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Via Personal Service

Alfred Charles Sharpton Jr. a/k/a Al Sharpton

Re: Pre-Suit Demand Regarding Your Defamation of
Warren Hudson (“Warren”), Jax Pitalo (“Jax”), and Morgan Seymour (“Morgan”)

Dear Mr. Sharpton:

We represent Warren, Jax, and Morgan. This letter will serve as our only pre-suit demand regarding your defamatory statements about these completely innocent young men.

This letter should come as no surprise to you, since you recently welcomed a lawsuit against you, boasting at the National Association of Black Journalists Convention:

“But I will say this on stage, I want them to sue me first.”¹ You also stated: “I want to depose your son. If you sue, the plaintiffs are deposed” and “let’s go to civil court, any kind of court you want to go to, because you can’t make this make sense.”² We’re happy to grant your wish: **Unless you comply with the demands set forth in this letter, we will imminently be filing suit against you.** However, we are pleased that you too welcome depositions.

While we are more than ready for Warren, Jax, and Morgan to sit for their depositions and tell the truth under oath, we are most looking forward to *your* deposition.

Smearing the reputation of innocent young men mourning the loss of their friend to score cheap political points will prove far easier than explaining yourself under oath. Indeed, you will find dealing with us to be an altogether different experience than indulging in a slanderous rampage applauded by the fawning sycophants in the echo chamber of your inner circle.

¹ See, e.g., *Nolan Wells’ family, attorneys call for federal review of his case at NABJ convention*, WLOX (Aug. 13, 2026), <https://www.wlox.com/2026/08/13/nolan-wells-family-attorneys-call-federal-review-his-case-nabj-convention/> (last visited Aug. 21, 2026)

² *Id.*

I. YOUR DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS

On July 14th, 2026, you appeared on *TMZ Live* and spoke about events surrounding the tragic death of Nolan Wells.³ Speaking about the investigation into Nolan's death, you stated:

"I was uh, first of all, stunned at the fact that this young man, uh, is going out, he and *three friends*, he black, *they white* and, uh, a day later his mother and them start searching for him, no one comes forward, and then they find out after two days, uh, that they claim his body was washed up and that they had given his cell phone and his keys to one of the *three friends* saying he didn't want to go back from Horn Island with them."⁴

You then stated: "Have they brought *these three young men* in for questioning under oath?"⁵ You again left no doubt who you were referring to when you stated: "How does anybody say that oh, no, race played no role unless you know the *three guys* and the *three guys* were forthcoming."⁶ Continuing your racist vitriol, you further identified your targets when you stated: "You got to look at the possibility of racism at different levels. One, were any of the *three guys* racist?"⁷ You later asked: "Have they interrogated the *three young men*?"⁸

There can be no doubt that you were intentionally referring to Warren, Jax, and Morgan, as evidenced by your multiple references to Nolan's "three friends," the "three young men," the "three guys," and to the fact that they are white. Your remarks were intended to accuse them of infamous crimes, publicly claim them as criminal, identify them as enemies, endanger them, and subject them to threats, ridicule, and scorn.

You clearly intended that your audience would know exactly who you were talking about Warren, Jax, and Morgan. Your full defamatory statement, set forth below contained lie after lie about each of the three young men:

"I was uh, first of all, stunned at the fact that this young man, uh, is going out, he and three friends, he black, they white and, uh, a day later his mother and them start searching for him, *no one comes forward*, and then they find out after two days, uh, that they claim his body was washed up and that they had given his cell phone and his keys to one of the three friends saying he didn't want to go back from Horn Island with them. Well, first of all, it's very, very unlikely for most eighteen-year-olds to ever give up their cell phone. But, uh, if you're going to stay on an island and nobody's there, other than people, tourists or partiers, why would you want to give up your cell phone? *Then when they track the cell phone down and find out which one of the men, young men had it and the keys, which they first said they didn't have, then he had to admit he did. Uh, all of his photos, text messages, everything on the phone had been erased. So, what hit me strange, one, he's missing without a cell phone. Two, you lie about whether or not you had the cell phone and the keys. And three, everything's erased from the cell phone.* That's too many unanswered questions for us not to say that something is amiss here."⁹

³ *Al Sharpton Speaks Out On Nolan Wells*, TMZ (July 14, 2026), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBy-9zrEDUw> (last visited Aug. 21, 2026) (the "Interview").

⁴ (Emphasis added) (Time Stamp 0:12 to 0:52).

⁵ (Emphasis added) (Time Stamp 2:24 to 2:37).

⁶ (Emphasis added) (Time Stamp 4:23 to 4:32).

⁷ (Emphasis added) (Time Stamp 4:33 to 4:40).

⁸ (Emphasis added) (Time Stamp 6:55 to 6:58).

⁹ (Defamatory Assertions Italicized) (Time Stamp 0:12 to 1:53).

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And in one of your closing remarks, after “call[ing] for fairness and justice” in response to Nolan’s death, you rhetorically asked “[i]f they can do this to the brightest of us, what can they do to the rest of us?”¹⁰

Then, on August 19th, 2026, on what would have been Nolan’s 19th birthday, you hosted an online vigil, ostensibly to honor his legacy. However, being that you are a Megalodon-esque devourer of reputations, you could not resist the urge to launch more attacks against Warren, Jax, and Morgan. There, you made the following defamatory statement:

“He had friends in the community in Ocean Springs. And, as one would do with friends, holidays you spend together. On the 4th of July of this year, he and *three young white male friends*, people he was acquainted with, decided to go to Horn Island, because that’s where a lot of the festivities happen. Hours later, *the three friends* came back, and he was not with them. And, that is where the mystery happened. When his parents recognized he was not back at a certain time, they started calling around and they found that he had not come back with the three friends. *And that’s where it gets cloudy*. What the friends knew, when they knew it, *why they didn’t hand over the cell phone over right away when it was clear he was not back with them, the keys*, all of that needs to be litigated.”¹¹

Not only were these remarks delivered in exceptionally poor taste at what was supposed to be a vigil, you knew full well that these fine young men did not even have Nolan’s phone to withhold in the first place. You also knew that Nolan did not travel alone to the Island with Warren, Jax, and Morgan. He was with 29 other people.

You dishonored Nolan by using a vigil as a platform to smear his best friends. Even worse, you singled them out in front of an entire online audience in attendance for attending the vigil. You just cannot help yourself.

Contrary to the multiple lies in your defamatory statements, the truth is that:

- Warren, Jax, and/or Morgan did not touch Nolan’s cell phone or keys on July 4, 2026;
- Warren, Jax, and/or Morgan did not lie about Nolan’s cell phone or keys;
- Warren, Jax, and/or Morgan did not admit to having Nolan’s cell phone or keys, because they never even touched his cell phone or keys on July 4, 2026;
- Warren, Jax, and/or Morgan did not access Nolan’s phone;
- Warren, Jax, and/or Morgan did not breach Nolan’s phone;
- Warren, Jax, and/or Morgan did not erase anything on Nolan’s phone;
- Warren, Jax, and/or Morgan did not tamper with anything on Nolan’s phone;
- Warren, Jax, and/or Morgan, like many other of Nolan’s friends, did come forward, contacting not only Nolan’s family, but also the Coast Guard, and even returned to Horn Island to search for Nolan.
- Warren, Jax, and/or Morgan did not have any knowledge whatsoever the tragic death of Nolan Wells; and
- Warren, Jax, and/or Morgan did not have anything whatsoever to do with the death of Nolan Wells.

¹⁰ (Time Stamp 10:02 to 10:17).

¹¹ Al Sharpton & National Action Network, *National Noon-Day Prayer Vigil for Nolan Wells* (Aug. 19, 2026), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbMLjd64xig> (last visited Aug. 21, 2026).

You falsely accused these three completely innocent young men of extremely serious wrongdoing that constitutes multiple felonies under Mississippi law, including, but not limited to: Murder¹²; Hindering prosecution in the first degree¹³; and Tampering with physical evidence.¹⁴ Exacerbating your false accusations, it appears that you have conducted no case investigation, including inexcusably failing to visit Horn Island (the “Island”) even once.

Nonetheless, emboldened by decades of unaccountability, you consider yourself untouchable, with a green light to peddle your abhorrent and damaging lies as you stand atop the gilded soapbox which you have fashioned into a throne. Your evidence-free *modus operandi* is most reminiscent of the carnival barkers, elixir salesmen, and hucksters who preyed upon the gullible and naïve at America’s 19th century county fairs. Yet, even these carnival barkers, elixir salesmen, and hucksters would find your uniquely potent snake venom too much to stomach. You are a human circus.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The facts as they pertain to Warren, Jax, and Morgan are straightforward. They arrived on the Island at approximately 10:50AM¹⁵ on July 4th, 2026, as part of a large, mixed-race, and tight-knit Ocean Springs friend group traveling together with others in three boats.



Nolan was aboard the *Triton* with 8 other friends. Morgan was on the *Palm Beach* with 3 other friends. Warren and Jax were on the *Tideline* with 15 other friends. At no time on the way out to the Island were Warren, Jax, or Morgan on the same boat with Nolan.

¹² Miss. Code. Ann. § 97-3-19.

¹³ Miss. Code. Ann. § 97-9-105.

¹⁴ Miss. Code. Ann. § 97-9-125.

¹⁵ All times referenced herein are Central Daylight Time.

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Further, none of these boats are owned by Warren, Jax, or Morgan, nor by their families. The boating party consisted of 30 individuals in total. The below picture illustrates that this was a large group that went with them to Horn Island.



At the time Nolan was last seen on the Island by anyone in the boating party, there were approximately 2000 people there enjoying Independence Day. Below are two pictures showing the sheer amount of people on the Island just in the far northwest portion.

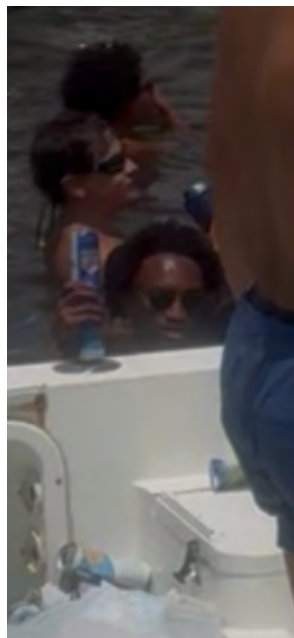


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Nolan and his friends spent their time on Island socializing and drinking alcohol. At no time while Warren, Jax, and Morgan were on the island were they alone with Nolan. By all accounts, while Warren, Jax, and Morgan were on the Island, Nolan was at no point in time alone. Nolan was never in distress, hurt, injured, or in any physical danger in the slightest while Warren, Jax, and Morgan were there.

Nolan, just like most everyone on the Island, did not have his phone in his pocket the entire day. Just the opposite. On the Island, it is normal to store your cell phone and electronics on the boat so that it will not be damaged by the salt water. Further, the water is so murky that if a phone is dropped it is almost impossible to retrieve it.

While Warren, Jax, and Morgan were there, Nolan seemed in good spirits and enjoying Independence Day. Below are pictures of Nolan amidst a large group of young people at approximately 1:55PM.

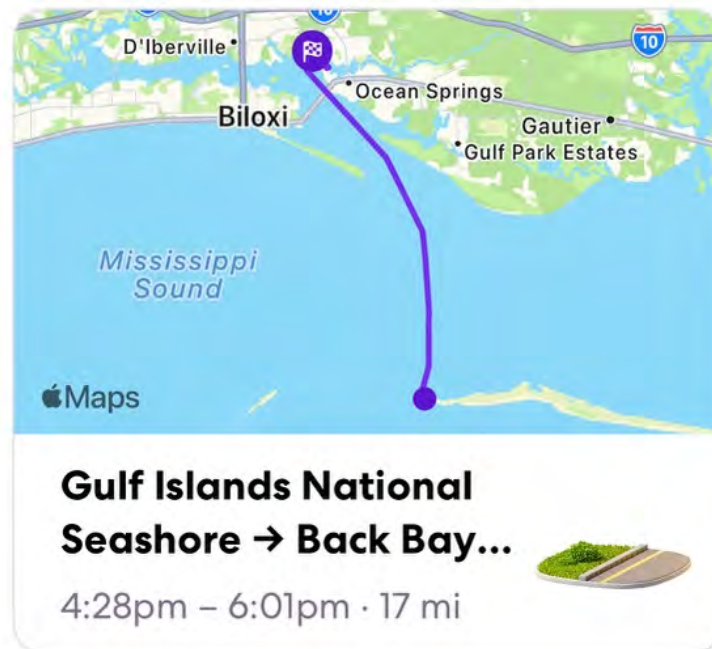


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At approximately 3:00PM Warren saw Nolan alive and well wading in the water with a young woman, holding each other. Nolan appeared happy and enjoying himself with the young woman, who he spent much of the day with.

As you well knew when you made your defamatory statements (or should have known had you cared about the truth), Warren, Jax, and Morgan then left Horn Island with a large group of friends—27 in the boating party in total—at approximately 4:28PM, all while Nolan was alive and well.

The 4:28PM departure is also confirmed by numerous witnesses, who can also confirm that Nolan decided to remain on the Island and did not leave with Warren, Jax, and Morgan. Nolan did not retrieve his phone from the boat.



The *Palm Beach* (carrying 3 individuals, including Morgan) left first. The *Triton* (carrying 8 individuals) and the *Tideline* (carrying 16 individuals including Jax and Warren) departed shortly thereafter. Nolan was *not* one of the 27 members of the return boating party.

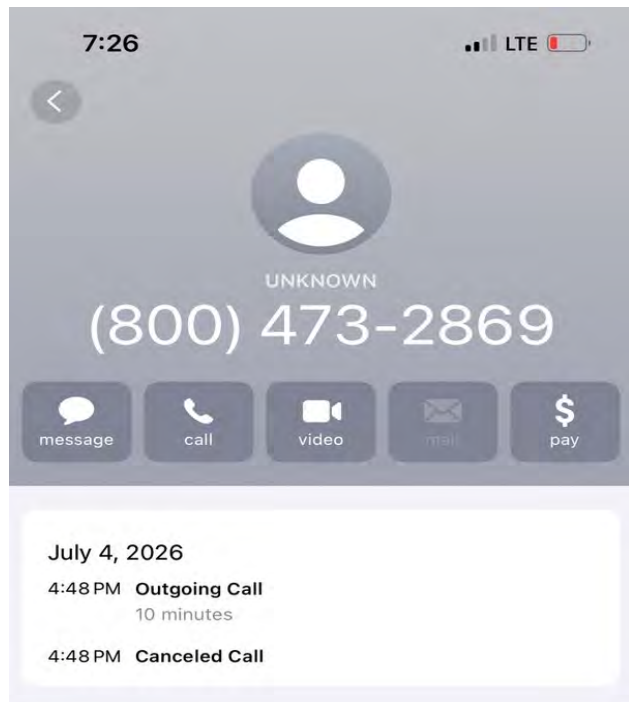
However, the departure was not without complication: one of the boats, the *Triton*, was taking on water due to a defective bilge pump.

Multiple people told Nolan to get on the boat, but he wanted to stay on the Island with young woman he was spending the day with. Nolan chose, of his own free will and accord, to stay on the Island and return home later. He was not the only friend to stay later than the larger group.

Due to the danger of the *Triton* sinking, the group unanchored the boat and slowly moved away from the Island while trying to get assistance.

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At approximately 4:48PM, a member of the group called Sea Tow due to the bilge pump issue. Below is a picture taken of that individual while on the phone with Sea Tow at 4:48PM on July 4th, 2026, just off of the shore of the Island.



Sea Tow ended up not towing the *Triton*, but instead the group decided that the *Tideline* would be best suited to tow it.

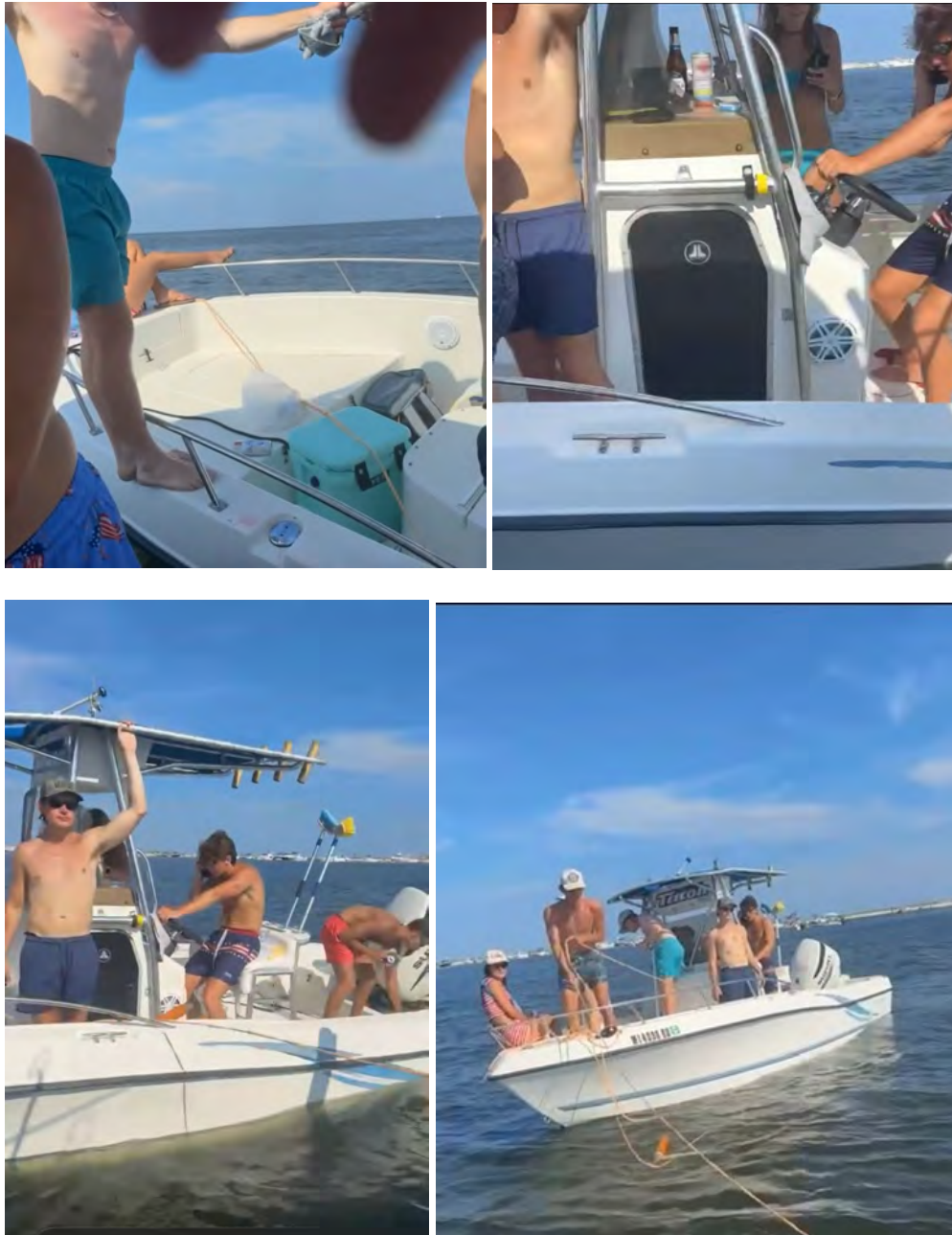


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It took approximately an hour and a half to return to the mainland, with the *Tideline* towing the *Triton*, due to this mechanical issue.

Halfway home, the motor of the *Triton* was able to trim down, electrical equipment regained function, and the group was able to remove the plug on the boat so that excess water would expel out of the back of the boat when it gained enough speed. At approximately 6:01PM, the group of three returning boats docked back on the mainland. Nolan was not on any of these three boats.

Between the *Triton* and the *Tideline*, there were 24 occupants, and thus 24 witnesses. None of these 24 individuals saw Nolan in either boat because Nolan was not in either boat. **Every one of these witnesses have spoken to authorities and verified that Nolan Wells was not on any of the subject three boats when they returned to the mainland.** As you can clearly see, Al, Nolan is not in the boats.



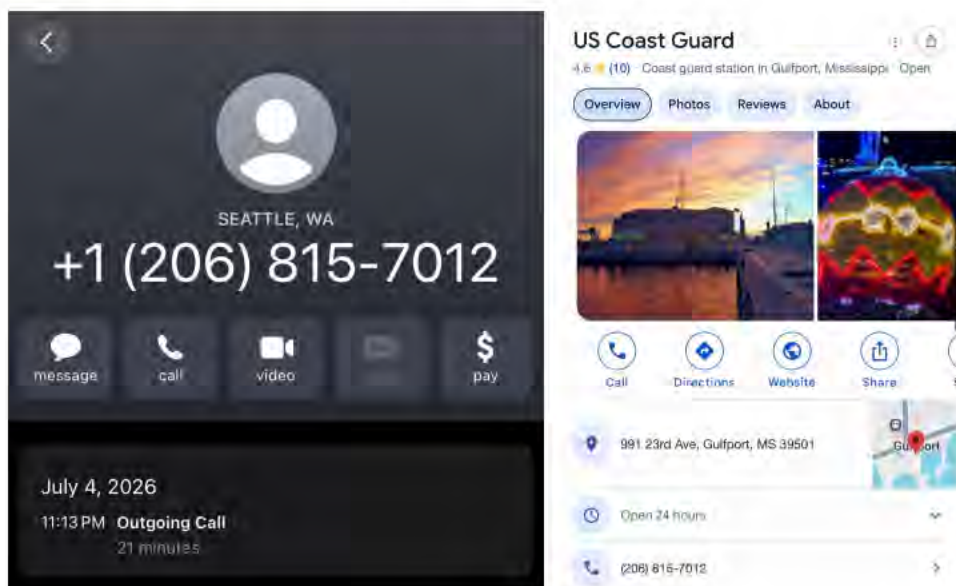
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Later that night, the friend group became alarmed and concerned when they realized none of them had heard from Nolan. By approximately 10:00PM, members of the group, including Warren, Jax, and Morgan, began contacting mutual friends to locate Nolan. None had heard from him or knew his whereabouts.

At approximately 11:07PM, Warren personally telephoned Christine Wells to ask whether Nolan had returned home. Warren told Christine that Nolan did not return with the group and Christine confirmed that he had not returned home, and she had not heard from Nolan since the evening of July 3rd. Warren advised her that Nolan's cell phone had remained with the group on their return from the Island and was secured in [REDACTED] vehicle. Warren also told Christine that he would call the Coast Guard out of an abundance of caution.

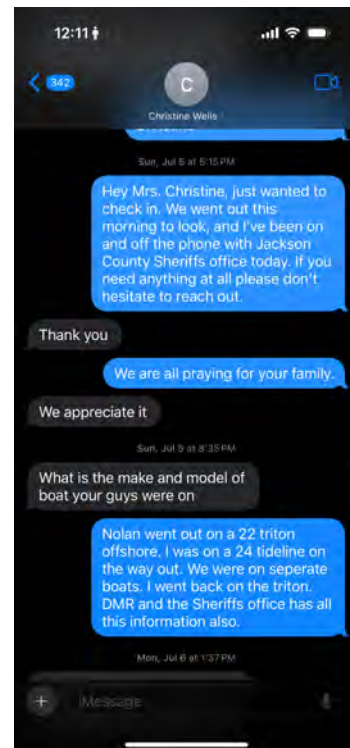
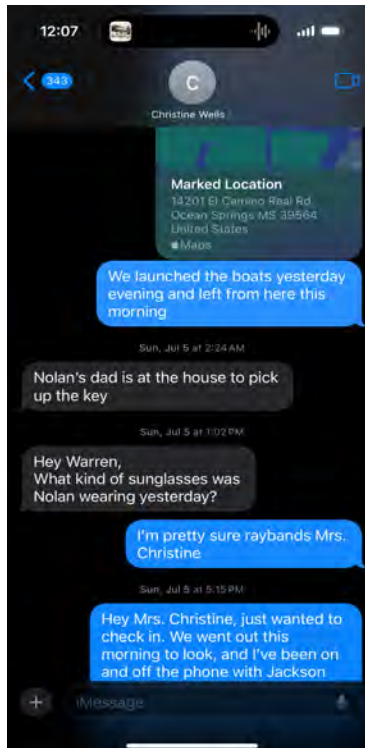
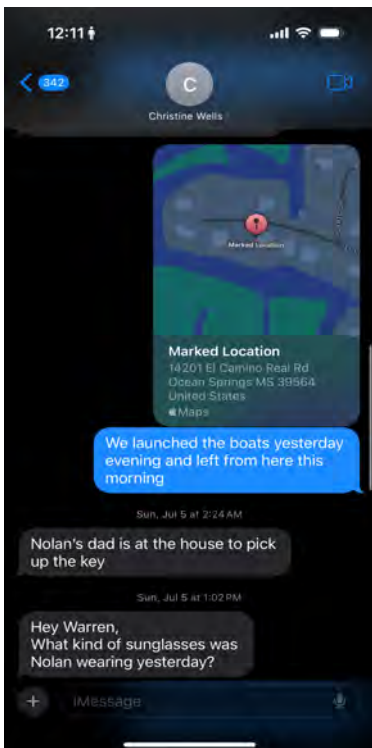
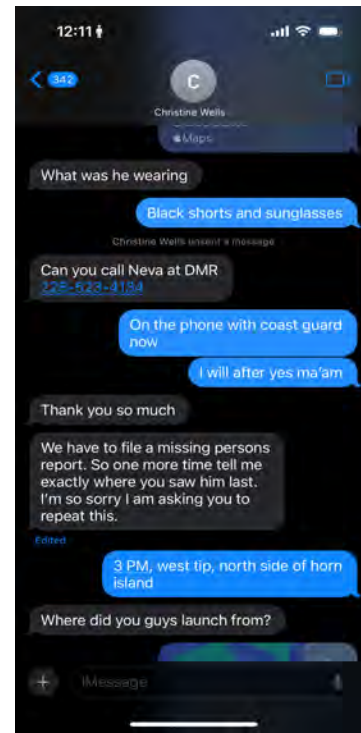
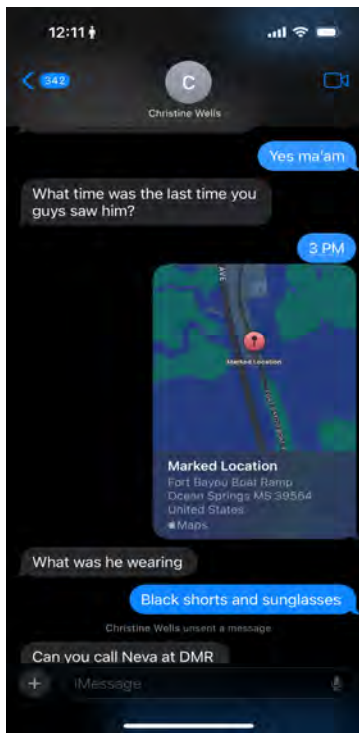
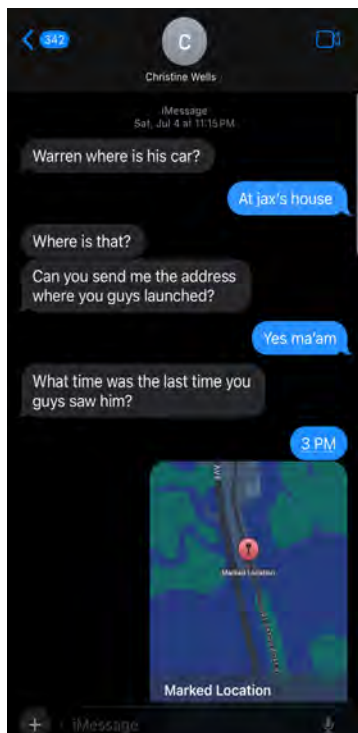


Moreover, at approximately 11:13PM, Warren personally contacted the United States Coast Guard to report Nolan missing and get help locating him. Warren remained on the call for over twenty minutes and provided a full description of Nolan, what he was wearing, his last known whereabouts, what time the friend group left the Island, and other necessary information to help find him.



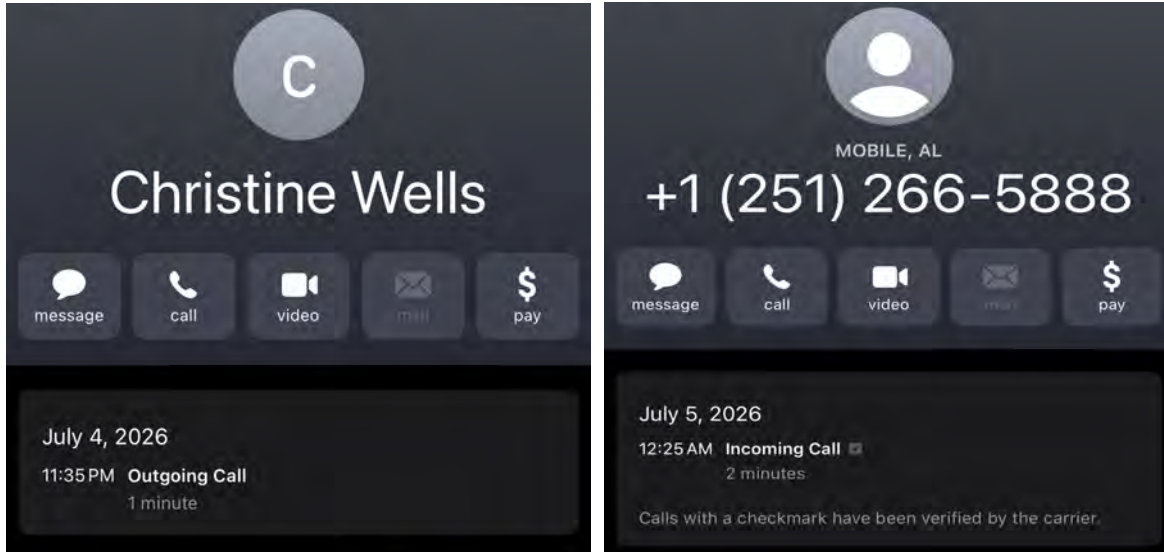
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Mind you, Al, while Warren was on the phone with the Coast Guard, he and Christine were constantly exchanging text messages, starting at 11:15PM. Those texts have already been publicly released by us to members of the media. But for reference: here are just a few.



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One minute after getting off the call with the Coast Guard, Warren called Christine again to inform her that he spoke to them and that they were notified. He also told her the details about where the group was on the Island, where they last saw Nolan, and other relevant information. At 12:25AM, Warren received a call from a local member of the Coast Guard to get more information about Nolan and his last known location. Warren again willingly provided them all the information he had.



To count: two calls to Christine and two times speaking with the Coast Guard.

But it gets better, Al. Because at 1:00AM on the dot, Christine and Warren talked for a third time. This time, Christine called Warren. She told him that Jackson County Sheriff's Department would be calling him so that he could give them more information. Warren agreed and spoke with a Deputy or Investigator on another individual's phone.



I'm sure you can agree, Al, that if you had just committed a heinous and infamous crime on an island, calling and texting the victim's mother, calling the fine men and women of the Coast Guard with their marine investigative expertise, and then speaking to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, would be some of the dumbest moves you could possibly make.

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Later, just after midnight on July 5th, [REDACTED] mother arrived at Jax's house unannounced with a group of people, most of whom were unknown to Warren, Jax, and Morgan. These individuals let themselves into the house without permission, demanding Nolan's cell phone and his whereabouts. Jax's parents were not home.

A female friend retrieved Nolan's cell phone from Wyatt's truck and handed it to Jayvon's mother without incident or delay. At no time did Warren, Jax, or Morgan so much as touch Nolan's phone. At no time did they have actual possession of Nolan's phone. At no time did they have constructive possession of Nolan's phone. At no time did they access or breach his phone. And at no time did they alter, delete, modify, or erase any data or information on Nolan's phone.

Then, after 2:24AM on July 5th, Nolan's stepfather, Elmore Wonsley, came to Jax's house and asked Jax whether he had possession of Nolan's keys. Nolan spent the night at Jax's house on July 3rd into early July 4th with around 15 to 20 other people. He even slept in Jax's bed with Jax having to find another place to sleep. After searching throughout his residence, Jax was unable to immediately locate Nolan's keys, because Nolan hadn't told Jax where he had left them. Another individual who was with Elmore had to text the same female friend who handed the phone to Jayvon's mother to find out where Nolan left his keys. It turned out that Nolan had left the keys on top of a video game console in Jax's bedroom. Jax immediately handed over the keys to Nolan's stepfather.

But Elmore wasn't alone. There were a group of other individuals with him. After giving Nolan's key to Elmore, the group with him refused to leave the property. Even when asked to leave by Jax and his brother, the group remained there and demanded answers as to Nolan's location. The group became disruptive. After refusing to leave repeatedly, Jax and his brother finally had to call 911.



Once the Ocean Springs Police Department arrived on scene, the group finally left the property, and Jax and his brother told police about Nolan not returning with them. They told officers truthfully that no one had seen him, and that unruly group came to their house to locate Nolan's keys and demand answers from them.

The next day, at approximately 10:30AM on July 5th, Warren, together with Katie Hudson Seymour, David Seymour, Brooks Edmiston, and Jax, returned to Horn Island by boat to search for Nolan. That search was subsequently joined by units of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft, and additional private vessels. Neither Warren, Jax, nor Morgan has any knowledge of what happened to Nolan after his last confirmed sighting on Horn Island, and none of them had any involvement whatsoever in his disappearance or death.

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Again, it bears repeating: neither Warren, Jax, nor Morgan at any time had possession of or made any false statement regarding Nolan's cell phone. Neither Warren, Jax, nor Morgan breached, accessed, tampered with, or deleted any data from Nolan's cell phone. None of them hid, concealed, nor withheld Nolan's keys or lied about the whereabouts of Nolan's keys. And they absolutely came forward and made numerous diligent efforts to increase the probability of locating Nolan.

Without the assistance of Warren, Jax, and Morgan, the investigation into Nolan's whereabouts would not have started as soon as it did, and we would all be further from getting to the truth.

Warren, Jax, and Morgan were all close with Nolan and loved him like a brother. And Nolan loved them back. Unlike you, Warren, Jax, and Morgan welcome the truth and care very much about learning the truth surrounding Nolan's tragic death.



Al, your accusations against these fine young men have no factual basis whatsoever. Your accusations are leveled at Warren, Jax, and Morgan in the grandest tradition of the carnival barkers, elixir salesmen, and hucksters who preyed upon unwitting victims in a bygone era.

You are confident that you are untouchable, but you are about to discover that you are quite wrong and that you are not above the law.

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As you well knew when you uttered your defamatory statements, there were approximately 2000 people on Horn Island, and hundreds just in the area where Nolan's friend group arrived and departed. The individuals present on the Island included members of the Ocean Springs community, boaters, and tourists from elsewhere.

Had you bothered to visit the Island before aiming your defamatory fusillade at Warren, Jax, and Morgan, you would have learned that the far western side of the Island is an open landscape with no trees or structures. The area is flat with low sand dunes and is extremely narrow north to south.



But you didn't visit the Island (pictured above with very light cloud cover, in contrast to July 4th, when there was virtually no cloud cover). If you did, you would have known that with thousands of people present during daylight hours on Independence Day, your belief that an unwitnessed murder occurred under a bright sun and cloudless sky is not only fundamentally inconsistent with the facts set forth above, but also implausible given the environmental dynamics.

At the time of writing, Nolan's parents' attorneys have inexplicably failed to provide his cell phone to the authorities to conduct a forensic inspection, entirely inconsistent with the search for answers and truth.

Warren, Jax, and Morgan are not the ones who made Nolan's cell phone an issue. They never even touched Nolan's cell phone on July 4th or 5th.

On the other hand, the three young men that you maliciously accuse of wrongdoing have long since *voluntarily* provided their cell phones to the authorities. They were not compelled by a warrant or similar court order. Their cooperation underscores the unassailable truth:

Warren, Jax, and Morgan are completely innocent of any wrongdoing with respect to the death of Nolan Wells.

III. LEGAL ANALYSIS

You will presumably attempt to escape liability for their disgusting accusations against Warren, Jax, and Morgan by claiming “opinion.” You certainly cannot claim “truth,” since your statements were all categorically false. Alas, this is no defense, for the reasons discussed below.

In Mississippi, false statements—whether written, or spoken—which tends to injure one’s reputation and thereby expose them to “public hatred, contempt or ridicule, degrade them in society, lessen them in public esteem or lower them in the confidence of the community,” are liable for defamation.¹⁶

To establish a claim for defamation, an ordinary plaintiff must prove: 1) a false and defamatory statement concerning another; 2) an unprivileged publication to a third party; 3) fault amounting at least to negligence on the part of the publisher; 4) either actionability of the statement irrespective of special harm or the existence of special harm caused by the publication.¹⁷ A statement is considered false if it would produce “a different effect in the mind of the reader” than the undisputed truth would create.¹⁸

Defamation *per se* relieves the plaintiff of the obligation to prove “special harm” (economic or pecuniary damages) as a foundational element of the action.¹⁹ To qualify as defamation *per se* under Mississippi law, the defamation must be clear and unmistakable from the words themselves, rather than the product of innuendo, speculation, or conjecture.²⁰ Mississippi recognizes five categories of words that are defamation *per se*: 1) words imputing the guilt or commission of a criminal offense involving moral turpitude and infamous punishment, 2) words imputing the existence of a contagious disease, 3) words imputing unfitness in an officer who holds an office of profit or emolument, 4) words imputing a want of integrity or capacity in the conduct of a profession, trade, or business, 5) words imputing to a female want of chastity.²¹

While Mississippi defamation *per se* case law historically refers to “infamous punishment” in conjunction with moral turpitude, the statutory and constitutional definitions of an “infamous” offense under Mississippi law guide this standard.

In Mississippi, an “infamous crime” is defined by statute as “any offense punished with death or confinement in the penitentiary.”²² The Mississippi Supreme Court has interpreted this statutory definition to include all felonies.²³ Mississippi courts look to the character of the act charged, rather than the mere criminal label, to determine whether an accusation involves “moral turpitude.”²⁴ For example, a trivial assault or battery does not involve moral turpitude, but an accusation that a person “beat his mother” necessarily does.²⁵

¹⁶ *Fulton v. Mississippi Publishers Corp.*, 498 So. 2d 1215, 1217 (Miss. 1986); *Gulf Publishing Co. v. Lee*, 434 So. 2d 687, 695 (Miss. 1983); *Natchez Times Publishing Co. v. Dunigan*, 221 Miss. 320, 326 (1954).

¹⁷ *Armistead v. Minor*, 815 So. 2d 1189, 1193 (Miss. 2002); *Inland Family Practice Ctr., LLC v. Amerson*, 256 So. 3d 586, 590 (Miss. 2018).

¹⁸ *Armistead*, 815 So. 2d at 1194.

¹⁹ *Speed v. Scott*, 787 So. 2d 626, 632 (Miss. 2001).

²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ *Id.*; see also *Fagan v. Faulkner*, 396 So. 3d 1160, 1165 n.1 (Miss. App. 2023).

²² Miss. Code Ann. § 1-3-19; see *State Auditor Shad White & Holmes Cty. v. Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co.*, 323 So. 3d 494 (Miss. 2021).

²³ *Mauney v. State ex rel. Moore*, 707 So. 2d 1093 (Miss. 1998).

²⁴ *Speed v. Scott*, 787 So. 2d 626, 632 (Miss. 2001).

²⁵ *Id.*

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Hence, an accusation that Warren, Jax, and Morgan were in any way involved in the murder of their friend, hindered a prosecution, or tampered with physical evidence certainly involves moral turpitude and infamous punishment under Mississippi law.

Here, your statements create an effect on the listener that asserts Warren, Jax, and Morgan were colluding to hide evidence and or obstruct the efforts to find Nolan at the very least, and that they murdered Nolan at the very worst.

Your assertions are grossly disproved by the truth. Your statements are negligent at the bare minimum, and your refusal to accept the facts that are publicly available constitute actual malice. Your statements falsely assert that Warren, Jax, and Morgan committed infamous crimes of moral turpitude, including but not limited to: Murder²⁶; Hindering prosecution in the first degree²⁷; and Tampering with physical evidence²⁸.

As such, the immense damage caused by your grotesque circus of defamation is presumed.

IV. FORMAL DEMAND FOR APOLOGY, RETRACTION, AND DELETION

So, here's the deal, Al: Warren, Jax, and Morgan hereby formally demand that you apologize for, retract, and delete every false and defamatory statement about them, including but not limited to those specifically identified in this correspondence.

As a "Reverend," we would hope that you see the need for repentance.

Specifically, Warren, Jax, and Morgan demand that you:

- A. Apologize publicly, both verbally and in writing, for your false and defamatory statements;
- B. Cease further publication or republication of your false and defamatory statements;
- C. Expressly acknowledge that the statements identified above were false and defamatory;
- D. State clearly that your allegations of murder, hindering prosecution, and tampering with physical evidence have no basis in evidence or reality;
- E. Retract and delete any statement, headline, caption, thumbnail, description, video, post, or other publication that states or implies as fact that Warren, Jax, and Morgan committed any crime;
- F. Publish the apologies and retractions in the same manner and medium as the original publication, with sufficient prominence to reach substantially the same audience, and pinned for a minimum of 7 days;
- G. For any online publication, append the apology and retraction directly to the original publication; and
- H. Provide us with written confirmation, identifying each corrective action taken.
- I. In summary, apologize for, retract, and delete all of your false and defamatory statements.

This letter is not, and should not be interpreted as, a waiver of any claim, cause of action, or remedy available to Warren, Jax, and Morgan. We expressly reserve all rights.

²⁶ Miss. Code. Ann. § 97-3-19.

²⁷ Miss. Code. Ann. § 97-9-105.

²⁸ Miss. Code. Ann. § 97-9-125.

V. PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

In contemplation of litigation, you are further instructed to preserve all documents, electronically stored information, and tangible materials relating in any way to Warren, Jax, Morgan, the underlying incident, or your publications concerning them.

This preservation obligation includes, without limitation:

- drafts of publications;
- deleted or edited posts;
- photographs and videos;
- raw or unedited recordings;
- emails;
- text messages;
- direct messages;
- WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram, or similar communications;
- communications with sources;
- communications with other publishers or journalists;
- editorial communications;
- research materials;
- notes;
- screenshots;
- social media analytics;
- website traffic information;
- advertising or monetization records;
- metadata;
- communications discussing whether the allegations were true;
- communications concerning any correction or retraction;
- documents concerning information received after the initial publication; and
- all records reflecting publication, republication, editing, deletion, reach, impressions, engagement, or distribution of the challenged statements.

You should take immediate steps to suspend any automatic deletion policies that could result in the destruction of potentially relevant evidence.

If we do not hear from you or your attorney within seven (7) days of the date of this letter, we will assume that you are not interested in resolving this matter without litigation.

August 21, 2026

VI. CONCLUSION

And so Al, in conclusion: you asked for it, and now you got it. Be careful what you wish for. Your days of rolling into peaceful towns like Ocean Springs with false accusations of racism for political gain and photo opportunities are over.

The good folks of the Mississippi Gulf Coast do not want you to give us a sanctimonious and unwarranted history lesson.

The good folks of the Mississippi Gulf Coast do not want you insinuating that we are backward racists and roaches.

The good folks of the Mississippi Gulf Coast do not want you trashing our brave and dedicated men and women in law enforcement.

And, the good folks of the Mississippi Gulf Coast definitely do not want YOU or your divisive lies, Al Sharpton.

Should you not apologize, retract, and delete per the laws set forth by the Great State of Mississippi, litigation will be necessary. We look forward to your most sincere apology.

BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY,

/s/ Edward Andrew Paltzik
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/s/ J. Tyler Cox
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