate* reporting of a rape
6 allegation somehow 'incomplet[e]' . . . simply because the AP Article provided a summary of the
7 alleged victim's description of child-birth rather than a verbatim quotation." (*Id.* (emphasis added).)
8 Finally, they argue that "[t]he AP Article is, without a doubt, at the very least a substantially
9 *accurate* summary of the police case report." (*Id.* (emphasis added).) The AP Defendants are
10 wrong on all counts.

11 Accuracy and fairness are two distinct requirements under the law. As the Restatement
12 explains, a report may be accurate in that it correctly describes particular underlying statements.
13 Restatement (Second) of Torts § 611 cmt. f. But, "[e]ven a report that is accurate . . . may be . . .
14 misleading. Thus, although . . . [completeness is not required], it is necessary that nothing be
15 omitted or misplaced in such a manner as to convey an erroneous impression to those who hear or
16 read it" *Id.*

17 Not that the AP Article was even accurate. Defendant Kuta, herself, recognizes that "every
18 word of the Narrative section of the police report is important to accurately convey what happened
19 to [her]." (*See* Kuta Aff. at ¶ 24.)

20 The AP Defendants gesture to a legal argument about the fairness requirement—arguing
21 that the "fair report privilege does not require commenters to make credibility determinations." (*See*
22 anti-SLAPP Motion at 18:12.) The AP Defendants did not reproduce the False Police Report in its
23 entirety, therefore their article was required to be fair, accurate, and impartial. This is the burden
24 they face in exchange for a privilege that allows the media to knowingly republish lies. *See Sahara*
25 *Gaming*, 115 Nev. 166 ("In exchange for this absolute privilege, comes the requirement and
26 responsibility that the report be fair, accurate, and impartial."). The AP Defendants were required

27 ¹⁰ "Faithful" is just a synonym for "accurate." *See, e.g.,* Merriam-Webster (defining
28 "faithful," *inter alia*, as "accurate."), available at <https://www.merriam-webster.com/thesaurus/faithful>.

1 to ensure their omissions did not enhance the defamatory sting of the False Police Report, and in
2 that the AP Defendants failed by omitting the details of the inherently improbable birthing story.
3 This failure warrants a holding by the Court that the fair report privilege does not apply.

4 **IV. CONCLUSION**

5 For the reasons set forth above, the Court should find, as a matter of law, that the fair report
6 privilege does not extend to the AP Article's statements about the False Police Report.
7 Alternatively, the Court should find, as a matter of law, that the AP Article is not fair, accurate, and
8 impartial and, therefore, the fair report privilege does not apply. Under either scenario, the Court
9 should deny the AP Defendants' anti-SLAPP Motion as to the fair report issue.

10 Respectfully submitted this 17th day of July, 2018.

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2 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of Peterson Baker, PLLC, and pursuant to
3 NRCP 5(b), EDCR 8.05, Administrative Order 14-2, and NEFCR 9, I caused a true and correct
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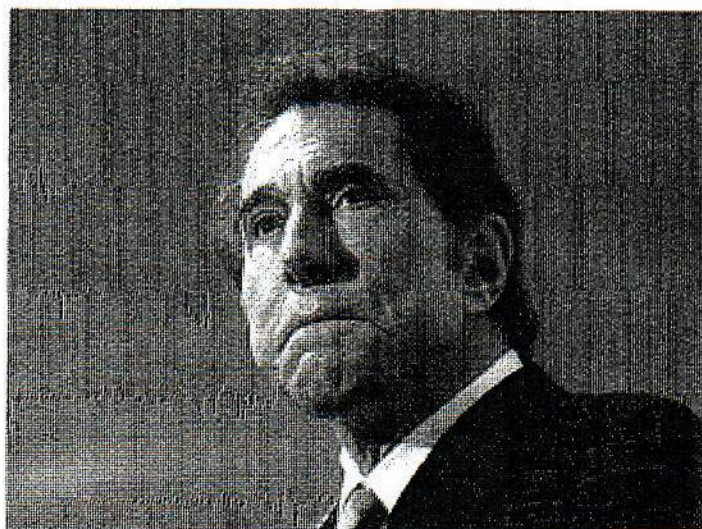


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LAS VEGAS (AP) — A woman told police she had a child with casino mogul Steve Wynn after he raped her, while another reported she was forced to resign from a Las Vegas job after she refused to have sex with him.

The Associated Press on Tuesday obtained copies of police reports recently filed by the two women about allegations dating to the 1970s. Police in Las Vegas revealed earlier this month that they had taken the statements after a news report in January revealed sexual misconduct allegations against the billionaire.



The allegations are the latest leveled against Wynn by women. He resigned as chairman and CEO of Wynn Resorts on Feb. 6, less than two weeks after the Wall Street Journal reported that a number of women said he harassed or assaulted them and that one case led to a \$7.5 million settlement.

Wynn has vehemently denied the misconduct accusations the newspaper reported and he attributed them to a campaign led by his ex-wife, whose attorney has denied that she instigated the Jan. 26 news story.

One police report obtained by the AP shows a woman told officers that Wynn raped her at least three times around 1973 and 1974 at her Chicago apartment. She reported she got pregnant and gave birth to a girl in a gas station restroom. The woman, the child of the accuser and Wynn, now lives in Las Vegas, according to the report.

In one instance, the woman claimed that Wynn pinned her against the refrigerator and raped her. She said he then made a phone call, kissed her on the cheek and left. The report does not explain how Wynn is alleged to have entered the apartment or if they knew each other. The woman claimed she did not give him a key.

The second police report shows a woman told police she had consensual sex with Wynn "several times" while she

worked as a dealer at the downtown Las Vegas casino-hotel Golden Nugget, but “felt coerced to perform the acts.” She reported she was forced to resign when she turned him down.

“In the Summer of 1976, Wynn approached her in the back hall and wanted her to go with him,” according to the report filed Jan. 29. “(S)he told him, “no”, she was done and had someone she was seeing. She was soon after accused of stealing \$40.00 and forced to resign.”

The women’s names are redacted on the reports, and police said they do not identify people who say they are victims of sex crimes.

The Las Vegas case will not be investigated because the statute of limitations in Nevada is 20 years.



Ralph Frammolino, spokesman for Wynn, on Tuesday declined comment on the latest allegations.

Wynn Resorts is facing scrutiny by gambling regulators in Nevada and Massachusetts, where the company is building a roughly \$2.4 billion casino just outside Boston. Regulators in Macau, the Chinese enclave where the company operates two casinos, are also inquiring about the allegations.

In addition, groups of shareholders have filed lawsuits in state court in Las Vegas accusing Wynn and the board of directors of Wynn Resorts of breaching their fiduciary duties by ignoring what the lawsuits described as a longstanding pattern of sexual abuse and harassment by the company's founder.

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Woman tells cops she had casino mogul Steve Wynn's baby after he sexually assaulted her

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Two women have told Las Vegas Police they were victims of sexual misconduct by casino mogul Steve Wynn, including one who alleges she had the billionaire's baby in a gas station restroom in the 1970s after he repeatedly sexually assaulted her, according to reports obtained by ABC News.

The new allegations against the 76-year-old Wynn -- the former finance chairman of the Republican National Committee, who President Donald Trump has called a "great friend" -- surfaced in the past month, according to Las Vegas Police reports.



Steve Wynn attends the Forbes Centennial Celebration in New York, on Sept. 19, 2017.

Wynn was forced to step down from his gambling and resort empire on Feb. 6 [after The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that a number of women claimed he had assaulted or harassed them, including one who received a \$7.5 million settlement from Wynn.

In a statement to ABC News today, Wynn's spokesman slammed the new accusations, saying Wynn "has never been supplied with these unsubstantiated accounts or the names of these accusers by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department."

"It's revolting that the media repeated such inflammatory claims from events that supposedly occurred four decades ago without the slightest bit of fact-checking or skepticism," the spokesman said. "This is not journalism. It is the peddling of smut and it is atrociously unfair to Mr. Wynn, his family and friends. Mr. Wynn is left to ask this simple question: When did we abandon such fundamental fairness, due process and decency?"

Wynn previously released a statement, saying, "The idea that I ever assaulted any woman is preposterous."

"We find ourselves in a world where people can make allegations, regardless of the truth, and a person is left with the choice of weathering insulting publicity or engaging in multi-year lawsuits,"

Wynn said in the statement.

[Steve Wynn steps down as CEO following sexual misconduct allegations](#)

[New Wynn Resorts CEO denies knowing of claims against mogul](#)

[Republican silence on Steve Wynn is 'deafening': Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand](#)



Steve Wynn at a news conference in Medford, Mass., on March 15, 2016.

A day after Wynn announced he was stepping down as chief executive of Wynn Resorts, a woman contacted the Las Vegas Police Department and claimed Wynn repeatedly sexually assaulted her between 1973 and 1974 when she lived in Chicago, according to the report.

In one encounter, she told police she was in her apartment when Wynn came in unannounced, according to the report.

"She was exercising in her old apartment and when she stood up, Stephan Wynn was standing in front of her and said a word that she didn't understand, and then pinned her up against the refrigerator and raped her as she was standing holding onto the refrigerator," the report said. "Stephan then called someone for a few minutes then came and kissed her on the cheek and said he had to go and then added ['I'll] call you later."

"When he left, she was still standing holding onto the refrigerator and looked at the window and saw her reflection, crying, and asking herself what just happened, what did he say?" according to the report.

She said a few days after the attack, Wynn struck again, according to the report.

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She told police that "after her shower, she wrapped herself in the towel and was going to the bedroom and there was Stephan, sitting at the kitchen table," the report said. "He got up and says some words, pinned her to the wall forcing himself on her then just like before, he called someone, kissed her on the cheek and said he would call her later and left."

"She was standing holding onto the wall and the towel was on the floor, and she was crying, saying to herself, why her, what did she do to be treated so badly, and why is he coming to her apartment," the report continued. "She didn't give him a key to her apartment."

The woman told police she became pregnant from the assaults and gave birth in a gas station restroom.

"It was a hot, steamy afternoon and she needed to go to the restroom. She saw a gas station and went in to the restroom," according to the report. "She was in pain standing by the wall and gave birth."

"The baby was laying on her feet inside the water bag," she told police, according to the report.

<https://abcnews.go.com/>

She described the baby as a "doll inside a water bag," the report said.

"She used her teeth to make a small opening, then with her fingers opened the water bag and saw that the doll was purple. She started to blow on her and in a short time, her cheeks were turning pink and she opened her eyes. She look so much like her," the report said.



An exterior view of Encore and Wynn properties is captured in Las Vegas, Nev., on Feb. 7, 2018.

She told police a gas station attendant came into the restroom, saw her and called an ambulance. She said her daughter now lives in Las Vegas and has her own family, the report said.

In another case reported to Las Vegas Police on Jan. 29 -- two days after The Wall Street Journal's report on Wynn was published -- a 67-year-old woman claimed that while she was a card dealer at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas between 1974 and 1976, she and Wynn, who owned the casino, had sexual relationship.

According to that report, she told police "the sex was consensual but she felt coerced to perform the acts."

In the summer of 1976, she said she tried to end the relationship.

"She told him 'no.' She was done and had someone she was seeing," according to the report. "She was soon after accused of stealing \$40.00 and forced to resign."

Las Vegas Police would only say they are investigating the allegations made by both women. It was unclear if detectives will ask to question Wynn about the accusations.

EXHIBIT 3

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AFFIDAVIT OF HALINA KUTA

STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CLARK)

Halina Kuta, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, and based on my personal knowledge, am competent to and voluntarily testify as to the matters set forth herein.

2. I am a defendant in the case styled *Steve Wynn v. The Associated Press, et al.*, Case No. A-18-772715-C (the "Action"). Currently, I do not have legal counsel and am, therefore, proceeding in proper person.

3. I understand that this Affidavit may be submitted in opposition to "The Associated Press Defendants' Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to NRS 41.660 (Anti-SLAPP Statute)".

4. I reside at 17 W. Pinehurst Drive, Laguna Vista, Texas 78578. A true and correct copy of my credentials is attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit "A".

5. I am 71 years old. It is my contention and belief that I was switched at birth with another baby and grew up with another family. I discovered this approximately 4-5 years ago.

6. It is my contention and belief that I married Stephen Alan Wynn ("Steve"), the former Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Wynn Resorts, Limited, in 1963. We had three ceremonies: one at City Hall in Poland, one at a Catholic church, and a Jewish wedding in Lodz. It is my contention and belief that Steve and I may still be married. However, I married Ed Kuta in 1983 because I did not know I was still married to Steve.

7. It is my contention and belief that after I married Steve, he would visit me in Poland on holidays.

8. It is my contention and belief that on one occasion, he took Picasso and Rembrandt paintings from me. To this day, Steve has never returned the paintings to me, although I want them back.

9. It is my contention and belief that Steve took a painting Picasso made of me in the late 1960s, which is commonly known as "Le Rêve". Steve later sold that painting of me for about \$150 million. A true and correct image of the painting of me is attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit

1 "B". Picasso also painted a picture of my step-mother.

2 10. It is my contention and belief that I have three children with Steve; two boys and
3 one girl. The girl's name is Kevyn Wynn ("Kevyn"). I do not recall the name of the boys.

4 11. It is my contention and belief that I have other children with men, besides Steve.

5 12. It is my contention and belief that I had both consensual and non-consensual sexual
6 relations with Steve.

7 13. It is my contention and belief that our second son was kidnapped from me after he
8 was born and while we were still at the hospital. Steve did not kidnap our son because he did not
9 know I had given birth.

10 14. It is my contention and belief that, before I knew I was pregnant, Steve showed up
11 at my apartment, informed me he was my husband, told me that I was pregnant with our daughter,
12 that she would be named "Kevyn", and that Steve would take her away from me. It is my contention
13 and belief that Steve was angry at me because he said "you're going to pay for what you've done
14 forever". It is my contention and belief that Steve was upset with me because someone told him
15 that I had wished that his and Elaine's son would be born retarded, but it was not Steve's son but
16 the server's son from the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino.

17 15. It is my contention and belief that Elaine Wynn was never actually married to
18 Steve; rather, I overheard her say that she was married to Steve's father. It is my contention and
19 belief that Elaine Wynn is actually Steve's step-mother.

20 16. It is my contention and belief that Gillian Wynn's father is a photographer from
21 Chile, and Elaine Wynn is her mother.

22 17. It is my contention and belief that, through the years, Steve has followed me
23 wherever I go.

24 18. On August 28, 2017, I filed a Complaint against Steve in the case styled *Halina*
25 *Kuta v. Stephan Allan Wynn, et al.*, Case No. 2:17-cv-02285-RFB-CWH (the "Federal Action")
26 because I contend and believe he arranged the July 26, 1993, kidnapping of our daughter, Kevyn,
27 and that his ultimate objective was to have me and Kevyn murdered. A true and correct copy of
28

1 the Complaint I filed against Steve is attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit "C". The Complaint is
2 also attached as Exhibit 1 to the Complaint filed in the Action.

3 19. Before filing the Federal Action, I wrote to many people, including news reporters,
4 about what I contend and believe Steve did. However, no one responded.

5 20. I even sent three messages on December 5, 2016, to now President Donald J. Trump
6 over Twitter about what I contend and believe Steve did. A true and correct copy of these tweets
7 are attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit "D". He ignored my messages.

8 21. In late January 2018-early February 2018, I was listening people on the television
9 talk about allegations that Steve engaged in non-consensual sexual relations with anonymous
10 women. My friend, Elizabeth, supported me to report what Steve had done to me.

11 22. On February 7, 2018, I filed a police report with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police
12 Department ("LVMPD"). A true and correct copy of the two-page police report, which details what
13 I informed the LVMPD officer on February 7, is attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit "E". This
14 police report is also attached as Exhibit 2 to the Complaint filed in the Action.

15 23. It is my contention and belief that, as detailed on page two (2) of the police report,
16 I gave birth in a gas station restroom to Kevyn as a result of one of the three times Steve raped me.

17 24. The Narrative portion of the police report utilizes my words to describe what
18 happened to me. It is my contention and belief that every word of the Narrative section of the
19 police report is important to accurately convey what happened to me.

20 25. It is my contention and belief that I met Elaine Wynn several times. During one
21 occasion, she came to visit me when I was in the hospital. She was wearing all white clothes and
22 asked me to forgive her for what she has done.

23 FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

24 DATED this 27th day of June, 2018.

25 Halina Kuta
Halina Kuta

26 Subscribed and sworn before me
27 on this 27th day of June, 2018.

28 Erin L. Parcels
NOTARY PUBLIC

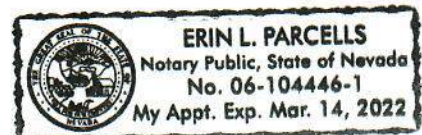


EXHIBIT A

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My Credentials

I was born in Poland as Halina Anna Jasinska to mother homemaker and father a dentist.

Growing up I spend 6 years in boarding school controlled by nuns.

From age of 11 to 18 years old I attended and study ballet and a music

After high school I study millinery.

At age of 23 I came to America to visit my family in Pittsburgh, and decided to stay in America influence by my family.

Learning English and new life in America took some time.

I like learning; I study correspondent course in Interior Decorating and successfully completed.

My marriage did not work out. I come to Las Vegas where in time I went to Collage of Southern Nevada and earned a degree in Graphics Design and Commercial Photography.

I am Cancer Survivor

Halina kuta



EXHIBIT B

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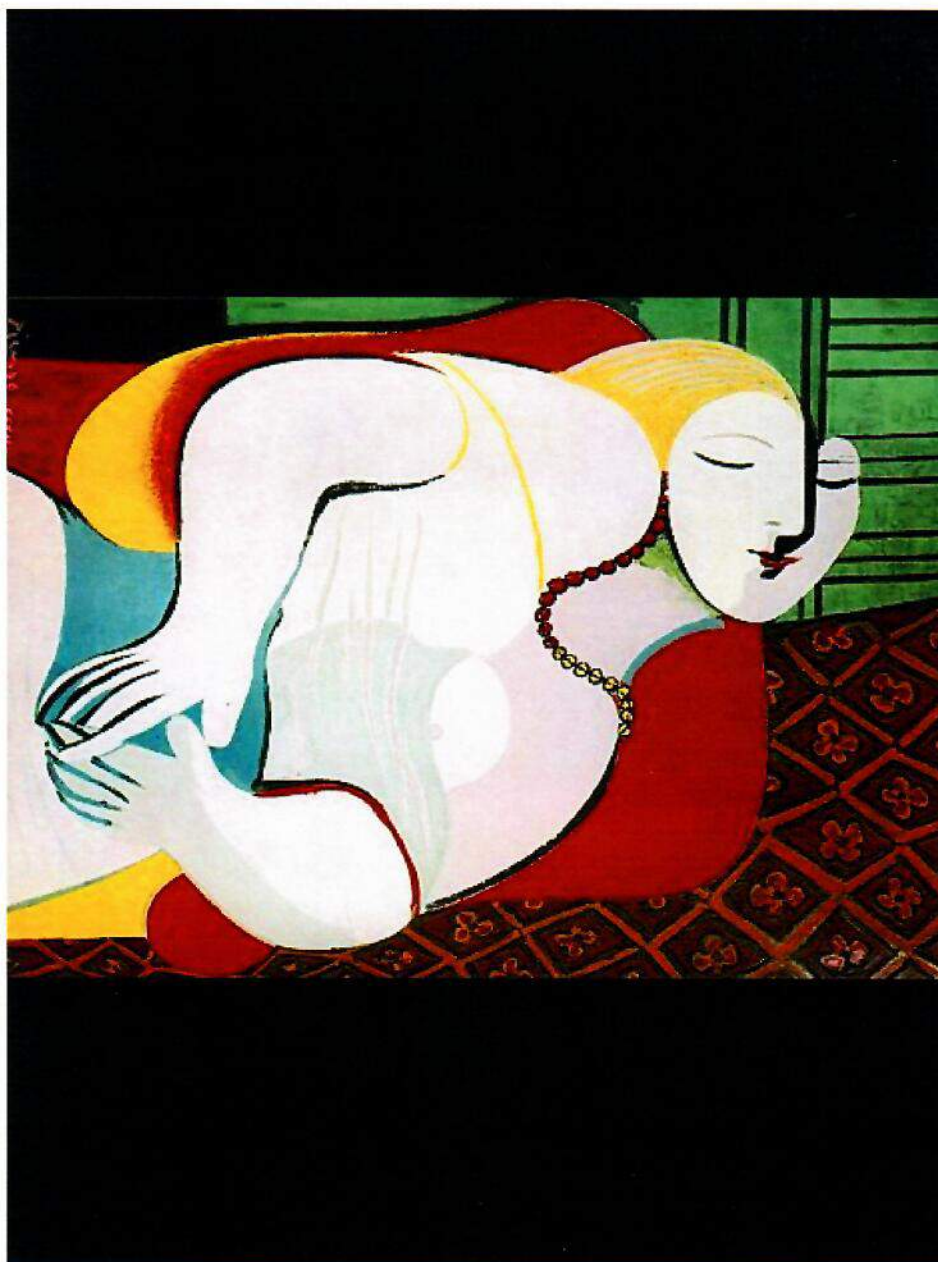
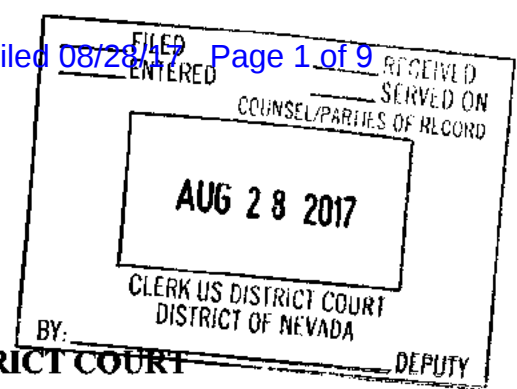


EXHIBIT C

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Halina Kuta
6921 Kim Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89145
In Proper Person

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Halina Kuta,

2:17-cv-02285-RFB-CWH

Plaintiff,

vs.

Dept No.:

Stephan Allen Wynn, ROES I – X, DOES
XI-XXX, Inclusive,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT
(DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL)

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, HALINA KUTA, in proper person, complains and alleges as follows:

PRELIMINARY ALLEGATIONS

- 1) Plaintiff brings this action seeking to put an immediate stop to, and to obtain redress for, Defendants' blatant and purposeful dishonesty in a federal investigation, as to the kidnapping of Kevyn Wynn;
- 2) Defendants' conduct is causing, and unless immediately enjoined will continue to cause, enormous and irreparable harm to Plaintiff. Defendants may not continue to exploit Defendant without authorization in order to retain funds improperly held in his possession;
- 3) Defendants' conduct must immediately be stopped and Plaintiff must be compensated for Defendant's willful acts of perjury;

- 1 4) At all times mentioned herein, the Plaintiff was and is a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada;
- 2 5) Upon information and belief, at all times mentioned herein, Defendant, Stephan Allen Wynn,
- 3 is and was an individual residing in the State of Nevada;
- 4 6) Upon information and belief, at all times mentioned herein, Defendant, Stephan Allen Wynn,
- 5 is and was an entity operating in the State of Nevada;
- 6 7) That the true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, of
- 7 Defendants DOES I through X, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiffs, who therefore sue said
- 8 Defendants by such fictitious names; and; therefore, sues these Defendants by such fictitious
- 9 names. Plaintiff prays leave to amend this Complaint to allege their true names and
- 10 names. Plaintiff prays leave to amend this Complaint to allege their true names and
- 11 capacities when the same have been ascertained, as such:
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- 13 i) Parties responsible in some manner for the events and happenings herein referred to
- 14 that caused injuries and damages thereby to the Plaintiff as herein alleged;
- 15 ii) Parties that are the agents, servants, employees and/or contractors of the Defendants,
- 16 each of them acting within the course and scope of their agency, employment or
- 17 contract;
- 18 iii) Parties that have assumed or retained the liabilities of any of the Defendants by virtue
- 19 of an agreement, sale, transfer or otherwise;
- 20 iv) The Plaintiffs will ask leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to insert the true
- 21 names and capacities of said Defendants, ROES 1-XX, inclusive, when the same have
- 22 been ascertained by the Plaintiff, together with appropriate charging allegations, and
- 23 to join said Defendants in the action;
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- 25 8) The acts and omissions alleged hereafter occurred within Clark County, State of Nevada;
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1 9) That to date Defendant has failed to properly compensate Plaintiff for the used material, as a
2 business venture;

3 10) That Plaintiff has fulfilled his obligations under the agreement; however, Defendant has failed
4 to fulfill their obligation.
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6 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

7 11) This is a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief for damages as a result of
8 Defendant perjury under oath, and blatant dishonesty, in accordance with the investigation as
9 to the kidnapping of Kevyn Wynn;
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11 12) That Plaintiff is the biological mother of Kevyn Wynn, and has standing to proceed in this
12 action;
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14 13) This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the perjury actions of Defendant under oath 18
15 U.S.C. §1621;

16 14) This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because, among other things,
17 Defendants are doing business in the State of Nevada and in this judicial district, the acts of
18 perjury under oath complained of herein occurred in the State of Nevada and in this judicial
19 district, and Defendants have caused injury to Plaintiff and intentional infliction of emotional
20 distress within the State of Nevada and in this judicial district;
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22 15) Venue is proper in this district, and categories as a federal question;
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24 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**
25 **(Perjury Under Oath)**

26 16) Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding allegations of law and facts as
27 it fully set forth herein;
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- 1 17) That the alleged kidnapping that of Kevyn Wynn occurred on July 23, 1993, was not an actual
2 kidnapping;
- 3 18) That Kevyn Wynn was placed into a trunk of a vehicle and driven for 18 hours to Defendant's
4 hotel, Holiday Vista Motel, in Harlingen, Texas;
- 5 19) Stephan did you ever wanders about all those young girls who got pregnant by you? You called
6 them "Young Polish Pigs";
- 7 20) The kidnapping of Kevyn Wynn took place, two kidnappers brought Kevin to Plaintiff's motel
8 Holiday Vista Motel in Harlingen Texas in an old car;
- 9 21) That Kevyn Wynn was seen in the trunk of the vehicle;
- 10 22) That one of the men came to the motel office, and paid for the suite they were staying in;
- 11 23) That the men were from Las Vegas, and he told Plaintiff that there was no room in the car that's
12 why their friend stayed in the trunk;
- 13 24) That three (3) days later one of the man with that young girl came to my office and the other
14 young black man stayed close by the office;
- 15 25) That the man who came to the office, his right eye was different from the other eye, and he was
16 shorter than Kevyn;
- 17 26) That Plaintiff saw the man holding the girl's arm behind her back, which can cause pain, and
18 the other hand he pulled a shining silver knife, and started moving left and right;
- 19 27) That Kevyn indicated that the man was hypnotizing Plaintiff, that woke Plaintiff up,
- 20 28) That Plaintiff could see that sharp silver slim knife is cutting Kevin's neck vertical and then that
21 knife blood was pointing at Plaintiff, and saying "you are next" then he held that knife
22 horizontal going forward to Kevyn's neck;
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- 1 29) That Plaintiff had two dogs German Shepherd and Doberman called Alex and Bluto when he
2 saw both dogs he dropped the knife and run out;
- 3 30) That Plaintiff was in shock Kevyn called 911, and the police came to make a report;
- 4 31) That Kevyn then called her father, Stephan Allen Wynn, and he told her that Plaintiff was her
5 mother;
- 6 32) That Defendant took the child from Plaintiff, without her permission;
- 7 33) That when Plaintiff's dogs, Alex and Bruto, were seen by the man, he immediately ran;
- 8 34) That Kevyn Wynn called the police for assistance;
- 9 35) That Defendant was fully aware that Kevyn Wynn was not kidnapped, and was in Harlingen,
10 Texas, with her mother, Defendant;
- 11 36) That Defendant purchased the ticket back to Las Vegas, Nevada, for Kevyn Wynn;
- 12 37) That although Plaintiff is not directing placing blame on the Harlingen Police Department, but
13 shortly after the alleged kidnapping the police department received a multimillion dollar
14 donation;
- 15 38) That in 2009, 2012 and 2015, Plaintiff went to the Harlingen Police Department for a copy of
16 the police report, and it was gone;
- 17 39) That Plaintiff firmly believes the entire kidnapping was arranged;
- 18 40) That Defendant was fully aware of what was going, and mislead investigators into believing
19 the child was kidnapped, when in fact she was not;
- 20 41) That the kidnapping was a plot to have Plaintiff and the child killed, but tremendously failed;
- 21 42) That in accordance with 18 U.S.C. (1) it reads, having taken an oath before a competent
22 tribunal, officer, or person, in any case in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath
23 to be administered, that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly, or that any written
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1 testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate by him subscribed, is true, willfully and
2 contrary to such oath states or subscribes any material matter which he does not believe to be
3 true;

4 43) Or (2) in any declaration, certificate, verification, or statement under penalty of perjury as
5 permitted under section 1746 of title 28, United States Code, willfully subscribes as true any
6 material matter which he does not believe to be true; is guilty of perjury and shall, except as
7 otherwise expressly provided by law, be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than
8 five years, or both. This section is applicable whether the statement or subscription is made
9 within or without the United States;
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11 44) That Defendant is guilty of perjury to the federal officers conducting the investigation
12 regarding the kidnapping of Kevyn Wynn, and the improper ransom paid by Defendant,
13 Stephan Allen Wynn;
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15 45) That Defendant did wander around with little girls, and called them "young polish pigs";

16 46) Defendant intended to induce Plaintiff based on these misrepresentations and improper
17 disclosures;
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19 47) Plaintiff's reasonable reliance upon the misrepresentations was detrimental. But for failure to
20 disclose the true and material terms of the transaction, Plaintiff could have been alerted to
21 issues of concern. Plaintiff would have known of Defendants true intentions and profits from
22 the proposed kidnapping scheme. Plaintiff would have known that the actions of Defendant
23 would have an adverse effect on Plaintiff;
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25 48) Defendants' failure to disclose the material terms of the kidnapping scheme inducing Plaintiff
26 to believe her daughter, Kevyn Wynn, was simply coming to visit her in Texas;

27 49) Defendants were aware of the misrepresentations and profited from them;
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1 50) As a direct and proximate result of the misrepresentations and concealment Plaintiff was
2 damaged in an amount to be proven at trial, including but not limited to damage to Plaintiff's
3 financial security, emotional distress, and Plaintiff has incurred costs and attorney's fees;

4 51) Defendants are guilty of malice, fraud and/or oppression. Defendants' actions were malicious
5 and done willfully in conscious disregard of the rights and safety of Plaintiff in that the actions
6 were calculated to injure Plaintiff. As such Plaintiff is entitled to recover, in addition to actual
7 damages, punitive damages to punish Defendants and to deter them from engaging in future
8 misconduct.
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11 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
(Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress)

12 52) Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporated by reference all preceding allegations of law and facts as
13 it fully set forth herein;

14 53) Through their conduct averred herein, Defendants have caused Plaintiff emotional distress, to
15 the point that she is unable to enjoy life, liberty and pursuit of happiness;

16 54) That as a result of Defendants' improper actions, Plaintiff has suffered extreme personal,
17 mental, emotional anguish;

18 55) That as a result of Defendants' unlawful and illegal actions, Plaintiff has lost a substantial
19 amount of his financial and emotional well-being;

20 56) That Plaintiff firmly believes she is being followed by Defendant and his entourage;

21 57) That Plaintiff has dodged bullets flying past her just to silence her;

22 58) Defendants conduct was intentional and designed to cause severe emotional distress;

23 59) Plaintiff has lost sleep, appetite and suffered emotionally because of the actions of Defendant;
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60) Defendant has acted arbitrarily, capriciously and with reckless disregard for Plaintiff, and accordingly, Plaintiff is entitled to exemplary damages, in excess of \$4,000,000.00 is entitled to money damages, punitive damages, and other relief as the Court finds to be just and proper.

61) As a direct and proximate result of said infringement by Defendants, Plaintiff is entitled to damages in an amount to be proven at trial;

62) As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing acts and conduct, Plaintiff has sustained and will continue to sustain substantial, immediate, and irreparable injury, for which there is no adequate remedy at law;

63) Plaintiff is informed and believe and on that basis aver that unless enjoined and restrained by this Court, Defendants will continue to infringe Plaintiffs right to enjoyment of life;

64) Plaintiff is entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief to restrain and enjoin Defendants' continuing conduct.

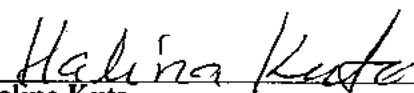
WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for Judgment against the Defendants as follows:

1. For punitive damages against Defendant;
2. For general damages in excess of \$4,000,000 against Defendants;
3. For attorney fees, if any are incurred as a result of filing suit;
4. For legal fees and costs of suit, as incurred herein;
5. For such other relief as the Court finds to be just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

DATED this 24 day of August 2017.


Halina Kuta
6921 Kim Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89145
In Proper Person

Maggie Strickland

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EXHIBIT D

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Halina Kuta @halina_ya · 5 Dec 2016



@realDonaldTrumpSteve Wynn Lied to Federal Court that he give \$ to the kidnappers President Elect what can you do to that elevator operator



Halina Kuta @halina_ya · 5 Dec 2016



@realDonaldTrumpKevenand I would be dead but my doberman and german shepherd safed as.Steve Wynn lied to Federal Court that he paid millions



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EXHIBIT E

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Administrative

Location UNKNOWN ADDRESS CHICAGO Chicago, IL

Sector/Beat OJ - Other
Jurisdiction n

Occurred On (Date / Time) Friday 6/1/1973 12:00:00 AM
Reporting Officer 07027 - Chavez, Irma M
Entered By 07027 - Chavez, Irma M
Related Cases

Or Between (Date / Time) Saturday 8/31/1974 12:00:00 AM
Reported On 2/7/2018
Entered On 2/7/2018 11:26:37 AM
Jurisdiction Other Jurisdiction

Traffic Report No Place Type Accident Involved

Offenses:

Sex Assault(F)-NRS 200.366.2B
Completed Yes Domestic Violence No
Entry Premises Entered
Weapons None Hate/Bias Unknown (Offenders Motivation Not Known)
Criminal Activities None/Unknown Type Security Tools
Location Type Residence/Home

Victims:

Name: [REDACTED]

Victim Type Individual Written Statement Yes
Victim of 50095 - Sex Assault(F)-NRS 200.366.2B

Can ID Suspect Yes

DOB [REDACTED] Age 27 Sex Female Race White Ethnicity Unknown
Height 5' 0" Weight 115 Hair Color Blond Eye Color Green
Employer/School Retired
Occupation/Grade
Injury Not Provided Work Schedule
Injury Weapons None

Addresses

Residence [REDACTED]

Phones

Cellular [REDACTED]

Offender Relationships

S - Wynn, Stephan

Notes:

Victim Was Spouse

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and Civil Liability.

This Information Released To:

Erin Parcells
S#: 127056 Date: 3-14-2018
Las Vegas Metro Police Dept.

Suspects:

Name: Wynn, Stephan

Alias:

Scope ID DOB Age 76 Race White Ethnicity Not Hispanic or
Sex Male Height 5' 6" Weight 145 Hair Color Brown Eye Color Brown
Employer/School Occupation/Grade

Addresses

Phones

Business/Work [REDACTED]

Notes:

Narrative

[REDACTED] came to NWAC to report that in 1973-1974, in Chicago, IL, she was exercising in her old apartment and when she stood up, Stephan Wynn was standing in front of her and said a word that she didn't understand, and then he pinned her up against the refrigerator and raped her as she was standing holding onto the refrigerator. Stephan then called someone for a few minutes then came and kiss her on her cheek and said he had to go and then added I call you later.

When he left she was still standing holding onto the refrigerator and looked at the window and saw her reflection, crying, and asking herself what just happened, what did he say?

A few days later, after her shower, she wrapped herself in the towel and was going to the bedroom and there was Stephan, sitting at the kitchen table. He got up and says some words, pinned her to the wall forcing himself on her then just like before, he called someone, kissed her on the cheek and said he would call her later and left. She was standing holding onto the wall and the towel was on the floor, and she was crying, saying to herself, why her, what did she do to be treated so badly, and why is he coming to her apartment. She didn't give him a key to her apartment. She remembers that Stephan said "you make me horny" then raped her twice.

She ended up pregnant. It was a hot steamy afternoon and she needed to go to the restroom. She saw a gas station and went in to the restroom. She was in pain standing by the wall and gave birth. The baby was laying on her feet inside the water bag. She slid down and said a doll is inside the water bag, the blood falling down, and she wanted to open, but the water bag was thick. She used her teeth to make a small opening then with her finger, opened the water bag and saw that the doll was purple. She started to blow on her and in a short time her cheeks were turning pink and she opened her eyes. She looked so much like her.

The gas station attendant opened the door to the restroom and when he saw her with a baby, he ran to the office and called an ambulance.

Her name is [REDACTED] and she lives in Las Vegas - Stephan and my child. [REDACTED] knows me as her mother and has her own family now.

Report taken per Det K. McCaffery, P#8731.

EXHIBIT 4

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From: Lawrence Hadfield <L7171H@LVMPD.COM>
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 5:02 PM
To: Erin Parcels; Nikki Baker
Subject: LVMPD Documents Released
Attachments: doc00751820180531164912.pdf

Good afternoon,

I phoned your office this afternoon to speak with one of you. We have received a couple phone calls from former LVMPD officers stating they are working for your law firm and were inquiring about the documents that were sent in response to open records requests involving Steve Wynn. I have attached one of the copies that was sent to the requesting media outlets. All documents that were provided were exactly the same and no additional information was provided.

I hope this answers your questions on what was provided.

Respectfully,
Larry

Officer Larry Hadfield
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Criminal Activities None/Unknown

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Type Security Tools
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Victims:

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Occupation/Grade
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Addresses

Residence [REDACTED]

Phones

Cellular [REDACTED]

Offender Relationships

S - Wynn, Stephan Victim Was Spouse
Notes:

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This Information Released To:
Andrew Craft - CNBC
By: [REDACTED] Date: 3-6-2018
Las Vegas Metro Police Dept.**

Suspects:

Name: Wynn, Stephan

Alias:

Scope ID DOB Age 76 Race White Ethnicity Not Hispanic or Latino
Sex Male Height 5' 6" Weight 145 Hair Color Brown Eye Color Brown
Employer/School Occupation/Grade

Addresses

Phones

Business/Work [REDACTED]

Notes:

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Report taken per Det K. McCaffery, P#8731.



Administrative

Location 129 FREMONT ST Lv, NV 89101
Occurred On (Date / Time) Monday 1/29/2018 3:11:59 PM
Reporting Officer 07426 - Brewer, Michael J
Entered By 15176 - Ellison, Julie
Related Cases

Or Between (Date / Time)
Reported On 1/29/2018
Entered On 1/30/2018 7:30:19 AM
Jurisdiction Las Vegas, City of

Sector / Beat A1

Traffic Report

Place Type

Accident Involved

Offenses:

Sex Assault(F)-NRS 200.366.2B

Completed Yes

Domestic Violence

Entry

Premises Entered

Weapons None

Criminal Activities

Hate/Bias None (No Bias)

Type Security

Tools

Location Type Gambling Facility/Casino/Race Track

Victims:

Name: [REDACTED]

Victim Type Individual
Victim of 50095 - Sex Assault(F)-NRS 200.366.2B

Written Statement

Can ID Suspect

DOB [REDACTED] Age 67 Sex Female Race White Ethnicity Unknown
Height [REDACTED] Weight [REDACTED] Hair Color [REDACTED] Eye Color [REDACTED]
Employer/School [REDACTED]
Occupation/Grade [REDACTED]
Injury None Observed Work Schedule [REDACTED]
Injury Weapons None

Addresses

Residence [REDACTED]

Phones

Home/Residence [REDACTED]

Offender Relationships

S - Wynn, Steve

Victim Was Employee

Notes:

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This Information Released To:
Andrew Craft - Fox News
By: [REDACTED] Date: 3-6-2018
Las Vegas Metro Police Dept.

Suspects:

Name: Wynn, Steve

Alias:

Scope ID [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] Age 76 Race White Ethnicity Unknown
Sex Male Height [REDACTED] Weight [REDACTED] Hair Color [REDACTED] Eye Color [REDACTED]
Employer/School [REDACTED] Occupation/Grade [REDACTED]

Addresses

Phones

Notes:

Narrative

[REDACTED] stated she was employed as a dealer for the golden Nugget in 1974. Her maiden name when employed was [REDACTED]. Several times during her employment, Steve Wynn and she had sex. [REDACTED] stated the sex was consensual but she felt coerced to perform the acts. The following times are what she remembers?

- 1st- April or May of 1975. She was approached by Wynn at her table and he escorted her back to his office and they had sex.
- 2nd-Summer of 1975. Steve Wynn asked her to go to his house on Rancho Dr. between Charleston and Sahara. She told him she had no way to get there and he sent a cab/driver. They had sex in his bedroom.
- 3rd- Spring of 1976. Wynn flew her to a concert in Oklahoma in his private jet. On the way back she performed oral on him.

In the Summer of 1976, Wynn approached her in the back hall and wanted her to go with him. she told him, "no", she was done and had someone she was seeing. She was soon after accused of stealing \$40.00 and forced to resign.

EXHIBIT 5

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

* * *

HALINA KUTA,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEPHAN ALLEN WYNN,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:17-cv-02285-RFB-CWH

REPORT & RECOMMENDATION

Presently before the court is pro se Plaintiff Halina Kuta's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1), filed on August 28, 2017.

I. IN FORMA PAUPERIS APPLICATION

Plaintiff has submitted the declaration required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) showing an inability to prepay fees and costs or give security for them. Accordingly, Plaintiff's request to proceed *in forma pauperis* will be granted.

II. SCREENING COMPLAINT

Upon granting a request to proceed *in forma pauperis*, a court must screen the complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2). In screening the complaint, a court must identify cognizable claims and dismiss claims that are frivolous, malicious, fail to state a claim on which relief may be granted, or seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2). Dismissal for failure to state a claim under § 1915(e)(2) incorporates the standard for failure to state a claim under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6). *Watison v. Carter*, 668 F.3d 1108, 1112 (9th Cir. 2012). To survive § 1915 review, a complaint must "contain sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face." *See Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009). The court liberally construes pro se complaints and may only dismiss them "if it appears beyond doubt that the plaintiff can prove no set of facts

1 in support of his claim which would entitle him to relief.” *Nordstrom v. Ryan*, 762 F.3d 903, 908
2 (9th Cir. 2014) (quoting *Iqbal*, 556 U.S. at 678).

3 In considering whether the complaint is sufficient to state a claim, all allegations of
4 material fact are taken as true and construed in the light most favorable to the plaintiff. *Wylar*
5 *Summit P’ship v. Turner Broad. Sys. Inc.*, 135 F.3d 658, 661 (9th Cir. 1998) (citation omitted).
6 Although the standard under Rule 12(b)(6) does not require detailed factual allegations, a plaintiff
7 must provide more than mere labels and conclusions. *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S.
8 544, 555 (2007). A formulaic recitation of the elements of a cause of action is insufficient. *Id.*
9 Further, a Court may dismiss a claim as factually frivolous if its allegations are “clearly baseless,
10 a category encompassing allegations that are fanciful, fantastic, and delusional.” *Denton v.*
11 *Hernandez*, 504 U.S. 25, 32–33 (1992) (internal citations and punctuation omitted). Unless it is
12 clear the complaint’s deficiencies could not be cured through amendment, a pro se plaintiff
13 should be given leave to amend the complaint with notice regarding the complaint’s deficiencies.
14 *Cato v. United States*, 70 F.3d 1103, 1106 (9th Cir. 1995).

15 Here, Plaintiff’s complaint (ECF No. 1-1) alleges two causes of actions against Defendant
16 Stephan Allen Wynn. Plaintiff’s first cause of action is for “perjury under oath” and another for
17 intentional infliction of emotional distress. Plaintiff’s claims appear to center upon the alleged
18 kidnapping of Kevyn Wynn, on July 23, 1993. Plaintiff’s complaint contains a number of
19 disjointed allegations and non sequiturs involving the actions of herself, Defendant Stephen
20 Wynn, the purported kidnapping victim Kevyn Wynn, and an unidentified man with a knife.
21 Plaintiff appears to allege that Defendant staged the alleged kidnapping in an attempt to murder
22 Plaintiff and Kevyn Wynn. Plaintiff further alleges that Kevyn Wynn is actually her daughter,
23 and had intended to visit Plaintiff’s home in Texas, and that Defendant knew this, but told police
24 that she had been kidnapped. Plaintiff further alleges that she was threatened with a knife and
25 later hypnotized by a man who was with Kevyn Wynn, but the man ran away when confronted by
26 Plaintiff’s two dogs. Plaintiff also alleges that Defendant has failed to fulfill his obligations under
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1 an unspecified agreement, and also failed to properly compensate Plaintiff “for the used material,
2 as a business venture.” Pl.’s Compl., at ¶ 9.

3 Plaintiff’s complaint is incoherent, describing a clearly fanciful or delusional scenario.

4 The Court will therefore recommend dismissal of Plaintiff’s complaint with prejudice.

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1 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Application for Leave to Proceed *In*
2 *Forma Pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is GRANTED. Plaintiff will not be required to pay the filing fee in
3 this action. Plaintiff is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the necessity of
4 prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of a security for fees or costs. This order
5 granting leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* does not extend to the issuance of subpoenas at
6 government expense.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court must file Plaintiff's complaint
8 (ECF No. 1-1).

9 **RECOMMENDATION**

10 IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff's complaint be DISMISSED, with
11 prejudice, for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

12 **NOTICE**

13 Pursuant to Local Rule IB 3-2, any objection to this Finding and Recommendation must be in
14 writing and filed with the Clerk of the Court within fourteen (14) days. The Supreme Court has
15 held that the courts of appeal may determine that an appeal has been waived due to the failure to
16 file objections within the specified time. *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 142 (1985). This circuit
17 has also held that (1) failure to file objections within the specified time and (2) failure to properly
18 address and brief the objectionable issues waives the right to appeal the District Court's order
19 and/or appeal factual issues from the order of the District Court. *Martinez v. Ylst*, 951 F.2d 1153,
20 1157 (9th Cir. 1991); *Britt v. Simi Valley United Sch. Dist.*, 708 F.2d 452, 454 (9th Cir. 1983).

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22 DATED: March 28, 2018

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EXHIBIT 6

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**AFFIDAVIT OF NIKKI L. BAKER, ESQ., IN SUPPORT OF
OPPOSITION TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DEFENDANTS' SPECIAL MOTION TO
DISMISS ON ISSUE OF FAIR REPORT PRIVILEGE**

STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CLARK)

Nikki L. Baker, Esq., being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, and based on my personal knowledge, am competent to testify as to the matters set forth herein.

2. I am a partner in the law firm of Peterson Baker, PLLC, 10001 Park Run Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89145, counsel of record for Plaintiff Steve Wynn ("Mr. Wynn") in case number A-18-772715-C.

3. I make this affidavit in support of Mr. Wynn's Opposition to The Associated Press Defendants' Special Motion to Dismiss on Issue of Fair Report Privilege (the "Opposition"). If called upon to testify in this matter, I could and would competently testify as to the matters herein set forth as they are personally known to me to be true.

4. Attached as Exhibit 1 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of The Associated Press article titled, "APNewsBreak: Woman tells police Steve Wynn raped her in '70s" published on or about February 28, 2018. This article can also be found at <https://apnews.com/d74af8c7df2c4f70ae156b82207109ef> (last visited July 17, 2018).

5. Attached as Exhibit 2 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of an ABCNews article titled "Woman tells cops she had casino mogul Steve Wynn's baby after he sexually assaulted her" published on or about February 28, 2017. This article can also be found at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/woman-tells-cops-casino-mogul-steve-wynns-baby/story?id=53414021> (last visited on July 17, 2018).

6. Attached as Exhibit 4 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of an email sent on May 31, 2018, by Officer Larry Hadfield of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to me and Erin Parcels, with my office, attaching Case Report No. LLV180207001836 dated February 7, 2018, and Case Report No. LLV180129002695 dated January 29, 2018. This email and its attachment have been maintained in my office's files.

7. Attached as Exhibit 5 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of a Report and Recommendation entered on March 28, 2018, in the lawsuit styled *Halina Kuta v. Stephan Allen Wynn*, Case No. 2:17-cv-02285-RFB-CWH, which was pending in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. The document was obtained via PACER and has been maintained in my office's files.

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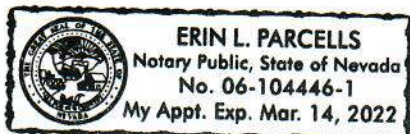


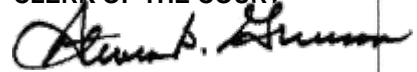
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31 v.

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32 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, a foreign
33 corporation; REGINA GARCIA CANO, an
34 individual; and HALINA KUTA, an
35 individual; DOES I-X,
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37 Defendants.

**STIPULATION AND ORDER TO
CONTINUE JULY 31 HEARING ON THE
ASSOCIATED PRESS DEFENDANTS'
SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS ON
ISSUE OF FAIR REPORT PRIVILEGE**

Current hearing date: July 31, 2018

New hearing date: August 14, 2018

38 Plaintiff Steve Wynn ("Wynn"), by and through his counsel of record, and Defendants The
39 Associated Press and Regina Garcia Cano (collectively, the "AP Defendants"), by and through their
40 counsel of record, hereby stipulate and agree, subject to the Court's approval, as follows:



1. On May 31, 2018, the AP Defendants filed their Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to N.R.S. § 41.660 (Anti-SLAPP Statute) (the "anti-SLAPP Motion").

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3. On July 17, 2018, Wynn filed an "Opposition to The Associated Press Defendants' Special Motion to Dismiss on Issue of Fair Report Privilege."

4. Due to a scheduling conflict of Wynn's counsel, the AP Defendants graciously agreed to continue the hearing set for July 31, 2018, to August 14, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

5. Based on the new hearing date, the AP Defendants' reply brief shall be filed and served no later than August 7, 2018. *See* E.D.C.R. 2.20(h).

6. Except as expressly modified herein, the July Order remains in full force and effect.

7. Nothing in this Stipulation shall be considered a waiver of the AP Defendants' rights to have the anti-SLAPP Motion considered and substantively decided pursuant to NRS 41.660, although the hearing has been continued outside of twenty (20) judicial days.

8. This Stipulation is not for the purpose of delay and does not prejudice any party.

9. In light of the foregoing, the parties submit that good cause exists for the Court to approve this Stipulation, and respectfully request that, as set forth herein, the Court permit the AP

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ORDER

Based on the foregoing stipulation between the parties, and good cause appearing therefore,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the AP Defendants shall file and serve their reply brief in support of the anti-SLAPP Motion no later than August 7, 2018.

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing currently set for July 31, 2018, be continued
2 to August 14, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

3 DATED this 24 day of July, 2018.

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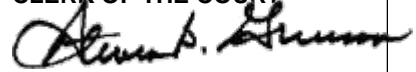
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**NOTICE OF ENTRY OF STIPULATION
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1 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Stipulation and Order to Continue July 31 Hearing on The
2 Associated Press Defendants' Special Motion to Dismiss on Issue of Fair Report Privilege
3 ("Stipulation and Order") was entered on July 26, 2018. A copy of said Stipulation and Order is
4 attached hereto.

5 Respectfully submitted this 30th day of July, 2018.

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of Peterson Baker, PLLC, and pursuant to
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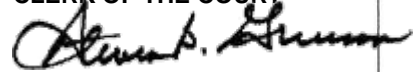
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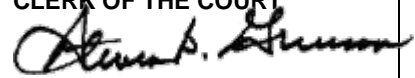
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**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DEFENDANTS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF
SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO N.R.S. § 41.660
(ANTI-SLAPP STATUTE)**

Defendants The Associated Press and Regina Garcia Cano (together, "AP"), by and through undersigned counsel, submit this reply in support of their special motion to dismiss Plaintiff Steve Wynn's Complaint pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. §41.660 ("Mot."), and in response to the Opposition filed by Mr. Wynn on July 17, 2018 ("Opp").

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

In this billionaire’s defamation lawsuit against a news service, Mr. Wynn urges repeatedly that one of the two sexual assault complaints made against him and announced to the press by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (“LVMPD”) in February 2018 was obviously “fanciful and delusional,” Opp. at 4-9, despite the fact that the LVMPD issued a statement about the two complaints, Affidavit of Regina Garcia Cano (“Garcia Cano Aff.”), Ex. 3, forwarded a copy of the official police record at issue to Chicago authorities, *id.*, and publicly urged victims to come forward, *id.*, Ex. 2. Mr. Wynn buttresses his characterization of the police record not only through liberal use of adjectives and repeatedly emphasizing colorful language from the police record, but also by summarizing a separate lawsuit by the complainant, Halina Kuta, that AP could not have connected to the redacted police record released by LVMPD. Opp. at 7-8. Further, Mr. Wynn submits a new affidavit—solicited during the pendency of this litigation—apparently aimed at demonstrating that Ms. Kuta “may suffer from delusions about people in the news.” *Id.* at 5 & Ex. 3.

These disparagements of the alleged victim are legally irrelevant to the fair report privilege for press reports regarding official records. Stripped of its attacks on Ms. Kuta, Mr. Wynn’s argument turns on two fundamental misstatements of law: (1) that LVMPD case reports are not “official documents or proceedings” for purposes of the fair report privilege, and (2) that by failing to quote verbatim from statements in the police report about an alleged victim’s birth experience that are collateral to the criminal accusation, AP failed to provide a substantially accurate account of the rape allegation. The first argument wrongly conflates the fair report privilege with the separate judicial proceedings privilege, ignores controlling case law, and misstates the weight of national authority extending the privilege to official records like these police reports. The second argument by Mr. Wynn finds no support in the

1 law and falls apart on examination. Indeed, a rule requiring news reports to include
2 collateral matters verbatim would render the privilege a functional nullity.

3 As a matter of law, Nevada’s fair report privilege applies to the AP Report’s
4 accurate summary of criminal allegations reflected in official LVMPD case records.
5 Mr. Wynn therefore cannot meet his burden to demonstrate a likelihood of prevailing
6 in his lawsuit against AP, and the special motion should be granted.

7 **II. LEGAL STANDARD AND PROCEDURAL POSTURE**

8 Mr. Wynn does not dispute that the AP Article represents protected speech
9 under the anti-SLAPP statute, nor that AP has made a threshold showing that the
10 statute applies. Mot. at 12-15. What is left to decide is whether, under the anti-
11 SLAPP statute, Mr. Wynn can meet *his burden* of establishing a “probability of
12 prevailing on the claim.” Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.660(3)(b); *Delucchi v. Songer*, 396 P.3d
13 826, 831 (Nev. 2017). The AP addressed in its opening brief two reasons why Mr.
14 Wynn cannot meet this burden, but, in the interests of judicial economy, the parties
15 have agreed (and the Court has so ordered) that the Court should first resolve the
16 purely legal question of the fair report privilege. Only if the Court deems the
17 privilege inapplicable will it be necessary to consider the AP’s second ground,
18 whether Mr. Wynn can meet his separate burden under the First Amendment of
19 showing a likelihood of establishing by clear and convincing evidence that the AP
20 published the news report with “actual malice” fault, an issue on which Mr. Wynn
21 contends he is entitled to some discovery. *See* Stipulation and Order Regarding
22 Defendants’ Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to N.R.S. 41.660 (entered June 29,
23 2018) (“June 29 Stip.”).

24 Mr. Wynn argues that the “minimal merit” language found in some California
25 anti-SLAPP statute cases somehow relieves him of the statutory burden to establish
26 a probability of prevailing on his claim. Opp. at 11. However, that language merely
27 means that, when deciding an anti-SLAPP motion, a court should “not weigh the
28 credibility or comparative probative strength of competing evidence” such that the

1 plaintiff is effectively required to “prove” that he *will* prevail on his claim. *Mann v.*
2 *Quality Old Time Serv., Inc.*, 120 Cal. App. 4th 90, 105 (2004); *see also, e.g., Mindys*
3 *Cosmetics, Inc. v. Dakar*, 611 F.3d 590, 598-600 (9th Cir. 2010) (cited by Opp. at 11)
4 (denying anti-SLAPP motion after crediting plaintiff’s testimony). Such evidentiary
5 concerns are not implicated by this motion, where the question is whether the
6 plaintiff’s claim is barred as a matter of law by an applicable privilege. *See, e.g., J-M*
7 *Mfg. Co. v. Phillips & Cohen LLP*, 247 Cal. App. 4th 87, 96, 98-104 (2016). As
8 demonstrated below, the privilege applies to the news report at issue and therefore
9 Mr. Wynn cannot show a probability of prevailing on his claim.

10 III. LEGAL ARGUMENT

11 A. Police “Case Reports” Are “Official Documents or Proceedings” 12 Subject to the Fair Report Privilege

13 In urging that AP is not entitled to rely on the fair report privilege, Opp. at 12,
14 Mr. Wynn confuses that privilege with the separate “judicial proceedings” privilege,
15 which protects the *participants* in official proceedings from defamation claims arising
16 from their statements relating to that proceeding. *Jacobs v. Adelson*, 325 P.3d 1282,
17 1285 (Nev. 2014) (setting forth privilege test for participants in judicial proceedings).
18 The fair report privilege asserted here by AP, in contrast, applies to third parties,
19 including news organizations, to enable them to report on or discuss official
20 documents or proceedings without fear of defamation liability. *Wynn v. Smith*, 117
21 Nev. 6, 14 (2001) (en banc) (“The fair report privilege is premised on the theory that
22 members of the public have a manifest interest in observing and being made aware of
23 public proceedings and actions.”). Contrary to Mr. Wynn’s assertion, the two
24 privileges are, while both arising from official proceedings, legally distinct.

25 Specifically, Mr. Wynn cites *Sahara Gaming Corp. v. Culinary Workers Union*
26 *Local 226*, 115 Nev. 212 (1999), for the proposition that “*both of these absolute*
27 *privileges cover the same type of proceedings*, ‘administrative hearings, quasi-judicial
28 proceedings as well as judicial actions.’” Opp. at 12 (“The definition of a judicial

1 proceeding is identical for both privileges.”). But that contention is contrary to the
2 clear command of the Nevada Supreme Court in a subsequent defamation case
3 brought by Mr. Wynn himself against another journalist. The Court in that case
4 made clear that the fair report privilege is *not limited* to the judicial proceedings
5 enumerated in the case upon which Mr. Wynn now relies:

6 We agree that the [fair report] privilege should not be limited to
7 judicial proceedings like those at issue in *Sahara Gaming*. It should
8 apply to all public, official actions or proceedings.

9 *Wynn*, 117 Nev. at 14. Nor does Mr. Wynn acknowledge that, in its most recent
10 consideration of the fair report privilege, the Nevada Supreme Court adopted the
11 D.C. Circuit’s broad test as to whether the privilege applies to “an official document
12 or proceedings.” *Adelson v. Harris*, 402 P.3d 665, 668 (Nev. 2017). In the District of
13 Columbia, reports about complaints to police fall within the privilege. *White v.*
14 *Fraternal Order of Police*, 909 F.2d 512, 527 (D.C. Cir. 1990) (applying privilege to
15 reporting about complaint letters submitted to police). Thus, although technically
16 correct that the Nevada Supreme Court has not yet specifically considered the
17 application of the fair report privilege to an official police “case report” document,
18 given (i) the Court’s express refusal to limit the fair report privilege to judicial
19 proceedings and (ii) its adoption of the D.C. Circuit’s test for the privilege’s scope,
20 which has squarely been held to include police reports, there is no question how the
21 Nevada Supreme Court would rule in this instance.

22 That conclusion is reinforced, rather than undercut, by the judicial proceedings
23 privilege ruling that Mr. Wynn relies upon after drawing a false equivalency between
24 the two privileges. In *Pope v. Motel 6*, the Nevada Supreme Court considered a
25 defamation claim against a person who submitted a police complaint. 121 Nev. 307,
26 315-16 (2005). The court found that the statement *did* fall within a judicial
27 proceedings privilege—but that in such a context the privilege was *qualified*, and
28 therefore could be defeated by a showing of “actual malice” fault on the part of the

1 individual actually submitting the police complaint. *Id.* at 317.¹ Under the fair
2 report privilege, in contrast, protection is *absolute*, and cannot be overcome by a
3 showing of actual malice. *Adelson*, 402 P.3d at 667-68; *Sahara Gaming*, 115 Nev. at
4 213; *Circus Circus Hotels, Inc. v. Witherspoon*, 99 Nev. 56, 61 (1983). Mr. Wynn has
5 effectively conceded this, by stipulating that he needs no discovery regarding actual
6 malice to respond to this ground for AP's motion. *See* June 29 Stip. The rationale for
7 this greater protection is the importance in a democracy of monitoring government
8 actions: "Obviously unable to monitor all official acts in person, citizens rely on third
9 party accounts of such actions," and "[i]f accurate reports of official actions were
10 subject to defamation actions, reporters would be wrongly discouraged from
11 publishing accounts." *Wynn*, 117 Nev. at 14.

12 Nor is Mr. Wynn correct in asserting that application of the fair report
13 privilege to official police case reports somehow would be "extending" the law, or
14 represent an outlier in national authority. *Opp.* at 14-15. To the contrary, courts
15 throughout the country routinely and unequivocally hold that police case or incident
16 reports fall within the privilege. *Trainor v. Standard Times*, 924 A.2d 766, 772 (R.I.
17 2007) ("Police reports have often been held to constitute the sort of official report to
18 which the fair report privilege may attach."); *see also, e.g., DMC Plumbing &*
19 *Remodeling, LLC v. Fox News Network, LLC*, 2012 WL 5906870, at *4 (E.D. Mich.

21 ¹ As such, Ms. Kuta appears entitled to this qualified privilege as the person
22 submitting a police complaint. *Pope*, 121 Nev. at 317 ("Having concluded that the
23 qualified privilege applies in this instance, we examine whether [the plaintiff]
24 produced any evidence that [the defendant's] statements to the police were made
25 with actual malice."). Based on an affidavit by Ms. Kuta submitted by Mr. Wynn, the
26 undisputed evidence in the record is that Ms. Kuta fully believed her own allegations.
27 *See Opp.*, Ex. 3 ¶¶ 22-24. Mr. Wynn therefore has, somewhat surprisingly,
28 demonstrated that he has no legally viable claim against Ms. Kuta because her
statements are subject to the qualified privilege for those making good-faith
complaints to police. *Pope*, 121 Nev. at 317 ("Actual malice is a stringent standard
that is proven by demonstrating that 'a statement is published with knowledge that
it was false or with reckless disregard for its veracity.'" (citation omitted)).

1 Nov. 26, 2012) (“the privilege encompasses news articles based upon police reports of
2 criminal incidents”); *Erickson v. Pulitzer Publ’g Co.*, 797 S.W.2d 853, 857 (Mo. Ct.
3 App. 1990) (privilege applies to law enforcement “incident reports”).

4 Mr. Wynn seeks to distinguish this body of authority by theorizing that the
5 privilege should not apply to *this* police report because it “[did] not result in an arrest
6 or other criminal proceedings.” Opp. at 14. Mr. Wynn thus attempts to import into
7 the privilege’s coverage of official records a version of the old “judicial action
8 limitation,” which once held that the fair report privilege only applied to a civil
9 complaint after a court had acted on it. *Solaia Tech., LLC v. Specialty Publ’g Co.*,
10 852 N.E.2d 825, 588-89 (Ill. 2006). But that doctrine has been rejected in courts
11 across the country, *id.* at 589, and—most importantly—is manifestly *not* the law in
12 Nevada. *See generally Sahara Gaming*, 115 Nev. at 213 (applying privilege to
13 summary of civil complaint). Indeed, courts regularly apply the privilege to police
14 reports that do not result in an arrest or criminal prosecution. For example, in
15 *Whiteside v. Russellville Newspapers, Inc.*, the Arkansas Supreme Court applied the
16 privilege to a newspaper article that republished witness statements in a police
17 report accusing the plaintiff of sexual assault, even though the plaintiff was never
18 arrested or charged with a crime. 295 S.W.3d 798, 802 (Ark. 2009). Similarly, in
19 *Kenney v. Scripps Howard Broadcasting Co.*, the court applied the fair report
20 privilege to a missing persons report describing a citizen’s allegations that the
21 plaintiff had kidnapped a child. 259 F.3d 922, 924 (8th Cir. 2001). In so holding, the
22 court rejected the plaintiff’s argument that the privilege should not apply because
23 she was never arrested or charged with a crime. *Id.*²

24 ² *See also, e.g., Ormrod v. Hubbard Broad., Inc.*, 2018 WL 1444857, at *16 n.13
25 (D.N.M. Mar. 22, 2018) (privilege applies to police report that did not result in
26 criminal charges if broadcaster was in possession of report and described it fairly and
27 accurately); *Ingenere v. ABC*, 1984 WL 14108, at *2 (D. Mass. Sept. 18, 1984)
28 (privilege applied to report on official government agency documents showing agency
failed to investigate serious allegations of misconduct by government contractor);
Butcher v. Univ. of Mass., 2016 WL 9404859, at *2 (Mass. Super. Nov. 21, 2016)
(privilege applied to police report containing witness statements accusing plaintiff of
crime for which he was never charged or arrested); *Northland Wheels Roller Skating*

The holding of these cases is clear: Once witness statements are memorialized in an official police record, they are imbued with an official governmental character that brings them within the privilege. That remains true regardless of whether the police report results in further criminal proceedings. That principle is expressly described by the Restatement, to which Mr. Wynn cites approvingly, though selectively. Opp. at 13-14. The Restatement applies the privilege not only to “judicial proceedings” (as Mr. Wynn would have the Court believe), *id.*, but *also* to “the filing of a report by an officer or agency of the government”—*i.e.*, the very type of document Ms. Garcia Cano relied upon when authoring the AP Article. Restatement (Second) of Torts § 611 cmt. d (filing of governmental report qualifies as “action bringing a reporting of the governmental report within the scope of the privilege”); *see also Adelson*, 402 P.3d at 668 (privilege applies to “an official document *or* proceeding” (emphasis added) (quoting *Dameron v. Wash. Magazine, Inc.*, 779 F.2d 736, 739 (D.C. Cir. 1985)). Accordingly, once the case report is filed such that it is a record of the agency, *no further government action is required for the privilege to apply.*

Mr. Wynn’s reliance on comment (h) to the Restatement³ is similarly misplaced. Courts uniformly have interpreted that comment to mean that, in cases

Ctr., Inc. v. Detroit Free Press, Inc., 539 N.W.2d 774, 779 (Mich. App. 1995) (privilege applied to police report describing shooting committed by unidentified assailant); *Moreno v. Crookston Times Printing Co.*, 610 N.W.2d 321, 332-33 (Minn. 2000) (privilege applied to portions of news article restating criminal allegations made by citizen at city council meeting despite absence of any investigation or criminal charges).

³ Comment (h) provides:

An arrest by an officer is an official action, and a report of the fact of the arrest or of the charge of crime made by the officer in making or returning the arrest is therefore within the conditional privilege . . . [S]tatements made by the police or by the complainant or other witnesses or by the prosecuting attorney as to the facts of the case or the evidence expected to be given are not yet part of the judicial proceeding or of the arrest itself and are not privileged under this Section.

1 in which a plaintiff *is* arrested, *unofficial* statements by the police or witnesses
2 regarding the arrest do not fall within the privilege. *See, e.g., Whiteside*, 295 S.W.3d
3 at 802 (rejecting application of comment (h) to witness allegations in police report
4 that did not result in arrest); *see also Larson v. Gannett Co.*, --- N.W.2d ---, 2018 WL
5 2090538, at *7 (Minn. Ct. App. 2018) (rejecting application of comment (h) to “official
6 statements by law enforcement”). Comment (h) is therefore irrelevant both because:
7 (1) Mr. Wynn was not arrested, and (2) the police case report qualifies as an *official*
8 police record.

9 Mr. Wynn also overstates the holding in the minority, out-of-state decision
10 upon which he principally relies, *Reilly v. Associated Press*, 797 N.E.2d 1204, 1215
11 (Mass App. Ct. 2003). *See* Opp. at 14-15. Even assuming its constricted view of the
12 privilege were the law in Nevada—and it is not⁴—that court did not, as Mr. Wynn
13 asserts, hold that the privilege does not apply to a police report that “[does] not result
14 in any police investigation.” Opp. 14. Instead, the court in that case declined to
15 extend the privilege to a police report that did not result in *any* police action
16 whatsoever. *See Reilly*, 797 N.E.2d at 1215 (holding privilege would have applied
17 had there been “police investigation *or* action” (emphasis added)). Here, by contrast,
18 the police report regarding Mr. Wynn spurred a flurry of police action. In response to
19 the police report, LVMPD (1) issued a press statement announcing the report,
20 (2) explained publicly that LVMPD could not prosecute Mr. Wynn because of the

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22 ⁴ *Reilly’s* holding, that the privilege applies only to police reports that result in
23 additional police action, is fundamentally at odds with the Restatement, which, as
24 Mr. Wynn acknowledges, has been adopted by the Nevada Supreme Court. *Compare*
25 Opp. at 13, *with* Restatement (Second) of Torts § 611 cmt. d (“filing of a report” by a
26 government official is “an action bringing a reporting of the governmental report
27 within the scope of the privilege”). Mr. Wynn’s reliance on *Stone v. Banner*
28 *Publishing Corp.* is similarly unavailing because that case applied Vermont’s
idiosyncratic law of privilege, which does not cover official government reports, and
instead extends only to judicial proceedings or the fact of a formal criminal
prosecution. 677 F. Supp. 242, 246 (D. Vt. 1988). That is clearly not the law in
Nevada.

1 statute of limitations in Nevada, (3) encouraged other women to come forward if they
2 had similar experiences with Mr. Wynn, and (4) forwarded the report to authorities
3 in Chicago, where the alleged assault took place. *See Garcia Cano Aff.*, Exs. 2-3.
4 *Reilly* therefore is wholly inapposite on the law and its facts.

5 At bottom, Mr. Wynn’s fundamental misunderstanding of the privilege is
6 illustrated by his argument that only police reports resulting in criminal
7 prosecutions bear sufficient “indicia of reliability.” *Opp.* at 14. “Reliability” is *not* the
8 policy rationale for the fair report privilege. The privilege exists because there is a
9 paramount societal interest in permitting the press to freely report on “what is being
10 done and said in government,” including what is written in an official police report.
11 *See, e.g., Dameron*, 779 F.2d at 739-40. That public interest in the activities of
12 government applies regardless of whether information is true, or—as the Nevada
13 Supreme Court has routinely affirmed—even when it is known to be false. *Adelson*,
14 402 P.3d at 667-68; *Sahara Gaming*, 115 Nev. at 213; *Circus Circus Hotels*, 99 Nev.
15 at 60-61. As such, the privilege applies to official government records, including
16 police case reports, regardless of whether criminal prosecution results. In fact, the
17 public may have a *heightened* interest in official documents bearing on a police
18 department’s decision *not* to prosecute a case, particularly where the target of the
19 complaint is a high-profile and powerful individual.

20 Because the Nevada fair report privilege applies to the official police “case
21 reports” on which the AP reported here, the only question is whether the AP Report
22 fairly summarized the report’s rape allegation. It did.

23 **B. The AP Report Is A Fair Summary of the Police “Case Report”**

24 Mr. Wynn cannot, and does not, argue that the AP Report was in any way
25 inaccurate in summarizing the sexual assault allegations made in the two police case
26 reports. Nor does he argue that AP affirmatively endorsed those accusations as
27 established fact, rather than mere allegations, either of which could potentially
28 pierce the privilege. *Lubin v. Kunin*, 17 P.3d 422, 424, 427-28 (Nev. 2001) (rejecting

1 privilege where defendants expressly endorsed accuracy of underlying allegations
2 made in lawsuit against plaintiff by stating, “[t]his is not a frivolous lawsuit [as]
3 there is an abundance of evidence as well as eye-witnesses” and that events alleged
4 by plaintiffs “DID!” happen” (emphasis in original)). Rather, the AP Report
5 accurately quotes and paraphrases the allegations of the police case report *as*
6 *allegations*, it includes specific mention of certain questions presented by the
7 description in the police case report of the alleged sexual assault, and it paraphrases
8 the description in the police case report of a traumatic birth experience. *Compare* AP
9 Report (Garcia Cano Aff., Ex. 7), *with id.*, Ex. 6 at 2-3.

10 This should end the inquiry: The privilege applies as a matter of law. *Wynn*,
11 117 Nev. at 14 (all that is required for application of privilege is “fair abridgment” of
12 allegedly defamatory allegations in official record or proceeding) (quoting
13 Restatement (Second) of Torts § 611); Restatement (Second) of Torts § 611 cmt. f
14 (“fair” report need not be literally precise; it simply needs to be substantially correct
15 summary of proceeding or record); *see also Adelson*, 402 P.3d at 670 n.4 (agreeing
16 that report summarizing allegations in declaration that casino owner Sheldon
17 Adelson permitted prostitution in his Macau casinos satisfied “fairness, accuracy and
18 neutrality” requirement because, in absence of responsive pleading, “it cannot be
19 seriously maintained that the [challenged campaign petition] unfairly presented a
20 one-sided view of the action”).

21 Mr. Wynn’s principal response is to argue that the AP Report’s inclusion of the
22 rape allegation was neither accurate nor fair because it did not provide a *verbatim*
23 *quotation* of the separate description of the gas station birth. But a defendant does
24 not abuse the privilege even when it wholly omits portions of the government
25 document that are *collateral* to the defamatory statement at issue. Sack on
26 Defamation § 7:3.5[B][6] (4th ed. 2013) (for privilege to apply, “only the report of
27 defamatory material must be substantially true”). In *Rosenberg v. Helinski*, for
28 example, the defendant summarized court testimony accusing the plaintiff of

1 sexually abusing his daughter. 616 A.2d 866, 869 (Md. 1992). The plaintiff argued
2 that the defendant abused the privilege because he had failed to describe other
3 aspects of the child custody hearing, including that the plaintiff's ex-wife was held in
4 contempt. *Id.* at 974. Rejecting that argument, the court held that the "omissions"
5 alleged by the plaintiff did not defeat the privilege because they were "collateral" to
6 the defamatory gist of the report—*i.e.*, that the plaintiff had been accused of sexual
7 abuse. *Id.* at 874-75. Similarly, in *Oney v. Allen*, the defendant reported on an
8 indictment that (as it later turned out, mistakenly) named the plaintiff. 529 N.E.2d
9 471, 473-74 (Ohio 1988). The court held that the defendant did not abuse the
10 privilege by failing to mention that the indictment referred to a nickname the
11 plaintiff had never used. *Id.* at 474. In so holding, the court observed that "[t]he
12 pivotal fact is that [the plaintiff] . . . was indicted and that is what the publisher
13 reported." *Id.* Here, the allegedly defamatory fact is that Mr. Wynn was accused of
14 sexual assault, and that is what the AP (accurately) reported.

15 In support of his attempt to graft onto the privilege a requirement that
16 collateral matters be quoted verbatim, Mr. Wynn relies on a single decision,
17 *Schiavone Constr. Co. v. Time, Inc.*, 847 F.2d 1069 (3d Cir. 1988) (cited in Opp. at 18-
18 19). But that authority fails to bear the weight he puts on it. *Schiavone* involved a
19 news article suggesting that the plaintiff had mob connections because, according to
20 a government memo, his name appeared several times in reports concerning the
21 notorious disappearance of union boss Jimmy Hoffa. *Id.* at 1073-74. What the
22 challenged news report neglected to mention, however, was that the government
23 memo *expressly disavowed* that suggestion, stating that "none of these [appearances
24 in the reports] suggested any criminality, or organized crime associations." *Id.* at
25 1074-75. Thus, the defamatory "gist" of the news article—that the plaintiff had mob
26 ties—was the opposite of what was actually stated in the government memo. Put
27 differently, the true gist of the government memo was the conclusion that the
28 plaintiff did *not* have criminal connections, and the defendant abused the privilege by

1 inaccurately reporting that the memo said he did. *Id.* at 1088-89. Unlike the memo
2 at issue in *Schiavone*, the police report in this case contains no language from
3 LVMPD expressing its view that the allegation against Mr. Wynn was false. Instead,
4 the defamatory “gist” of the police report is that Mr. Wynn was accused of a sexual
5 assault in the 1970s and that the statute of limitations prevented the LVMPD from
6 investigating the accusation. That is precisely what the AP reported.

7 Importantly, Mr. Wynn does not point to a *single case* extending *Schiavone* to
8 a situation in which the plaintiff’s sole allegation is that the defendant allegedly
9 omitted information which, in the plaintiff’s view, undermines the credibility of his
10 accuser—much less, as here, a case where the plaintiff’s grievance is simply that the
11 collateral information was not quoted verbatim. Rather, courts have expressly, and
12 repeatedly, rejected such arguments. *Lawton v. Georgia Television Co.*, for example,
13 arose out of a news broadcast concerning an official government report accusing the
14 plaintiff, a lieutenant in the National Guard, of sexual harassment. 456 S.E.2d 274,
15 275-76 (Ga. Ct. App. 1995). Much like Mr. Wynn here, the plaintiff in that case
16 argued that the defendant abused the fair report privilege because it “enhanced the
17 integrity of the victims” by failing to sufficiently detail the “psychiatric problems” of
18 one of the accusers. *Id.* at 276. Rejecting that argument, the court concluded that
19 the defendant “accurately depicted” the defamatory “gist” of the government report,
20 which, unlike the report in *Schiavone*, “condemned, not exculpated” the plaintiff. *Id.*
21 at 278.

22 *Dorsey v. National Enquirer, Inc.*, is similarly instructive. 973 F.2d 1431 (9th
23 Cir. 1992). In that case, the *National Enquirer* reported that a former romantic
24 partner of the plaintiff filed court papers stating that the plaintiff tested positive for
25 AIDS. *Id.* at 1433. The plaintiff argued that the Enquirer abused the privilege by
26 failing to include facts from the proceeding that undermined the wife’s credibility—
27 including that, in a separate court filing, the wife wrote “unknown” next to a box
28 asking for information about the plaintiff’s health. *Id.* at 1435-38. The court rejected

1 that argument as “unpersuasive” because it was possible for the romantic partner to
2 believe that the plaintiff had AIDS while still lacking knowledge about the current
3 state of his health. *Id.* at 1438. Stated differently, while the omitted information
4 perhaps offered some support to the plaintiff’s side of the story, it was not so
5 “obviously exculpatory” that its exclusion from the news article fundamentally
6 altered the “gist” or “sting” of the judicial proceeding. *Id.* The parallels here are
7 obvious. Even if an oddly graphic description of a birth experience implies, as Mr.
8 Wynn apparently contends, that Ms. Kuta currently suffers from some mental
9 illness, that is not “obviously exculpatory” as to her allegation of a rape decades
10 earlier. Mentally ill people are the victims of rape, too—and, indeed, according to
11 most studies suffer the crime with *greater* frequency.⁵ Moreover, the occurrence of
12 erratic behavior after suffering the trauma of a violent crime, including rape, is an
13 acknowledged phenomenon. *E.g., People v. Bledsoe*, 681 P.2d 291, 297-300 (Cal.
14 1984) (discussing rape trauma syndrome).

15 Cases like *Lawton* and *Dorsey* appropriately recognize a difference between
16 “*obviously* exculpatory material” in an official record or proceeding—which, as in
17 *Schiavone*, effectively exonerates the plaintiff—and other collateral details that may
18 have some bearing on credibility but that do not fundamentally change the
19 defamatory gist or sting of the government report at issue. It is well-established that
20 failure to include the latter category of information will *not* result in the privilege
21 being forfeited. *See, e.g., Cobin v. Heart-Argyle Television, Inc.*, 561 F. Supp. 2d 546,
22 558-59 (D.S.C. 2008) (failure to report details undermining credibility of wife who

23 ⁵ *See, e.g.,* H. Khalifeh et al., *Domestic and sexual violence against patients*
24 *with severe mental illness*, 45 *Psychological Medicine* 875, 882 (2015) (reporting that,
25 of women with severe mental illness surveyed for study, 40 percent had been victims
26 of rape or attempted rape, compared to 7 percent of general population), *available at*
27 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4413870/pdf/S0033291714001962a.pdf>;
28 *see also* K. Hughes et al., *Prevalence and risk of violence against adults with*
disabilities: a systematic review and meta-analysis of observational studies, 379
LANCET 1621 (2012); J. Shapiro, *How Prosecutors Changed The Odds To Start*
Winning Some Of The Toughest Rape Cases, NPR (Jan. 16, 2018), *available at*
<https://www.npr.org/2018/01/16/577063976/its-an-easy-crime-to-get-away-with-but-prosecutors-are-trying-to-change-that>.

1 accused defendant of domestic violence in police report did not result in forfeiture of
2 privilege because privilege does not require defendant to be “arbiters of the truth of
3 the incident”); *Ricci v. Venture Magazine, Inc.*, 574 F. Supp. 1563, 1568 (D. Mass.
4 1983) (no abuse of privilege where article reported that plaintiff threatened witness
5 in court but did not disclose that plaintiff’s attorney denied any threats were made);
6 *Sciandra v. Lynett*, 187 A.2d 586, 605-06 (Pa. 1963) (no abuse of privilege where
7 defendant reported that plaintiff had been stopped and searched by police but failed
8 to indicate that no charges were filed).

9 This result is necessary for the privilege to serve its function of enabling public
10 discussion of government records and activities without incurring defamation
11 liability. Were the news media responsible for reporting verbatim every collateral
12 matter potentially relevant to the credibility of allegations contained within public
13 records or made at public proceedings, it is hard to imagine how a newspaper could
14 ever report on a government report or court filing, or how the television news could
15 report on a witness’s testimony at a trial. Indeed, in *Adelson*, the defendant
16 accurately referenced a single allegation contained within a longer declaration, which
17 the Nevada Supreme Court agreed was fair and thus privileged—without the need to
18 parse through the reliability of all of the other, collateral statements within the
19 declaration. *Adelson*, 402 P.3d at 670 n.4 (adopting analysis in *Adelson v. Harris*,
20 973 F. Supp. 2d 467, 486 (S.D.N.Y. 2013)). This would not be the result under Mr.
21 Wynn’s constricted view of the fair report privilege.

22 Ultimately, it is telling that Mr. Wynn is left to complain that “the AP Article
23 was not impartial because it piled on negative stories about Mr. Wynn to enhance the
24 sting” of the reporting. Opp. at 20. This refers to the AP Report’s accurate summary
25 of the broader news context at the time the LVMPD issued its press release about
26 these two case reports alleging sexual assault—*i.e.*, that multiple published reports
27 of alleged sexual misconduct by Mr. Wynn over multiple decades had prompted him
28 to resign from his prominent roles at Wynn Resorts and at the Republican National

1 Committee and had spurred private litigation and investigation by state regulators.
2 But these statements were all *true*, and Mr. Wynn does not allege otherwise. *Id.* As
3 such, they simply have no place in a defamation action. *Pegasus v. Reno*
4 *Newspapers, Inc.*, 57 P.3d 82, 88 (Nev. 2002) (statement is not defamatory if it is
5 “absolutely true, or substantially true”); *see also id.* at 88 n.17 (citing *Masson v. New*
6 *Yorker Magazine, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 496, 517 (1991), for requirement that “gist” or “sting”
7 of allegedly defamatory statement must be materially false for statement to be
8 actionable).

9 **IV. CONCLUSION**

10 For the foregoing reasons, the AP Defendants respectfully request that the
11 Court dismiss Plaintiff’s Complaint with prejudice and award to the AP Defendants
12 their attorneys’ fees and costs pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. §§41.660 and 41.670, as
13 well as an additional award of \$10,000.

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06/07/2018 **Motion** (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Israel, Ronald J.)
06/07/2018, 08/14/2018
Defendants Associated Press and Regina Garcia Cano's Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to NRS 41.660 Anti Slapp Statute

Minutes

06/07/2018 9:00 AM

- Mr. Shiroff represented, the parties agreed to stipulate to continue this hearing, Stipulation & Order was submitted yesterday. COURT ORDERED, Matter CONTINUED. 07/19/18 9:00 AM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DEFENDANTS' SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO NRS 41.660 ANTI SLAPP STATUTE

07/17/2018 9:00 AM

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- Counsel noted Mr. Jonathan Grunberg, Esq. is present, however the Motion to Associate Mr. Grunberg had not yet been heard. Court stated he is not associated in this case, at this time and will not be allowed to argue the motion today. Court further noted it had read all the pleadings in this matter. Arguments by Mr. Brown in support of the motion, noting the Anti-Slapp Statute that applies and the second issue being resolved under the fair report privilege issue. Mr. Wood argued against the motion and cited the Reilly v. Associated Press 59 Mass. case and further argued regarding the hearsay and explained the false police report and the statement of the date of the birth prior to mothers date of birth. Further arguments by Counsel. Court stated findings and noted the fair reporting privilege does apply. Court noted it was clear the communication made in direct of public interest; The article states it was from the police report and did not say it was verified and the allegations of Ms. Kuta was without merit. COURT ORDERED, Defendants Associated Press and Regina Garcia Cano's Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to NRS 41.666 Anti Slapp Statute, GRANTED, as to the stipulation; ONLY the first part is decided today, Privilege applies. Court directed Mr. Brown to prepare the order and pass it by Plaintiff's Counsel.

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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

STEVE WYNN,

Plaintiff,

VS.

ASSOCIATED PRESS,

Defendant.

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DEPT. XXVIII

BEFORE THE HONORABLE RONALD J. ISRAEL, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018

RECORDER'S TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING
DEFENDANTS ASSOCIATED PRESS AND REGINA GARCIA
CANO'S SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO NRS 41.660
ANTI-SLAPP STATUTE

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1 Las Vegas, Nevada, Tuesday, August 14, 2018

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3 [Case called at 9:14 a.m.]

4 THE CLERK: Case number A772715, Steve Wynn versus
5 Associated Press.

6 THE COURT: Counsel, state your appearance.

7 MR. SHIROFF: Good morning, Your Honor, Justin Shiroff and
8 Jay Ward Brown on behalf of The Associated Press. Mr. Brown will be
9 arguing.

10 MR. BAKER: Good morning, Your Honor, Nikki Baker,
11 Tammy Peterson, and Lin Wood on behalf of Steve Wynn. We also
12 have Jonathan Greenberg who's here, who works with Lin Wood. We
13 have a Motion to Associate Counsel pending with Mr. Greenberg, but it's
14 not set to be heard until August 30th.

15 I've reached out to AP's Counsel to see whether they would
16 have any objection to Mr. Greenburg participating while his motion is
17 pending. They indicated that they did not.

18 While Mr. Wood will be arguing the motion, we request your
19 permission then to have Mr. Greenberg sit up her and assist Mr. Wood
20 in his oral argument.

21 THE COURT: All right, if he's assisting, I -- this case was filed
22 months ago. I saw that it's on calendar, et cetera, but until he is
23 associated, until that's done, I don't know what the paperwork says, et
24 cetera, but he's not even arguing it, so he can sit there.

25 MR. BAKER: Right. That's all we're --

1 THE COURT: I don't have any problem with that.

2 MR. BAKER: -- ask -- requesting, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: That's fine. All right.

4 Defendant's motion.

5 MR BROWN: Thank you, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: And by the way, I've read all this stuff, twice
7 now, gone over the statutes, et cetera. I had an anti-SLAPP a long time
8 ago, but not recently. And the statutes have changed, just about every
9 legislative session. Go on.

10 MR BROWN: Thank you, Your Honor.

11 As I'm sure Your Honor will recall, my stipulation that was so
12 ordered by the Court, there's one issue on for resolution today, which is
13 the question of whether the Nevada fair report privilege applies to the AP
14 news article that was published and which Mr. Wynn alleges was
15 defamatory.

16 As -- I won't belabor the point because it's explained in the
17 papers, but an additional question is whether Nevada's anti-SLAPP
18 statute applies here. And there are two parts to that issue. One is
19 whether AP's news article is a public statement on a matter of public
20 concern, which as I understand it, Mr. Wynn does not dispute. And
21 secondly, whether the article was a good faith communication; that is
22 whether it was true or the AP and its reporter believed it to be true.

23 That second issue, Your Honor, will be resolved by the Court's
24 resolution of the fair report privilege issue; that is if this was a fair report
25 under Nevada law, then it necessarily was a good faith communication.

1 So let me focus on the fair report privilege issue, Your Honor. And there
2 are two parts to that question. To be privileged as a fair and accurate
3 report, the AP article necessarily must be concerning an official record of
4 your proceeding, first. And secondly, it must be a fair summary or
5 abridgment of that official record. Mr. Wynn disputes both of those
6 things here. So let me start with whether the official record on which the
7 AP news article was based in fact qualifies for application of the
8 privilege.

9 As you know, Your Honor, from reading the papers, the AP
10 news article concerned two police case reports that the Las Vegas
11 Metropolitan Police Department released to the public, issued a press
12 statement about, and issued additional communications regarding to the
13 public. Those two police case reports, among other things, recount
14 victim statements.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Maybe I wasn't clear --

16 MR BROWN: Sure.

17 THE COURT: -- that I've read all this stuff. I understand you
18 haven't --

19 MR BROWN: Yep.

20 THE COURT: -- been in front of me, but I do spend lots of
21 time, including two hours on this --

22 MR BROWN: Yep.

23 THE COURT: -- reading it. So I don't expect you rehash
24 everything that's in here.

25 MR BROWN: Fair enough, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Please --

2 MR BROWN: And --

3 THE COURT: -- if there's something new -- Reno, no oral
4 argument; here, okay, limited.

5 MR BROWN: Fair enough, Your Honor, and appreciate that.

6 The parties cited a bunch of cases from other jurisdictions in
7 their paper, but you don't have to consider those in order to arrive at that
8 conclusion that this is an official record, Your Honor. The Nevada
9 Supreme Court decided that issue in *Adelson versus Harris* when they
10 said that the privilege applies to any official document or proceeding.

11 And to put it in perspective, and then I'll leave this issue, Your
12 Honor, Mr. Wynn might have a point as to whether this was or was not
13 an official record of the police department if what had happened here is
14 if the complainant had mailed a handwritten note to the police
15 department describing the alleged sexual assault and the police officer
16 had opened the envelope, looked at the note, tossed it in the trash, and
17 the reporter had somehow retrieved it from the trash and written a news
18 story about it; that might not then be an official record, Your Honor.

19 But this victim's statement was incorporated into an official
20 record of the department. We know that because the department
21 repeatedly produced it in response to requests by members of the public
22 under the Open Records Act and that Act only applies to Agency
23 Records. So I don't think there can be any real dispute that what we're
24 talking about here is an Agency Record. And I'll leave -- I'll stand on the
25 papers with respect to the rest of the AP's position on that point.

1 The second question, Your Honor, of course is whether the
2 AP news article was a fair summary or abridgment of the case reports
3 about which the AP was reported. Mr. Wynn of course argues that it
4 wasn't fair because it didn't recount in detail or verbatim the somewhat
5 surreal description the victim gave of a birth experience in a gas station.

6 The first and short answer to that, Your Honor, is that the
7 police department evidently didn't consider that so fanciful that it should
8 ignore the report. It took a number of steps regarding that victim's
9 statement, including releasing it to the public. So apparently, the
10 department did not consider it so fanciful it should be ignored.

11 The second answer though, Your Honor -- and you have that
12 news article in front of you and you have the police incident or case
13 report in front of you and I don't need to belabor their contents, but the
14 AP summarized the allegations regarding the sexual assault and also
15 provided a summary, brief to be sure, but nevertheless mentioned, the
16 description of the birth experience in its article.

17 And Your Honor, if I could ask you to read only one case on
18 this point I'd ask you to look at *Lawton versus Georgia TV*, which is cited
19 in the papers. It's almost on all fours on the facts with this case. That's
20 the one involving the National Guard officer who was accused of
21 assaulting several women. And in that case he complained that the
22 news -- television news report was unfair because it didn't go into detail
23 regarding the psychiatric problems of one of the witnesses whose
24 victim's statement they reported on. And -- well, it was certainly the
25 Georgia Court, not a Nevada Court, but the Georgia Court very clearly

1 said that the TV station was obliged to weigh in on the credibility issues
2 and the Court -- both the Trial Court and that Appellate Court in that
3 case held that the report was privileged. We believe the same result
4 obtains here.

5 Unless the Court has questions, I'll stop there.

6 THE COURT: No.

7 MR BROWN: Thank you.

8 THE COURT: Plaintiff.

9 MR. WOOD: Good morning, Your Honor, I'm Lin Wood,
10 representing Mr. Wynn. Just a couple of brief comments with respect to
11 Mr. Brown's statements.

12 The Court is aware from the pleadings and the briefs that what
13 we are dealing with here --

14 THE COURT: You basically argued the judicial privilege and
15 not this privilege and we have a state statute regarding this. So why
16 would -- why did you spend most of the brief regarding the judicial
17 privilege, which I agree doesn't apply?

18 MR. WOOD: The reason that we did that, Your Honor, is
19 because in the case of *Sahara Gaming*, which was a false -- which was
20 a fair report privilege case. The Court in *Sahara Gaming* discusses six
21 cases in explaining its rationale that are in fact judicial proceedings
22 cases.

23 THE COURT: Wasn't that -- I think that's the one I read this
24 morning. A 1999 case, long before we had the SLAPP -- anti-SLAPP
25 statute and not at all anything to do with the facts of this case. It had to

1 do with -- unless it was another one -- and I read several -- it's probably
2 still up on my computer. Correct? That's a 1999 case.

3 MR. WOOD: It is.

4 THE COURT: And I believe the first time we had this
5 statute -- well it says '97. I don't know when it went into effect, but of
6 course it's been revised just about every legislature since and
7 considerably changed. So how would that have anything to do with this?

8 MR. WOOD: Well, Your Honor, the --

9 [Colloquy between the Court and the Clerk]

10 THE COURT: Go ahead.

11 MR. WOOD: There's nothing about the language of the anti-
12 SLAPP statute in Nevada that impacts the fair report privilege. The fair
13 report privilege exists independent of an anti-SLAPP statute. We are
14 addressing the fair report privilege today because preliminary to getting
15 to the issue that would be more properly used in an anti-SLAPP statute
16 and that is whether there was actual knowledge of falsity or reckless
17 disregard for truth or falsity, actual malice, that'd be the second part,
18 which would be more in line with the more historic application and
19 interpretation of anti-SLAPP statute.

20 Here, the fair report privilege arises out of common law and it
21 requires that an article be a fair, accurate, and impartial report. And we
22 contend that the law is clear, both from the rationale of *Sahara Gaming*,
23 the Nevada case of *Pope versus Motel 6*, leading up to *Riley versus*
24 *Associated Press*; that when you are addressing a statement given to
25 the police, prior to the initiation of any criminal proceeding that the law is

1 clear that the fair report privilege does not apply to that unverified,
2 hearsay statement by, in this instance, an accuser. That case, *Riley*
3 *versus Associated Press* is a Massachusetts case, granted, but it is
4 dealing with the common law privilege of the fair report privilege.

5 Now, I'll discuss *Lawton* since it was mentioned, but let me
6 just urge to the Court that if there is any case, any case cited by either
7 party that is on all fours, literally, it is the *Riley versus AP* case. It deals
8 directly with a police report by a witness, where there was no arrest, no
9 indictment, no charge, no investigation, officially, no follow-up, no official
10 action. And the Court found that that is the type of unverified hearsay
11 that doesn't merit giving to the public or the press the privilege to report
12 with absolute immunity.

13 The AP will have protection in this case, not from the fair
14 report privilege, but from the First Amendment requirement that the
15 Plaintiff show that the article was false and was published with actual
16 malice. That's the issue for the second part of this anti-SLAPP hearing
17 process that we've agreed to.

18 The only issue today is whether the privilege applies to this
19 unverified hearsay contained in a statement, submitted to the police,
20 prior to the initiation of a criminal proceeding. And in this case where the
21 AP actually knew there would never be a criminal proceeding because it
22 was so stated. And the law, we believe, is very clear that that is the type
23 of information that does not rise to the level of being subject to an
24 absolute immunity; under those cases both in Nevada and all four
25 square -- upped on all fours case of *Riley versus AP*.

1 The -- Judge, if you take this police report and you put yourself
2 into the shoes for the moment of Ms. Cano, the reporter for the
3 Associated Press, who for some reason when she heard about it -- and
4 this idea that these reports were released to the public, well that's a little
5 bit of an overstatement. I mean, what happened was the AP reporter
6 got information that reports had been filed against Mr. Wynn. This was
7 in the media frenzy within a couple of weeks of the Wall Street Journal
8 article concerning the revelations and his resignation from Wynn
9 Resorts.

10 They heard about it and they wrote the police and asked for
11 copies of the report under the Open Records Act. And since the matter
12 was not under a criminal investigation, the police department released it,
13 in somewhat redacted form. Ms. Cano got it on the -- I believe the 27th,
14 couldn't wait to run out and write an article about it, published that day.
15 And when that article was published by The AP, Your Honor, that article
16 went nationwide because of the number of newspapers in this country
17 that subscribe to the AP Wire. And they can publish whatever AP
18 publishes, with an immunity under the Wire Service Doctrine.

19 So it spread like a disease across the nation after The AP
20 reported it. Apparently, Ms. Cano did not take the time to look at the
21 actual report because on the face of the report, which is all she had to
22 write about, the complaint that she wrote about with respect to who we
23 now know is Ms. Kuta describes Ms. Kuta as a 27-year old female
24 complaining of a rape that occurred some 20 years before her birth.

25 Now if that wasn't cause enough --

1 THE COURT: Well, aren't you arguing the second part of the
2 second prong?

3 MR. WOOD: Well, I -- it does touch directly on actual malice,
4 Your Honor, but I think it's worthy of the Court's noting that this report
5 was supposed to be -- this article was based only on this report. This
6 report in the article doesn't say one word about the problem with respect
7 to the age. But then when you look at what this -- if you look at what this
8 article states, in the very first sentence of the article -- the lead sentence
9 in the article: A woman told police she had a child with casino mogul
10 Steve Wynn after he raped her.

11 So the story is about a child being born out of an act of rape,
12 allegedly, by Mr. Wynn in Chicago, 40-something years -- 45-something
13 years earlier. And the police report is 19 lines, Your Honor. I can see
14 that they have the right to abridge. I don't know why they would need to
15 do an abridgment of a 19-line police report. But they pick up the fact of
16 the accusation of rape, they describe in the article the circumstances in
17 the report about the rape, including some very collateral types of
18 comments about the fact that he kissed her on the cheek, didn't know
19 how he had a key to her apartment, didn't know how he got in.

20 But then they totally omit the second part of the report, which
21 deals with her having delivered the child in a service station. And that
22 portion of the report, Your Honor, which I recognize you have now read,
23 probably more than once, it describes a delivery of this child that is so
24 fanciful and delusional that the gist of this report on the average
25 reader -- putting yourself in the shoes of the average reader, you read

1 this report 19 lines, and you see this claim of rape by this 27-year old
2 woman that occurred 40-something years ago, describing the birth of the
3 child in a service station where she says that she looks down and she
4 sees a purple doll in a water bag and she picks up the bag and she
5 gnaws on it with her teeth and then she finally opens it up with her finger
6 and blows in it and the purple doll turns pink and looks just like me.

7 And Ms. Kuta, we know, had filed a case in Federal Court a
8 few months earlier, unknown to AP because in this report of the police --
9 given to the police, her -- she is not identified. But we know that she had
10 filed a lawsuit in Federal Court, no one had responded to it, it had never
11 been served --

12 THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to say the same thing I did to
13 them.

14 MR. WOOD: Yeah.

15 THE COURT: I read this stuff. Do you want me to --

16 MR. WOOD: Then you --

17 THE COURT: -- quote it. I just gave you the year of the case
18 that I --

19 MR. WOOD: I do not, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: You do not need to repeat everything that's in
21 your brief.

22 MR. WOOD: And I don't mean to. I'm trying to hit the high
23 points. Judge Hoffman, a Federal Magistrate, District Court Judge
24 looked at that complaint by Ms. Kuta.

25 THE COURT: And he dismissed it, yes.

1 MR. WOOD: Describing --

2 THE COURT: I get all that.

3 MR. WOOD: -- it as fanciful and delusional. So that if you
4 read the police report if -- the law says you have to look at the police
5 report from the standpoint of the average reader. The average reader
6 reads that 19-line police report and I would submit reasonably comes
7 away, recognizing that this woman has made an accusation of rape and
8 birth of a child that accusation raises serious questions as to whether
9 she is truthful and perhaps even as Judge Hoffman indicated, a story --
10 different, but nonetheless same person -- a story that is fanciful non-
11 delegable delusional, then take that and look at the AP article.

12 There's nothing in the AP article that fairly conveys in an
13 abridged form or otherwise the information in the police report that would
14 cause an average reader to have serious concerns about the
15 truthfulness of the report, the person reporting it, even perhaps
16 concerned about her mental state. That's what's omitted from the
17 report. That's what changes the gist of the report, in an article that's
18 talking about the birth of a child from the rape. It's not collateral, it is
19 material.

20 Those lines about how she delivered that child are material to
21 the gist of the story and therefore by being omitted render this report not
22 fair, accurate, and impartial; if the Court were to find that the privilege
23 even applies. Those are the two issues before the Court today, Judge,
24 and they are unrelated to at the moment the anti-SLAPP statute.

25 We agreed to have that addressed, a fair report because if

1 Your Honor finds that it does not apply, it's not entitled to the protection,
2 then we move to our request for discovery under the anti-SLAPP statute
3 and a second hearing to discuss the question of actual malice.

4 If the Court finds that it does apply to an unverified hearsay in
5 a police statement given to the police before the initiation of criminal
6 proceedings, then the second issue today is all right, does the article
7 constitutes a fair, accurate, and impartial report and we would submit to
8 Your Honor from what you read, from the comments I've made you
9 today, that that would require a stretch to ever get to the point where you
10 could say this was fair, accurate, impartial, when it only puts in the
11 accusatory statements of the complainant and totally omits out of the 19-
12 line report any reference to the bizarre, delusional, and fanciful facts that
13 she provided to the police concerning the birth of her child.

14 For those reasons we would ask the Court to find that the fair
15 report privilege does not apply, so that we can then move into that part
16 of the case where we would obtain discovery, limited as it is under the
17 statute, and then come back to Your Honor to address the issue of
18 falsity and actual malice. Thank you.

19 THE COURT: Thank you.

20 Briefly.

21 MR BROWN: Very briefly, Your Honor. The Plaintiff
22 continues to confuse the judicial proceedings privilege with the fair report
23 privilege. Nevada law is clear on that privilege and I respectfully refer
24 the Court to the *Adelson* case from last year as the Supreme Court --
25 Nevada Supreme Court's pronouncement on the anti-SLAPP statute and

1 its application here.

2 As for the *Riley* case, which Mr. Wynn relies on, Your Honor,
3 quite simply the law is different in Massachusetts. If Massachusetts law
4 applied here, they might be right. Massachusetts requires there to be an
5 action before the fair report privilege applies, Nevada doesn't. As the
6 Nevada Supreme Court explained in *Adelson*, it applies to official
7 records, which these police reports are.

8 And, Your Honor, on the issue of whether the report was a fair
9 report of the -- a fair summary of the police case report, I'll just go back,
10 Your Honor, to my point that the article, which I know you've read,
11 mentions, but does not quite verbatim in detail the birth scenario. And
12 the Courts have repeatedly held that news organizations don't have to
13 weigh in on those credibility issues.

14 Thank you, Your Honor.

15 MR. WOOD: Very briefly, Your Honor? May I --

16 THE COURT: What?

17 MR. WOOD: May I just briefly respond to that?

18 THE COURT: No.

19 MR. WOOD: Thank you.

20 THE COURT: We don't go back and forth ad nauseam.

21 All right. Start writing. I think the fair reporting does apply, the
22 privilege does apply and here's why. Under the statute, a
23 communication made in direct connection with an issue of public interest
24 in a place open to the public or in a public forum, to me, the newspapers,
25 et cetera qualify under that.

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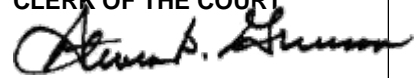
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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-18-772715-C

STEVE WYNN, an individual,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, a foreign
corporation; REGINA GARCIA CANO, an
individual; and HALINA KUTA, an
individual; DOES I-X,

Defendants.

Case No.:

Dept. No.:

Department 14

COMPLAINT FOR DEFAMATION

(Jury Trial Demanded)

COMES NOW Plaintiff, Steve Wynn, and respectfully states his Complaint for Defamation against Defendants The Associated Press, Regina Garcia Cano, and Halina Kuta (collectively, "Defendants"), as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Plaintiff Steve Wynn ("Mr. Wynn") brings this action to obtain legal redress for false accusations of rape published by Defendants with actual malice.

2. The facts that form the basis for this Complaint for Defamation underscore the tragic reality that false accusations of rape and sexual assault can be too often used to further personal agendas.

3. The facts that form the basis for this Complaint further demonstrate the devastating impact that occurs to the falsely accused individual when false accusations of rape and sexual assault are embraced and conveyed to the world by a prominent member of the mainstream media.

4. The agenda to smear Mr. Wynn commenced on August 28, 2017, when Defendant Halina Kuta ("Defendant Kuta"), *pro se*, filed a lawsuit seeking in excess of \$4 million against Mr. Wynn in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, Case No. 2:17-cv-02285-RFB-CWH (the "Kuta Lawsuit"), a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as *Exhibit 1* and by reference made a part hereof.

5. No member of the media, including Defendant The Associated Press, reported on the filing of the Kuta Lawsuit – almost certainly because it was so outrageous, false and inherently improbable on its face that no reasonable person would believe any of the accusations set forth by Defendant Kuta.

6. In the Kuta Lawsuit, Defendant Kuta made the outrageous, false and inherently improbable accusation that Mr. Wynn orchestrated the July 26, 1993, kidnapping of his daughter, Kevyn, and that Mr. Wynn's ultimate objective was to have Defendant Kuta and Kevyn murdered.

7. Unconstrained by truth, Defendant Kuta falsely stated in the Kuta Lawsuit that Kevyn is her daughter and that Mr. Wynn had his daughter kidnapped in Las Vegas and driven in the trunk of a car to Defendant Kuta's hotel in Texas.

8. It is an undisputed and well-known fact that Kevyn is the daughter of Mr. Wynn and his ex-wife, Elaine Wynn.

9. It is an undisputed and well-known fact that Mr. Wynn paid a \$1.45 Million ransom for his daughter's safe return.

10. It is an undisputed and well-known fact that Kevyn's kidnappers were arrested, convicted, and sent to prison for their crimes.

11. Defendant Kuta made no accusation of rape against Mr. Wynn in the Kuta Lawsuit.

12. On March 28, 2018, United States Magistrate Judge C.W. Hoffman, Jr. issued a Report & Recommendation in the Kuta Lawsuit finding, among other things, that the Kuta Lawsuit was "incoherent" and described "a clearly fanciful or delusional scenario."

13. On or about January 26, 2018, *The Wall Street Journal* published online an article accusing Mr. Wynn of a decades-long pattern of sexual misconduct ("the January 26 *Journal* article").

14. Mr. Wynn responded to the January 26 *Journal* article, stating, "[t]he idea that I ever assaulted any woman is preposterous" and "[w]e find ourselves in a world where people can make allegations, regardless of the truth, and a person is left with the choice of weathering insulting publicity or engaging in multi-year lawsuits. It is deplorable for anyone to find themselves in this situation."

15. After the publication of the January 26 *Journal* article, Mr. Wynn became a multi-billionaire target of a media and legal frenzy of false accusations, including false accusations of rape.

16. On February 7, 2018 – approximately 10 days after the January 26 *Journal* article – Defendant Kuta filed a false police report against Mr. Wynn, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as *Exhibit 2* and by reference made a part hereof (the "Police Report").

17. If reported fairly, completely, accurately, and impartially, the Police Report, like the Kuta Lawsuit, is outrageous, false and inherently improbable on its face, and the timing of its filing by Defendant Kuta is extremely suspect.

18. In the Police Report, Defendant Kuta, again claiming to be the mother of Mr. Wynn's child, also stated that she was Mr. Wynn's wife.

19. In the Police Report, Defendant Kuta made the false accusation that she had been raped by Mr. Wynn repeatedly in her Chicago apartment in 1973-1974.

20. The Kuta Lawsuit makes no accusation of rape against Mr. Wynn.

21. In the Police Report, Defendant Kuta also stated that she gave birth to Mr. Wynn's daughter as a result of the purported rape(s).

22. It is an undisputed fact that Kevyn was born in 1967 at the George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C., at least seven (7) years prior to the year in which Defendant Kuta claims to have been raped and conceived Kevyn.

23. Kevyn was kidnapped from her Spanish Trail condominium in Las Vegas. The ransom paid for her release was paid in Las Vegas. And, she was recovered at 1:00 a.m. the next day at McCarran International Airport and then she was immediately debriefed by the FBI at The Mirage.

24. Defendant Kuta's accusations in the Police Report are as outrageous, false and inherently improbable on the face of the report as the accusations made against Mr. Wynn in the Kuta Lawsuit.

25. Despite the fact that the accusations in the Police Report are outrageous, false and inherently improbable on the face of the report, on February 27, 2018, Defendants The Associated Press and Regina Garcia Cano (collectively, the "AP Defendants") published an article titled "APNewsBreak: Woman tells police Steve Wynn raped her in '70s," a copy of which is attached hereto as *Exhibit 3* and incorporated by reference herein (the "AP Article").

26. The AP Article is based on the Police Report entered on February 7, 2018, alleging conduct that occurred nearly forty-five (45) years ago.

27. While it is unknown to Mr. Wynn at this time how the AP Defendants obtained a copy of the Police Report, it is known that the AP Defendants did not request the Police Report through an open records request.

28. The Police Report contained a nineteen-line narrative, yet the AP Defendants intentionally chose to incompletely and unfairly report only the fact that a police report had been filed which accused Mr. Wynn of rape.

29. The AP Defendants intentionally chose to incompletely and unfairly describe the Police Report by omitting from the AP Article the additional outrageous, false and inherently improbable accusations found on the face of the Police Report.

30. Specifically, the AP Defendants intentionally omitted from the AP Article the outrageous, false and inherently improbable accusations of the Police Report as follows:

1 She ended up pregnant. It was a hot steamy afternoon and she needed to go to the
2 restroom. She saw a gas station and went into the restroom. She was in pain
3 standing by the wall and gave birth. The baby was laying on her feet inside the
4 water bag. She slid down and said a doll is inside the water bag, the blood falling
5 down, and she wanted to open, but the water bag was thick. She used her teeth to
6 make a small opening then with her finger, opened the water bag and saw that the
7 doll was purple. She started to blow on her and in a short time her cheeks were
8 turning pink and she opened her eyes. She looked so much like her.

9 31. Despite the outrageous, false and inherently improbable accusations in the Police
10 Report, the AP Defendants knowingly omitted the statements set forth in Paragraph 30 above and
11 only published the criminal accusation that Mr. Wynn had raped a woman – a crime punishable by
12 up to a life sentence in prison.

13 32. The AP Article falsely stated that it was unclear how Mr. Wynn and the claimant
14 knew each other, intentionally omitting the undisputed fact that Defendant Kuta stated in the Police
15 Report that she was Mr. Wynn's spouse.

16 33. As a newswire service, Defendant The Associated Press knew and intended that the
17 AP Article would be republished in other media outlets on a widespread basis.

18 34. Defendant The Associated Press recognizes that members of the media are granted
19 significant protections from defamation actions for false statements republished from a newswire
20 report.

21 35. Indeed, the AP Defendants created a media frenzy of accusations against Mr. Wynn
22 when, as was a foreseeable and intentional consequence to the AP Defendants, a multitude of the
23 national and international news media republished the salacious and sensational accusations of rape
24 against Mr. Wynn.

25 36. The false AP Article was republished by, among others, the following media outlets:
26 The Wall Street Journal, CBS, CNBC, Chicago Tribune, Boston Herald, Newsweek, Oxygen,
27 Time, Huffington Post, LA Times, Fox News, The New York Times, Yahoo, Hollywood Reporter,
28 The Wrap, and NY Daily News.

37. Media outlets republished the AP Article and its accusations under the mistaken
belief that the AP Defendants had fairly, completely, accurately, and impartially reported on the
Police Report.

1 38. The accusations by Defendant Kuta in the Police Report were published with actual
2 malice.

3 39. At the time that she filed the Police Report, Defendant Kuta knew that her
4 accusations of rape, marriage and paternity of her alleged child were false.

5 40. A false rape accusation is a profoundly evil act with devastating effects on the life
6 and reputation of the individual falsely accused.

7 41. Defendants' false accusations of rape paint a target on Mr. Wynn's back and amount
8 to a public declaration that it is open season for other individuals and entities to falsely accuse Mr.
9 Wynn and profit by creating salacious headlines and/or engaging in actions designed to extort
10 money from him.

11 42. With the filing of this Complaint for Defamation, Mr. Wynn exercises the only
12 option available to him in our legal system to fight these false accusations – haling Defendants into
13 a court of law to hold them legally accountable for their wrongdoing.

14 43. The country's system of justice is founded on the principle that all individuals are
15 innocent until proven guilty.

16 44. Under the circumstances surrounding the Defendants' false accusations of rape, the
17 bedrock principle of "innocent until proven guilty" has been dangerously converted into "guilty by
18 accusation," which imposes the burden on Mr. Wynn to prove his innocence.

19 45. With the filing of this Complaint for Defamation, Mr. Wynn takes on this perversion
20 of our justice system in order to establish his innocence and make abundantly clear his intention
21 and willingness to fight Defendants' false accusations of rape and hold Defendants accountable for
22 their wrongdoing.

23 **PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE**

24 46. Mr. Wynn is an individual who resides in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada.

25 47. Mr. Wynn is a visionary, a successful businessman, and a philanthropist.

26 48. Mr. Wynn has been active in the casino and resort development in Las Vegas and
27 beyond for more than forty-five (45) years.
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1 49. Mr. Wynn is well-known and recognized for his role in the revitalization of the Las
2 Vegas Strip in the 1990s.

3 50. Mr. Wynn is the entrepreneurial figure behind many of Las Vegas's most distinctive
4 resorts, including The Mirage, Treasure Island, Bellagio, Encore and Wynn Las Vegas.

5 51. In its March 2011 issue, Barron's Magazine recognized Mr. Wynn as one of the top
6 30 World's Best CEOs.

7 52. In November of 2014, Mr. Wynn was ranked 17th out of the world's 100 best-
8 performing CEOs by Harvard Business Review.

9 53. In its December 2017 100th Anniversary Issue, Forbes Magazine featured an essay
10 by Mr. Wynn, recognizing him as one of the 100 Greatest Business Minds.

11 54. Defendant The Associated Press (hereinafter the "AP") is a foreign corporation with
12 its principal place of business located at 200 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10281. Service
13 of process can be perfected upon the AP by service of the Complaint and Summons upon its
14 registered agent, CSC Services of Nevada, Inc., at its registered office, 2215-B Renaissance Dr.,
15 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

16 55. Defendant Regina Garcia Cano ("Defendant Cano") is an individual who resides in
17 Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. Service of process can be perfected upon Defendant Cano by
18 service of the Complaint and Summons at her residence.

19 56. Defendant Cano is a reporter employed by the AP and wrote the AP Article.

20 57. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant Cano acted as an agent and employee
21 of the AP and was acting within the scope of her agency relationship with the AP.

22 58. Defendant Kuta is an individual who resides in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada.
23 Service of process can be perfected upon Defendant Kuta by service of the Complaint and
24 Summons at her residence.

25 59. DOES I-X are fictitious names for individuals, who may or may not be employees,
26 agents, and/or representatives of the AP. Mr. Wynn is ignorant of the true names and capacities of
27 defendants sued herein as DOES, and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names. Mr.
28 Wynn is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of the fictitiously named defendants is

1 legally responsible, either intentionally, negligently, or in some other actionable manner, for the
2 events and happenings hereinafter referred to and thereby legally caused the injuries, damages, and
3 violations hereinafter alleged. Mr. Wynn will request leave of court to amend this Complaint and
4 insert the true names and capacities of said fictitiously named defendants when the same have been
5 ascertained.

6 60. The AP Defendants transact business in the State of Nevada and have committed
7 tortious acts in the State of Nevada.

8 61. Defendants' activities within the State of Nevada are substantial, continuous, and
9 systematic.

10 62. The AP Defendants published the AP Article in the State of Nevada.

11 63. Defendant Kuta published the Police Report in the State of Nevada.

12 64. Defendants directed their tortious conduct at Mr. Wynn, a citizen of Nevada.

13 65. The AP Defendants have wide and regular circulation and readership in Nevada.

14 66. The AP Defendants have sought and obtained benefits from their tortious acts in
15 Nevada.

16 67. Mr. Wynn suffered injury in Nevada, as well as on a national and international basis.

17 68. Defendants reasonably anticipated being haled into court in Nevada to answer for
18 the falsity of their accusations against Mr. Wynn.

19 69. Sufficient contacts exist with respect to this action and the State of Nevada to satisfy
20 the requirements of due process as to each of the Defendants.

21 70. This Court has both specific and general jurisdiction of each of the Defendants.

22 71. Venue of this action is proper in this County pursuant to NRS 13.040.

23 **CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DEFAMATION**

24 72. Mr. Wynn reasserts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 71 of this
25 Complaint for Defamation as if fully restated herein.

26 73. As set forth above, Defendant Kuta falsely, maliciously, and otherwise published in
27 bad faith the accusation that Mr. Wynn broke into her apartment and raped her and that Defendant
28 Kuta gave birth to Mr. Wynn's daughter, Kevyn.

1 74. Upon information and belief, Defendant Kuta also published to third-parties outside
2 of and in addition to her publications in the Police Report and the Kuta Lawsuit that Mr. Wynn
3 orchestrated Kevyn's kidnapping for the ultimate purpose of having Kevyn and Defendant Kuta
4 murdered.

5 75. As set forth above, the AP Defendants published without privilege the AP Article
6 conveying the false and defamatory gist that Mr. Wynn is a criminal who broke into Defendant
7 Kuta's home and raped her on multiple occasions.

8 76. In particular, the headline of the AP Article is false and defamatory *per se* in the
9 context of the article in its entirety.

10 77. Further, the AP Defendants published the following false and defamatory statements
11 in the AP Article:

12 A woman told police she had a child with casino mogul Steve Wynn after he raped
13 her . . . One police report obtained by Defendants shows a woman told officers that
14 Mr. Wynn raped her at least three times around 1973 and 1974 at her Chicago
15 apartment. She reported she got pregnant and gave birth to a girl in a gas station.
16 The woman, the child of the accuser and Wynn, now lives in Las Vegas . . . In one
17 instance, the woman claimed that Wynn pinned her against the refrigerator and
18 raped her. She said he then made a phone call, kissed her on the cheek and left.
19 The report does not explain how Wynn is alleged to have entered the apartment or
20 if they knew each other. The woman claimed she did not give him a key.

21 78. Defendants' accusations against Mr. Wynn are false and convey the provably false
22 fact that Mr. Wynn raped Defendant Kuta and fathered her child.

23 79. Defendants' accusations are false and defamatory *per se*, and damages to Mr. Wynn
24 are presumed as a matter of law.

25 80. As set forth above, the AP Defendants published the false and defamatory
26 accusations described herein with actual malice in that they published the AP Article and their
27 accusations with knowledge of falsity and with a reckless disregard for the truth.

28 81. Defendant Kuta published and/or uttered the false and defamatory statements
described herein with actual malice in that she knew she was lying.

 82. The AP Defendants are not entitled under the law to defend their actions under a
claim of fair report.

1 83. The AP Defendants did not publish a fair, accurate, complete or impartial report of
2 the relevant contents of the Police Report.

3 84. The AP Defendants omitted from the AP Article the following portion of the bizarre
4 narrative from the Police Report ("the omitted portions"):

5 She ended up pregnant. It was a hot steamy afternoon and she needed to go to the
6 restroom. She saw a gas station and went into the restroom. She was in pain
7 standing by the wall and gave birth. The baby was laying on her feet inside the
8 water bag. She slid down and said a doll is inside the water bag, the blood falling
9 down, and she wanted to open, but the water bag was thick. She used her teeth to
10 make a small opening then with her finger, opened the water bag and saw that the
11 doll was purple. She started to blow on her and in a short time her cheeks were
12 turning pink and she opened her eyes. She looked so much like her.

13 85. Upon information and belief, the AP Defendants knew or should have known about
14 the existence of the Kuta Lawsuit but failed to consider or disclose its outrageous, false and
15 inherently improbable accusations, evidencing the AP Defendants' publication with actual malice.

16 86. Evidencing the AP Defendants' knowledge of falsity and reckless disregard for the
17 truth, the AP Defendants failed to publish a fair, complete, accurate, and/or unbiased account of the
18 Police Report, rendering the AP Article non-privileged.

19 87. Evidencing the AP Defendants' knowledge of falsity and reckless disregard for the
20 truth, the AP Defendants failed to include the omitted portions of the Police Report.

21 88. The omitted portions of the Police Report would have conveyed to the average
22 reader that the accusations of rape were false and described a clearly fanciful or delusional scenario.

23 89. Evidencing the AP Defendants' knowledge of falsity and reckless disregard for the
24 truth, the AP Defendants failed to include Defendant Kuta's accusation that she was Mr. Wynn's
25 spouse when, as a matter of public fact, she was not – and indeed, she did not even spell his name
26 correctly, the same error being found in the Kuta Lawsuit.

27 90. Evidencing the AP Defendants' knowledge of falsity and reckless disregard for the
28 truth, the AP Defendants published the AP Article despite the accusations contained therein being
so inherently improbable on their face as to raise serious doubts about their truth.

1 91. Evidencing the AP Defendants' knowledge of falsity and reckless disregard for the
2 truth, the AP Defendants relied upon a report that was unreliable and incredible on its face.

3 92. Evidencing the AP Defendants' knowledge of falsity and reckless disregard for the
4 truth, the AP Defendants knew that the Police Report had been filed over forty (40) years after the
5 alleged incidents giving rise to the accusations of rape had allegedly occurred.

6 93. Evidencing the AP Defendants' knowledge of falsity and reckless disregard for the
7 truth, the AP Defendants knowingly and purposefully avoided discovery of the truth and ignored
8 evidence establishing the falsity of the AP Article.

9 94. Evidencing the AP Defendants' knowledge of falsity and reckless disregard for the
10 truth, the AP Defendants conducted no investigation into their accusations prior to publication
11 despite the serious criminal accusations they were publishing against Mr. Wynn.

12 95. On March 26, 2018, Mr. Wynn demanded in writing a retraction from the AP.

13 96. On April 11, 2018, the AP Defendants notified Mr. Wynn's counsel in writing that
14 they were refusing to correct the false, defamatory, unfair, inaccurate, incomplete and biased AP
15 Article.

16 97. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' false and defamatory publications,
17 Mr. Wynn has suffered public hatred, contempt, scorn, and ridicule, and has suffered damages in
18 amount to be proven at trial, but in any event, in excess of \$15,000.

19 98. Because the Defendants accusations are defamatory *per se*, damages to Mr. Wynn
20 are presumed.

21 99. Defendants are liable for each republication of their publications.

22 100. Defendants' conduct was willful and demonstrates that entire want of care that raises
23 a conscious indifference to consequences. Mr. Wynn is entitled to an award of punitive damages
24 to punish Defendants for their unlawful conduct and to deter them from repeating such misconduct
25 in the future.

26 101. Defendants published their false and defamatory accusations and the AP Article
27 with Constitutional malice, thereby entitling Mr. Wynn to an award of punitive damages.
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102. Defendants are joint tortfeasors and are jointly and severally liable for the false and defamatory accusations set forth herein.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Steve Wynn, prays for Judgment as follows:

(a) That judgment be entered against Defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000);

(b) That judgment be entered against Defendants, jointly and severally, for punitive damages to punish and deter Defendants in an amount to be determined by the enlightened conscience of the jury;

(c) That Defendants be ordered to retract and correct their false and defamatory accusations in as conspicuous a manner as they were originally published;

(d) That Mr. Wynn recover his reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses from Defendants;

(e) That all costs of this action be taxed to Defendants; and

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(f) That the Court grant all such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of April, 2018.

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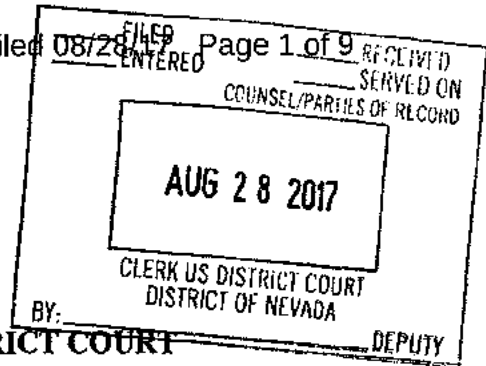
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Depl NO..

Stephan Allen Wynn, ROES I – X, DOES
XI-XXX, Inclusive,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT
(DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL)

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, HALINA KUTA, in proper person, complains and alleges as follows:

PRELIMINARY ALLEGATIONS

- 1) Plaintiff brings this action seeking to put an immediate stop to, and to obtain redress for, Defendants' blatant and purposeful dishonesty in a federal investigation, as to the kidnapping of Kevyn Wynn;
- 2) Defendants' conduct is causing, and unless immediately enjoined will continue to cause, enormous and irreparable harm to Plaintiff. Defendants may not continue to exploit Defendant without authorization in order to retain funds improperly held in his possession;
- 3) Defendants' conduct must immediately be stopped and Plaintiff must be compensated for Defendant's willful acts of perjury;

- 1 4) At all times mentioned herein, the Plaintiff was and is a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada;
- 2 5) Upon information and belief, at all times mentioned herein, Defendant, Stephan Allen Wynn,
- 3 is and was an individual residing in the State of Nevada;
- 4 6) Upon information and belief, at all times mentioned herein, Defendant, Stephan Allen Wynn,
- 5 is and was an entity operating in the State of Nevada;
- 6 7) That the true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, of
- 7 Defendants DOES I through X, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiffs, who therefore sue said
- 8 Defendants by such fictitious names; and; therefore, sues these Defendants by such fictitious
- 9 names. Plaintiff prays leave to amend this Complaint to allege their true names and
- 10 names. Plaintiff prays leave to amend this Complaint to allege their true names and
- 11 capacities when the same have been ascertained, as such:
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 - 13 i) Parties responsible in some manner for the events and happenings herein referred to
 - 14 that caused injuries and damages thereby to the Plaintiff as herein alleged;
 - 15 ii) Parties that are the agents, servants, employees and/or contractors of the Defendants,
 - 16 each of them acting within the course and scope of their agency, employment or
 - 17 contract;
 - 18 iii) Parties that have assumed or retained the liabilities of any of the Defendants by virtue
 - 19 of an agreement, sale, transfer or otherwise;
 - 20 iv) The Plaintiffs will ask leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to insert the true
 - 21 names and capacities of said Defendants, ROES 1-XX, inclusive, when the same have
 - 22 been ascertained by the Plaintiff, together with appropriate charging allegations, and
 - 23 to join said Defendants in the action;
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- 26 8) The acts and omissions alleged hereafter occurred within Clark County, State of Nevada;
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1 9) That to date Defendant has failed to properly compensate Plaintiff for the used material, as a
2 business venture;

3 10) That Plaintiff has fulfilled his obligations under the agreement; however, Defendant has failed
4 to fulfill their obligation.
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6 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

7 11) This is a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief for damages as a result of
8 Defendant perjury under oath, and blatant dishonesty, in accordance with the investigation as
9 to the kidnapping of Kevyn Wynn;
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11 12) That Plaintiff is the biological mother of Kevyn Wynn, and has standing to proceed in this
12 action;
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14 13) This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the perjury actions of Defendant under oath 18
15 U.S.C. §1621;

16 14) This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because, among other things,
17 Defendants are doing business in the State of Nevada and in this judicial district, the acts of
18 perjury under oath complained of herein occurred in the State of Nevada and in this judicial
19 district, and Defendants have caused injury to Plaintiff and intentional infliction of emotional
20 distress within the State of Nevada and in this judicial district;
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22 15) Venue is proper in this district, and categories as a federal question;
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24 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**
25 **(Perjury Under Oath)**

26 16) Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding allegations of law and facts as
27 it fully set forth herein;
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1 17) That the alleged kidnapping that of Kevyn Wynn occurred on July 23, 1993, was not an actual
2 kidnapping;

3 18) That Kevyn Wynn was placed into a trunk of a vehicle and driven for 18 hours to Defendant's
4 hotel, Holiday Vista Motel, in Harlingen, Texas;

5 19) Stephan did you ever wanders about all those young girls who got pregnant by you? You called
6 them "Young Polish Pigs";

7 20) The kidnapping of Kevyn Wynn took place, two kidnappers brought Kevin to Plaintiff's motel
8 Holiday Vista Motel in Harlingen Texas in an old car;

9 21) That Kevyn Wynn was seen in the trunk of the vehicle;

10 22) That one of the men came to the motel office, and paid for the suite they were staying in;

11 23) That the men were from Las Vegas, and he told Plaintiff that there was no room in the car that's
12 why their friend stayed in the trunk;

13 24) That three (3) days later one of the man with that young girl came to my office and the other
14 young black man stayed close by the office;

15 25) That the man who came to the office, his right eye was different from the other eye, and he was
16 shorter than Kevyn;

17 26) That Plaintiff saw the man holding the girl's arm behind her back, which can cause pain, and
18 the other hand he pulled a shining silver knife, and started moving left and right;

19 27) That Kevyn indicated that the man was hypnotizing Plaintiff, that woke Plaintiff up,

20 28) That Plaintiff could see that sharp silver slim knife is cutting Kevin's neck vertical and then that
21 knife blood was pointing at Plaintiff, and saying "you are next" then he held that knife
22 horizontal going forward to Kevyn's neck;

1 29) That Plaintiff had two dogs German Shepherd and Doberman called Alex and Bluto when he
2 saw both dogs he dropped the knife and run out;

3 30) That Plaintiff was in shock Kevyn called 911, and the police came to make a report;

4 31) That Kevyn then called her father, Stephan Allen Wynn, and he told her that Plaintiff was her
5 mother;

6 32) That Defendant took the child from Plaintiff, without her permission;

7 33) That when Plaintiff's dogs, Alex and Bruto, were seen by the man, he immediately ran;

8 34) That Kevyn Wynn called the police for assistance;

9 35) That Defendant was fully aware that Kevyn Wynn was not kidnapped, and was in Harlingen,
10 Texas, with her mother, Defendant;

11 36) That Defendant purchased the ticket back to Las Vegas, Nevada, for Kevyn Wynn;

12 37) That although Plaintiff is not directing placing blame on the Harlingen Police Department, but
13 shortly after the alleged kidnapping the police department received a multimillion dollar
14 donation;

15 38) That in 2009, 2012 and 2015, Plaintiff went to the Harlingen Police Department for a copy of
16 the police report, and it was gone;

17 39) That Plaintiff firmly believes the entire kidnapping was arranged;

18 40) That Defendant was fully aware of what was going, and mislead investigators into believing
19 the child was kidnapped, when in fact she was not;

20 41) That the kidnapping was a plot to have Plaintiff and the child killed, but tremendously failed;

21 42) That in accordance with 18 U.S.C. (1) it reads, having taken an oath before a competent
22 tribunal, officer, or person, in any case in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath
23 to be administered, that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly, or that any written
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1 testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate by him subscribed, is true, willfully and
2 contrary to such oath states or subscribes any material matter which he does not believe to be
3 true;

4 43) Or (2) in any declaration, certificate, verification, or statement under penalty of perjury as
5 permitted under section 1746 of title 28, United States Code, willfully subscribes as true any
6 material matter which he does not believe to be true; is guilty of perjury and shall, except as
7 otherwise expressly provided by law, be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than
8 five years, or both. This section is applicable whether the statement or subscription is made
9 within or without the United States;
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11 44) That Defendant is guilty of perjury to the federal officers conducting the investigation
12 regarding the kidnapping of Kevyn Wynn, and the improper ransom paid by Defendant,
13 Stephan Allen Wynn;
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15 45) That Defendant did wander around with little girls, and called them "young polish pigs";

16 46) Defendant intended to induce Plaintiff based on these misrepresentations and improper
17 disclosures;
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19 47) Plaintiff's reasonable reliance upon the misrepresentations was detrimental. But for failure to
20 disclose the true and material terms of the transaction, Plaintiff could have been alerted to
21 issues of concern. Plaintiff would have known of Defendants true intentions and profits from
22 the proposed kidnapping scheme. Plaintiff would have known that the actions of Defendant
23 would have an adverse effect on Plaintiff;
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25 48) Defendants' failure to disclose the material terms of the kidnapping scheme inducing Plaintiff
26 to believe her daughter, Kevyn Wynn, was simply coming to visit her in Texas;

27 49) Defendants were aware of the misrepresentations and profited from them;
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1 50) As a direct and proximate result of the misrepresentations and concealment Plaintiff was
2 damaged in an amount to be proven at trial, including but not limited to damage to Plaintiff's
3 financial security, emotional distress, and Plaintiff has incurred costs and attorney's fees;

4 51) Defendants are guilty of malice, fraud and/or oppression. Defendants' actions were malicious
5 and done willfully in conscious disregard of the rights and safety of Plaintiff in that the actions
6 were calculated to injure Plaintiff. As such Plaintiff is entitled to recover, in addition to actual
7 damages, punitive damages to punish Defendants and to deter them from engaging in future
8 misconduct.
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10 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
11 **(Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress)**

12 52) Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporated by reference all preceding allegations of law and facts as
13 it fully set forth herein;

14 53) Through their conduct averred herein, Defendants have caused Plaintiff emotional distress, to
15 the point that she is unable to enjoy life, liberty and pursuit of happiness;

16 54) That as a result of Defendants' improper actions, Plaintiff has suffered extreme personal,
17 mental, emotional anguish;

18 55) That as a result of Defendants' unlawful and illegal actions, Plaintiff has lost a substantial
19 amount of his financial and emotional well-being;
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21 56) That Plaintiff firmly believes she is being followed by Defendant and his entourage;

22 57) That Plaintiff has dodged bullets flying past her just to silence her;

23 58) Defendants conduct was intentional and designed to cause severe emotional distress;

24 59) Plaintiff has lost sleep, appetite and suffered emotionally because of the actions of Defendant;
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1 60) Defendant has acted arbitrarily, capriciously and with reckless disregard for Plaintiff, and
2 accordingly, Plaintiff is entitled to exemplary damages, in excess of \$4,000,000.00 is entitled
3 to money damages, punitive damages, and other relief as the Court finds to be just and proper.

4 61) As a direct and proximate result of said infringement by Defendants, Plaintiff is entitled to
5 damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
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7 62) As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing acts and conduct, Plaintiff has sustained and
8 will continue to sustain substantial, immediate, and irreparable injury, for which there is no
9 adequate remedy at law;

10 63) Plaintiff is informed and believe and on that basis aver that unless enjoined and restrained by
11 this Court, Defendants will continue to infringe Plaintiffs right to enjoyment of life;
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13 64) Plaintiff is entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief to restrain and enjoin
14 Defendants' continuing conduct.

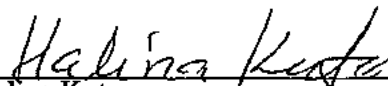
15 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays for Judgment against the Defendants as follows:

- 16 1. For punitive damages against Defendant;
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18 2. For general damages in excess of \$4,000,000 against Defendants;
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20 3. For attorney fees, if any are incurred as a result of filing suit;
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22 4. For legal fees and costs of suit, as incurred herein;
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24 5. For such other relief as the Court finds to be just and proper.

25 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

26 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

27 DATED this 24 day of August 2017.

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Administrative

Location UNKNOWN ADDRESS CHICAGO Chicago, IL

Sector/Beat OJ - Other
Jurisdiction

Occurred On (Date / Time) Friday 6/1/1973 12:00:00 AM
Reporting Officer 07027 - Chavez, Irma M
Entered By 07027 - Chavez, Irma M
Related Cases

Or Between (Date / Time) Saturday 8/31/1974 12:00:00 AM
Reported On 2/7/2018
Entered On 2/7/2018 11:26:37 AM
Jurisdiction Other Jurisdiction

Traffic Report No Place Type Accident Involved

Offenses:

Sex Assault(F)-NRS 200.366.2B

Completed Yes Domestic Violence No

Entry Premises Entered

Weapons None

Criminal Activities None/Unknown

Hate/Bias Unknown (Offenders Motivation Not Known)

Type Security Tools

Location Type Residence/Home

Victims:

Name: [REDACTED]

Victim Type Individual Written Statement Yes
Victim of 50095 - Sex Assault(F)-NRS 200.366.2B

Can ID Suspect Yes

DOB [REDACTED] Age 27 Sex Female Race White Ethnicity Unknown
Height 5' 0" Weight 115 Hair Color Blond Eye Color Green
Employer/School Retired
Occupation/Grade
Injury Not Provided Work Schedule
Injury Weapons None

Addresses

Residence [REDACTED]

Phones

Cellular [REDACTED]

Offender Relationships

S - Wynn, Stephan

Notes:

Victim Was Spouse

The Use and Dissemination of this
Record is Regulated by Law. Secondary
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and could subject the offender to Criminal
and Civil Liability.

This Information Released To:

Erin Yarnall

By: [REDACTED] Date: 3-14-2018
Las Vegas Metro Police Dept.

Suspects:

Name: Wynn, Stephan

Alias:

Scope ID DOB Age 76 Race White Ethnicity Not Hispanic or
Latino
Sex Male Height 5' 6" Weight 145 Hair Color Brown Eye Color Brown
Employer/School Occupation/Grade

Addresses

Phones

Business/Work [REDACTED]

Notes:

Narrative

[REDACTED] came to NWAC to report that in 1973-1974, in Chicago, IL, she was exercising in her old apartment and when she stood up, Stephan Wynn was standing in front of her and said a word that she didn't understand, and then he pinned her up against the refrigerator and raped her as she was standing holding onto the refrigerator. Stephan then called someone for a few minutes then came and kiss her on her cheek and said he had to go and then added I call you later.

When he left she was still standing holding onto the refrigerator and looked at the window and saw her reflection, crying, and asking herself what just happened, what did he say?

A few days later, after her shower, she wrapped herself in the towel and was going to the bedroom and there was Stephan, sitting at the kitchen table. He got up and says some words, pinned her to the wall forcing himself on her then just like before, he called someone, kissed her on the cheek and said he would call her later and left. She was standing holding onto the wall and the towel was on the floor, and she was crying, saying to herself, why her, what did she do to be treated so badly, and why is he coming to her apartment. She didn't give him a key to her apartment. She remembers that Stephan said "you make me horny" then raped her twice.

She ended up pregnant. It was a hot steamy afternoon and she needed to go to the restroom. She saw a gas station and went in to the restroom. She was in pain standing by the wall and gave birth. The baby was laying on her feet inside the water bag. She slid down and said a doll is inside the water bag, the blood falling down, and she wanted to open, but the water bag was thick. She used her teeth to make a small opening then with her finger, opened the water bag and saw that the doll was purple. She started to blow on her and in a short time her cheeks were turning pink and she opened her eyes. She looked so much like her.

The gas station attendant opened the door to the restroom and when he saw her with a baby, he ran to the office and called an ambulance.

Her name is [REDACTED] and she lives in Las Vegas - Stephan and my child. [REDACTED] knows me as her mother and has her own family now.

Report taken per Det K. McCaffery, P#8731.

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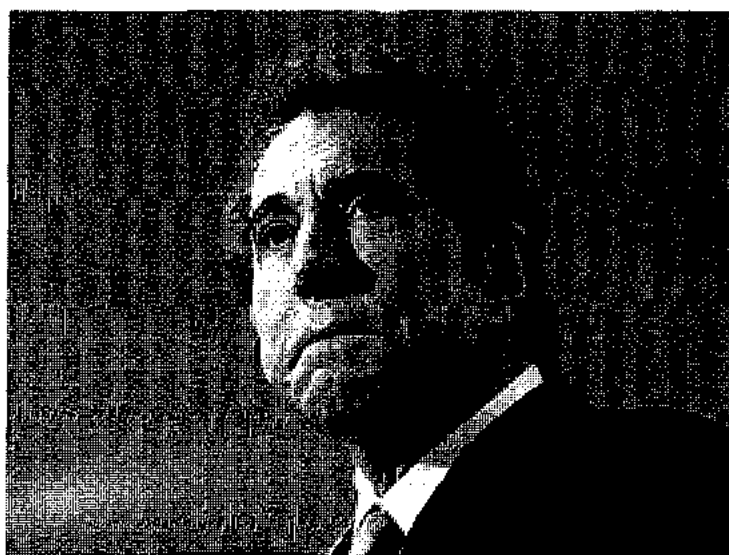
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LAS VEGAS (AP) — A woman told police she had a child with casino mogul Steve Wynn after he raped her, while another reported she was forced to resign from a Las Vegas job after she refused to have sex with him.

The Associated Press on Tuesday obtained copies of police reports recently filed by the two women about allegations dating to the 1970s. Police in Las Vegas revealed earlier this month that they had taken the statements after a news report in January revealed sexual misconduct allegations against the billionaire.



The allegations are the latest leveled against Wynn by women. He resigned as chairman and CEO of Wynn Resorts on Feb. 6, less than two weeks after the Wall Street Journal reported that a number of women said he harassed or assaulted them and that one case led to a \$7.5 million settlement.

Wynn has vehemently denied the misconduct accusations the newspaper reported and he attributed them to a campaign led by his ex-wife, whose attorney has denied that she instigated the Jan. 26 news story.

One police report obtained by the AP shows a woman told officers that Wynn raped her at least three times around 1973 and 1974 at her Chicago apartment. She reported she got pregnant and gave birth to a girl in a gas station restroom. The woman, the child of the accuser and Wynn, now lives in Las Vegas, according to the report.

In one instance, the woman claimed that Wynn pinned her against the refrigerator and raped her. She said he then made a phone call, kissed her on the cheek and left. The report does not explain how Wynn is alleged to have entered the apartment or if they knew each other. The woman claimed she did not give him a key.

The second police report shows a woman told police she had consensual sex with Wynn "several times" while she

worked as a dealer at the downtown Las Vegas casino-hotel Golden Nugget, but “felt coerced to perform the acts.” She reported she was forced to resign when she turned him down.

“In the Summer of 1976, Wynn approached her in the back hall and wanted her to go with him,” according to the report filed Jan. 29. “(S)he told him, “no”, she was done and had someone she was seeing. She was soon after accused of stealing \$40.00 and forced to resign.”

The women’s names are redacted on the reports, and police said they do not identify people who say they are victims of sex crimes.

The Las Vegas case will not be investigated because the statute of limitations in Nevada is 20 years.



Ralph Frammolino, spokesman for Wynn, on Tuesday declined comment on the latest allegations.

Wynn Resorts is facing scrutiny by gambling regulators in Nevada and Massachusetts, where the company is building a roughly \$2.4 billion casino just outside Boston. Regulators in Macau, the Chinese enclave where the company operates two casinos, are also inquiring about the allegations.

In addition, groups of shareholders have filed lawsuits in state court in Las Vegas accusing Wynn and the board of directors of Wynn Resorts of breaching their fiduciary duties by ignoring what the lawsuits described as a longstanding pattern of sexual abuse and harassment by the company's founder.

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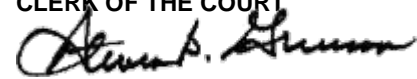
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District Court
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

STEVE WYNN, an individual,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, a foreign corporation;
REGINA GARCIA CANO, an individual; and HALINA
KUTA, an individual; DOES I-X,

Defendants.

CASE NO:

DEPT. NO:

A-18-772715-C

Department 14

SUMMONS

NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO THE DEFENDANT: A civil Complaint has been filed by the plaintiff against you for the relief set forth in the Complaint.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 20 days after this Summons is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following:

a. File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court, with the appropriate filing fee.

b. Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.

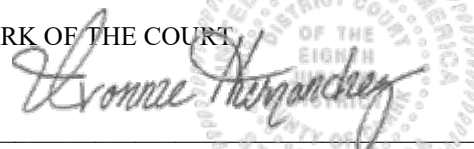
2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the plaintiff(s) and failure to so respond will result in a judgment of default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief requested in the Complaint.

3. If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.

4. The State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board members, commission members and legislators each have 45 days after service of this Summons within to file an Answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint.

Issued at direction of:

CLERK OF THE COURT



4/12/2018

/s/ Tamara Beatty Peterson

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Date

Ivonne Hernandez

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**DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

Steve Wynn, an individual

vs

The Associated Press, a foreign corporation; et al.

Plaintiff(s)

Defendant(s)

Case No.: **A-18-772715-C**

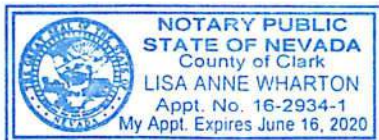
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Time:

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, **Robert Joseph Watts**, being duly sworn deposes and says: That at all times herein affiant was and is a citizen of the United States, over 18 years of age, licensed to serve civil process in the State of Nevada under license #604, and not a party to or interested in the proceeding in which this affidavit is made. The affiant received **1** copy(ies) of the: **Summons: Complaint for Defamation** on the **13th** day of **April, 2018** and served the same on the **13th** day of **April, 2018** at **12:14 pm** by serving the **Defendant(s), The Associated Press, a foreign corporation** by personally delivering and leaving a copy at **Registered Agent, CSC Services of Nevada, Inc., 2215-B Renaissance Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89119** with **Frances Gutierrez, Service Liaison** pursuant to NRS 14.020 as a person of suitable age and discretion at the above address, which address is the address of the registered agent as shown on the current certificate of designation filed with the Secretary of State.



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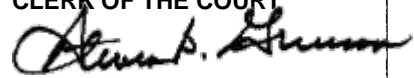
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12 **DISTRICT COURT**
13 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

14 STEVE WYNN, an individual,
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16 Plaintiff,
17 v.

Case No.: A-18-772715-C
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ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE

18 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, a foreign
19 corporation; REGINA GARCIA CANO, an
20 individual; and HALINA KUTA, an
21 individual; DOES I-X,
22
23 Defendants.

24 I, Justin A. Shiroff, Esq., of the law firm of Ballard Spahr, LLP, hereby accept service of
25 the Summons and Complaint in the above-entitled matter on behalf of Defendant Regina Garcia
26 Cano.

27 Executed this 25 day of April, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of Peterson Baker, PLLC, and pursuant to NRCP 5(b), EDCR 8.05, Administrative Order 14-2, and NEFCR 9, caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE** to be served via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to those parties not registered with the Eighth Judicial District Court via the Court's Electronic Filing System on the 30th day of April, 2018, to the following address:

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

10 STEVE WYNN, an individual

) Case No. A-18-772715-C

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

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14 individual; and HALINA KUTA, an
individual; DOES I-X,

15 Defendants.
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18 STIPULATION AND ORDER TO EXTEND TIME TO
19 RESPOND TO COMPLAINT
20 (First Request)

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22 Plaintiff Steve Wynn ("Wynn") and Defendants The Associated Press and
23 Regina Garcia Cano (collectively the "Defendants"), by and through their respective
24 counsel of record, hereby stipulate and agree that Defendants shall have up to and
25 including May 31, 2018 to file and serve their response to the Complaint in this
26 action. This is the parties' first request for extension of this deadline, and is not
27 intended to cause any delay or prejudice to any party.
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DATED this 4 day of May, 2018.


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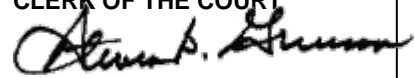
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Defendants.

) Case No. A-18-772715-C

) Dept. No. XIV

) **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF**
) **STIPULATION AND ORDER TO**
) **EXTEND TIME TO RESPOND TO**
) **COMPLAINT (First Request)**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 4th day of May, 2018, the Clerk of the
Court entered a Stipulation and Order to Extend Time to Respond to Complaint
(First Request) in the above-referenced matter, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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22 Plaintiff Steve Wynn ("Wynn") and Defendants The Associated Press and
23 Regina Garcia Cano (collectively the "Defendants"), by and through their respective
24 counsel of record, hereby stipulate and agree that Defendants shall have up to and
25 including May 31, 2018 to file and serve their response to the Complaint in this
26 action. This is the parties' first request for extension of this deadline, and is not
27 intended to cause any delay or prejudice to any party.

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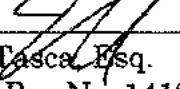
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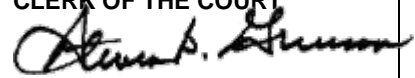
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**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DEFENDANTS'
SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO N.R.S. § 41.660
(ANTI-SLAPP STATUTE)**

Defendants The Associated Press and Regina Garcia Cano, by and through undersigned counsel, move to dismiss Plaintiff Steve Wynn's Complaint pursuant Nev. Rev. Stat. §41.660. This Motion is made and based on the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the pleadings and papers on file herein, and any oral argument the Court may consider on this Motion.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants The Associated Press and Regina Garcia Cano will bring their Special Motion to Dismiss on for hearing on the 7 day of June, 2018, at the hour of 9:00am o'clock a.m./p.m. in Dept. of the above Court, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff Steve Wynn, a billionaire and “well-known public figure in Nevada,” *Wynn v. Smith*, 117 Nev. 6, 9 (2001) (en banc), found himself at the center of controversy this year following a report published in January by *The Wall Street Journal* describing an alleged “decades-long pattern of sexual misconduct” at his Wynn Resorts, including “pressuring employees to perform sex acts.”¹ He has since brought a series of defamation actions, including this one asserting claims against The Associated Press and its reporter, simply for accurately describing the allegations in complaints made to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (“LVMPD”) that were publicly released by LVMPD. However, such summaries of official records are *absolutely privileged* under the law of this state. *See, e.g., Adelson v. Harris*, 402 P.3d 665, 667-68 (Nev. 2017) (“In Nevada, if the privilege applies, it is ‘absolute,’ meaning it ‘precludes liability even where the defamatory statements are published with knowledge of their falsity and personal ill will toward the plaintiff.’”) (citation omitted); *Sahara Gaming Corp. v. Culinary Workers Union Local 226*, 115 Nev. 212, 218-19 (1999) (same).

Beyond this absolute privilege for the reporting of official records, The Associated Press and its reporter, Regina Garcia Cano (the “AP Defendants”) also had no reason to doubt the allegations of the two police complaints, one of which Mr. Wynn now challenges. While Plaintiff alleges that news reporters should have known that Halina Kuta is an unreliable accuser, the AP Defendants did not know her identity: The LVMPD *redacted* the names, and identifying details, of the alleged victims from the official reports released to the media. In short, this is a wholly meritless claim against the AP Defendants.

¹ Alexandra Berzon, Chris Kirkham, Elizabeth Bernstein & Kate O’Keeffe, *Dozens of People Recount Pattern of Sexual Misconduct by Las Vegas Mogul Steve Wynn*, Wall St. J., Jan. 27, 2018 (attached as Exhibit 1 to Affidavit of Regina Garcia Cano (“Garcia Cano Aff.”)).

1 The AP Defendants thus bring this special motion under this state’s “anti-
2 SLAPP” statute, Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.635 *et seq.* Like some thirty other states,
3 Nevada has enacted and repeatedly strengthened a law expressly designed to curtail
4 actions like this one—“strategic lawsuits against public participation,” defined by the
5 Nevada Supreme Court as “meritless suit[s] filed primarily to chill the defendant’s
6 exercise of First Amendment rights,” the “hallmark” of which is “to obtain a financial
7 advantage over one’s adversary by increasing litigation costs.” *John v. Douglas Cty.*
8 *Sch. Dist.*, 125 Nev. 746, 749, 752 (2009) (internal marks and citations omitted). By
9 establishing an immunity and a mechanism for asserting it, “Nevada’s anti-SLAPP
10 statute filters unmeritorious claims in an effort to protect citizens from costly
11 retaliatory lawsuits arising from their right to free speech under both the Nevada
12 and Federal Constitutions.” *Id.* at 755 (affirming dismissal under statute); *see also*
13 *Metabolic Research, Inc. v. Ferrell*, 693 F.3d 795, 802 (9th Cir. 2012) (Nevada statute
14 “allows a citizen to obtain prompt review of potential SLAPP lawsuits and have them
15 dismissed before she is forced to endure the burdens and expense of the normal
16 litigation process”).

17 Specifically, the Nevada statute provides an “immun[ity] from any civil action”
18 for “good faith communication[s]” relating to speech that address issues of public
19 interest, Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.650, as defined under the statute, and the statute
20 requires courts to dismiss suits directed at such expression prior to the
21 commencement of expensive and burdensome discovery unless a plaintiff can
22 demonstrate a likelihood of success, *John*, 125 Nev. at 758. This action was
23 instituted by a litigious billionaire and directed at a news media publication that
24 expressly, and accurately, reported on official police records—as permitted by the
25 “fair report privilege.” These claims are properly dismissed under Nevada’s anti-
26 SLAPP statute and Mr. Wynn should be ordered to pay the attorneys’ fees incurred
27 by the AP Defendants.

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II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. The Plaintiff

According to the Complaint, Mr. Wynn is a “visionary, a successful businessman, and a philanthropist,” who during a 45-year career came to be “well-known and recognized for his role in the revitalization of the Las Vegas Strip in the 1990s” and viewed nationally as a leader in casino and resort development. Compl. ¶¶ 47-53. *Forbes* magazine estimates his current net worth at \$3 billion.² Mr. Wynn’s public profile extends beyond business; he has been described by President Trump as a “great friend,” is a prolific political donor, and until recently served as the Republican National Committee’s finance chairman—raising some \$130 million for GOP candidates during the first year of the Trump Administration.³

Mr. Wynn is also someone who employs defamation lawsuits against his critics. *See, e.g., Wynn*, 117 Nev. at 10 (noting defamation action over book profiling him). Just last year a federal appellate court in California affirmed a judgment against Mr. Wynn for more than \$420,000 in attorneys’ fees and costs for bringing a meritless defamation case based on non-actionable opinions expressed at an academic symposium. *Wynn v. Chanos*, 2015 WL 3832561, at *1, 6 (N.D. Cal. June 19, 2015), *aff’d*, 685 F. App’x 578 (9th Cir. 2017). Those sanctions were awarded under California’s anti-SLAPP statute. Currently, Mr. Wynn is pursuing at least three separate defamation claims in Nevada, including this one, related to sexual abuse allegations made against him.⁴

² *See* “Forbes Profile: Steve Wynn,” *Forbes* (May 21, 2018), *available at* <https://www.forbes.com/profile/steve-wynn/>.

³ *See* Ken Thomas and Steve Peoples, *Casino mogul Steve Wynn resigns as top GOP finance chairman*, AP, Jan. 28, 2018, *available at* <https://www.apnews.com/29aa609a49dd4cfca333ef052a10d397/Casino-mogul-Steve-Wynn-resigns-as-top-GOP-finance-chairman>.

⁴ *See, e.g.,* Ken Ritter, *Wynn sues ex-salon chief quoted in sexual conduct stories*, AP, April 30, 2018 *available at* <https://www.apnews.com/0f24152a66da42828d5cf4c3351cf714/Wynn-sues-ex-salon-chief-quoted-in-sexual-conduct-stories> (quoting statement by Mr. Wynn’s attorney that defamation action against salon director quoted in stories by ABC

1 **B. The Public Controversy Over Mr. Wynn's Conduct**

2 *The Wall Street Journal* on January 27, 2018 reported that, according to
3 dozens of former employees, Mr. Wynn had engaged in a “decades-long pattern of
4 sexual misconduct,” including “pressuring employees to perform sex acts”—to one of
5 whom, a manicurist, he later paid a \$7.5 million settlement.⁵ Terrified female
6 employees allegedly hid in bathrooms or back rooms when he visited the salons and
7 massage parlors on his properties. *Id.* Mr. Wynn has denied these allegations. *Id.*;
8 *see also* Compl. ¶¶ 13-14. The *Las Vegas Review-Journal* soon afterward reported
9 that Mr. Wynn had allegedly pressured a waitress at one of his casinos to have sex
10 “to keep her job.”⁶ Court records also revealed that he had settled with a former
11 employee who had worked as a “Playboy Bunny” at a casino.⁷

12 The day after *The Wall Street Journal* published its report, Mr. Wynn resigned
13 as finance chairman of the Republican National Committee.⁸ Nevada regulators
14 launched an investigation.⁹ Wynn Resorts also launched an investigation into the
15 allegations and, within days, Mr. Wynn resigned his roles as CEO and board
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17 News and the *The Wall Street Journal* was “the third defamation lawsuit by Wynn in recent
18 weeks”).

19 ⁵ *See* note 1.

20 ⁶ Arthur Kane & Rachel Crosby, *Las Vegas court filing: Wynn wanted sex with waitress*
21 *‘to see how it feels’ to be with a grandmother*, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Feb. 5, 2018,
22 *available at* <https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/las-vegas-court-filing-wynn-wanted-sex-with-waitress-to-see-how-it-feels-to-be-with-a-grandmother/>.

23 ⁷ *See, e.g.*, Regina Garcia Cano, *Steve Wynn settled with second woman over sex*
24 *allegations*, AP, Mar. 19, 2018, *available at*
<https://www.apnews.com/ba96b0e47ccb4dbdb6f42528a878b37f/Steve-Wynn-settled-with-second-woman-over-sex-allegations>.

25 ⁸ *See generally* Ken Thomas and Steve Peoples, *Casino mogul Steve Wynn resigns as top*
26 *GOP finance chairman*, AP, Jan. 28, 2018, *available at*
<https://www.apnews.com/29aa609a49dd4cfca333ef052a10d397/Casino-mogul-Steve-Wynn-resigns-as-top-GOP-finance-chairman>.

27 ⁹ David Montero, *Nevada Gaming Control Board's first female chief opens investigation*
28 *into Steve Wynn sexual misconduct allegations*, L.A. Times, Jan. 30, 2018, *available at*
<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-nevada-gaming-steve-wynn-20180130-story.html>.

1 chairman, citing “an avalanche of negative publicity.”¹⁰ Amidst these investigations,
2 Mr. Wynn soon sold all of his stock in Wynn Resorts—for an estimated \$1.4 billion—
3 and his name was taken off the company’s gaming license in Massachusetts.¹¹
4 Several women have now filed civil lawsuits against Mr. Wynn alleging sexual
5 misconduct or assault.¹²

6 C. The Police Department Statement and AP Report

7 On February 12, 2018, less than three weeks after the first national news
8 reports regarding the allegations of a long-time pattern of sexual misconduct by
9 Mr. Wynn, and the week after he resigned from Wynn Resorts amidst the public
10 controversy, *The Las Vegas Review-Journal* published a news report noting that,
11 according to an LVMPD spokesman, two women had filed police reports regarding
12 Mr. Wynn.¹³ The first three paragraphs of that story, including a police spokesman’s
13 plea to the public to encourage victims to speak up, read as follows:
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16 ¹⁰ See Maggie Astor & Julie Creswell, *Steve Wynn Resigns From Company Amid Sexual*
17 *Misconduct Allegations*, N.Y. Times, Feb. 6, 2018, available at [https://www.nytimes.com/](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/06/business/steve-wynn-resigns.html)
18 [2018/02/06/business/steve-wynn-resigns.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/06/business/steve-wynn-resigns.html); see also *Law firm helps with sex misconduct*
19 *inquiry into Steve Wynn*, AP, Feb. 3, 2018, available at [https://apnews.com/](https://apnews.com/72aae861b4cb4be38173879437cbe755/Law-firm-helps-with-sex-misconduct-inquiry-into-Steve-Wynn)
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21 [Steve-Wynn](https://apnews.com/72aae861b4cb4be38173879437cbe755/Law-firm-helps-with-sex-misconduct-inquiry-into-Steve-Wynn);

22 ¹¹ See Regina Garcia Cano, *Steve Wynn no longer has stock in Wynn Resorts*, AP, Mar.
23 23, 2018, available at [https://apnews.com/3a559d430b4a4a7e8860d2988d10ed9b/Steve-](https://apnews.com/3a559d430b4a4a7e8860d2988d10ed9b/Steve-Wynn-no-longer-has-stock-in-Wynn-Resorts)
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25 *Wynn from casino license*, AP, May 7, 2018, available at [https://apnews.com/](https://apnews.com/1eb32a37a23e48469514c5f0c62d4b18/Regulators-agree-to-remove-Steve-Wynn-from-casino-license)
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27 [license](https://apnews.com/1eb32a37a23e48469514c5f0c62d4b18/Regulators-agree-to-remove-Steve-Wynn-from-casino-license).

28 ¹² See, e.g., Regina Garcia Cano, *Manicurist accuses Steve Wynn of sexual misconduct[:]*
29 *suit*, AP, Mar. 7, 2018, available at [https://apnews.com/aa41aea1813a48e5b2296880dcd1f533/](https://apnews.com/aa41aea1813a48e5b2296880dcd1f533/Manicurist-accuses-Steve-Wynn-of-sexual-misconduct-suit)
30 [Manicurist-accuses-Steve-Wynn-of-sexual-misconduct-suit](https://apnews.com/aa41aea1813a48e5b2296880dcd1f533/Manicurist-accuses-Steve-Wynn-of-sexual-misconduct-suit); Brady McCombs, *2 massage*
31 *therapists accuse Steve Wynn of Sexual misconduct*, AP, Mar. 1, 2018, available at
32 [https://apnews.com/3b1857e21b914609a759081e0b1e8b64/2-massage-therapists-accuse-](https://apnews.com/3b1857e21b914609a759081e0b1e8b64/2-massage-therapists-accuse-Steve-Wynn-of-sexual-misconduct)
33 [Steve-Wynn-of-sexual-misconduct](https://apnews.com/3b1857e21b914609a759081e0b1e8b64/2-massage-therapists-accuse-Steve-Wynn-of-sexual-misconduct).

¹³ See Rio Lacanlale, *2 women tell Las Vegas police Steve Wynn assaulted them in the*
34 *‘70s*, Las Vegas Review-Journal, Feb. 12, 2018, available at [https://www.reviewjournal.com/](https://www.reviewjournal.com/business/casinos-gaming/2-women-tell-las-vegas-police-steve-wynn-assaulted-them-in-the-70s/)
35 [business/casinos-gaming/2-women-tell-las-vegas-police-steve-wynn-assaulted-them-in-the-](https://www.reviewjournal.com/business/casinos-gaming/2-women-tell-las-vegas-police-steve-wynn-assaulted-them-in-the-70s/)
36 [70s/](https://www.reviewjournal.com/business/casinos-gaming/2-women-tell-las-vegas-police-steve-wynn-assaulted-them-in-the-70s/) (attached as Ex. 2 to Garcia Cano Aff.).

Two women have reported to Las Vegas police that they were sexually assaulted by casino developer Steve Wynn in the 1970s, a spokesman said Monday.

Metropolitan Police Department spokesman Larry Hadfield said the statute of limitations for sexual assault in Nevada is 20 years, but that should not discourage victims from speaking up.

“We would encourage all victims to come forward,” he said.

Garcia Cano Aff. Ex. 2.

AP reporter Regina Garcia Cano inquired with LVMPD regarding the information, and was told that the Public Information Office had publicly released an email statement, which was resent to her. *Id.* ¶ 7. The statement read as follows:

The LVMPD has received two complaints against Steve Wynn alleging sexual assault. On January 29, 2018, a woman made a report from St. Louis stating the incident occurred in Las Vegas in the 1970’s. A second woman filed a report February 5, 2018 at an LVMPD Substation in the Northwest part of the city. She stated the crime occurred in the 1970’s in Chicago, IL. A courtesy report was taken and will be forwarded to Chicago authorities.

Below is the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) pertaining to the statute of limitations for Sexual Assault. Due to the fact that the report was not filed within the time frame allowed by NRS, an investigation cannot go forward.

Id. Ex. 3. This statement was followed by sections of the Nevada Revised Statutes, with highlighting showing the 20-year statute of limitations for sexual assault. *Id.*

Ms. Garcia Cano then submitted a request under the Nevada Open Records Act to the LVMPD Public Information Office for the two police reports referenced in the statement and the report in *The Las Vegas Review-Journal*. *See id.* ¶ 8; *id.* Ex. 4 (records request). The public records request sought expedited processing because “this information concerns a matter of intense public interest.” *Id.* The LVMPD Public Information Office acknowledged the request two days later. *Id.* Ex. 5.

On February 27, 2018, LVMPD provided two redacted documents to Ms. Garcia Cano, Case Report Nos. LLV180129002695 and LLV180207001836. *See* Garcia Cano Aff. ¶ 10; *see also id.* Ex. 6 (police reports provided pursuant to Nevada Open Records Act). Both official police reports were for alleged “sex assault,” and

1 both identified Steve Wynn as the “suspect.” *Id.* at 1, 2. However, the Public
2 Information Office redacted the “Victims” section of each report to remove personally
3 identifiable information about the alleged victim—including the name, date of birth,
4 address, and phone number. *See id.* For Case Report No. LLV180129002695, an
5 “Offender Relationships” entry reads: “S – Wynn, Steve . . . Victim Was Employee.”
6 *Id.* at 1. For Case Report No. LLV180207001836, however, the same entry was
7 partially redacted, reading simply “S – Wynn, Stephan . . . [REDACTED].” *Id.* at 2.
8 Both of the police reports included a narrative section, which similarly redacted
9 identifying information about the alleged victims. *Id.* at 2-3.

10 The narrative section of Case Report No. LLV180129002695 explained that,
11 while the victim had been employed as a dealer for the Golden Nugget in 1974, she
12 claimed that “Steve Wynn and she had sex.” *Id.* at 1. Although “consensual,” the
13 victim “felt coerced to perform the acts” and, after she ultimately refused following a
14 third encounter “[s]he was soon after accused of stealing \$40.00 and forced to resign.”
15 *Id.* As relevant to this action, the narrative section of the second police report, Case
16 Report No. LLV180207001836, describes another victim’s account of three rapes by
17 Mr. Wynn in 1973-74 in her Chicago apartment, which allegedly resulted in a
18 pregnancy and her delivery of a baby in a gas station restroom. *Id.* at 2-3. Because
19 personally identifying information about the alleged victims was redacted, Ms.
20 Garcia Cano’s knowledge about these particular allegations—as apart from the many
21 allegations already publicly made about Mr. Wynn—came solely from the police
22 reports. *See Garcia Cano Aff.* ¶¶ 11-12. She then prepared a news report about the
23 official records, including the response of a person she understood to represent
24 Mr. Wynn. *Id.* ¶ 14; *see also* AP Article.

25 The Associated Press then published a news report about the allegations in the
26 two police complaints, under Garcia Cano’s byline and bearing the headline
27 “APNewsBreak: Woman tells police Steve Wynn raped her in ’70s”:
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1 LAS VEGAS (AP) — A woman told police she had a child with casino
2 mogul Steve Wynn after he raped her, while another reported she was
3 forced to resign from a Las Vegas job after she refused to have sex with
4 him.

5 The Associated Press on Tuesday obtained copies of police reports
6 recently filed by the two women about allegations dating to the 1970s.
7 Police in Las Vegas revealed earlier this month that they had taken
8 the statements after a news report in January revealed sexual
9 misconduct allegations against the billionaire.

10 The allegations are the latest leveled against Wynn by women. He
11 resigned as chairman and CEO of Wynn Resorts on Feb. 6, less than
12 two weeks after the Wall Street Journal reported that a number of
13 women said he harassed or assaulted them and that one case led to a
14 \$7.5 million settlement.

15 Wynn has vehemently denied the misconduct accusations the
16 newspaper reported and he attributed them to a campaign led by his
17 ex-wife, whose attorney has denied that she instigated the Jan. 26
18 news story.

19 One police report obtained by the AP shows a woman told officers that
20 Wynn raped her at least three times around 1973 and 1974 at her
21 Chicago apartment. She reported she got pregnant and gave birth to a
22 girl in a gas station restroom. The woman, the child of the accuser and
23 Wynn, now lives in Las Vegas, according to the report.

24 In one instance, the woman claimed that Wynn pinned her against the
25 refrigerator and raped her. She said he then made a phone call, kissed
26 her on the cheek and left. The report does not explain how Wynn is
27 alleged to have entered the apartment or if they knew each other. The
28 woman claimed she did not give him a key.

The second police report shows a woman told police she had consensual
sex with Wynn “several times” while she worked as a dealer at the
downtown Las Vegas casino-hotel Golden Nugget, but “felt coerced to
perform the acts.” She reported she was forced to resign when she
turned him down.

“In the Summer of 1976, Wynn approached her in the back hall and
wanted her to go with him,” according to the report filed Jan. 29. “(S)he
told him, ‘no’, she was done and had someone she was seeing. She was
soon after accused of stealing \$40.00 and forced to resign.”

The women’s names are redacted on the reports, and police said they
do not identify people who say they are victims of sex crimes.

The Las Vegas case will not be investigated because the statute of
limitations in Nevada is 20 years.

Ralph Frammolino, spokesman for Wynn, on Tuesday declined
comment on the latest allegations.

Wynn Resorts is facing scrutiny by gambling regulators in Nevada and Massachusetts, where the company is building a roughly \$2.4 billion casino just outside Boston. Regulators in Macau, the Chinese enclave where the company operates two casinos, are also inquiring about the allegations.

In addition, groups of shareholders have filed lawsuits in state court in Las Vegas accusing Wynn and the board of directors of Wynn Resorts of breaching their fiduciary duties by ignoring what the lawsuits described as a longstanding pattern of sexual abuse and harassment by the company's founder.

Garcia Cano Aff. Ex. 7 ("the AP Article"); *see also* Compl. Ex. 3 (same).

D. The Complaint in This Action

Plaintiff filed the Complaint on April 11, 2018 against the AP Defendants as well as Ms. Kuta and "Doe" defendants. While not specifically taking issue with the reporting about Case Report No. LLV180129002695, involving the former casino dealer, Mr. Wynn in his Complaint alleges that Ms. Kuta filed Case Report No. LLV180207001836, and that the police report is false. Compl. ¶¶ 16-17.

Mr. Wynn further alleges that the AP Defendants published the AP Article with "actual malice"—*i.e.*, with a "knowledge of falsity," Compl. ¶ 80—for three principal reasons. *First*, he alleges that Ms. Kuta was an obviously unreliable source in light of a prior *pro se* lawsuit that was dismissed. *Id.* ¶ 85 ("alleging that "the AP Defendants knew or should have known about the existence of the Kuta lawsuit"); *see also id.* ¶¶ 4-12, 17-24. Yet the Complaint offers no rationale for *how* the AP Defendants would have known of the prior lawsuit, or linked that lawsuit to the alleged victim whose identity was redacted in the second police report. *See generally* AP Article (noting that "[t]he women's names are redacted on the reports").

Second, Mr. Wynn alleges that "[t]he AP Article falsely stated that it was unclear how Mr. Wynn and the claimant knew each other, intentionally omitting the undisputed fact that Defendant Kuta stated in the police report that she was Mr. Wynn's spouse." Compl. ¶ 32; *see also id.* ¶ 89 ("the AP Defendants failed to include Defendant Kuta's accusation that she was Mr. Wynn's spouse"). This

1 misguided factual allegation appears to be premised not on the public record actually
2 produced by the Public Information Office to the AP Defendants, but, rather, on a
3 later version released by police. When counsel for Plaintiff sought a copy of the police
4 report, it appears that LVMPD omitted one redaction: In the version of Case Report
5 No. LLV180207001836 attached to the Complaint, the “Offender Relationships” entry
6 reads: “S – Wynn, Stephan . . . Victim Was Spouse.” Compl. Ex. 2 (copy of police
7 report released March 14, 2018). In the version released by police to the AP
8 Defendants in February, however, that key text, upon which a significant portion of
9 the Complaint’s allegations are based, was redacted: “S – Wynn, Stephan . . .
10 [REDACTED].” *See* Garcia Cano Aff. Ex. 6.

11 *Finally*, Mr. Wynn alleges that the allegations contained within Case Report
12 No. LLV180207001836 were “inherently improbable,” such that the AP Defendants
13 should have known they were false. Compl. ¶¶ 30-31, 84-85. Significantly, however,
14 the Complaint makes no allegation that the allegedly defamatory charge of *rape* by
15 Mr. Wynn is inherently improbable—and it is clearly not, given the prior published
16 allegations in *The Wall Street Journal* and elsewhere regarding the alleged decades-
17 long pattern of sexual misconduct by Mr. Wynn. Nor does the Complaint address the
18 LVMPD’s prior statement to “encourage all victims to come forward.” Garcia Cano
19 Aff. Ex. 2. Instead, Mr. Wynn alleges a *non sequitur*, that the victim’s description of
20 giving birth to her child in a gas station was “clearly fanciful or delusional,” and
21 therefore that, in light of the “bizarre narrative” of a traumatic birth experience
22 included in the narrative section of the police complaint, the separate rape allegation
23 was “unreliable and incredible on its face.” *Id.* ¶¶ 84, 88, 90-91.

24 **III. LEGAL STANDARD**

25 Under the Nevada anti-SLAPP statute, a “person who engages in a good faith
26 communication in furtherance of the right to petition or the right to free speech in
27 direct connection with an issue of public concern is immune from any civil action for
28 claims based upon the communication.” Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.650. To assert this

1 statutory immunity, the “person against whom the action is brought may file a
2 special motion to dismiss” within “60 days after service of the complaint, which
3 period may be extended by the court for good cause shown.” *Id.* § 41.660. This is a
4 timely motion under Section 41.660.

5 To prevail on a special motion to strike under the statute, a defendant must
6 make a two-part preliminary showing: (1) that the challenged speech was made “in
7 furtherance of the right to petition or the right to free speech,” which the statute
8 defines to include several broad categories of speech, and (2) that it constituted a
9 “good faith communication,” which means that the statement at issue is either
10 “truthful or is made without knowledge of its falsehood.” Nev. Rev. Stat. §§ 41.637,
11 41.660; see also *John*, 125 Nev. at 754. Once a moving party meets this initial
12 burden, the court must “determine whether the plaintiff has demonstrated with
13 prima facie evidence a probability of prevailing on the claim.” Nev. Rev. Stat.
14 § 41.660(3)(b); see also *Delucchi v. Songer*, 396 P.3d 826, 831 (Nev. 2017). Put
15 differently, once a defendant makes this “initial showing” of the statute’s
16 applicability, it becomes the *plaintiff’s burden* to establish that the claim is likely to
17 succeed. *Id.* at 833. Notably, the statute is modeled on California law, and Nevada
18 courts look to California law for guidance on its construction and application. Nev.
19 Rev. Stat. § 41.665(2) (adopting California standard for burden of proof); see also
20 *Delucchi*, 396 P.3d at 832 (noting that California’s statute is “similar in purpose and
21 language’ to our anti-SLAPP statute” and adopting California reasoning) (citation
22 omitted); see also *Shapiro v. Welt*, 389 P.3d 262, 268 (Nev. 2017) (adopting California
23 test for an “issue of public interest” under Nevada statute).

24 If the court grants the special motion to strike and dismisses the action, it is
25 an “adjudication upon the merits,” Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.660(5), and the court “shall
26 award reasonable costs and attorney’s fees to the person against whom the action
27 was brought,” *id.* § 41.670(1)(a). In addition, the court may award an additional
28 sanction of \$10,000 to the defendant. *Id.* § 41.670(1)(b).

IV. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. The AP Article is a “Good Faith Communication”

A defendant invoking the anti-SLAPP statute has the initial burden of establishing that the speech at issue falls within the ambit of the law, by showing that the speech is “a good faith communication in furtherance of the right to petition or the right of free speech in direct connection with an issue of public concern.” Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.660(3)(a). This is a term of art, defined to include two elements: first, that the speech is of the sort protected by the statute; and, second, that the speech “is truthful or is made without knowledge of its falsehood.” *Id.* § 41.637. The AP Article easily satisfies both requirements.

1. The AP Article Is Protected Speech

The anti-SLAPP statute protects four categories of speech. *Id.* As relevant here, the fourth prong of the statute’s definition includes “any ... [c]ommunication made in direct connection with an issue of public interest in a place open to the public or in a public forum.” *Id.* § 41.637(4). A news report about police complaints of alleged rape involving a public figure embroiled in a public controversy over his behavior clearly qualifies as related to a matter of public concern—as illustrated by the LVMPD’s public statements about the complaints. *See Garcia Cano Aff. Exs. 2, 3.*

The Nevada Supreme Court has adopted California’s test for “an issue of public interest” under the statute. *Shapiro*, 389 P.3d at 268. California’s statute does not define “public interest,” but its statutory preamble states that its provisions “shall be construed broadly” to safeguard “the valid exercise of the constitutional rights of freedom of speech and petition for the redress of grievances.” Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 425.16(a). As such, California courts have interpreted the statute broadly to apply to “any issue in which the public is interested.” *Nygard, Inc. v. Uusi-Kerttula*, 159 Cal. App. 4th 1027, 1042 (2008). The Nevada Supreme Court has adopted one federal court’s test under California law:

- (1) “public interest” does not equate with mere curiosity;
- (2) a matter of public interest should be something of concern to a substantial number of people; a matter of concern to a speaker and a relatively small specific audience is not a matter of public interest;
- (3) there should be some degree of closeness between the challenged statements and the asserted public interest—the assertion of a broad and amorphous public interest is not sufficient;
- (4) the focus of the speaker’s conduct should be the public interest rather than a mere effort to gather ammunition for another round of private controversy; and
- (5) a person cannot turn otherwise private information into a matter of public interest simply by communicating it to a large number of people.

Shapiro, 389 P.3d at 268 (quoting *Piping Rock Partners, Inc. v. David Lerner Assocs., Inc.*, 946 F. Supp. 2d 957, 968 (N.D. Cal. 2013), *aff’d*, 609 F. App’x 497 (9th Cir. 2015)).

Here, allegations of a “decades-long pattern of sexual misconduct” by Mr. Wynn had—prior to the AP Article—been documented by *The Wall Street Journal*, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, and media around the country; had prompted Mr. Wynn to resign from his prominent roles at Wynn Resorts and at the Republican National Committee; and had spurred private litigation and investigation by state regulators. *See supra*, at 4-5. This was no “mere curiosity” over a “private controversy.” Rather, the AP Article was on its face directly connected to the public issue over a powerful man’s alleged serial abuse of that power by preying on women. *See, e.g., Sipple v. Found. For Nat’l Progress*, 71 Cal. App. 4th 226, 236-39 (1999) (public figure’s alleged prior domestic abuse an issue of public concern). Indeed, the challenged publication itself identifies the public controversy:

The allegations are the latest leveled against Wynn by women. He resigned as chairman and CEO of Wynn Resorts on Feb. 6, less than two weeks after the Wall Street Journal reported that a number of women said he harassed or assaulted them and that one case led to a \$7.5 million settlement.

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Wynn Resorts is facing scrutiny by gambling regulators in Nevada and Massachusetts, where the company is building a roughly \$2.4 billion casino just outside Boston. Regulators in Macau, the Chinese enclave where the company operates two casinos, are also inquiring about the allegations.

In addition, groups of shareholders have filed lawsuits in state court in Las Vegas accusing Wynn and the board of directors of Wynn Resorts of breaching their fiduciary duties by ignoring what the lawsuits described as a longstanding pattern of sexual abuse and harassment by the company's founder.

AP Article.¹⁴ As a matter of law, therefore, the AP Defendants have met their burden on this aspect of the test.

2. The AP Article is Truthful or Made Without Knowledge of Falsity

The second threshold showing required by a party bringing a special motion to strike is that a challenged publication was either "truthful" or "made without knowledge of its falsehood." Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.637. The AP Article is both.

Because the AP Article accurately reported the allegations of a police report, the AP Article was "truthful" pursuant to the statute. Indeed, while Mr. Wynn denies the underlying allegations in LVMPD Case Report No. LLV180207001836, he does not—and cannot—dispute that the AP Article correctly reported its allegation that he committed sexual assault by raping an alleged victim three times in the 1970s. *Compare* AP Article *with* Garcia Cano Aff. Ex. 6 at 2-3. While the Nevada Supreme Court has not yet squarely held that accurate descriptions of government records are "truthful" under the anti-SLAPP statute, California courts regularly grant anti-SLAPP motions where the communications at issue are accurate summaries of government documents, and therefore privileged. *See, e.g., Healthsmart Pac., Inc. v. Kabateck*, 7 Cal. App. 5th 416, 434 (2016) (in granting anti-

¹⁴ This prong of the statute also requires that the speech be made "in a place open to the public or in a public forum." Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.637(4); *Shapiro*, 389 P.3d at 268. Plaintiff appears to concede that the AP Article was a public statement. *See* Compl. ¶ 33, 36 (alleging that challenged report was "republished in other media outlets on a widespread basis" and identifying media outlets). Nor could Plaintiff reasonably deny that the AP Defendants' publication implicates a public forum. *E.g., Cole v. Patricia A. Meyer & Assocs., APC*, 206 Cal. App. 4th 1095, 1121 (2012) ("An Internet Web site that is accessible to the general public is a public forum.").

1 SLAPP motion based on statements in media reports, noting that “we are not
2 concerned with either the merits of [the] allegations or the truth of [the attorneys’]
3 statements to the media about the plaintiffs, but rather the extent to which the
4 attorneys’ statements accurately conveyed the substance of the allegations made in
5 the . . . complaint”); *Sparks v. Associated Press*, 2014 WL 1624477, at *4-5 (Cal. Ct.
6 App. Apr. 23, 2014) (granting anti-SLAPP motion where challenged report accurately
7 reported on court record of alleged misconduct by plaintiff and therefore was subject
8 to fair report privilege). The same result should apply here.

9 At the very least, however, the AP Defendants have met their initial burden of
10 demonstrating that they did not publish the AP Report with “knowledge of its
11 falsehood.” Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.637. The LVMPD released the incident reports at a
12 time when *The Wall Street Journal* and other media outlets had reported on
13 widespread allegations of sexual misconduct and alleged rape by Mr. Wynn. *Supra*
14 at 4-7. Police released *two* complaints, and redacted victim-identifying information
15 from both. Garcia Cano Aff. ¶ 10, Ex. 6. Ms. Garcia Cano had no reason to have
16 “knowledge of . . . falsehood” of these allegations by *unidentified* additional claimed
17 victims—and, in fact, she did not. *Id.* ¶¶ 11-13. For this reason, too, the AP
18 Defendants have made the “initial showing” necessary to shift the burden to Mr.
19 Wynn to demonstrate that he is likely to prevail on his claims. *Delucchi*, 396 P.3d at
20 833.

21 **B. Plaintiff Cannot Establish a Probability of Prevailing on His Claim**

22 Mr. Wynn cannot meet his burden of establishing a “probability of prevailing
23 on the claim” for at least two simple reasons: The “fair report” privilege absolutely
24 bars the claims here and, moreover, Mr. Wynn is required to but cannot prove “actual
25 malice” by clear and convincing evidence.

26 **1. The “Fair Report Privilege” Bars Plaintiff’s Claims**

27 Nevada, like nearly every state, recognizes the fair report privilege. This
28 privilege allows the public and news media to accurately report—and discuss—

1 otherwise defamatory allegations contained within public proceedings and records.
2 *See Sahara Gaming Corp.*, 984 P.2d at 168 (“It is the news media and public’s right
3 to know what transpires in the legal proceedings of this state and that is paramount
4 to the fact someone may occasionally make false and malicious statements.”). As the
5 Nevada Supreme Court explained in *Wynn v. Smith*:

6 The fair report privilege is premised on the theory that members of the
7 public have a manifest interest in observing and being made aware of
8 public proceedings and actions. . . . If accurate reports of official
9 actions were subject to defamation actions, reporters would be wrongly
10 discouraged from publishing accounts of public proceedings.

11 117 Nev. at 14; *see also Circus Circus Hotels v. Witherspoon*, 99 Nev. 56, 61 (1983)
12 (“The policy underlying the privilege is that in certain situations the public interest
13 in having people speak freely outweighs the risk that individuals will occasionally
14 abuse the privilege by making false and malicious statements.”) (citations omitted).

15 There is no question that the privilege applies here. First, the redacted
16 reports released by the LVMPD plainly are “public records.” As the Nevada Supreme
17 Court has emphasized, the privilege is not limited to judicial records, but rather is
18 applicable to “*all* public, official actions or proceedings.” *Wynn*, 117 Nev. at 14
19 (emphasis added); *see also Adelson*, 402 P.3d at 668 (citing as the “primary test to
20 resolve whether a report qualifies for the fair report privilege” authority finding the
21 privilege broadly applicable to “an official document or proceeding,” such as a report
22 prepared by a safety board) (citing and quoting *Dameron v. Wash. Magazine, Inc.*,
23 779 F.2d 736, 739 (D.C. Cir. 1985)). While the privilege in Nevada does not extend to
24 materials remaining under seal, the privilege applies once government records
25 concerning official actions are made public. *Wynn*, 117 Nev. at 15-16 (“The purpose
26 of this [privilege] is to obviate any chilling effect on the reporting of statements
27 already accessible to the public.”). Courts routinely apply the privilege to police
28 incident reports. *See, e.g., Porter v. Guam Publ’ns, Inc.*, 643 F.2d 615, 616, 617-18
(9th Cir.1981) (collecting cases under law of California and other jurisdictions); *Imig*
v. Ferrar, 70 Cal. App. 3d 48, 54-57 (1977) (formal charge or complaint to police

1 department qualified for California privilege); RESTATEMENT (SECOND) OF TORTS
2 § 611. The police complaints provided to the AP and summarized in the AP Article
3 are public records to which the privilege applies.

4 Second, the privilege in Nevada is absolute. In other words, even alleged
5 knowledge of falsity does not abrogate the privilege, for the simple reason that the
6 purpose is to permit discussion of public records and proceedings *regardless of*
7 whether the underlying allegations are true. Simply put, the privilege is intended to
8 permit public discussion of allegations made to police even when they are obviously
9 false because the fact that such allegations were made is of legitimate public concern.
10 *Adelson*, 402 P.3d at 667-68; *Sahara Gaming*, 115 Nev. at 213; *Circus Circus Hotels*,
11 99 Nev. at 60. The only requirements for invocation of the privilege are that the
12 challenged statement attribute the allegations to the public record or proceeding,
13 *Adelson*, 402 P.3d at 668, and the challenged statement be a “fair and accurate
14 report” of that record or proceeding, *Sahara Gaming*, 115 Nev. at 219. Both are
15 satisfied here. The article clearly references the police reports. *See* AP Article (“The
16 Associated Press on Tuesday obtained copies of police reports recently filed by the
17 two women about allegations dating to the 1970s.”). Thus, the attribution
18 requirement is satisfied.

19 The AP Article is also a fair summary of the police report at issue. Verbatim
20 copying is not required: Once the privilege applies, as it does here, it embraces
21 paraphrasing and summaries. Indeed, the publication of defamatory matter based
22 on information from an official proceeding is privileged “if the report is accurate and
23 complete or *a fair abridgement* of the occurrence reported.” *Wynn*, 117 Nev. at 14
24 (emphasis added) (quoting RESTATEMENT (SECOND) OF TORTS § 611). Put another
25 way, a “fair” report need not be literally precise; it simply needs to be a substantially
26 correct summary of the proceeding or record. *See* RESTATEMENT (SECOND) OF TORTS §
27 611 cmt. f. The AP Article unquestionably meets this standard.

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1 The AP Article faithfully and accurately described the allegations of Case
2 Report No. LLV180207001836, that “[a] woman told police she had a child with
3 casino mogul Steve Wynn after he raped her,” that “a woman told officers that Wynn
4 raped her at least three times around 1973 and 1974 at her Chicago apartment. She
5 reported she got pregnant and gave birth to a girl in a gas station restroom,” and that
6 “[i]n one instance, the woman claimed that Wynn pinned her against the refrigerator
7 and raped her. She said he then made a phone call, kissed her on the cheek and left.”
8 *See* AP Article. These statements are all drawn directly from the police report, and
9 described as allegations. *Id.*; *see also* Garcia Cano Aff. Ex. 6 at 4-5 (police report).

10 The apparent claim by Mr. Wynn that the allegations were “inherently
11 improbable” in light of the birth anecdote, Compl. ¶ 30, misses the mark. The fair
12 report privilege does not require commenters to make credibility determinations.
13 Indeed, the privilege exists precisely to protect “fair, accurate, and impartial” reports
14 of allegations even where, unlike here, the reporter actually *knows them to be false*.
15 *Adelson*, 402 P.3d at 667-68; *Sahara Gaming*, 115 Nev. at 213; *Circus Circus Hotels*,
16 99 Nev. at 60. Nor is the accurate reporting of a rape allegation somehow
17 “incomplet[e],” Compl. ¶28, simply because the AP Article provided a summary of the
18 alleged victim’s description of child-birth rather than a *verbatim* quotation. AP
19 Article (“She reported she got pregnant and gave birth to a girl in a gas station
20 restroom.”). All that is required is a “fair abridgment” of the allegedly defamatory
21 allegations, *Wynn*, 117 Nev. at 14. The AP Article is, without a doubt, at the very
22 least a substantially accurate summary of the police case report. It is thus
23 privileged, and Mr. Wynn cannot show a likelihood of success on his claim.

24 For this reason alone, the special motion to strike should be granted.

25 2. Plaintiff Also Cannot Meet His Burden of Establishing Fault

26 All apart from his attempt to premise a defamation claim on an accurate
27 report of public documents subject to the fair report privilege, Mr. Wynn’s claim fails
28 for a second reason as well. As a public figure, *see, e.g., Wynn*, 117 Nev. at 9, to

1 prevail on a claim for defamation Plaintiff must bear the heavy burden of
2 establishing, by clear and convincing evidence, that the AP Defendants published the
3 AP Article with “actual malice”—that is, with “a *high degree of awareness* of . . .
4 probable falsity,” *id.* at 16 (quoting *Posadas v. City of Reno*, 109 Nev. 448, 454
5 (1993). Under the anti-SLAPP statute, Plaintiff must show a likelihood of ultimately
6 meeting this standard to survive the special motion to dismiss. Nev. Rev. Stat.
7 § 41.660(3)(b); *Delucchi*, 396 P.3d at 831. For all the same reasons that the AP
8 Defendants met their initial burden of demonstrating that they did not publish the
9 AP Article with “knowledge of its falsehood,” the Plaintiff cannot meet his burden to
10 establish fault. For this independent reason, too, the special motion should be
11 granted and this case dismissed with prejudice.

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1 V. CONCLUSION

2 For the foregoing reasons, the AP Defendants respectfully request that the
3 Court dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint with prejudice and award to the AP Defendants
4 their attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. §§41.660 and 41.670, as
5 well as an additional award of \$10,000 given Plaintiff's status as a serial SLAPP
6 litigant, *see, e.g., Chanos*, 2015 WL 3832561, at *6.

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5. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of an article published by *The Wall Street Journal* online on January 26, 2018 and revised January 27, 2018, under the headline, "Dozens of People Recount Pattern of Sexual Misconduct by Las Vegas Mogul Steve Wynn."

6. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** is a true and correct copy of an article published by *The Las Vegas Review-Journal* on February 12, 2018, under the headline "2 women tell Las Vegas police Steve Wynn assaulted them in the '70s."

7. After reading the February 12, 2018 article in *The Las Vegas Review-Journal*, I contacted the Public Information Office of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Office ("LVMPD") to inquire about the complaints. I was told that the Public Information Office had publicly released an email statement regarding the complaints, a copy of which was then sent to me. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** is a true and correct copy of that email from LVMPD.

8. On February 14, 2018, I submitted a public records request to the LVMPD seeking the two police reports referenced by the Public Information Office's email statement. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 4** is a true and correct copy of my Nevada Open Records Act request to LVMPD. The request specifically sought expedited processing because "this information concerns a matter of intense public interest."

9. The LVMPD Public Information Office acknowledged the Request two days later. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 5** is a true and correct copy the LVMPD acknowledgement.

10. On February 27, 2018, LVMPD provided two documents to me pursuant to my public records request. A true and correct copy of the envelope and the two police reports that were enclosed in the envelope are attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.

11. Both official police reports were for alleged "sex assault," and both identified Steve Wynn as the "offender." However, the Public Information Office redacted the "Victims" section of each report to remove personally identifiable

1 information about of the alleged victim—including the name, date of birth, address,
2 and phone number. Victim information was similarly redacted from the narrative
3 sections of the police reports. For Case Report No. LLV180207001836, the “Offender
4 Relationships” entry was also redacted.

5 12. I have no personal knowledge about these allegations. Because
6 personally identifying information about the alleged victims was redacted from the
7 public records released to me, I did not at the time know the identity of either alleged
8 victim. (The allegations in the complaint notwithstanding, I still do not know the
9 identity of either alleged victim.)

10 13. In the context of the LVMPD’s statement, *The Wall Street Journal’s*
11 reporting about Mr. Wynn’s alleged sexual misconduct over a period of decades, and
12 the ongoing public attention to those allegations by multiple women, I had no reason
13 to disbelieve the allegations contained in the police reports. At the time I prepared
14 my report for The Associated Press, I did not know that any of the allegations in the
15 two police reports were false. Indeed, to this day I do not know that any of the
16 allegations in the two police reports are false.

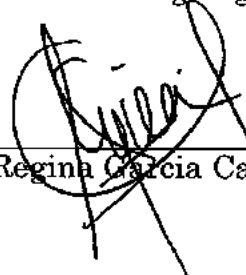
17 14. I prepared a news report about the allegations in the police complaints
18 that appeared under my byline initially on February 27, 2018, bearing the headline
19 “APNewsBreak: Woman tells police Steve Wynn raped her in ’70s”. A true and
20 correct copy of that news story is attached hereto as **Exhibit 7** (the “AP Article”).
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I state under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Subscribed and sworn before me this 30
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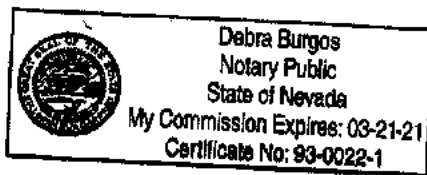


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Dozens of People Recount Pattern of Sexual Misconduct by Las Vegas Mogul Steve Wynn

Wynn Resorts employees and others described a CEO who sexualized his workplace and pressured workers to perform sex acts. Mr. Wynn responded: ‘The idea that I ever assaulted any woman is preposterous.’



Steve Wynn, CEO of Wynn Resorts, during a press conference in Macau, China, in August 2016. PHOTO: VINCENT YU/ASSOCIATED PRESS

By Alexandra Berzon, Chris Kirkham, Elizabeth Bernstein and Kate O’Keeffe

Updated Jan. 27, 2018 1:02 a.m. ET

LAS VEGAS—Not long after the billionaire casino mogul Steve Wynn opened his flagship Wynn Las Vegas in 2005, a manicurist who worked there arrived at the on-site salon visibly distressed following an appointment in Mr. Wynn’s office.

Sobbing, she told a colleague Mr. Wynn had forced her to have sex, and she repeated that to others later.

After she gave Mr. Wynn a manicure, she said, he pressured her to take her clothes off and told her to lie on the massage table he kept in his office suite, according to people she gave the account to. The manicurist said she told Mr. Wynn she didn't want to have sex and was married, but he persisted in his demands that she do so, and ultimately she did disrobe and they had sex, the people remember her saying.

After being told of the allegations, the woman's supervisor said she filed a detailed report to the casino's human-resources department recounting the episode.

Mr. Wynn later paid the manicurist a \$7.5 million settlement, according to people familiar with the matter.

The incident was referenced, in broad terms, in a lawsuit in which Mr. Wynn's ex-wife, Elaine Wynn, seeks to lift restrictions on the sale of her stock in Wynn Resorts Ltd.

WYNN +2.29% ▲ Attorneys for Mr. Wynn in a court filing admitted he made the personal payment; in a later hearing, his corporate attorney said there had been "allegations of assault." Court records in the suit are heavily redacted. Specifics of the allegation and the size of the settlement haven't been previously reported.

Beyond this incident, dozens of people The Wall Street Journal interviewed who have worked at Mr. Wynn's casinos told of behavior that cumulatively would amount to a decades-long pattern of sexual misconduct by Mr. Wynn. Some described him pressuring employees to perform sex acts.



Steve Wynn discussing a planned casino during a press conference in Medford, Mass., March 2016. PHOTO: JESSICA RINALDI/THE BOSTON GLOBE/GETTY IMAGES

In response to written questions about the manicurist's and others' allegations, Mr. Wynn said, "The idea that I ever assaulted any woman is preposterous."

He continued, in a written statement, "We find ourselves in a world where people can make allegations, regardless of the truth, and a person is left with the choice of weathering insulting publicity or engaging in multi-year lawsuits. It is deplorable for anyone to find themselves in this situation."

Mr. Wynn said that “the instigation of these accusations is the continued work of my ex-wife Elaine Wynn, with whom I am involved in a terrible and nasty lawsuit in which she is seeking a revised divorce settlement.” He said he remained focused on the company, its employees and its shareholders.

Ms. Wynn declined to speak to the Journal. An attorney for Ms. Wynn said the notion she instigated the Journal’s article “is just not true.”

Mr. Wynn didn’t provide further response to other allegations of sexual misconduct the Journal inquired about.

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Wynn Resorts said it is committed to maintaining a safe and respectful culture, requires annual anti-harassment training for all, and offers an anonymous hotline. “Since the inception of the company, not one complaint was made to that hotline regarding Mr. Wynn,” the company said.

The Wynn Resorts board late Friday said its independent directors would form a special committee to investigate the allegations against Mr. Wynn.

Mr. Wynn, turning 76 on Saturday, is a towering figure in Las Vegas and the wider gambling industry. As builder of the Mirage, Treasure Island, Bellagio, Wynn and Encore casinos in Las Vegas—lavish, multiuse resorts with features such as artificial volcanoes, dancing fountains and French chefs—he brought a new level of sophistication and scale to the Strip.

Mr. Wynn no longer owns the Mirage, Treasure Island or Bellagio, but his empire now includes two casinos bearing his name in the Chinese gambling enclave of Macau, and he is building a \$2.4 billion Wynn casino in the Boston area. He is the chairman and chief executive of Wynn Resorts.

Dozens of powerful men have faced consequences in recent months after publicly aired accusations of sexual improprieties. Those against Mr. Wynn are the first in this wave to center on the CEO and founder of a major publicly held company, in this case one operating in a tightly regulated industry.

Mr. Wynn owns nearly 12% of Wynn Resorts, a stake worth \$2.4 billion, and is considered integral to its success. His signature is the company logo. In a recent securities filing citing possible risks to the business, the company said, “If we lose the services of Mr. Wynn, or if he is unable to devote sufficient attention to our operations for any other reason, our business may be significantly impaired.”

Mr. Wynn’s political profile also has grown. He is a former casino-business rival of



Steve Wynn, third from right, breaks ground in 2002 for Le Reve, a 2,700-room luxury hotel casino that would eventually become the Wynn Las Vegas resort. PHOTO: CHRIS FARINA/CORBIS/GETTY IMAGES

President Donald Trump, who said in 2016 that Mr. Wynn was a “great friend” whose advice he valued. After Mr. Trump’s election, Mr. Wynn became the Republican National Committee’s finance chairman.

Mr. Wynn is a regular on his casino floors, known for a keen attention to details and what employees say is a temper that can flare when they fall short. He has frequently had services such as manicures, massages and makeup application performed in his on-site office at the Wynn Las Vegas.

The contrast between Mr. Wynn’s position and that of the salon and spa employees is stark. Former employees said their awareness of Mr. Wynn’s power in Las Vegas, combined with the knowledge that the jobs they held were among the best-paying available there, added up to a feeling of dependence and intimidation when Mr. Wynn made requests of them.

Some said that feeling was heightened at times by the presence in a confined office space of one or more of his German shepherds, trained to respond to commands in German.

The Journal contacted more than 150 people who work or had worked for Mr. Wynn; none reached out to the Journal on their own. Most of those who spoke to the Journal about Mr. Wynn said they worried that doing so could hurt their ability to work elsewhere because of his influence in the casino industry and the state.

Former employees said they sometimes entered fake appointments in the books to help other female workers get around a request for services in Mr. Wynn’s office or arranged for others to pose as assistants so they wouldn’t be alone with him. They told of female employees hiding in the bathroom or back rooms when they learned he was on the way to the salon.

“Everybody was petrified,” said Jorgen Nielsen, a former artistic director at the salon. Mr. Nielsen said he and others repeatedly told high-level company executives Mr.

Wynn's sexual advances were causing a problem, but "nobody was there to help us."

One former massage therapist at the Wynn Las Vegas spa said that several years ago, when Mr. Wynn was booking multiple appointments a week with her in the private massage room in his office suite, he would continually adjust a towel to expose himself. Then at one session, she said, he threw it off and said, "Just get this thing off of me."

She said he wouldn't let her use a towel to cover his genitals after that, contrary to state licensing regulations, and he also began rubbing her leg while she massaged him.

After a few weeks, the former employee said, Mr. Wynn instructed her to massage his penis to climax. The woman said that because he was her boss, she felt she had no choice but to agree to some of Mr. Wynn's requests, including that one. She said masturbating him became a frequent part of the massage sessions for several months.

At the end of each hour-long massage session, she said, he handed her \$1,000 in cash, which was the same amount as before the sexual activity began.

In subsequent sessions, the woman said, Mr. Wynn asked her to perform oral sex on him and described in detail how he wanted it done. This request she refused, she said.

The woman said she told Mr. Wynn at a later session she was uncomfortable with his requests, and he then stopped asking for massages from her.

She said she didn't tell anyone what happened at the time because she was embarrassed, adding she is still trying to deal with the incident emotionally. She did tell a colleague in a general way that Mr. Wynn had been inappropriate with her, that colleague recalled in an interview.

The colleague said she offered advice to the massage therapist—but didn't mention that Mr. Wynn had also made advances toward her while she massaged him in his office's private massage room. The colleague said in an interview Mr. Wynn would remove his towel and, while she massaged the front of his thighs, would tell her to "go higher," which she understood to mean touch his genitals. She said she told him this made her uncomfortable, and then his requests for massages became less frequent.

Dennis Gomes, who was an executive at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas when Mr. Wynn was running that casino decades ago, said in a deposition in an early-1990s lawsuit that Mr. Gomes "routinely received complaints from various department heads regarding Wynn's chronic sexual harassment of female employees," according to a court filing that summarized his testimony.

In the suit over Mr. Gomes's departure to work for a Trump casino, Mr. Gomes described what he called a "disgraceful pattern of personal and professional conduct" that he said included Mr. Wynn's directing him to get the home phone numbers of casino cocktail waitresses.

Mr. Wynn denied the allegations in the suit in Nevada state court. The parties agreed to drop the suit in 1994.

Mr. Gomes died in 2012. His widow, Barbara Gomes, in an interview for this article, said, “I remember him saying, ‘I’m not his pimp,’ ” referring to Mr. Wynn.



The lobby of the Wynn Las Vegas, shown here in 2011. PHOTO: MARK RIGHTMIRE/THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/ZUMA PRESS

Shawn Cardinal, who was a personal assistant to Elaine Wynn while she was married to Mr. Wynn, said that around 1987, Mr. Wynn repeatedly asked her to spend time with him outside of work. She said he continued asking, often approaching her at her desk outside his wife’s office, despite her telling him she had plans with her husband and child.

On the phone, he would ask, “What are you wearing? Why don’t you hang out with me after work?” said Ms. Cardinal. “I was not brave enough to say, ‘How dare you?’ I just joked my way out of it and I made sure I was never alone with him.”

Several former employees said Mr. Wynn often walked around some areas of the complex in extremely short shorts without underwear, and he would sit in the salon to get pedicures in such a way that his genitals were exposed.

One former employee said after she had performed services in Mr. Wynn’s office for years, one day he asked if he could kiss her. She said she laughed off the request, hoping to leave without upsetting him.

Another time, this employee said, she was performing services in her own workplace at the casino when Mr. Wynn said, “So when are you going to come into my office and f— me?”

She said that she again laughed off the proposition. “I would say, ‘Oh Mr. Wynn.’ ” she recalled. “I was just trying to get on with my job.”

One time as she did her work in Mr. Wynn’s office, this woman said, he repeatedly

rubbed his genitals, which were falling out of his shorts, and made comments about things he would like to do with her sexually. On one occasion as she was leaving his office, the former employee said, Mr. Wynn grabbed her waist as she stood against a wall and told her to kiss him. She said she slipped out of his hold and left.

After around two weeks of pursuit, this woman said, Mr. Wynn stopped.

The former employee's supervisor and another colleague confirmed being told of these advances in detail at the time. The employee and the supervisor said they sought to manage the situation rather than report it because they believed there would be repercussions if they did.

The 2005 allegations of the manicurist that led to the settlement were the most striking described by former employees. In this instance, a woman who was a salon manager at the time said she filed a written report to human resources. She said she got a call from an executive, Doreen Whennen, castigating her for filing to HR and saying she should have taken the matter directly to Ms. Whennen.

The former manager said no one followed up with her about the matter. The manicurist soon left.

Ms. Whennen, who is no longer at the company, declined to comment.

In the lawsuit between the Wynns, Ms. Wynn cited a "multimillion dollar payment" made by Mr. Wynn following allegations he had engaged in "serious misconduct" on company property against an employee not named in the suit. A filing said Ms. Wynn had learned of the settlement in 2009.

In the suit, Ms. Wynn, who is a co-founder and former board member of Wynn Resorts, is seeking to free herself from restrictions on the control of her estimated \$1.9 billion of stock that were imposed by a 2010 agreement with Mr. Wynn.

Her attorneys have argued that in making a settlement with a former employee without telling the board, Mr. Wynn recklessly exposed the company and other directors to liability.

Wynn Resorts, in its statement to the Journal, alleged that Ms. Wynn was trying to "tarnish the reputation of Mr. Wynn in an attempt to pressure a revised divorce settlement." The company called it noteworthy that despite knowing of the allegations since 2009, Ms. Wynn didn't make them known to the board, of which she was a member, or raise them until after she lost her board seat.

An attorney for Ms. Wynn said she raised the issue internally when she learned of it.

Mr. Wynn's attorneys have argued the settlement wasn't relevant to the Wynns' dispute, which is headed for a trial this spring.

—*Jim Oberman, Lisa Schwartz and Zusha Elinson contributed to this article.*

Corrections & Amplifications

Shawn Cardinal, who was a personal assistant to Elaine Wynn while she was married to Mr. Wynn, said that around 1987, Mr. Wynn repeatedly asked her to spend time with him outside of work. An earlier version of this article incorrectly stated the date was around 1997. Also, a chart of Wynn Resorts' revenue is in billions of dollars. A chart with an earlier version of this article incorrectly labeled it in trillions. (Jan. 26, 2018)

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2 women tell Las Vegas police Steve Wynn assaulted them in the '70s

By Rio Lacanlale Las Vegas Review-Journal
February 12, 2018 - 5:38 pm



Updated February 12, 2018 - 9:44 pm

Two women have reported to Las Vegas police that they were sexually assaulted by casino developer Steve Wynn in the 1970s, a spokesman said Monday.

Metropolitan Police Department spokesman Larry Hadfield said the statute of limitations for sexual assault in Nevada is 20 years, but that should not discourage victims from speaking up.

"We would encourage all victims to come forward," he said.

Wynn [stepped down last week as chief executive officer](#) and chairman of Wynn Resorts Ltd. following several reports that he repeatedly harassed female employees.

"Because the incidents are alleged to have taken place before the establishment of Wynn Resorts, Wynn Resorts does not have a comment," spokesman Michael Weaver said Monday.

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Hadfield said the first complaint was called in to the department from St. Louis on Jan. 29, three days after the Wall Street Journal published detailed allegations of sexual misconduct involving Wynn. The woman alleged that Wynn had assaulted her in Las Vegas, the spokesman said.

"The incident will be investigated, however it is past the statute of limitations," Hadfield said.

On Feb. 5, another woman told Metro about a sexual assault that occurred in Chicago. No other details surrounding the incident were immediately available.

Hadfield said Metro will forward the Feb. 5 courtesy report regarding the incident to the Chicago Police Department.

When contacted Monday afternoon, a Chicago police spokesman said he had not heard about the report.

Under Illinois law, the government typically has three years to charge individuals with felony offenses. But Chicago criminal defense attorney Steve Roach said if the crime is reported to police within three years of the alleged incident, "it could allow an individual to be prosecuted within 10 years of the alleged act based upon certain factors."

"Based on my experience as a former Chicago prosecutor and experienced criminal defense attorney for many years," Roach told the Las Vegas Review-Journal Monday evening, "it's my opinion, based upon what we know at this point, that it's highly unlikely (Wynn) would ever face charges in Illinois."

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Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 3:32 PM
To: Garcia Cano, Regina
Subject: LVMPD re: Steve Wynn

The LVMPD has received two complaints against Steve Wynn alleging sexual assault. On January 29, 2018, a woman made a report from St. Louis stating the incident occurred in Las Vegas in the 1970's. A second woman filed a report February 5, 2018 at an LVMPD Substation in the Northwest part of the city. She stated the crime occurred in the 1970's in Chicago, IL. A courtesy report was taken and will be forwarded to Chicago authorities.

Below is the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) pertaining to the statute of limitations for Sexual Assault. Due to the fact the report was not filed within the time frame allowed by NRS, an investigation cannot go forward.

NRS 171.083 No limitation for sexual assault or sex trafficking if written report filed with law enforcement officer during period of limitation; effect of disability on period of limitation.

1. If, at any time during the period of limitation prescribed in [NRS 171.085](#) and [171.095](#), a victim of a sexual assault, a person authorized to act on behalf of a victim of a sexual assault, or a victim of sex trafficking or a person authorized to act on behalf of a victim of sex trafficking, files with a law enforcement officer a written report concerning the sexual assault or sex trafficking, the period of limitation prescribed in [NRS 171.085](#) and [171.095](#) is removed and there is no limitation of the time within which a prosecution for the sexual assault or sex trafficking must be commenced.
2. If a written report is filed with a law enforcement officer pursuant to subsection 1, the law enforcement officer shall provide a copy of the written report to the victim or the person authorized to act on behalf of the victim.
3. If a victim of a sexual assault or sex trafficking is under a disability during any part of the period of limitation prescribed in [NRS 171.085](#) and [171.095](#) and a written report concerning the sexual assault or sex trafficking is not otherwise filed pursuant to subsection 1, the period during which the victim is under the disability must be excluded from any calculation of the period of limitation prescribed in [NRS 171.085](#) and [171.095](#).
4. For the purposes of this section, a victim of a sexual assault or sex trafficking is under a disability if the victim is insane, intellectually disabled, mentally incompetent or in a medically comatose or vegetative state.
5. As used in this section, "law enforcement officer" means:
 - (a) A prosecuting attorney;
 - (b) A sheriff of a county or the sheriff's deputy;
 - (c) An officer of a metropolitan police department or a police department of an incorporated city; or
 - (d) Any other person upon whom some or all of the powers of a peace officer are conferred pursuant to [NRS 289.150](#) to [289.360](#), inclusive.

NRS 171.085 Limitations for felonies. Except as otherwise provided in [NRS 171.080](#), [171.083](#), [171.084](#) and [171.095](#), an indictment for:

1. Theft, robbery, burglary, forgery, arson, sex trafficking, a violation of [NRS 90.570](#), a violation punishable pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 3 of [NRS 598.0999](#) or a violation of [NRS 205.377](#) must be found, or an information or complaint filed, within 4 years after the commission of the offense.
 2. Sexual assault must be found, or an information or complaint filed, within 20 years after the commission of the offense.
 3. Any felony other than the felonies listed in subsections 1 and 2 must be found, or an information or complaint filed, within 3 years after the commission of the offense.
- [1911 Cr. Prac. § 72; RL § 6922; NCL § 10720] — (NRS A 1963, 371; [1977, 1630](#); [1985, 2167](#); [1997, 890](#); [2001, 3031](#); [2003, 20th Special Session, 273](#); [2005, 1426](#); [2009, 146](#); [2013, 2418](#); [2015, 583](#))

Exhibit 4



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SENT VIA EMAIL (PIO@lvmpd.gov)

Dear Records Officer:

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department revealed that it had received two complaints against Steve Wynn alleging sexual assault.

According to the email sent by the department's office of public information: "On January 29, 2018, a woman made a report from St. Louis stating the incident occurred in Las Vegas in the 1970's. A second woman filed a report February 5, 2018 at an LVMPD Substation in the Northwest part of the city. She stated the crime occurred in the 1970's in Chicago, IL. A courtesy report was taken and will be forwarded to Chicago authorities."

Under the Nevada Open Records Act § 239 et seq., I, Regina Garcia Cano, a reporter with The Associated Press, request an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of the following records:

1. Report filed on Jan. 29, 2018, by a woman from St. Louis alleging Steve Wynn sexually assaulted her in the 1970s in Las Vegas.
2. Report filed Feb. 5, 2018, at a department substation in the northwest part of the city by a woman alleging Steve Wynn sexually assaulted her in the 1970s in Chicago.

As you know, the Nevada Open Records Act provides for the release of copies of agency records, and I would prefer to receive the documents electronically as a PDF file. If electronic copies are not available, please contact me first before processing this request. I can be reached at (702) 382-7440 or by electronic mail at RGarciaCano@ap.org.

As this information concerns a matter of intense public interest, I request expedited processing. If you believe my request is too broad or does not reasonable describe the records, please contact me via email so that I may clarify my request, and when appropriate, inform me of the manner in which records are filed, retrieved or generated.

Because I am a journalist primarily engaged in disseminating information, and this is a request by the news media for records in the public interest and is not being sought for commercial purposes, I ask that you waive any fees associated with the disclosure of the