

George Zimmerman Is Suing Trayvon Martin's Family, Their Lawyer, and Florida Prosecutors for \$100-Million for Covering Up and Falsifying Evidence in the Famous Shooting Case

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George Zimmerman shot and killed Trayvon Martin in a struggle in 2012, and he was acquitted by jury in 2013. New evidence brought to light by filmmaker Joel Gilbert in his documentary, *The Trayvon Hoax*, shows that an impostor was substituted for key witness, Diamond Eugene, who testified against Zimmerman. The false testimony could have led to his imprisonment or execution.

Zimmerman, who is represented by Larry Klayman, founder of Judicial Watch, now has filed a \$100-million lawsuit against Trayvon Martin's family, Benjamin Crump the family's attorney, the prosecutors in this case, and Harper Collins, the publishers of a book authored by Crump, entitled *Open Season: Legalized Genocide of Colored People*.

Court records cite information in the documentary that accuses the Martin family of engineering false testimony. Joel Gilbert, the film director, scheduled a press conference this week in Coral Gables, Florida, to coincide with a film screening there. The theater canceled the event once news of the lawsuit became public. -GEG

George Zimmerman, the neighborhood watch volunteer acquitted of homicide charges in the 2012 fatal shooting of unarmed 17-year-old **Trayvon Martin** in Sanford, is suing Martin's family, prosecutors and others involved in the case he claims rested on false evidence, according to a copy of the suit sent to the media Wednesday.

Zimmerman is represented by Larry Klayman, a high-profile legal crusader tied to conservative causes and the founder of **Judicial Watch** before splitting with the activist group.

The Polk County Circuit Court suit cites information in a documentary about the case titled "The Trayvon Hoax" that accuses the Martin family of engineering false testimony, and **the director** has scheduled a press conference this week in Coral Gables to coincide with a film screening there.

As news of the lawsuit became widely reported Wednesday, the theater rented for the screening, Coral Gables Art Cinema, announced it was **canceling the event**. "Coral Gables Art Cinema was not aware of all of the details surrounding this event," the theater **posted on Twitter**. The movie's director, Joe Gilbert, said Thursday he had to cancel the planned event that day and was hoping to hold it somewhere else on Friday.

The suit seeks \$100 million in civil damages, alleging defamation, abuse of civil process and conspiracy. A copy of the suit was distributed to media Wednesday by Gilbert. The case appeared on the online docket of the Polk court system on Wednesday afternoon.

The court papers say the suit was filed in Polk because Zimmerman lives there. It states all defendants "have worked in concert to deprive Zimmerman of his constitutional and other legal rights."

The lead defendant in the suit is Sybrina Fulton, Martin's mother who became a national figure in the wake of her son's death as a campaign surrogate for Hillary Clinton and a national advocate for social justice and reducing gun deaths. She's running for the District 1 seat on the Miami-Dade County Commission being vacated by a term-limited Barbara Jordan in the Miami Gardens area.

Fulton's campaign issued a statement from Pamela Goodman, president of Ruth's List Florida, a political organization backing her commission campaign. "It is both disgusting and shameful that George Zimmerman, a man who killed an unarmed child and got away with it, is now suing Trayvon Martin's grieving parents," Goodman said.

Ben Crump, a lawyer who represented the Martin family and is listed as a defendant as well, issued a statement Wednesday that said in part: "I have every confidence that this unfounded and reckless lawsuit will be revealed for what it is – another failed attempt to defend the indefensible and a shameless attempt to profit off the lives and grief of others."

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