

Class Action Lawsuit against Democratic National Committee (DNC): Shawn Lucas Cause of Death Still Unknown as Clinton's Campaign Lawyer Tries to Move DNC Lawsuit into the Weeds

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Shawn Lucas, Process Server for One Source Process, Delivering the Lawsuit Against the Democratic National Committee and Debbie Wasserman Schultz on July 1, 2016

According to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for Washington, D.C., it has still not determined a cause of death for Shawn Lucas, the 38-year old process server who delivered the class action lawsuit against the Democratic National Committee and its then Chair, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, to the DNC headquarters on July 1. One month later, the girlfriend of Lucas came home to find him dead on the bathroom floor.

It has now been more than three weeks since Lucas died with no cause of death announced. We asked the Chief Medical Examiner's office if the delay was a result of toxicology tests being conducted. We were told it can make no comment beyond the fact that the cause of death is "pending."

The official report from the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C. indicates that officers Kathryn Fitzgerald and Adam Sotelo responded to a 911 call from the girlfriend of Lucas, Savannah King. The officers arrived "at 1913 hours," or 7:13 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, August 2. According to the report, Lucas was "laying unconscious on the bathroom floor" and when "DCFD Engine 9 responded" there were "no signs consistent with life."

Sanders Supporters Stunned by Sudden Death of 38-Year Shawn Lucas Who Served the Lawsuit on the DNC and Wasserman Shultz

A [video](#) of the service of process, which has garnered over 474,000 views as of this morning, shows Shawn Lucas saying he was "excited" and "thrilled" to be the process server on this lawsuit. He comments later in the video that it is like his "birthday and Christmas" rolled into one.

At the time the lawsuit was filed, the attorneys for the Sanders' plaintiffs already had significant evidence that the DNC and Wasserman Schultz had put their fingers on the scale to tip the primary results in favor of Hillary Clinton while overtly undermining the campaign of Senator Bernie Sanders. (The DNC is prohibited from unfair treatment of Democratic primary candidates under its own bylaws.)

Then on Friday, July 22, 2016 at 10:30 a.m., just as the DNC was set to open its National Convention the following Monday, Wikileaks released 19,252 emails and 8,034 attached documents that had been sent by top DNC officials. The emails left no doubt that there had been a concerted campaign to undermine Sanders while boosting Clinton's chances to win the primary. Wasserman Schultz had to announce she was stepping down before the DNC convention even began to quiet the outrage.

The Wikileaks emails showed DNC executives plotting to undermine Sanders as an atheist (which Sanders says he is not) and plotting to say that Sanders "never ever had his act together, that his campaign was a mess." There was also DNC plotting on how to respond to press charges that the joint fundraising committee set up by Clinton's campaign and the DNC was illegally laundering money to boost Clinton's chances. (See related article below.)

Prior to Wikileaks releasing its emails, an individual using the name Guccifer 2.0 took credit for a separate hack of the DNC server. One of the documents from the purported hack, posted on a public web site, shows that even after Bernie Sanders had entered the race, the DNC was writing confidential memos on how it could advance Hillary Clinton's chances. The class action lawsuit on behalf of Sanders' supporters describe the memo as follows:

"Among the documents released by Guccifer 2.0 on June 15th is a two-page Microsoft Word file with a 'Confidential' watermark that appears to be a memorandum written to the Democratic National Committee regarding '2016 GOP presidential candidates' and dated May 26, 2015. A true and correct copy of this document (hereinafter, 'DNC Memo') is attached as Exhibit 1. The DNC Memo presents, 'a suggested strategy for positioning and public messaging around the 2016 Republican presidential field.' It states that, 'Our goals in the coming months will be to frame the Republican field and the eventual nominee early and to provide a contrast between the GOP field and HRC.' [HRC is Hillary Rodham Clinton.]

"The DNC Memo also advises that the DNC, '[u]se specific hits to muddy the waters around ethics, transparency and campaign finance attacks on HRC.' In order to 'muddy the waters' around Clinton's perceived vulnerabilities, the DNC Memo suggests 'several different methods' of attack including: (a) '[w]orking through the DNC' to 'utilize reporters' and create stories in the media 'with no fingerprints'; (b) 'prep[ping]' reporters for interviews with GOP candidates and having off-the-record conversations with them; (c) making use of social media attacks; and (d) using the DNC to 'insert our messaging' into Republican-favorable press."

The lawsuit ([Wilding et al v DNC Services Corporation and Deborah 'Debbie' Wasserman Schultz](#)) was filed in the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The Case Number is 16-cv-61511-WJZ. The complaint makes the following charges: fraud, negligent misrepresentation, deceptive conduct, unjust enrichment, breach of fiduciary duty, and negligence.

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