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Judge drops Greenwich RTC chairman, Tesei as defendants in Kordick's lawsuit over Trump-Camillo signs; Kordick appeals

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Former Police Capt. Mark Kordick is suing the town of Greenwich, and a trial could be set for early 2023.
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GREENWICH — A state Superior Court judge has ruled that two defendants named in a civil lawsuit filed by former police Capt. Mark Kordick can be dropped from the suit. Kordick's lawyer has filed to appeal that decision.

Kordick was terminated in 2020 after he admitted paying for yard signs in 2019 that made it appear as though then-Republican first selectman candidate Fred Camillo, who ultimately was elected, had been endorsed by President Donald Trump. The signs contained a website address that seemed to support Camillo but directed visitors to a pro-Trump page.

When the signs first appeared, no one knew initially who had placed them but an investigation by Camillo's campaign staff eventually pointed to Kordick.

Kordick later said he wanted to start a conversation about Republican support for Trump in town and defended his actions as political speech.

The lawsuit filed in June 2020 named Camillo, the town of Greenwich, Jack Kriskey, Rich DiPrieta and former First Selectman Peter Tesei as defendants. Kriskey was the campaign manager for Camillo when he ran for office in 2019, and DiPrieta was the chairman of the Republican Town Committee.

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Kordick's lawsuit claims the defendants violated his privacy and engaged in "tortious interference," meaning his contract with the town was unfairly violated by their actions.

The lawsuit is centered on First Amendment rights to free speech and protected political speech. The suit seeks unspecified monetary damages and back pay for Kordick, among other remedies he and his lawyer are seeking.

In a recent ruling by Judge Edward Krumeich, two of the defendants, Tesei and DiPrieta, were granted a "summary judgement" that dropped their names from the ongoing lawsuit.

Krumeich wrote that "no evidence has been presented that either DiPrieta or Tesei engaged in any tortious conduct." The ruling also noted that Tesei, as a town official, was entitled to governmental immunity, which shields municipal officials from lawsuits for official actions they take.

The judge also noted that neither Tesei or DiPrieta "was involved in the scheme to uncover Kordick's identity" as the person behind the political signs, and the alleged "invasion of privacy" claim was dropped against DiPrieta.

The judge allowed the lawsuit to go forward, without those two defendants who were originally named in the litigation. Jury selection for a trial is tentatively scheduled to take place in early 2023, according to the court's website.

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Kordick's lawyer, Lewis Chimes, in early December filed an appeal of the decision.

"Mark Kordick and I have filed a notice of appeal relating to the court's ruling as to Peter Tesei and Richard DiPreta in order to preserve our option to challenge the decision as to those defendants, and are in the process of preparing for trial as to the remaining defendants, First Selectman Camillo, Jack Kriskey, and the Town in February 2023," Chimes wrote in an email to Greenwich Time.

Messages for the legal representatives of the town, Courtney George and Barbara Schellenberg, were not returned.

As spelled out by Judge Krumeich in a recent court filing, an investigation by the department's internal affairs unit found violations of the department's Unified Police Manual.

According to his notice of termination, "Kordick's placement of fake signs with false attribution was deceitful, and his deceitfulness called into question his judgment, his credibility as a member of the command staff, his ability to investigate other officers for discipline, and caused the Chief (James Heavey) to lose confidence in Kordick's ability to command a division and effectively discharge the duties of a captain and police officer," the judge wrote.



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