

Martin County



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Magistrate Lynch tried to have my FL/RICO Dismissed "With Prejudice" but I went back the Federal judge, Ryskamp with a motion and he overruled Lynch & Dismissed my FL/RICO "Without Prejudice"

Suit alleges officials conspirators

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Previous suits dismissed as meritless

STUART — Depending on whom you ask, Donald Stone is either neck-deep in a government cover-up involving organized crime or wasting taxpayer money on frivolous lawsuits.

A carpenter, Stone has spent countless hours filing court papers and fighting government agencies in civil lawsuits over what he alleges was a government conspiracy six years ago to steal his secret formula for a rubber solvent.

"I know it sounds crazy, and I don't care if anyone believes me," said Stone, 50. "I know that if I get this in front of a jury I can convince them."

Stone's latest lawsuit, which he filed on his own behalf in Martin County Circuit Court last week, is against Florida Attorney General Robert Butterworth and seven other state officials. The eight-page suit alleges those officials have conspired with Maryland authorities to join the cover-up operation started in that state.

Specifically, Stone says Florida officials wrongfully defended Maryland in a \$68 million federal lawsuit he filed last year in West Palm Beach. That lawsuit was a behemoth 125-pager with 191 counts against more than 90 defendants, including the attorney general, a half-dozen judges and

other officials from Maryland.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Frank Lynch Jr. dismissed it in March 1998 in part for being "meritless" and because his suit failed to state "any allegations whatsoever" to prove Maryland officials did anything wrong under Florida law.

In his latest suit, Stone claims Florida officials who helped in the defense of that lawsuit wrongfully used state funds to do so since the defendants were from out of state. The new suit doesn't ask for money, but requests that a judge give him the right to interview the eight officials named in the suit and demands to have answers why they

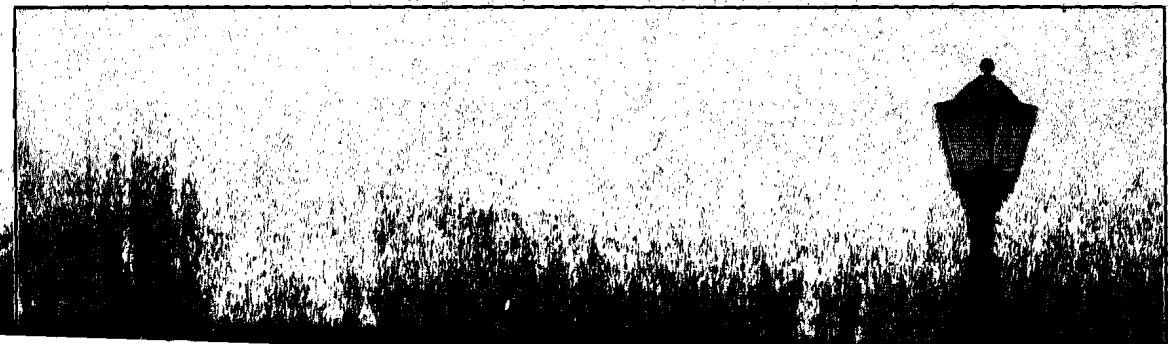
helped defend Maryland authorities.

Florida Attorney General's Office spokesman Joe Bizarro said he can't comment on the specifics of Stone's lawsuit but said it's standard practice for attorney general offices to help each other out. The offices serve as a "local counsel," filing court papers and appearing in court for out-of-state agencies, he said.

Stone says his conspiracy starts with Vice President Al Gore and goes all the way down to Maryland and Florida officials trying to protect each other's political interests.

The conspiracy stems from a secret formula Stone said he stumbled upon while

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Nation spanning walk for man



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trying to develop a better surf-board wax. The solvent would help in the production of rubber that would net him millions when companies bought into the patent, he says.

The formula uses shelf-bought Vaseline mixed with molten rubber to make it stronger.

But Stone says one of his employees embezzled money from his company and tried to steal the secret recipe. Government investigations into the activity ended when officials were bought out by the man's ties to organized crime, Stone alleges.

Letters attached to Stone's Martin County lawsuit dated in 1995 confirm U.S. prosecutors and the Federal Bureau of Investigations were looking into the employee's activities, but Stone says those inquiries ended without "uncovering the truth."

A second federal lawsuit filed by Stone after the first one was dismissed, also was thrown out for being without merit by a Maryland judge, said Margaret Witherup Tindall, an assistant attorney general in Maryland.

"Any time that people say they're a victim of a massive conspiracy on multiple levels, people should be leery of their claims," Tindall said. "We're getting a lot of frivolous lawsuits these days, and I think it's a big problem around the country."

Claims that his suit is frivolous are just all part of the conspiracy effort, Stone says.

"Butterworth is essentially bending over backward to protect his political cronies," Stone said. Asking rhetorically, "You think organized crime operates in a vacuum? You think organized crime is a collection of individuals? Or do you think organized crime is one individual?"

The first test of his local lawsuit will likely be challenged in about a month with a motion to dismiss from Florida officials, who can ask a judge to throw it out before it reaches trial — the same treatment his other suits received, Stone says he's ready.

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the construction of about 75 homes on a large ridge east of U.S. 1 and south of J.V. Reed Park.

Opponents of the Reed zoning request said the land should be left as is — mostly undeveloped. The additional homes would disrupt the small-town feel of Hobe Sound and add more traffic, they said.

On the contrary, Reed said the development would fit in nicely with Hobe Sound and add to the area's housing options.

The Reed family pioneered Hobe Sound and has been an active and powerful voice in the community for decades. The family has sold most of its holdings in the area over the past year, including property on Jupiter Island, lots in Zeus Park and a large parcel on U.S. 1 for a private high school. The 25 acres is the only large parcel left.

Merrill said the alliance researched the deeds on the Reed property and found that Nat

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"It was taken out when the land was removed as use for a well field. The water company then declared it surplus land," Reed said.

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Leadership 2000 students receive incentive bonuses of up to \$90 a week and can earn 10 dual-enrollment credits that give them a head start in business and technology when they enter college. The incentives are funded by a federal grant.

In Expanding Horizons, which has been at IRCC for 14 years, the students can earn up to \$80 a week based on their performance, attendance and behavior. The top 10 students in Expanding Horizons and Leadership 2000 are eligible to receive President's Challenge Scholarships.

"I really want to get my first two years of college paid for," said Chaye Pimentel, a 16-year-old Port St. Lucie High School junior. "If I wasn't here, I'd probably be sitting at home watching TV."

Tindall is lying here, on behalf of her boss MD. AG Curran and his buddies Sapperstein

None of my RICO lawsuits have ever been Dismissed "With Prejudice" or without merit. Magistrate Lynch tried to Dismiss "With Prejudice" but was overruled by federal judge Ryskamp who Dismissed FL/RICO "Without Prejudice" (Lack of Jurisdiction)

My MD/RICO was Dismissed "Without Prejudice" on a drafting technicality, that I wasn't smart enough to overcome.

their job performance in the classes. Members of the teams with the most points at the end of the summer are awarded savings

died Friday, July 23, 1999, home.

A native of Jonesport, he lived in Palm City for five

Butterworth, FL. Attorney General was good buddies with Maryland Attorney General, Joseph Curran Jr. both longtime Democrat Political party operatives. Curran just happens to be good buddies with the Sappersteins and their political power flows directly from their cozy relationship with Curran.

And I have often suspected (never proven) that it may have been Butterworth/Curran Jr. who fixed Sappersteins up with Pinnacle Towers, \$325 million IPO in Sarasota, FL. and the \$9 million payment made to Sapperstein.

Butterworth was also good buddies with Bill McBride, the rainmaker over at Holland & Knight, legal counsel to Pinnacle Towers.

Leonard L. Boston

LENOIR, N.C. — The Leonard L. Boston, 70, of Lenoir died Friday, July 23, 1999, at the Lenoir Living Center.

He was a native of Lenoir. He served as a pastor for years at Advent Christian church in Augusta, Ga.; Lakeland, Fla.; Morganton, Fla.; Walterboro, S.C.; Tampa, Fla.; and McAlpin, Fla.

He served as a chaplain in the Air Force's Civil Air Corps since 1964.

He graduated from Berea College, Ohio, and from Christian College, Massachusetts, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Gordon Theological Seminary, Massachusetts.

Survivors include a son, Leonard L. "Len" Boston II of Junction, Vt.; a daughter, Jane Boston of Stuart, Va.; two brothers, Eugene S. and Carl Boston, both of Lenoir; two sisters, Irene Boston of Corvallis, Ore., and Colleen Hoke of Lenoir.

A service will be Tuesday