

**Ziva**

Hi Blake. We are not removing this story from our website. You're welcome to provide a comment. Your lawyers haven't filed an answer to this lawsuit, which was filed awhile ago, or we would have linked your official answer. There is new information in the 2nd amended petition, specifically that your investors allege you still have not provided the business's books and the issue about insurance. You can disagree about newsworthiness if you want but you are a public official and that certainly makes this lawsuit's pleadings newsworthy. The docket does NOT reflect a settlement. Only that your lawyer is withdrawing, and saying she has heard there is a settlement. If your attorney wants to attest that a settlement has occurred, please provide documentation of that and we will update our story.

**Blake**

An answer wasn't filed because it was settled.

**Ziva**

Yes but there was no filing indicating a settlement

**Blake**

I get it. Slow news day.

**Ziva**

I've looked at enough dockets to know  
Nope.

**Blake**

Might as well trash the city councilor again  
Any day it's a story  
WhTevery  
Keep running the same story. Only makes you look bad.

**Ziva**

That's not what our readers are saying.

**Blake**

You literally just ran the same story you've already run.  
Two weeks after an amended petition...and without calling me  
Nice

**Ziva**

Nope. You said in your FB post that they wouldn't look at the books. Their second petition said you hadn't provided the books.

**Blake**

I'll make sure everyone knows  
You know nothing

**Ziva**

Look we tried to contact your attorney

**Blake**

You've built your company by trashing people....gotta make some news...  
Hahaha

**Ziva**

I'm not going to argue with you.

**Blake**

Because you know you're wrong  
If you had any conscience, you'd be embarrassed  
You should be embarrassed  
And if you're not going to do the right thing, I'll do it for you

**Ziva**

Is it OK if we just print these texts

**Blake**

Do it

**Ziva**

Done!

**Blake**

The public deserves to know what you're all about  
If they don't already  
And by the looks of things, they do  
If they won't pay for it, give it away and ask for donations

**Ziva**

OK

**Blake**

And when they don't donate, what then?

**Ziva**

and why do you care?

**Blake**

There's only so much of this you can do before people give up on you.  
Ok.  
I care because you're driving clicks at my expense

**Ziva**

I thought you said nobody cared

**Blake**

You going to run the story again next week too?  
They care what channel 6 does

And where'd I say nobody cares?

Look, I get it that you ran the story the first time. Running it again, randomly, after it's been resolved just makes you look desperate.

And hurts me for no reason

**Ziva**

There's no document saying that it has been settled. I'm trying to confirm

**Blake**

So, if you're not going to do the right thing because of your pride, I'll stand up for myself

You could've found that out a hundred ways!

And had you called, I would've told you and then you could've verified before 9pm on New Year's Eve while that story sits there on your site.

Shameful

Sloppy

Careless

**Ziva**

Well sorry to inform you Blake that the plaintiff does not agree with you

I just heard from him

**Blake**

That it's been settled?!

**Ziva**

So when it's settled, file it in court and we will report.

That's how it works. Not through blowing up reporters' phones.

**Blake**

You texted me

It's settled.

**Ziva**

Ok well again, the plaintiff does not agree

**Blake**

I've signed dozens of papers

**Ziva**

So when it's settled just file that with the court

**Blake**

Deposited checks from mark buying me out

Which I can send you

It's fine

You do you.

Pathetic.

**Ziva**

I gotta rely on court records Blake. I hope you understand. Night.

**Blake**

I don't understand

So dumb

**Ziva**

You're calling me names?

**Blake**

Oh no.

But your comments are dumb as can be

And you know it.

And so will everyone else

Please print this conversation.

That way you can tattle tale on yourself for a change.... people deserve to see how you're rationalizing this irresponsible action.