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*Statement of Original Media Group Chief Executive Officer Nik Tzimas Hatziefstathiou  
Regarding the Charges Filed Against Your Content Chief of Staff and Deputy Managing Editor  
Eric G. Norton and Original Media's Intent to File a 1983 Action Pursuant to the Civil Rights  
Act in Regard to Retaliation from Prosecutors Involved in the Bill Cosby Trial*

Original Media Group Corporation *et al* served formal notice on the Montgomery County Office of the District Attorney, Lower Merion Police Department, Upper Merion Township Police Department, and the Upper Merion Township Department of Public Safety, respectfully (collectively “Montgomery County Government”) of intent to bring a 1983 action under the Civil Rights Act alleging a pattern of criminal harassment while acting under the color of law.

“As I predicted not only in 2019—but just last week—the wheels of injustice are turning precipitously and the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office and its allies opted to take a courtroom battle to the streets,” **Chief Executive Officer of Original Media Group, publisher of Your Content, Nik Tzimas Hatziefstathiou said Friday.** “Authorities have gone overboard. We tried talking to the police, we tried talking to at-least four sitting district attorneys, and everybody wants to just back up this group of officials when they’re doing illegal and immoral things to us.”

“Obviously, it’s harassment—but now I am convinced a federal court will agree that it’s long overdue for a jury to decide whether there was and if there continues to be criminal harassment on the part of the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office and its allies,” **Hatziefstathiou** continued. “There’s a series of being pulled over, our reporters being followed, our reporters being threatened, me being threatened—this Pennsylvania region must be overmanned because they certainly have nothing better to do.

“There’s a pattern of harassment. Fervent government officials worked overtime in following us, harassing us, harassing our staff and readers, and they’re looking for something that’s just not there.

“The action can’t be filed in Montgomery or Delaware Counties—where both the staff live, and the defendants live—because that would be a joke and we would be tossed out of the courtroom. So, we are going to file it federally, because it does involve multiple law enforcement agencies and that is in their backyard.

“As we approach the 60th Anniversary of John F. Kennedy’s monumental remarks that shook the newspaper industry to its core, it’s unsettling how so many of our worthy opponents have turned a blind eye to the blatant police-state tactics being used here in suburban Philadelphia,” **Chief Communications Officer of Original Media Anthony Loro said Friday**. “The remarks, titled ‘The President and the Press’ by JFK himself, are as relevant today as they were half a century ago.

“The very word ‘secrecy’ is repugnant in a free and open society; and we are as a people inherently and historically opposed to secret societies, to secret oaths and to secret proceedings.” **John F. Kennedy said on Apr. 27, 1961**. “We decided long ago that the dangers of excessive and unwarranted concealment of pertinent facts far outweighed the dangers which are cited to justify it.

“Even today, there is little value in opposing the threat of a closed society by imitating its arbitrary restrictions. Even today, there is little value in insuring the survival of our nation if our traditions do not survive with it.”

**Hatziefstathiou** added: “Our criminal justice system is rotten—it doesn’t reward honest prosecutors who try a case with their conscience. It rewards rats who are willing to sell out their office to keep their noses in the trough.

“Make no mistake—these rats are the real scroungers in our criminal justice system.

“I anticipated if we had sufficient success in bringing this, along with other material obtained during our newsgathering efforts to light, there may be an assault against us—or me personally, to stall our momentum and damage our credibility.

“We weren’t wrong then, and I doubt we are as we enter round two.

“Journalism is about foresight—a true reporter plots one step ahead of the story target—and submits a trump card just after they play theirs. A journalist anticipates their antagonists moves and devises countermeasures.

“On May 3, 2019, I executed an *Authorization for the Release of Protected Legal Information After Death* in the event of sudden death or other acts of foul play—authorizing eight attorneys with information pertaining to our newsgathering—which I am currently standing trial for—granting them ‘permission to release any and all attorney-client privileged documentation, verbal discussion, e-mails, voicemails, text messages, and all other material otherwise protected by attorney-client privilege material to the general public for its own digestion, discussion and assessment.’

“On Jun. 24, 2019, I was met by authorities executing a search warrant for all newsgathering material pertaining to a decade long scheme involving high-ranking officials.

“When we finally have our first of what appears will become *multiple days* in court for these gross miscarriages of justice, Original Media will demonstrate evidence which shows several high-ranking officials exhibited sufficient moral bankruptcy to collude with such a plan by meeting with members of law enforcement and their cronies. Power only understands power. The eye of justice is now in power—and it will never go silenced again.”

Original Media Group takes any claims of violence or intimidation very seriously. After a preliminary review by a third-party attorney, Original Media stands by its employee, Eric G. Norton, who will return to the newsroom on Fri. Feb. 19, 2021.

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“How do you prove to someone like Kevin Steele—that he is not Jesus Christ, but the Messiah?” [Your Content Chief Content Officer and Editor-in-Chief Nik T. Hatziefstathiou said](#). “If overzealous prosecutors come pointing baseless allegations in the direction of my administration—I will meet you at the door anytime.

“Lower Merion Police mention Jan. 5—but they missed the whole point—something interesting happened to spark the incident on Jan. 5.

“Kevin Steele received word he was compelled to hand over emails pertaining to the Bill Cosby prosecution—he didn’t like that, he didn’t like that at all, because he’s a known fraud. Kevin Steele is the one who said: ‘If I see Your Content in the courtroom, I’m gonna have them escorted out—and if I don’t have a reason, I’ll make something up.

“So you have a lying Kevin Steele—the personification of a vengeful prosecutor—who ignited this ‘road rage’ investigation. But don’t be fooled—this isn’t just one man—Kevin Steele represents the entire County of Montgomery.

“Now we will go to trial and a jury will make a decision that will have a major implication both in the courtroom and outside of it.

“Things happen for a reason in life. They have entrusted this case in a man who has a deep hatred for our publication—the same man who threatens to sanction and silence us, that is dictatorship.

“That man speaks like Adolf Hitler.

“Why was the uninsured motorist granted these concessions? We will find out through the litany of lawsuits that will be filed against the office of Kevin Steele and

the Lower Merion Police Department, among others, who unwittingly or willingly furthered this bizarre conspiracy while acting under the color of law.

“To date nobody has explained to me what we did to deserve all of this. We have an army of lawyers attempting to make sense of who would orchestrate such hateful and inhumane acts against us. Whoever we wronged—we apologize—but we stand by our reporting until it is proven to be false. And we simply cannot accept your word as your bond that a story is false, which is why we must result to a jury of our peers.

“If you want to place this in the history books as one of the saddest witch-hunts the worlds ever known—then that’s on you.”

### **Social Media Posts**

- i) Nik Hatziefstathiou ‘As Shakespeare would have it’:  
<https://twitter.com/nikthehat/status/1359716667970961413?s=20>
- ii) Nik Hatziefstathiou ‘I am sure you could understand our questions or concerns’:  
<https://twitter.com/nikthehat/status/1359756845825556480?s=20>
- iii) Nik Hatziefstathiou ‘Alarms raised in Montco—the corruption has become must-see TV’:  
<https://twitter.com/nikthehat/status/1359756845825556480?s=20>
- iv) Nik Hatziefstathiou ‘Fighting injustice is a commitment we made many years ago’:  
<https://twitter.com/nikthehat/status/1360002029003943938?s=20>
- v) Nik Hatziefstathiou ‘It keeps us silent; a tyrant’s greatest advocate’:  
<https://twitter.com/nikthehat/status/1360002762587729920?s=20>

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- i) **Authorization for the Release of Protected Legal Information After Death Signed by Nik T. Hatziefstathiou on May 3, 2019:** <https://www.yc.news/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Authorization-for-Release-of-Attorney-Client-After-Death-.pdf>

- ii) Motion to Intervene in Commonwealth v. William Henry Cosby Filed by Attorney A. Charles Peruto, Jr. on Apr. 23, 2018: <https://www.yc.news/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Motion-to-Intervene-Comm.-v.-Cosby-CR3932-16.pdf>
- iii) Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Police Crash Report: <https://www.yc.news/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Pennsylvania-Crash-Report-Re-Commonwealth-v.-Eric-G-Norton.pdf>
- iv) Lower Merion Township Denying Access to ‘Secret’ Police Criminal Complaint Filed Against Eric G. Norton: <https://www.yc.news/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/ad6974c4-99af-48de-81db-a3e5162a75e8.pdf>
- v) Letter Drafted by Attorney A. Charles Peruto, Jr., Addressed to the Chief of Criminal Investigations at the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General Dated Apr. 30, 2019: [https://www.yc.news/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/DAG-Selber-Letter\\_Redacted.pdf](https://www.yc.news/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/DAG-Selber-Letter_Redacted.pdf)

Letter Drafted by Attorney A. Charles Peruto, Jr., Addressed to the Chief of Criminal Investigations at the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General: [https://www.yc.news/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/DAG-Selber-Letter\\_Redacted.pdf](https://www.yc.news/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/DAG-Selber-Letter_Redacted.pdf)

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