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BALDWIN COUNTY, AL
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HARRY STILL, III,

Plaintiff,

v.

**CITY OF ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA,
ANTHONY THOMAS KENNON, STEVE
BROWN, JAMIE LOGAN, FORD
HANDLEY, Individually and in their
Official Capacities and Fictitious Defendants
1-100**

Defendants.

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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Harry Still, III, having previously complied with *Alabama Code 1975 §11-47-23* by presenting his Verified Statement of Claim to the Orange Beach City Clerk on or about the 12th day of July, 2025, files the following Complaint:

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Harry Still, III, is over the age of 19 and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. He was licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama.
2. Defendant, The City of Orange Beach, Alabama, is a municipality founded within Baldwin County, Alabama on August 1, 1984.
3. Defendant Anthony Thomas Kennon is over the age 19 and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and was elected Mayor of Orange Beach on August 26, 2008 and continues in that capacity at the time of this complaint.

4. Defendant Ford Handley is over the age of 19 and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and was appointed the City Administrator of the City of Orange Beach in October of 2022 and continues in that capacity at the time of this complaint.
5. Defendant Steve Brown is over the age of 19 and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. He began with the Orange Beach Police Department in 1995 and was the Chief of Police of Orange Beach, Alabama until his resignation in July of 2025.
6. Defendant Jamie Logan is over the age of 19 and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. She is licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama. She currently serves as the attorney for Defendant, City of Orange Beach.
7. Fictitious Defendants 1-100 are those individuals, corporations and other organizations and entities that have participated in, been involved with, or contributed to the tortious conduct set out in this Complaint, or for whom the tortious conduct was carried out on behalf of, or have otherwise ratified or approved the tortious conduct. They are currently unknown, but when discovery reveals their identities, they will be substituted as parties in compliance with the Rule 9(h) of the *Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure*.

BACKGROUND

8. Plaintiff Harry Still III was the attorney for the Federal Confidential Drug Informant used by the DEA and FBI in 2014-2015 to investigate the late Thomas Daniel Williams Jr and suspected collaborator Anthony Thomas Kennon, Mayor of Orange Beach.
9. Plaintiff Co-founded a social media watchdog enterprise in 2019 called Backstory Podcast LLC. There were several episodes discussing the Danny Williams 2022 disappearance/death prior to Plaintiff's representation of the Williams Estate in 2024. Heart of Dixie Podcast, LLC is the owner of the Content and Plaintiff is one of the Managing Members.

10. Plaintiff Harry Still III filed a Wrongful Death Complaint on behalf of the Executor of the Estate Thomas Daniel Williams, deceased, against his paramour at the time of his death, Ashlea Shae Foster Shamp (owner of the boat known as “Fancy”) related to the incident that occurred in a body of water known as Terry’s Cove in Orange Beach, Alabama on Friday May 27, 2022 at approximately 4pm which resulted in Danny Williams disappearance and later the discovery of his “drowned” body on Sunday May 29, 2022.
11. Ms. Shamp was represented by State Farm Insurance attorney Robert Gotlieb who noticed the deposition of Defendant Steve Brown, Chief of Police with coordination with myself and Defendant Jamie Logan, City Attorney, for March 21, 2025.
12. During the deposition of Chief Brown, an inquiry was made into the background of the deceased and his connection to Defendant Mayor Anthony Thomas “Tony” Kennon. According to newspaper allegations from 2016 the deceased and Mayor were the target of a Federal Drug Investigation headed by FBI Special Agent Kitrick Kelley and Prosecuted by AUSA Gregory Bordencocker. Defendant Brown claimed to be unaware of these facts and he was provided information from the US Department of Justice to show that Mr. Williams did plead guilty and served time for this crime.
13. Defendant Brown was interrogated about the Williams death investigation- that he claimed to have not participated in until he was shown a picture of himself at the scene of the recovery of the Body. When asked if Defendant Mayor Anthony Thomas “Tony” Kennon interjected himself into the investigation Brown stated: : ”He never even asked me about it”.

14. Chief Brown claims to be unaware of the fact that Ms. Foster Shamp was also dating a man named Jon Christopher Washington who was previously convicted in the 2012 murder of Kenneth Gary Myers Jr (the Beach Chair Man/ Chairman of the Beach as he was known in the community) here in Orange Beach who moved back to Orange Beach after completing his sentence for Manslaughter. It would have been murder but someone at the Orange Beach Police Department mishandled the weapon used to end Mr. Myers life.
15. When Defendant Steve Brown was asked if he was the officer who mishandled the murder weapon he refused to answer and left the deposition. At that time Defendant Jamie Logan left the room with Defendant Brown and returned with two uniformed Orange Beach Police Officers. Plaintiff's client was visibly upset about the abrupt end to the Deposition with many of our questions unanswered. The plaintiff and his client proceeded to the parking lot where they had parked next to one another.
16. In the parking lot of Orange Beach City Hall Plaintiff let his dog out of the vehicle and he and Ybarra discussed where they were going next and agreed to proceed to the office of his Private Investigator in Gulf Shores. Shortly thereafter, two Orange Beach Officers pulled up in individual vehicles on either side of Still and Ybarra. Not wanting a confrontation they decided to leave and that Still would follow Ybarra along the beach road to Gulf Shores as Canal Road had construction. The two officers pursued them as if in a convoy until they arrived at the State Park pedestrian walk (their City Limits) and broke off pursuit. It is unknown if these were the same Officers who entered the room after the deposition or two additional Officers.

17. The interrogations of Chief Brown and others in the Police and Fire Department unearthed a lack of training, standard operating procedures, and ultimately competency in an organization where an employee's worth is measured in their loyalty to Mayor Kennon not what they know or what they are capable of.
18. On July 1, 2025 Plaintiff Harry Still was in Montgomery, Alabama and presented at the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency to speak with Mr. Noel Barnes, the Assistant Attorney General assigned as the ALEA General Counsel. To date, correspondence from Corporal Kane was the only response a subpoena issued in this case; on the Friday Thomas Danny Williams went missing ALEA responded with two watercraft and a helicopter and the same on the Sunday when his body was recovered, his body was taken to the ALEA substation under the Perdido Pass Bridge where Defendant Brown can be seen standing over the decease .; Plaintiff was told that Mr. Barnes was unknown to them. Plaintiff Still proceeded to the Attorney General's Office to find Mr. Barnes. When he could not be found Plaintiff left Montgomery. At approximately 9pm Plaintiff Still received a call from a Commander James Rigby who provided an email address of james.rigby@alea.gov and a phone number of 334-324-9545 who apologized for the confusion and assured Plaintiff that he, on behalf of ALEA, would provide the requested information.
19. Plaintiff filed his claim in compliance with *Alabama Code 1975 §11-47-23* by presenting his Verified Statement of Claim to the Orange Beach Clerk on July 12, 2025 related to the Chief Brown deposition harassment and intimidating escort to the City Limits.

20. On July 20, 2025 Plaintiff Harry Still and Anthony Ybarra (Executor of The Estate of Thomas Daniel Willaims, Deceased) met at the Boggy Point Boat Launch in Orange Beach Alabama to conduct a drift test to try and discredit statements made by Ms. Shamp to the Orange Beach Police Department. Plaintiff was in a kayak with his dog (both with life vests) and Mr. Yabarra was on a rented waverunner. We were detained/harassed about the lack of letters on his watercraft that he rented from a vendor next to where the OBPB keeps its vessels. After more than ten minutes we were allowed to leave.
21. There was a Mayoral Election Debate On August 13, 2025 and Plaintiff was in the Parking Lot of The Orange Beach Community Center handing out hundreds of T-Shirts that had the words "DANNY WHO" on the front and Heart of Dixie Podcast, LLC on the back. Plaintiff was forced to leave the Public Parking Lot by Orange Beach Police Sgt. Rodney Kurchire.
22. On September 4, 2025 Plaintiff was assaulted by Bay Minette City Councilman Matthew Franklin. The Plaintiff was arrested and charged with assault.
23. While Plaintiff was in the Custody and Control of the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Defendant Ford Handley issued a press release stating the Plaintiff caused the City of Orange Beach to enter a lockdown because of threats made to an ALEA employee in Montgomery.
<https://www.fox10tv.com/2025/09/04/local-attorney-arrested-attacking-bay-minette-councilman-police-say/>. Defendants made multiple verbal statements to the public and press alike.

24. Since that time of his arrest Plaintiff has had to suffer through two trials to clear his name.

Being exonerated does nothing for the damage done to his reputation by the City of Orange Beach whose Officers, Agents, and or employees acted maliciously and defamed Mr. Still after months of harassing him. The timing of the press release denotes coordination with other parties outside of the City of Orange Beach, Alabama. The actions taken here have caused extensive emotional distress and damages to his personal and professional relationships in Orange Beach, Alabama and beyond.

COUNT ONE
Slander Per Se

25. Plaintiff adopts and realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-24 of the Complaint as if set forth fully and completely herein.

26. The Defendants acted with knowledge of the falsity of the statement made by them or with reckless disregard for their truth or falsity, to cast the Plaintiff in a disparaging light.

27. The Defendants issued this press release and made such statements falsely and maliciously.

28. In making this willful, false, malicious, defamatory and slanderous Press Release, the Defendants intended to injure the Plaintiff's reputation and character. Further, the Defendants' conduct was intended to bring the Plaintiff into scandal, public ridicule, disgrace, odium, contempt, and professional repute to future clients and employers.

29. As a proximate result of Defendants' malicious publication and dissemination of the false statements and information as set forth above, Plaintiff has been deprived of public

confidence that he had prior to the acts of the Defendants and his reputation has been damaged.

30. As a proximate result of the Defendants' malicious publication and dissemination of the false information as set forth above, Plaintiff suffered damage, including but not limited to lost income, mental anguish, and emotional distress.

31. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants for compensatory and punitive damages in excess of \$50,000, plus cost of Court.

COUNT TWO
Slander Per Quod

32. Plaintiff adopts and realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-31 of the Complaint as if set forth fully and completely herein.

33. The Statements made by the Defendants are false.

34. The Defendants with knowledge of the falsity of such statements made them intentionally or with reckless disregard for their truth and falsity.

35. In making these willful, false, malicious, defamatory and slanderous statements, the Defendants intended to injure the Plaintiff's reputation and to deprive the Plaintiff of the respect and confidence essential for him to have future employment equivalent to the job as an Attorney. Further, Defendants' conduct was intended to bring the Plaintiff into scandal, public ridicule, disgrace, odium, contempt and professional disrepute before the Citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama.

36. As a proximate result of Defendants' malicious publication and dissemination of false statements and information as set forth above, Plaintiff has been deprived of public confidence

that he had prior to said acts of the Defendants and of the ability to get another job comparable to that of an attorney.

37. As a proximate result of Defendants' malicious publication and dissemination of the false statements set forth above, Plaintiff has suffered damage, including but not limited to, mental anguish, emotional distress, lost income and loss of future income.

38. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants for compensatory and punitive damages in excess of \$50,000, plus costs of court.

COUNT THREE

Libel Per Se

39. Plaintiff adopts and realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-38 of the Complaint as if set forth fully and completely herein.

40. Defendants acted maliciously, intentionally and recklessly by disseminating the false and slanderous information set forth above in writing.

41. The Defendants acted with knowledge of the falsity of the statements made by them or with reckless disregard for their truth or falsity.

42. In making these willful, false, malicious statements in writing, Defendants intended to damage Plaintiff's reputation and to deprive Plaintiff of the respect and confidence needed for him to keep his job as Chief, to obtain another job as an attorney or a comparable job. Further, Defendants' conduct was intended to bring the Plaintiff into scandal, public ridicule, disgrace, odium, contempt and professional disrepute before the citizens of Baldwin County Alabama, the State Bar and future employers.

43. As a proximate result of Defendants' written publication and dissemination of the information as set forth above, Plaintiff has suffered damage, including but not limited to lost income, lost future income, mental anguish and emotional distress.

44. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants for compensatory and punitive damages in excess of \$50,000, plus costs of court.

COUNT FOUR
Libel Per Quod

45. Plaintiff adopts and realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-44 of the Complaint as if set forth fully and completely herein.

46. Defendants made or caused written false statements and information as set forth above to be published and disseminated in writing.

47. Defendants made such false and defamatory statements willfully and Maliciously.

48. In making these willful, false, malicious, defamatory and slanderous statements, the Defendants intended to damage Plaintiff's reputation and livelihood and to deprive Plaintiff of the respect and confidence in obtaining future employment. Further, Defendants' conduct was intended to bring the Plaintiff into scandal, public ridicule, disgrace, odium, contempt and professional disrepute before the citizens of Baldwin County Alabama, the State Bar, and future employers.

49. As a proximate result of the Defendants' malicious publication and disinformation as set forth above, Plaintiff has suffered damage, including but not limited to loss of income, loss of future income, mental anguish and emotional distress.

50. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants for compensatory and punitive damages in excess of \$50,000, plus costs of court.

COUNT FIVE
Civil Conspiracy

51. Plaintiff adopts and realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-50 of the Complaint as if set forth fully and completely herein.

52. Defendants combined to accomplish an unlawful purpose, or to accomplish a lawful purpose by unlawful means.

53. Defendants engaged in a civil conspiracy to destroy Plaintiff's reputation, credibility, his job and ability to seek future employment.

54. As a proximate result of the civil conspiracy, Plaintiff has suffered damage including but not limited to lost income, lost future income, mental anguish and emotional distress.

55. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants for compensatory and punitive damages in excess of \$50,000, plus costs of court.

COUNT FIVE
Harassment

56. Plaintiff adopts and realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-55 of the Complaint as if set forth fully and completely herein.

57. Defendants, on the multiple occasions described above, harassed the Plaintiff and frustrated him performing his professional investigation/inquiry as prescribed by the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure.

58. The Defendants used the resources of the City of Orange Beach to accomplish this harassment.

59. As a proximate result of the harassment, Plaintiff has suffered damage including but not limited to lost income, lost future income, mental anguish and emotional distress and was unable to accomplish his investigation.

60. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Harry Still, demands judgment against The City of Orange Beach, Alabama, Anthony Thomas Kennon, Steve Brown, Jamie Logan, Ford Handley and Defendants 1-100 for compensatory and punitive damages in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of this Court, together with interest and costs of Court.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Harry B. Still, III (STI027)

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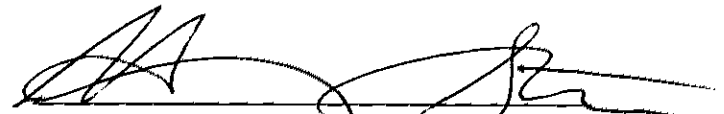
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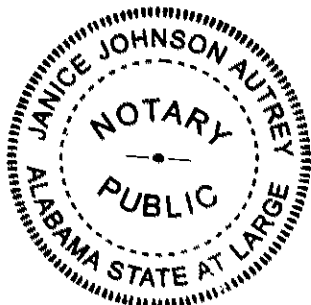
STATE OF ALABAMA)

Baldwin COUNTY)

I, The undersigned authority, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State do hereby certify that HARRY STILL III whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this date, that, being informed of the contents of said instrument he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.


HARRY STILL

Given under my hand and notarial seal on this the 10 day of July, 2026.




NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 10/27/2027

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS TRIAL BY STRUCK JURY

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