#### **AFFIDAVIT OF FRED ZIPP**

STATE OF TEXAS §

TRAVIS COUNTY §

Before me, the undersigned notary, on this day personally appeared FRED ZIPP, a person whose identity has been established to me. Upon being duly sworn, Affiant states:

#### PERSONAL BACKGROUND

I have spent 39 years in daily newspaper journalism and journalism education.

From 1979 to 1984, I was a reporter and assistant city editor at the Beaumont Enterprise in Beaumont, Texas. From 1984 to 1987, I was a sports copy editor, assistant sports editor and assistant city editor at the Austin American-Statesman in Austin, Texas. From 1987 to 1998, I was assistant metro editor, deputy metro editor, news editor and metro editor the Palm Beach Post in West Palm Beach, Florida. In 1998, I returned to the American-Statesman as assistant managing editor, managing editor, and retired as editor. Over the course of my career, I gained extensive experience and expertise in the responsible delivery of news content to a mass media audience.

In 2012, I began teaching at the University of Texas at Austin. At the University of Texas, I supervise a digital media initiative known as *Reporting Texas* which functions similarly to a newsroom; students are the reporters, and I am their editor. I help them conceive, report and write stories that are posted on the <u>reportingtexas.com</u> website.

I have been a director and officer of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and the Headliners Foundation of Texas, an organization that promotes journalism excellence in the state.

#### **SCOPE OF REVIEW**

In arriving at my opinions in this case, I have used the same principles and analysis as I have used throughout my journalism career to determine whether particular assertions could be responsibly published. This review included an examination of the disputed statements as well as a variety of relevant background materials. I have reviewed numerous background items, including:

- Public domain materials relating to the Sandy Hook shooting.
- Materials from the final report published by the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, available at: <a href="http://cspsandyhookreport.ct.gov/">http://cspsandyhookreport.ct.gov/</a>

- Various articles and social media content from InfoWars.
- Various articles and reference materials concerning InfoWars
- My own personal reference materials and texts.
- Video clips containing statements by InfoWars about Sandy Hook, along with transcripts of those video clips created by a court reporter. Those transcripts are attached to my affidavit.

It is my belief that discovery will likely to produce further relevant evidence, but I am confident that enough material exists in the public domain to reach reliable opinions for the purposes of these initial findings.

#### BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE OF INFOWARS

Having been involved in media in Austin for 23 years, I am aware of Alex Jones and InfoWars, although I felt no need to pay close attention to either one before agreeing to review the materials in this lawsuit. Nonetheless, I was aware of InfoWars' extremely poor reputation in the media industry with respect to the reliability of the information it publishes, and I also knew Mr. Jones had alleged the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting was a government hoax involving actors.

After I asked to review the events of this lawsuit, I have spent a significant amount of time reading articles on <a href="InfoWars.com">InfoWars.com</a> and reviewing audio and video recordings posted to the website. While the site purports to be a news and information operation, it is clear that it is actually a propaganda outlet for Mr. Jones' theories about a global conspiracy to control and enslave the world's population.

Alex Jones and InfoWars generally have a signature style: rapid-fire assertion of various data points with little or, more often, no attribution. The assertions are presented to the viewer as facts. Underlying the presentation is the premise that Jones is at war with "the globalists" and that he wins the war by marshaling his assertions more effectively than they do. In traditional journalism, by contrast, attributing assertions to sources is an essential element of the work, and the attribution becomes more important in proportion to the seriousness of the facts asserted.

According to the American Press Institute, "Journalism is the activity of gathering, assessing, creating, and presenting news and information. It is also the product of these activities...These elements not only separate journalism from other forms of communication, they are what make it indispensable to democratic societies." The process of journalism is dependent on responsible verification in which information is gathered and its accuracy is evaluated. In

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.americanpressinstitute.org/journalism-essentials/what-is-journalism/

coming to my opinions, I have analyzed InfoWars' conduct against the well-established standards of the journalism profession.

#### **INFOWARS' 2017 BROADCASTS**

1. InfoWars' April 22, 2017 broadcast falsely stated that Plaintiff Veronique De La Rosa participated in a fake blue-screen interview with Anderson Cooper to cover up the truth about Sandy Hook.

A central element of Mr. Jones' years of allegations that Sandy Hook was staged fake focuses an interview between Sandy Hook parent Veronique De La Rosa and Anderson Cooper. Mr. Jones insists this interview was fake, and that it was conducted in front of blue-screen. On the April 22, 2017 InfoWar's broadcast entitled "Sandy Hook Vampires Exposed," Alex Jones made the following statements:

So here are these holier than thou people, when we question CNN, who is supposedly at the site of Sandy Hook, and they got in one shot leaves blowing, and the flowers that are around it, and you see the leaves blowing, and they go [gestures]. They glitch. They're recycling a green-screen behind them...

[Shows video footage of interview between Veronique De La Rosa and Anderson Cooper]

And then we've got Anderson Cooper, famously, not just with the flowers blowing and a fake, but when he turns, his nose disappears repeatedly because the green-screen isn't set right. And they don't like to do live feeds because somebody might run up. CNN did that in the Gulf War and admitted it. They just got caught two weeks ago doing it in supposedly Syria. And all we're saying is, if these are known liars that lied about WMDs, and lied to get us in all these wars, and backed the Arab Spring, and Libya, and Syria, and Egypt, and everywhere else to overthrow governments, and put in radical Islamicists (sic), if they do that and have blood on their hands, and lied about the Iraq War, and were for the sanctions that killed half a million kids, and let the Islamicists (sic) attack Serbia, and lied about Serbia launching the attack, when it all came out later that Serbia didn't do it, how could you believe any of it if you have a memory? If you're not Dory from 'Finding Dory,' you know, the Disney movie. Thank god you're so stupid, thank god you have no memory. It all goes back to that.<sup>2</sup>

My review suggests this statement is false, both in their explicit text and in their implications. The available public evidence suggests that Anderson Cooper interviewed Veronique

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ex. A26 - 2017-04-22 - Sandy Hook Vampires Exposed (Clip at 29m)

De La Rosa in Newtown. An expert review by video analyst Grant Fredericks concluded that there is no reasonable basis to believe the interview used a blue-screen and that the compression artifact would be understand by anyone with a basic understanding of digital video.<sup>3</sup> For this reason and other discussed more fully below, is clear to me that any broadcaster would have serious doubts about stating a blue-screen was used. In sum, there was no reasonable basis to believe that Veronique De La Rosa participated in a faked interview, and any publisher would entertain serious doubts about the truth of such a claim.

#### 2. InfoWars' April 22, 2017 broadcast made additional false statements about the Sandy Hook shooting and investigation meant to imply that Mrs. De La Rosa's interview is covering up a terrible secret truth.

In order to justify the implication that the Sandy Hook shooting was a hoax, Mr. Jones has repeatedly provided his viewers with false assertions which he claims are evidence of a cover-up. In the April 22, 2017 broadcast, Mr. Jones followed this pattern by making several statements of fact which are contradicted by the publicly available evidence. These statements have been made by Mr. Jones on numerous prior occasions, and they are used as part of his efforts to convince his audience that a terrible secret truth about Sandy Hook is being covered up by the Plaintiffs and many others.

#### In the April 22, 2017 broadcast, InfoWars falsely asserted that "the school A. was closed until that year, in the videos it's all rotting and falling apart and nobody is even in it."

In the April 22, 2017 broadcast, Mr. Jones asserted that Sandy Hook Elementary School had not been open for years, and the incident was staged in a decaying school which had not been in operation. Mr. Jones has repeated this argument many times over the years.

I have reviewed the affidavit Dr. H. Wayne Carver, the chief medical examiner who attended to the dead at Sandy Hook. Dr. Carver stated that the school was operational and not rotting or falling apart. I have also viewed publicly available photos of the school's interior taken by law enforcement, as well as video taken by law enforcement, both of which were included in the official Sandy Hook report. The school appears perfectly normal, bearing all the signs of an operational school. The school is not rotting or falling apart, just as Dr. Carver stated.

In order to believe Mr. Jones' statements, one must believe that all photos taken inside Sandy Hook are actually older photos, since Jones alleged that the school was shut down for several years. However, the most well-known and widely publicized photo of Sandy Hook victim N.P. was taken inside Sandy Hook Elementary School. N.P. is wearing a t-shirt made to promote the movie The Amazing Spiderman, which he is also seen wearing other photos.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Affidavit of Grant Fredericks

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Photos provided and used with permission of the Pozner family.





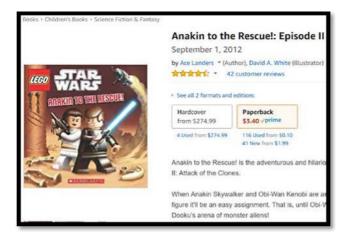
Given the production date of the film, the t-shirt worn by N.P. establishes that the photos could not have been taken before 2012, indicating that the school was open and in operation during that year.





Similarly, there is a photograph of N.P. taken on the same day in which he is holding a copy of a LEGO Star Wars book entitled "Anakin to the Rescue." The book was published on September 1, 2012.





Finally, N.P. and his sisters are present in a photo taken inside Sandy Hook Elementary School for a Veteran's Day celebration, which matches footage recorded in the school on the day of the shooting.





Researchers have catalogued at least 180 news articles appearing in the Newtown Bee, the Danbury Newstimes, and the Newtown Patch between 2008-2012 which discuss activities at Sandy Hook Elementary.<sup>5</sup> The Newtown Bee hosts a photo archive which contains pictures from stories on Sandy Hook, along with viewable metadata. For example, a photo taken in 2011 shows choir practice in Sandy Hook.<sup>6</sup>

 $<sup>^{5} \, \</sup>underline{http://www.crisisactorsguild.com/2016/08/25/sandy-hook-elementary-was-open-part-eleven-180-articles-referencing-sandy-hook-school-written-between-2008-2012/$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://photos.newtownbee.com/Journalism/Photos-from-the-issue-59/i-p8G52Rv



There are countless examples of the school's operation between 2008-2012 in the form of social media posts, photographs, and school publications. The evidence I have reviewed shows that the school was not shut down in the years leading up to the shooting. Rather, all evidence indicates that N.P. was a student attending Sandy Hook Elementary School and that it was operational through 2012.

# B. In the April 22, 2017 broadcast, InfoWars falsely asserted that "the kids are going in circles, in and out of the building with their hands up."

In the April 22, 2017 broadcast, Mr. Jones repeated a false statement he has made many times about kids walking in circles back into Sandy Hook Elementary School with their hands up. In an earlier broadcast on November 18, 2016, Mr. Jones discussed this claim, stating "We watched footage of kids going in circles, in and out of the building. You'd be running them away from the building." Mr. Jones showed news helicopter footage taken on the afternoon of the incident showing a line of people exiting the rear of a building and walking in a line to the building's front entrance.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ex. A24 - 2016-11-18 - Alex Jones Final Statement on Sandy Hook (Clip at 4m59s)



Mr. Jones lead his audience to believe this building is Sandy Hook Elementary School. The building is actually a Newtown fire station. The fire station was used as a staging location near the school. This fact is obvious from the same news helicopter footage.



As can be seen in the footage, the shooting has long since ended, and there was no danger to any of the individuals in the staging area. Moreover, none of these individuals walking in line are elementary-aged children. Rather, they are adults with some late adolescent children. None of the individuals have their hands up.



The footage shows people were calmly walking to the front of the firehouse. The reasonable inference is that this group of parents had been ordered by authorities to walk to the front of the building, and they could not travel through the building without disrupting official operations occurring inside. Whatever the reason for these individuals walking in a line to the front of the building, it did not involve kids with their hands up, nor did it reasonably suggest any cover-up or manipulation. In short, there is no truth to the claim on the April 22, 2017 broadcast that "the kids are going in circles, in and out of the building with their hands up." Furthermore, any reasonable publisher would have known the claim was not true.

# C. In the April 22, 2017 broadcast, InfoWars asserted that "they had Port-A-Potties being delivered an hour after it happened, for the big media event."

To reinforce the idea that the event was staged, Mr. Jones claimed that port-a-potties were delivered to Sandy Hook Elementary School within an hour. However, the arrival of port-a-potties was recorded by an officer's dashboard camera, which was part of the publicly available report. The dashboard camera shows the port-a-potties arrived around 1:30 p.m., nearly four hours after the shooting.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Sandy Hook Official Report - Book 6, Document 40345.



# D. In the April 22, 2017 broadcast, InfoWars asserted that law enforcement was "pulling guns out of cars."

During the April 22, 2017 broadcast, InfoWars reporter Rob Dew alleged that authorities found multiple guns in Adam Lanza's car. On prior occasions, Mr. Jones has stated that the shooter's semi-automatic rifle was found inside his car. On January 4, 2013, Mr. Jones stated: "They said he had an AR-15...M4 inside, and it was in the car." The implication is that Lanza could not have used his semi-automatic rifle to commit the crime because he did not take it into the building.

However, there was only one weapon found in Lanza's vehicle. That weapon was a shotgun, not his semi-automatic rifle. Lanza took his rifle and pistols into the building. Newtown Police Officer Leonard Pena found a shotgun in Lanza's vehicle and secured it in the trunk in the early moments of the response. A police photo shows the Saiga 12 shotgun in the truck of Lanza's car.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Ex. A2 - 2013-01-04 - Callers React to Foreign Media Pushing Total Gun Confiscation (Clip at 20m25s)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Sandy Hook Official Report - Book 6 Doc 258036

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Sandy Hook Official Report - Meehan Parking Lot Photo 37



There is no evidence that police found any other weapon in Lanza's vehicle. Likewise, there is no evidence that police were "pulling guns out of cars." The statements in the April 22, 2017 broadcast were false.

# E. In the April 22, 2017 broadcast, InfoWars asserted that law enforcement authorities were "finding people in the back woods who are dressed up in SWAT gear."

In the April 22, 2017 broadcast, InfoWars reporter Rob Dew claimed that men wearing SWAT gear were detained in the woods behind Sandy Hook Elementary School. Mr. Jones responded: "And that's on helicopter footage, and then they say it never existed, and later admit it does."

The helicopter footage referenced by Mr. Jones depicts police detaining two reporters who were walking through the woods carrying cameras. The helicopter footage of this encounter has been available online through the Associated Press' YouTube channel since the day of the shooting. <sup>12</sup> Multiple police reports also described this encounter and identified the individuals as reporters. Newtown Police Officer Jason Flynn discussed the encounter in his post-incident interview. <sup>13</sup> He described running into the woods and detaining the reporters with fellow officers:

I then remained outside and assisted Officers with securing the scene. I was near Ofc. Hull near the dumpsters when we heard some Officers in the woods yelling "show me your hands". Ofc. Hull and I then ran into the woods with our sidearm drawn, where several Connecticut Environmental Conservation Officers had two males at gunpoint. As I approached the males I observed they had several straps around their bodies with cameras

<sup>12</sup> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uor8MnOTM8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Sandy Hook Official Report - Book 6, Document 28227

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they returned they would be an	rested.				

Newtown Police Officer Liam Seabrook also discussed the encounter with the reporters in his post-incident interview.<sup>14</sup>

While at the front of the school, Newtown Police Officer Hull, who was standing on the front right corner of the school, yelled that he heard people shouting "put your hands up". I then ran over to the location to where Ofc. Hull indicated he heard the shouts. I observed three DEP police officers, with their weapons pointed at two male individuals that were in the woods on the right side of the school. I then ran up the hill, in the woods, to the

three DEP police officers. As I approached the three DEP officers, I also pointed my rifle at the two males standing with their hands in the air. I approached the male on the right and handcuffed him. I then searched the male for weapons with negative results. Newtown Police Ofc. Flynn then ran both parties over the radio. One of the DEP officers recorded the two males information. The two males were then identified as reporters for newspapers. It was then determined that the two reporters were going to be set free for the time being. The two reporters were then told to immediately leave the area. I then returned to the front of the school.

Two other individuals were known to be detained in the aftermath of the shooting, but neither were in the woods wearing SWAT gear. First, a parent of a child attending Sandy Hook, Chris Manfredoni, was briefly detained. His detention was described in contemporary press accounts. His detention was also discussed in a post-incident report. This parent was not in the woods, and he was certainly not in SWAT gear. Second, an unarmed man was detained for getting too close to the school. Police reports indicate he had an app on his phone that alerted him to police emergencies. There was also a news interview with a witness who saw this man detained. Finally, there was a report in the Newtown Bee that a man in civilian clothes seen by residents in the woods with a gun was an off-duty police officer responding to the emergency. There were no reports of anybody wearing SWAT gear, and there is no report that this off-duty officer was detained. In sum, there is no reasonable basis for an assertion that police found men in the woods wearing SWAT gear.

It was not necessary to obtain a subpoena to secure the materials needed to fact-check these claims. All these materials exist in the public domain, and they have been discussed by Sandy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Sandy Hook Official Report - Book 6, Document 29085

<sup>15</sup> http://articles.latimes.com/2012/dec/14/nation/la-na-1215-newtown-school-shooting-20121215

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Sandy Hook Official Report - Book 5, Document 14498

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Sandy Hook Official Report - Book 6, Document 2060; Book 6, Document 40345

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https://www.salon.com/2013/01/18/your comprehensive answer to every sandy hook conspiracy theory/; https://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/11/sandy-hook-hoax-theories-explained-debunking-newtown-truther n 2627233.html

Hook researchers online. A variety of individuals have debunked these claims over the years while providing verifiable information from the public record. Any responsible publisher would have known Mr. Jones' claims were false, or otherwise entertained serious doubts about their accuracy.

#### **OPINIONS**

### 1. InfoWars' False Statements in 2017 Impugned the Reputation of the Plaintiffs.

It is my opinion that the statements made in the April 22, 2017 broadcast entitled "Sandy Hook Vampires Exposed" were capable of defaming Veronique De La Rosa and Leonard Pozner by impugning their reputation with false information about their honesty or integrity.

#### A. Background

InfoWars' April 22, 2017 statements were not made in isolation. The 2017 statements repeated and elaborated on allegations that InfoWars had been making for over four years. Mr. Jones used these false statements as evidence for his contention that the Sandy Hook shooting was faked or staged, and that the participants are engaged in a sinister cover-up.

In a January 27, 2013 broadcast entitled "Why People Think Sandy Hook is a Hoax," Mr. Jones first alleged that Veronique De La Rosa's interview was evidence of a cover-up:

In the last month and a half, I have not come out and said that this was clearly a staged event. Unfortunately, evidence is beginning to come out that points more and more in that direction...Something serious is going on here, and CNN over and over again is at the heart of the fishy things that are happening...

We've got Anderson Cooper supposedly at Sandy Hook, and it's clearly blue screen. I've worked with blue screen for 17 years. We've got it right in there. We know what it looks like. We know what the anomalies look like, and we know what happens when you don't tune it properly. It's clearly blue screen, and you can draw from that what you want...<sup>20</sup>

Now, ladies and gentlemen, the finale. I saw this footage where Anderson Cooper turns. He's supposedly there at Sandy Hook in front of the memorial, and his whole forehead and nose blurs out. I've been working with blue screen, again, for 17 years. I know what it looks like. It's clearly blue screen, clearly.<sup>21</sup>

In an April 16, 2013 broadcast entitled "Shadow Govt Strikes Again," Mr. Jones was discussing was various plots behind various national tragedies. During his remarks, he stated:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Ex. A3 - 2013-01-27 - Why People Think Sandy Hook is a Hoax (Clip at 1m12s)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Ex. A4 - 2013-01-27 - Why People Think Sandy Hook is a Hoax (Clip at 12m58)

"They staged Sandy Hook. The evidence is just overwhelming, and that's why I'm so desperate and freaked out." <sup>22</sup>

In a March 14, 2014 broadcast entitled "Sandy Hook, False Narratives Vs. The Reality," Mr. Jones again repeated his false claim about Mrs. De La Rosa's interview with Anderson Cooper, along with several other irresponsible claims. Mr. Jones then asserted that the event was pre-planned and featured actors as a part of a cover-up:

Folks, we've got video of Anderson Cooper with clear blue-screen out there. [Shaking head]. He's not there in the town square. We got people clearly coming up and laughing and then doing the fake crying. We've clearly got people where it's actors playing different parts for different people, the building bulldozed, covering up everything. Adam Lanza trying to get guns five times we're told. The witnesses not saying it was him...I've looked at it and undoubtedly, there's a cover-up, there's actors, they're manipulating, they've been caught lying, and they were preplanning before it and rolled out with it.<sup>23</sup>

In a May 13, 2014 broadcast entitled "Bombshell Sandy Hook Massacre Was A DHS Illusion Says School Safety Expert," Mr. Jones again repeated his false statements,

They don't even hide this stuff, ladies and gentlemen. Anderson Cooper, CIA, up there, who cares if it's blue screen. Just like CNN - I'm going back to our guest -- Just like CNN back there in the first Gulf War was at the broadcast center in Atlanta on top of a roof with a blue screen behind them saying they were in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and Israel different days being hit by nerve gas. And then they went on air for parts of it with the blue screen not even turned on with blue behind them...

You're looking at how they don't any of the standard stuff, the paperwork, the police reports, no helicopter sent, no rescue, kids going in circles totally staged, men with guns in the woods getting grabbed, no names released. They deny it went on. Later have to admit it went on but say we're not answering questions. I mean, clearly it's a drill, just like the Boston bombing. I don't know exactly what's going on, but it just -- the official story isn't true.<sup>24</sup>

In a September 25, 2014 broadcast entitled "Connecticut PD Has FBI Falsify Crime Statistics," Mr. Jones stated

<sup>23</sup> Ex. A6 - 2014-03-14 - Sandy Hook, False Narratives Vs. The Reality (Clip at 26s)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Ex. A5 - 2013-04-16 - Shadow Govt Strikes Again (Clip at 13m20s)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Ex. A7 - 2014-05-13 - Bombshell Sandy Hook Massacre Was A DHS Illusion Says School Safety Expert (Clip at 17m)

This is not a game. They are hopping mad we're covering this. CNN admits they did fake scud attacks on themselves back in 1991, 1990. Would they stage this? I don't know. Do penguins live in Antarctica? Wolfgang W. Halbig's our guest, former state police officer, then worked for the customs department, and then over the last decade's created one of the biggest, most successful school safety training grips. And he just has gone and investigated, and it's just phony as a three-dollar bill...<sup>25</sup>

If you've got a school of 100 kids and then nobody can find them, and you've got parents laughing going "Ha, Ha, Ha," and then they walk over to the camera and go (crying), and I mean, not just one, but a bunch of parents doing this and then photos of kids that are still alive they said die. I mean, they think we're so dumb that it's really hidden in plain view, and so the preponderance -- I mean, I thought they had some scripting early on to exacerbate and milk the crisis as Rahm Emmanuel said, but when you really look at it, where are the lawsuits? There would be incredible lawsuits and payouts, but there haven't been any filed, nothing. I've never seen this. This is incredible. <sup>26</sup>

In a December 27, 2014 broadcast entitled "Lawsuit Could Reveal Truth About Sandy Hook Massacre," Mr. Jones stated:

All I know is I saw Cooper with blue screen out there, green screen. I know I saw the kids doing fake, you know, rotations in and out of the building. They tore it down, all the unprecedented gag orders, you know, the police in anti-terror outfits in the woods. Then they denied that, that had been in the news. I mean, something is being hidden there... 27

I said they may have killed real kids, but they're practicing how to propagandize, and how to control the press, and how to put out a product that's a fraud when I just saw the heavy, heavy scripting. That was what was so clear. And then the parents laughing and then one second later doing the actor breathing to cry. I mean, it just -- it's just over the top. Over the top sick. 28

In a December 29, 2014 broadcast entitled "America the False Democracy," Mr. Jones continued to insist that Sandy Hook was fake:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Ex. A8 - 2014-09-25 - Connecticut PD Has FBI Falsify Crime Statistics (Clip at 22m)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Ex. A8 - 2014-09-25 - Connecticut PD Has FBI Falsify Crime Statistics (Clip at 22m)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Ex. A9 - 2014-12-27 - Lawsuit Could Reveal Truth About Sandy Hook Massacre (Clip at 3m08s)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Ex. A10 - 2014-12-27 - Lawsuit Could Reveal Truth About Sandy Hook Massacre (Clip at 4m34s)

I've had investigators on. I've had the state police have gone public, you name it. The whole thing is a giant hoax. And the problem is how do you deal with a total hoax? I mean it's just --how do you even convince the public something is a total hoax?

The general public doesn't know the school was actually closed the year before. They don't know. They've shielded it all, demolished the building. They don't know that they had their kids going in circles in and out of the building as a photo op. Blue screen, green screens, they got caught using. I mean the whole thing.

But remember, this is the same White House that's been caught running the fake Bin Laden raid that's come out and been faked. It's the same White House that got caught running all these other fake events over and over again, and it's the same White House that says I never said that you could keep your doctor when he did say you could keep doctor. People just instinctively know that there's a lot of fraud going on, but it took me about a year with Sandy Hook to come to grips with the fact that the whole thing was fake. I mean, even I couldn't believe it. I knew they jumped on it, used the crisis, hyped it up, but then I did deep research; and my gosh, it just pretty much didn't happen. 29

In a January 13, 2015 broadcast entitled "Why We Accept Gov't Lies," Mr. Jones continued his allegations about Sandy Hook, including his allegation about Mrs. De La Rosa's interview, as well allegations about her son. He asserted that the event was "completely fake" and "manufactured":

You learn the school had been closed and re-opened. And you've got video of the kids going in circles, in and out of the building, and they don't call the rescue choppers for two hours, and then they tear the building down, and seal it. And they get caught using blue-screens, and an email by Bloomberg comes out in a lawsuit, where he's telling his people get ready in the next 24 hours to capitalize on a shooting.

Yeah, so Sandy Hook is a synthetic, completely fake with actors, in my view, manufactured. I couldn't believe it at first. I knew they had actors there, clearly, but I thought they killed some real kids. And it just shows how bold they are that they clearly used actors. I mean they even ended up using photos of kids killed in mass shootings here in a fake mass shooting in Turkey, or Pakistan. The sky is now the limit.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Ex. A11 - 2014-12-29 - America the False Democracy (Clip at 11m53s)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Ex. A12 - 2015-01-13 - Why We Accept Gov't Lies (Clip at 10m36s)

In a February 12, 2015 broadcast with an unknown title, Mr. Jones continued to repeat his false claims. Mr. Jones stated, "I know they're using blue screens...There are literally hundreds of smoking guns here that this thing doesn't add up."<sup>31</sup>

In a March 4, 2015 broadcast entitled "New Bombshell Sandy Hook Information In-Bound," Mr. Jones stated, "We know it stinks. I mean, it's phony. The question is what is going on. We don't know. We just know it's fake. How fake we don't know. It's sick."<sup>32</sup>

In a July 7, 2015 broadcast entitled "Government Is Manufacturing Crises," Mr. Jones again asserted that Sandy Hook was staged:

If they did kill kids, they knew it was coming, stocked the school with kids, killed them, and then had the media there, and that probably didn't even happen. I mean, no wonder we get so many death threats and so much heat and so much other stuff I'm not going to get into, behinds the scenes, when we touch Sandy Hook because, folks, it's as phony as a three-dollar bill.<sup>33</sup>

In a July 7, 2015 broadcast entitled "Retired FBI Agent Investigates Sandy Hook Mega Massive Cover Up," Mr. Jones repeated a large selection of his prior false claims about Sandy Hook:

No emergency helicopters were sent. The ambulances came an hour and a half later and parked down the road. DHS an hour and a half later with the time stamp put up signs saying sign in here. They had porta-potties being delivered within an hour and a half. It looked like a carnival. It looked like a big PR stunt.

Came out that Bloomberg a day before sent an email out to his gun control groups in all 50 states saying, "Prepare to roll, maybe operation coming up." That came out in the news.

We have the emails from city council back and forth and the school talking about it being down a year before. We have the school then being demolished, and the records being sealed. We have videos that look just incredibly suspicious where people are laughing and everything, and then they start huffing and puffing and start crying on TV, which is pure acting method...

But I mean, this is just so big. And the more we look at Sandy Hook, I don't want to believe it's a false flag. I don't know if kids really got killed. But you got green screen with Anderson Cooper where I was watching the video and the flowers and plants are blowing in some

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Ex. A13 - 2015-02-12 - InfoWars broadcast relating to HONR copyright claim (Clip at 0m26s)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Ex. A20 - 2015-03-04 - New Bombshell Sandy Hook Information In-Bound (Clip at 32m30s)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Ex. A21 - 2015-07-07 - Government Is Manufacturing Crises (Clip at 32m)

of them, and then they blow again the same way. It's looped, and then his nose disappears. I mean, it's fake.

The whole thing is just -- I don't know what happened. It's kind of like if you see a hologram at Disney World in the Haunted House, you know. I don't know how they do it, but it's not real. When you take your kids to see, you know, the Haunted House and ghosts are flying around, they're not real, folks. It's staged.<sup>34</sup>

Mr. Jones also stated, "It's 101, they're covering up...This is mega-massive cover-up. My God." Mr. Jones stated that the tragedy was "totally made up with green screens, everything. And we've got them on green screens." Mr. Jones stated, "That's how evil these people are is that they can have CNN involved, all these people." 35

In a November 18, 2016 broadcast entitled "Alex Jones Final Statement on Sandy Hook," Mr. Jones directly addressed the growing public controversy caused by his statements. In doing so, he began by repeating the numerous false claims he has made over the years.

Number one, the day before this tragic event happened an email was sent out by Bloomberg's anti-gun group saying prepare for a big event. But the biggest piece of evidence, the smoking gun, if you would, of a cover-up, of whatever really happened is the Wayback Machine, the internet archive. We see Sandy Hook's Newtown website K through 12 having zero traffic 2008, '09, '10, '11, '12, and then all of a sudden it just explodes. It's impossible to have zero traffic to a K through 12 entire school system. And the word is that school system was shut down for those years. That's what the records show. They tell us it was open...

And early on, that day we watched footage of kids going in circles in and out of the building. You'd be running them away from the building. Emergency helicopters weren't called. Instead portpotties were prepared for the press within hours of the event. I saw the helicopters that did respond, the police helicopters saying that there were men or a man in the woods in camouflage...

And then I saw Anderson Cooper -- I've been in TV for 20-something years; I know a blue screen or a green screen -- turn, and his nose disappears. Then I saw clearly that they were using footage on the green screen looped because it would show flowers and other things during other broadcasts that were moving and then basically cutting to the same piece of footage...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Ex. A22 - 2015-07-07 - Retired FBI Agent Investigates Sandy Hook Mega Massive Cover Up (Clip 0-5m)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Ex. A23 - 2015-07-07 - Retired FBI Agent Investigates Sandy Hook Mega Massive Cover Up (Clip at 9m40s)

Then we see footage of one of the reported fathers of the victims, Robby Parker, doing classic acting training where he's laughing and joking. And they say, hey, we're live, and he goes, oh. And maybe that's real. I'm sure it is.

But you add it to all the other things that were happening and all the other fake news the media has been caught in, and CNN back in 1991 openly faking scud missile attacks on Saudi Arabia and Israel when they were back in Atlanta; and the satellite feeds caught them admitting that it was all fake. We'd be crazy not to question this because bare minimum they were faking some of the shots and some of the coverage.

So to be clear, we point out clear chroma key, also known as blue screen or green screen being used, and we're demonized. We point out they're clearly doing fake interviews.<sup>36</sup>

In other words, Mr. Jones used Mrs. De La Rosa's "fake" interview as proof that the truth about Sandy Hook was being artificially manipulated. In a chilling finale, Mr. Jones told his audience that the parents were actors:

And why should anybody fear an investigation if they have nothing to hide. In fact, isn't that in Shakespeare's Hamlet, "me thinks you protest too much."

But this particular case they are so scared of an investigation. So everything they do basically ends up blowing up in their face. So you guys are going to get what you want now. I'm going to start reinvestigating Sandy Hook and everything else that happened with it...

And so if children were lost in Sandy Hook, my heart goes out to each and every one of those parents and the people that say they're parents that I see on the news. The only problem is I've watched a lot of soap operas, and I've seen actors before. And I know when I'm watching a movie and when I'm watching something real.<sup>37</sup>

On April 22, 2017, InfoWars aired the "Sandy Hook Vampires Exposed" broadcast. During that broadcast, InfoWars once again made the false accusation that Ms. De La Rosa conducted a fake interview with Anderson Cooper as evidence of a conspiracy to cover up the truth about Sandy Hook. This broadcast was not an isolated statement, and it was clearly meant to reinforce years of claims about Sandy Hook. InfoWars should have known these claims were not true.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Ex. A24 - 2016-11-18 - Alex Jones Final Statement on Sandy Hook (Clip at 4m59s)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Ex. A25 - 2016-11-18 - Alex Jones Final Statement on Sandy Hook (Clip at 15m22s)

The statements made in the April 22, 2017 broadcast were further reinforced by comments Mr. Jones and InfoWars made later in 2017. On June 13, 2017, Mr. Jones stated in a Facebook video that "there's been a cover-up, and Anderson Cooper got caught faking where his location was with blue screen." On June 19, 2017, Mr. Jones appeared for an interview with Megyn Kelly. During this interview, Mr. Jones continued to insist there had been a cover-up. While he waffled on whether he now believed children were killed, he did not abandon his accusations about a cover-up. Mr. Jones claimed it was suspicious that the children's autopsy records were not released to the public, and he again claimed to see video of kids going in circles in and out of Sandy Hook elementary. Mr. Jones stated, "I do think there's some cover-up and some manipulation." On the comments of the public in the statement of the public in the control of the public in the co

In an October 26, 2017 broadcast entitled "JFK Assassination Documents To DROP Tonight," Mr. Jones again returned to the subject of Sandy Hook. In this broadcast, he repeated his accusation that "it's as phony as a three-dollar bill with CNN doing fake newscasts, with blue screens."

## B. The reasonable meaning of InfoWars' 2017 broadcasts

Before publishing, journalists must evaluate how their story will be received by the public. The editorial process includes an analysis of how ordinary readers of average intelligence will understand and interpret the story. During my years in newspaper journalism, I gained extensive expertise in assessing the reasonable meanings of a text. As editor, I routinely applied this expertise in order to avoid creating a misimpression among our readership. In this case, I likewise analyzed the publication to determine what meaning could be reasonably understood by a person of average intelligence.

It is my opinion that a person of ordinary intelligence could reasonably understand InfoWars' 2017 statements to accuse Ms. De La Rosa in colluding in an act of technical trickery to simulate her presence in Newtown when she was not actually there. A person of ordinary intelligence could reasonably understand that Mr. Jones was claiming this trickery was consistent with a series of deceptions perpetrated by CNN to facilitate violence and abuses of power. Unquestionably, the gist of the broadcast is that Ms. De La Rosa's fake interview is evidence of an evil conspiracy underlying Sandy Hook. Given the circumstances, it is my opinion that a person of ordinary intelligence could reasonably draw the implication that InfoWars was alleging Mrs. De La Rosa's interview is evidence that Sandy Hook was staged and that the alleged parents are participating in a cover-up. A person of ordinary intelligence could also reasonably draw the implication that InfoWars was alleging that Ms. De La Rosa is not a parent, but rather an actor participating in CNN's insidious scheme.

While the statements do not feature him specifically, a person of ordinary intelligence acquainted with Leonard Pozner, who was Ms. De La Rosa's husband, could reasonably have understood that the allegations also implicated him. Given the nature of the allegations about Ms. De La Rosa's conduct, and given the allegations that Sandy Hook was a staged event, a person of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Ex. A28 - 2017-06-13 - What Alex Jones Really Believes About Sandy Hook (Clip at 14m)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Ex. A29 - 2017-06-19 - Megyn Kelly Profile (Clip at 7m55s)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Ex. A30 - 2017-10-26 - JFK Assassination Documents To DROP Tonight (Clip at 1h13m30s)

ordinary intelligence could reasonably draw the implication that Leonard Pozner must also have been participating in a cover-up of the event.

Not only is it my opinion that these statements could be understood in this manner, but there is ample evidence that Mr. Jones' statements were indeed understood in this manner by the public at large. The nature of Mr. Jones' statements about Sandy Hook have been widely reported in the media. The national outrage created by the unmistakable meaning of Mr. Jones' statements about Sandy Hook is well documented. In an April 19, 2018 editorial entitled "Thank You for Suing Alex Jones," the Hartford Courant editorial board wrote:

Alex Jones and his website Infowars offer the worst kind of free speech — incendiary malice, based in falsehood, with no social value...They claim the Sandy Hook parents are actors. They claim the children never existed. They weave wild conspiracies from thin air. They have no regard for human suffering.<sup>41</sup>

The New York Daily News Editorial Board wrote about Jones' statements in an editorial on April 17, 2018 entitled "Defamed by the devil: Sandy Hook parents take on Alex Jones' lies." The Board wrote:

All decent people should cheer on Leonard Pozner, Veronique De La Rosa and Neil Heslin...for filing a defamation lawsuit in Texas court against Alex Jones. As a radio show host and the grand poobah of <u>Infowars.com</u>, Jones has peddled wretched whole-cloth lies about the 2012 Newtown massacre: that it was all a hoax, that the victims and their mourning mothers and fathers are actors.<sup>42</sup>

In short, nobody who has been paying attention to Mr. Jones has any ambiguity about the meaning of his claims. His statements about Mrs. De La Rosa's interview form a central part of his years-long campaign to convince his viewers that the events of Sandy Hook should not be believed. Given the persistence of the Sandy Hook hoax conspiracy online, it is clear that many of Mr. Jones' followers have accepted his allegations as true. A 2016 poll conducted by Fairleigh Dickinson University found that 24% of Americans believe Sandy Hook was either "definitely" or "possibly" faked.<sup>43</sup>

Additionally, it is clear from my review that Mr. Jones' statements would be reasonably understood as assertions of fact, not opinions. Mr. Jones did not equivocate in his statements about a blue-screen or his other false statements about Sandy Hook. Mr. Jones has frequently claimed special expertise and assured his audience that the interview "clearly" used a blue screen. In the April 22, 2017 broadcast, Mr. Jones confidently stated that "the green-screen isn't set right."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> http://www.courant.com/g00/opinion/editorials/hc-ed-alex-jones-sandy-hook-hoax-lawsuit-20180417-story.html?i10c.encReferrer=&i10c.ua=1&i10c.dv=14

http://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/defamed-devil-sandy-hook-parents-alex-jones-lies-article-1.3939094

<sup>43</sup> https://view2.fdu.edu/publicmind/2016/161011/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Ex. A26 - 2017-04-22 - Sandy Hook Vampires Exposed (Clip at 29m)

It is my opinion that that InfoWars' 2017 statements would tend to injure a person's reputation and impeach their honesty and integrity. It is also clear these statements could expose a person to contempt or ridicule.

# 2. InfoWars' accusations about Sandy Hook and Ms. De La Rosa's interview were made with reckless disregard for truth.

I have reviewed materials which lead me to believe that InfoWars demonstrated a reckless disregard for truth. It is my opinion that InfoWars had serious doubts about the truth of their 2017 broadcasts and were motivated by a desire to mislead.

### A. InfoWars's accusations were inherently improbable.

Mr. Jones' assertion about the blue-screen was farfetched to the say the least. It required an extraordinary level of verification before being repeatedly stated as fact. Yet it is clear that InfoWars performed no verification because any genuine inquiry would have shown the accusation was bogus. As demonstrated by video analyst Grant Fredericks, any minimal competent video professional would have understood that the blue-screen was not used.

Another problem with InfoWars' allegation is that it makes no sense to use a blue screen to simulate an interview in a location that is a short drive from Anderson Cooper's office in New York City. In addition, there is copious third-party evidence that Mr. Cooper was in Newtown. For example, on December 15, 2012, an Anderson Cooper fan blog, "All Things Anderson," posted photographs of Mr. Cooper in Newtown.





Mr. Jones' accusation proves the adage that serious claims require serious evidence. Yet it does not appear that Mr. Jones had any evidence to make his assertions, relying instead on his own self-professed expertise in video technology. As such, Mr. Jones ignored basic precautions taken

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<sup>45</sup> http://www.allthingsandersoncooper.com/2012/12/anderson-cooper-live-in-newtown-ct.html

by journalists. Rather than meaningfully investigate his claim or produce corroborating evidence, Mr. Jones made these statements with reckless disregard for whether they were true or not.

## B. InfoWars has a long history of making false statements about Sandy Hook.

InfoWars has made wild claims about the Sandy Hook massacre from the beginning. Mr. Jones suggested the event was a "false flag" on the day on the shooting <sup>46</sup>, and InfoWars explicitly made that claim over the next five years. The accusation that Ms. De La Rosa's interview was conducted in front of a blue-screen became a central element of InfoWars' claim that the official story of Sandy Hook was a lie. In a 2013 broadcast entitled "Why People Think Sandy Hook is Hoax," Mr. Jones called Ms. De La Rosa's interview footage "the finale" in his parade of evidence that the event was staged. He continued to repeat this falsehood on numerous broadcasts over the new five years, along with other false assertions about Sandy Hook.

As part of my evaluation in this case, I reviewed video clips from over twenty InfoWars' broadcasts between 2013-2016, all of which discuss the alleged conspiracy behind Sandy Hook. In the videos I reviewed, InfoWars made a variety of factual allegations which are readily disproved by basic journalistic efforts. The various claims made by Jones have been debunked from numerous groups and individuals using a wide variety of sources in the public record.

InfoWars had ample opportunity to investigate the accuracy of its assertions. It has devoted an enormous amount of airtime to the tragedy, with broadcasts making extreme assertions years after the event. Given the enormous public attention and outcry over Jones' allegations, I find it unlikely that InfoWars researchers could have avoided the widespread debunking efforts unless they were doing so intentionally. It is my opinion that any reasonable journalist who continued to publish these claims in 2017 would entertain serious doubts about the truth of their statements, and that they would be acting with a desire to mislead their audience.

## C. InfoWars has a long history of recklessly claiming that national tragedies were staged by the government.

Mr. Jones' rise to notoriety coincided with his assertions that the 9/11 terror attacks were orchestrated by the U.S. government. His current promotional materials boast that "Alex Jones is considered by many to be the grandfather of what has come to be known as the 9/11 Truth Movement." Regarding the shooting at Columbine High School, Jones told his audience, "Columbine, we know was a false flag. I'd say 100% false flag." Jones claimed that Columbine "had globalist operations written all over it." Regarding the Oklahoma City bombing, Jones said

<sup>48</sup> The Alex Jones Show, July 20, 2012, video available at:

https://www.mediamatters.org/embed/clips/2016/11/23/51241/gcn-alexjones-20120720-columbine

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Ex. A1 - 2012-12-14 - Connecticut School Massacre Looks Like False Flag Says Witnesses (Clip at 9m30)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Free Speech Systems, LLC Media Kit, p. 1.

https://www.mediamatters.org/embed/clips/2016/11/23/51244/gcn-alexjones-20120720-columbinefalseflag

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> The Alex Jones Show, July 20, 2012, video available at:

the bombing was a "false flag" and that "we've never had one so open and shut." He added that convicted bomber Timothy McVeigh "was a patsy, that was a staged event." <sup>50</sup>

Mere hours after James Holmes killed twelve people in a movie theater in Aurora, CO, Jones told his audience that there was a "100 percent chance" the shooting was a "false flag, mind control event."<sup>51</sup>

After the shooting of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, Jones stated: "The whole thing stinks to high heaven." Mr. Jones asserted that the Giffords shooting was "a staged mind-control operation."

An April 18, 2013 headline on the InfoWars website read "Proof Boston Marathon Bombing Is False Flag Cover-Up." A week later, Mr. Jones stated on his broadcast, "I have never seen a false flag, provocateured, staged event by a government come apart faster than it is right now." Jones said that "patsies were set up" after being recruited by "globalist intelligence agencies." Jones claimed that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who was convicted of the Boston Marathon bombing, "was totally set up, ladies and gentlemen, to sell the police state," and that his brother worked for the CIA. 56

Mr. Jones made similar accusations about the Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida, claiming a 90% probability that it was a false flag:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> The Alex Jones Show, April 19, 2015, video available at:

https://www.mediamatters.org/embed/clips/2016/11/21/51199/youtube-jones-20150419-okc

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> The Alex Jones Show, July 20, 2012, video available at:

https://www.mediamatters.org/embed/clips/2016/11/23/51243/gcn-alexjones-20120720-100

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Interview with Rolling Stone, March 2, 2011, available at:

http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/talk-radios-alex-jones-the-most-paranoid-man-in-america-20110302

<sup>53</sup> http://www.infowars.com/proof-boston-marathon-bombing-is-staged-terror-attack/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> The Alex Jones Show, April 26, 2013, available at:

https://www.mediamatters.org/embed/clips/2016/11/29/51269/youtube-alexjones-20130426-staged

<sup>55</sup> The Alex Jones Show, April 26, 2013, available at:

https://www.mediamatters.org/embed/clips/2016/11/29/51271/youtube-alexjones-20130426-boston

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> The Alex Jones Show, April 8, 2015. Available at:



In short, a major element of Mr. Jones' brand is built on his allegations that major national tragedies are actually the result of orchestrated government actions. Given this background, I find that Mr. Jones' pattern of predictably asserting that events are "false flags," sometimes within hours of the event, is circumstantial evidence that Mr. Jones recklessly disregarded whether his broadcast was true in this case.

## D. There is evidence of personal animus to the Pozner family.

According to his affidavit, Plaintiff Leonard Pozner has spent significant effort online attempting to stop the spread of Mr. Jones' hoax fantasies. Mr. Pozner started a non-profit known as the HONR Network that seeks to have false statements about victims of mass shooting events removed from the internet.

In 2015, HONR lodged a complaint with YouTube over an InfoWars video that featured photographs of Mr. Pozner's son. When these complaints caused the video to be deleted, a visibly angry Jones discussed the issue on his February 12, 2015 broadcast. Mr. Jones stated, "We're going to be countering this, and we're going to be dealing with this." Mr. Jones then stated, "We need to stop cowing down to these people, and let them know we're not putting up with their bullying anymore." <sup>58</sup>

Mr. Jones later took a live phone call from a fellow Sandy Hook denier who was also upset with Mr. Pozner. The caller stated, "Lenny, if you're listening, your day is coming, my friend. It is coming." Mr. Jones responded, "This sounds like a war is going on. I think they made a major mistake involving us." The caller then stated, "Oh, I totally agree. They don't know what they bit off. Go after them, Alex. Crush them." Mr. Jones responded, "I'm not somebody to mess with." <sup>59</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Ex. A14 - 2015-02-12 - InfoWars broadcast relating to HONR copyright claim (Clip at 23m34s)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Ex. A15 - 2015-02-12 - InfoWars broadcast relating to HONR copyright claim (Clip at 31m14s)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Ex. A16 - 2015-02-12 - InfoWars broadcast relating to HONR copyright claim (Clip at 34m10s)

Following this call, InfoWars reporter Rob Dew showed personal addresses of Mr. Pozner and displayed maps of these locations.<sup>61</sup> Mr. Jones stated that, "I guess I'm going to have to probably go on up to Newtown. I'm going to have to probably go investigate Florida as well."<sup>62</sup>

A few weeks after the broadcast discussing Mr. Pozner, InfoWars featured another broadcast about Sandy Hook on March 4, 2015 entitled "New Bombshell Sandy Hook Information In-Bound." Over the course of the one-hour broadcast, Mr. Jones made repeated reference to Mrs. De La Rosa's interview, such as:

If we've seen false flags over and over again and then you've got all these anomalies and clear loop tapes and clear blue screen/green screens -- I mean, they really screwed up. CNN screwed up during the Gulf War with fake green screen stuff. It was blue screen in that case, chroma key...And you know, fake scud attacks that are admitted. So I just -- it had all the signs too. How they were so ready that day, how they capitalized them, how they rolled out all these groups. <sup>63</sup>

Mr. Jones and InfoWars continued to make false statements over the next year, culminating the statements in the April 22, 2017 broadcast entitled "Sandy Hook Vampires Exposed." I find there is circumstantial evidence that InfoWars' continuing allegations were motivated in part by personal malice towards Leonard Pozner.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the evidence I have reviewed at this early stage, it is my opinion that the Defendants failed to use reasonable care to ascertain the accuracy of their statements. Moreover, it is my opinion that the Defendants entertained serious doubts about the truth of their statements regarding the Plaintiffs. Given the evidence I have reviewed, I conclude that the statements were published with reckless disregard for falsity. It is also my opinion that the statements by InfoWars were harmful to the Plaintiff, and could subject them to public contempt, hate, or ridicule.

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<sup>©</sup> Ex. A17 - 2015-02-12 - InfoWars broadcast relating to HONR copyright claim (Clip at 38m59s)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Ex. A18 - 2015-02-12 - InfoWars broadcast relating to HONR copyright claim (Clip at 42m23s)

<sup>@</sup> Ex. A19 - 2015-03-04 - New Bombshell Sandy Hook Information In-Bound (Clip at 16m53s)