

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No. 0:16-CV-61511-WJZ

CAROL WILDING, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DNC SERVICES CORP., d/b/a  
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE,  
et al.,

Defendants.

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**DEFENDANTS' REPLY TO PLAINTIFFS' JUNE 1, 2017 NOTICE**

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Defendants respectfully submit this filing in response to Plaintiffs' "Notice," (ECF No. 55) describing a phone call that their counsel, Elizabeth Lee Beck, advises their secretary received, in which a caller purportedly asked for and received public information about this litigation. *See* Ex. to Notice at 1. Ms. Beck states that the caller ID indicated the phone call came from a number associated with the Aventura field office of Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz. *See id.* However, after investigation, it does not appear that the call did in fact originate with that office.

Defense counsel first learned of this call by way of the email from Ms. Beck, attached to the Notice filed by Plaintiffs, sent at 6:17 p.m. last night. *See id.*<sup>1</sup> Immediately upon receipt of Ms. Beck's email, defense counsel contacted a client representative, who has inquired and confirmed that no one on Congresswoman Wasserman-Schultz's staff, including the Congresswoman herself, has any knowledge of any such call being made, nor was any such call authorized. Further, it is highly unlikely that the call did in fact originate with that office, as no one is currently working in the office associated with the subject number—nor has anyone been working there for several months—due to ongoing repairs.

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<sup>1</sup> Less than an hour later, Defendants received notification, via the ECF filing system, that Ms. Beck had filed Plaintiffs' Notice with the Court.

Defendants are very concerned that this was a “spoofing” incident, whereby a caller unaffiliated with the Congresswoman or her office, used one of any number of means to place a call that would appear, on the recipient’s caller ID, to be coming from that office. Given that the matter involves congressional phone lines, the incident has been reported to Capitol Police.

Dated: June 2, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

*s/ Gregg D. Thomas*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Defendant's Reply to Plaintiffs' June 1, 2017 Notice was served by CM/ECF on June 2, 2017 on all counsel or parties of record on the service list.

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