June 19, 2016

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RE: Calling For An FBI Investigation Into Terrorist-like Statements Make By Assistant Prosecutor Kenneth Lewis (Suspended)

Dear Mr. Wysopal:

As part of my civic duty, I am reporting to the FBI what I perceive as a terrorist threat to the city of Orlando and officers of the court. That alleged threat was made by Assistant Prosecutor Kenneth Lewis, Ninth Judicial District, who was suspended for the remarks he made on his Facebook page. Therefore, I am calling for an immediate investigation into the following statement made by Mr. Lewis.

As police began their investigation Sunday (June 12) into the Orlando Pulse Nightclub massacre that left 49 dead and dozens more wounded in the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history, Lewis posted the following statement to his personal Facebook page:

“Downtown Orlando has no bottom. The entire city should be leveled. It is void of a single redeeming quality. It is a melting pot of 3rd world miscreants and ghetto thugs. It is void of culture. If you live down there you do it at your own risk and at your own peril. If you go down there after dark there is seriously something wrong with you. Disney does everything in its power to shield visitors of Disney from its northern blight. That doesn’t change reality. Disney may be the happiest place on earth but Orlando is a national embarrassment.”
If this is an act of domestic terrorist it is so important that we don’t publish the religion, name, or motive of the terrorist as not to offend anyone.”

Mr. Wysopal, my concern here his twofold.

1) What did Mr. Lewis mean by his statement "The entire city should be leveled"? And,
2) Who was Mr. Lewis speaking to? Was he speaking to an ISIS member or sympathizer as a signal to start more killing?

As a disabled American veteran and community activist, I am deeply troubled by Mr. Lewis' statement which is not the first time that he had posted horrific and insensitive statements on his Facebook page.

I am very concerned about Mr. Lewis' mental state, as it is more than likely that he will not be returning to the State Attorney's Office. I am also concerned about the personal safety of State Attorney Jeff Ashton who suspended Assistant Prosecutor Kenneth Lewis. And in this day of age, you can't put it pass anyone who call black women "crack whoes" and call for "the destruction of the city of Orlando," to seek revenge on their superior. I would not be surprise if Assistant Prosecutor Kenneth Lewis tries further to sabotage the re-election of State Attorney Jeff Ashton, or cause Mr. Ashton physical harm.

Again, suspended Assistant Prosecutor Kenneth Lewis needs to be investigated by the FBI for what many think is a terrorist-like statement: "The entire city should be leveled"

So in closing, as the director of Floridians Monitoring Law Enforcement (FMLE), I am calling for an immediate investigation of Assistant Prosecutor Kenneth Lewis for the recent statements he posted on Facebook concerning the city of Orlando and its residents.

Mr. Wysopal, most respectfully, thank you very much for your time and your service in keeping our nation safe.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Mr. Wysopal, I have followed the correct protocol in reporting threats and crime that is posted on The FBI's office website.

c:

James B. Comey, Director
FBI Headquarters
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Washington, D.C. 20535-0001
(202) 324-3000
Source: https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/executives/comey
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Call 1-800-CALLFBI (225-5324) for the Major Case Contact Center
Call (866) 720-5721 to report fraud, waste, and abuse involving disaster relief to the National Center for Disaster Fraud or write to NCDF, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4909.

Source: https://www.fbi.gov/report-threats-and-crime

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Public Assistance Requested

The FBI is asking for the public’s help to learn more about the movements of Omar Mateen prior to his shooting rampage at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, which resulted in the deaths of 49 people.
Florida prosecutor who believes Orlando ‘should be leveled’ suspended

By The Associated Press
Saturday, June 18, 2016

Kenneth Lewis, via WESH-TV Dawn Ennis

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Officials say a Florida assistant state attorney who made headlines two years ago for a social media post about “crack hoes” has been suspended after posting a Facebook statement that denounced Orlando as “a national embarrassment,” within hours of the Pulse nightclub attack.

Facebook via WESH-TV

WESH-TV was first to report that Ninth Judicial Circuit state attorney’s office spokeswoman Angela Starke says Kenneth Lewis was suspended Friday for violating the office’s social media policy.

The Sunday morning post slams downtown Orlando as dangerous and says the whole city “should be leveled.” He calls it “a melting pot of 3rd world miscreants and ghetto thugs.”

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Lewis was temporarily reassigned in 2014 after another Facebook post using the term “crack hoes,” the station reports.

On Mother’s Day 2014, Lewis posted the following message on his personal Facebook page:

“Happy Mother’s Day to all the crack hoes out there. It’s never too late to turn it around. Tie your tubes. Clean up your life and make a difference to someone out there that deserves a better mother.”

Dawn Ennis contributed to this report.

Source: http://www.lgbtqnation.com/2016/06/florida-prosecutor-believes-orlando-leveled-suspended/

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Ezell Harris <ezellharrisjr@gmail.com>
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Ezell Harris, Director
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November 23, 2014

The Honorable Jeffrey L. Ashton
Orange County State Attorney Office
c/o RWallsh@sao9.org
415 North Orange Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32801

RE: Re-Establish State Attorney's Government Accountability Unit (GAU)

Dear Mr. Ashton:

I have previously asked you to consider reinstating the State Attorney's Government Accountability Unit (GAU). If polled, I believe that most Orange County registered voters would support the re-establishment of the GAU. Recent breaches of trust by elected as well as appointed officials, strongly support the need of the GAU which was very successful under the leadership of former State Attorney Lawson L. Lamar.

Even your recent investigation and prosecution of the following individuals suggests by not re-establishing the GAU, that you're not working in the best interest of our community.

1) **The Text-Gate Scandal** involving ....Orange County Commission members was just one of those incidents that have happened since the abolishment of the GAU. And for the Orange County Commission members who played ignorant of the Florida Sunshine Laws for deleting text messages, they were each fined $500; a slap on the wrist from you Mr. Ashton.

2) **Expressway Authority Board Scandal.** On October 17, 2014, former Orange County Expressway Authority Board member Scott Batterson, who was convicted of bribery, was sentenced to 7.5 years in prison. Batterson
also pleaded no contest to a Sunshine law violation for which he received a $9,808 fine. Investigators said the misdemeanor charge stemmed from an illegal text messaging incident in which Scott Batterson broke a public meeting law.

Many of us in the Greater Orlando community KNOW that Scott Batterson wasn't the only one involved in influencing peddling, bribery, etc. Because certain members on the now-defunct Expressway Authority Board didn't get their own "man" as director of the agency, they turned on each other. EDITED... Now concerning Steve Precourt, a Republican who resigned his legislative seat last January to become director of the Orlando Expressway Authority, was right to turned down the post that would have paid $185,000 annually after the board proposed hiring him on a monthly basis.

In February, Mr. Precourt wrote a letter to the board criticizing the agency for "backdoor dealing" and poor fiscal management – claims that agency officials say are untrue.

3) **Sunshine Law Violation**. Former State Rep. Chris Dorworth was also charged with violating Sunshine laws. The grand jury indicted Dorworth who is now a lobbyist for so-called "Government in the Sunshine" violations. He is accused of acting as a go-between to enable several Expressway Authority board members to communicate outside the public eye, according to investigators. Batterson likely will testify in court case against Dorworth, as will Pena.

4) **Sunshine law Violation**. Former Expressway Authority board member Marco Pena earlier this year plead guilty to the same charge and paid a $500 fine. The grand jury contended Batterson and Pena discussed Crumit by using Dorworth as a go-between, or conduit. State "Sunshine" laws say board matters can only be discussed in public, not privately. Pena likely will testify in court case against Dorworth, as will Batterson.

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9) **Asst. Prosecutor Ken Lewis**. Channel 9 has obtained the results of an internal investigation into an assistant state attorney who made controversial remarks on his Facebook page in May. In a letter to State Attorney Jeff Ashton, Chief Assistant State Attorney Linda Drane Burdick wrote that there is no evidence to suggest Kenneth Lewis prosecuted cases based on bias or prejudice.

Lewis was demoted and came under fire after he posted, "Happy Mother's Day to all you crack hoes out there... It's never too late to tie your tubes, clean up your life...," on Facebook.

Records show Drane Burdick reviewed 55 cases Lewis prosecuted in the past two and a half years. "The results of the investigation are not surprising," said WFTV legal analyst Bill Sheaffer. "Ken Lewis was a very good prosecutor."

Lewis issued a statement to Eyewitness News saying, "The review confirmed what I knew all along and that is I wasn't biased."

Mr. Ashton, respectfully, I do not believe your office could conduct an impartial investigation of Mr. Lewis' racist remarks. That would be akin to asking the police chief of Ferguson, Missouri to impartially review the killing of Michael Brown. No way, no how.
Your office continues to lose credibility since you were elected. I believe to continue to retain Ken Lewis at taxpayers expense is complicity to harboring a known racist. But I suspect that you will come to your senses and offer Ken Lewis a easy way to exit. Ken Lewis will not be working in the State Attorney's Office come the next election.

In conclusion, the time has already come to bring back the State Attorney's IMPARTIAL Government Accountability Unit (GAU). Many of us would have never thought that we would rue the day that Lawson L. Lamar lost the election.

Govern Yourself Accordingly,

Ezell Harris, Director
Floridians Monitoring Law Enforcement (FMLE)
Disabled American Veteran

Top young prosecutor kills himself

April 5, 2007|By Christopher Sherman, Sentinel Staff Writer

Orange-Osceola Assistant State Attorney Scott Pignone, a lead prosecutor in the office's high-profile government-accountability unit, killed himself at home Wednesday, according to State Attorney Lawson Lamar.

Pignone, 30, was "a gifted prosecutor filled with integrity and energy," Lamar wrote in an e-mail to employees Wednesday morning.

"All agree that Scott was happy in his life, his family and his work," Lamar wrote. "All too often those irretrievable acts take place on the spur of the moment, in this case depriving us of a friend, a co-worker and a wonderful person."

There was no suggestion that the suicide had anything to do with his work as a prosecutor or that his death would halt the unit's ongoing investigations.

Orange County Sheriff's spokeswoman Cpl. Susan Soto said an investigation was ongoing, but that foul play was not suspected. Additional details would not be released until the case is closed, she said.

Pignone was the son of former Orange County Commissioner and current planning and zoning board member Fran Pignone, who lived near her son and his family in the Conway area.

Pignone graduated from the University of Florida in 1998 with a journalism major and a criminology minor.

He received his law degree from Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans in 2001.

Later that year, Pignone started working at the Orange-Osceola State Attorney's Office, where he had earlier interned.
Before his legal pursuits, Pignone was a reporter and photographer for Rave, a youth section at the Orlando Sentinel, working on and off during high school and college.

His career as a prosecutor took off last year when he was assigned to Lamar's new government-accountability unit.

A run of investigations of public officials drove Lamar to carve out the new team, which included investigators from the State Attorney's Office and agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI.

Recent investigations included state Sen. Gary Siplin, Orlando City Commissioner Ernest Page and Osceola County Property Appraiser Bob Day.

Lamar's office, citing conflicts, also requested an outside special prosecutor look into a business deal involving Orange County Mayor Rich Crotty.

Pignone and Assistant State Attorney Steve Foster were the prosecutors assigned to the unit.

Pignone and Foster were set to prosecute political activist Doug Guetzloe and public-relations consultant Ron Pecora, who were indicted in separate cases last week after a wide-ranging investigation of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority and its payments to Guetzloe.

On Wednesday, Randy Means, the State Attorney Office's spokesman and director of investigations, said the office's immediate concerns were with Pignone's family. The unit's work will continue, he said.

"This is a large team and everybody will chip in," Means said.

In his e-mail to employees Wednesday, Lamar wrote, "I have been with his loving wife and daughter who, like all of us, didn't see any signs of this coming. I have also been with his mom and dad, wonderful strong people."

In November, Pignone oversaw the prosecution of Guetzloe on misdemeanor election violations related to his work during the 2006 Winter Park mayoral race.

That case, in which Guetzloe pleaded no contest to 14 misdemeanor counts for sending out fliers without a required disclaimer, was the break that led to investigations into spending at the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority.

In court the day of Guetzloe's plea, Pignone summed up the win: "It's a big statement to the community that we're not going to tolerate dirty politics in the county."

Last week, the unit scored two high-profile indictments against Guetzloe and Pecora. An Orange County grand jury indicted Guetzloe on two counts of perjury related to a 2003 Florida Elections Commission case.

Pecora was indicted on bribery charges for giving $2,600 in theme-park tickets to then-expressway authority Chairman Allan Keen.

Pecora's firm had handled the agency's public relations and marketing until being fired in a billing dispute in October.

Pignone was present with other members of the government-accountability unit when the grand jury handed up the indictments.
Attorney Robert Leventhal met Pignone recently while representing Keen, who was under investigation.

But despite Pignone's youth -- and the fact that they were legal adversaries -- Leventhal said he was quickly impressed by Pignone's energy and professionalism.

"He appeared to me to be a very hardworking young man at the top of his game," Leventhal said. "I think he earned his meteoric rise in the prosecutor's office."

Public Defender Bob Wesley said his offices were noticeably quiet with the news Wednesday.


Please Note: Pignone gained indictments against Ron Pecora, former marketing and PR consultant to the Orlando toll authority and Doug Guetzloe, an anti-toll activity who was paid $107,500 in hush money by the toll authority in a scandal that has rocked the authority the past six months, leading to the departure of the authority chairman Allan Keen.

Dear Orlando City Council Members, Orange County Commission Members, and the Orange County Public School Board Members:

When State Attorney Jeff Ashton took office after defeating Lawson Lamar, he sent a clear message to you elected public servants by abolishing the Government Accountability Unit (GAU) in the office of the state attorney. So a few of you took the elimination of the GAU as a signal to undermine or breach public trust.

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You sworn public servants ought to learn from the example of the spineless Scott Batterson. It has been my experience in life from personal observation that weak-knee white males will turn on anybody, even family members, to save their own hides. If Scott Batterson goes to prison for seven-and-a-half years, he will certainly need a butt plug. I found his demeanor in court to be sickening. He should have thought: "If you can't do the time, don't do the crime," or better yet, "If you can't do the time, Dorworth do the crime."
Respectfully, a few of you know that you are corrupt. And you have corrupted other commission members. But in the end, spineless men like Scott Batterson will expose you. Or one day you will slip up and be recorded!!!

When one looks at the budget deficient facing the City of Orlando, it is because of corruption, behind closed door deals, that has put the city in a budget deficient. And Mayor Dyers says his hands are clean. "If wasn't the funding of my venues that caused it." And yet there are people in high places that have reported that Buddy Dyers has over $70 million in a future campaign slush fund. You know, I can believe it with all the development the mayor has pushed. So don't be surprised when Buddy's name comes up in a scandal. Its already brewing!

And I don't write this to spread rumors. A few of you had knowledge about former Commissioner Daisy Lynum corrupt 16-year tenure. And yet you closed your eyes to the corruption as long as Daisy kept the social service agencies in District 5. Why couldn't Commissioner Robert Stuart housed the agency, The Christian Service Center, that he runs, or reportedly runs, in District 3? Because the white pompous folks (some) of District 3 would vote him out of office in a heartbeat!

And my definition of pompous is: having or showing the attitude of people who speak and behave in a very formal and serious way because they believe that they are better, smarter, or more important than other people.

I hope that some of you are getting my point. And all of you need to know that being elected to office is not a career. But the majority of you are not humble enough to leave office after one or two terms. Recently, crooked-ass former State Senator Gary Siplin said: “After 14 years, you can’t ever leave the game, brother.” To Gary Siplin politics is a game. And to me, Gary Siplin epitomizes the word corruption.

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Ezell Harris Jr., Director

*Floridians Monitoring Law Enforcement (FMLE)*
I was just harressed by your boys in blue and i am telling the world.

On Jun 17, 2016 7:17 PM, "BUDDY DYER" <buddy.dyer@cityoforlando.net> wrote:
Dear Mr. Borders,

I understand that OPD is actively working with you on this report. Please direct any questions or concerns directly to the person assisting you.

Buddy Dyer
Mayor

On Wed, Jun 15, 2016 at 9:02 AM, Marc Borders <bordersmarc@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi. I am having trouble having complete information compiled and retained in my report of my gay bashing on May 28, 2016. Officers told me they interviewed everyone and took names . This is not true. When i finally talked to a detective yesterday and stated i was ready to use my vast entertainment connections to bring light to the situation the detective stated i was treatening him.h ow is using my emmys from sesame street a threat? And yes i found this offensive and threatening to me.I hope to hear from you to further discuss this matter.

Thank you,

Marc Borders
317 480 6728
Dear Mayor Dyer,

More reasons why the donated funds should be distributed directly to the victims and their survivors.

Dianne Gardner

Sickening...I knew this...why Mike and I no longer donate to organized charities. Dianne

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Dear Mr Mayor

My upmost sympathies and prayers to you and the citizens of Orlando, Florida for the tragedies that have fallen on your city. I hope in the near future you and city leaders will consider erecting a memorial and or build a small memorial park to honor the victims, the injured, first responders and etc from the pulse tragedy. If the city decides to move forward with this and start a fundraising campaign, you have my support and will make certain to share on social media to gain other supporters from all across the country. Thank you for supporting the LGBTQ community.

Thank you for your time, well wishes and support from Kansas City, Missouri
Tim R. Altrock
Good morning,

We encourage all members of the Greater Orlando Jewish community to gather with thousands of fellow Central Floridians tonight at Lake Eola Park for the One Orlando Candlelight Vigil in remembrance of the victims of last week's terror attack at the Pulse nightclub.

The event begins at 6 pm with music around the lake, with speakers starting at 7:15 pm. Rabbi David Kay of Congregation Ohev Shalom will be representing our community. The event concludes with a silent vigil at sunset (8:20 pm).

It is requested that you bring your own candles.

Additional details about the One Orlando Vigil can be found on this Facebook event page.

Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando, 851 N Maitland Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751

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FIRMANTES RECENTES

Ruby Almeida
Brentford, GB · 19 de jun de 2016

United we stand in the face of continued hatred of LGBTQIs the world over, and especially for innocent lost souls in Orlando. May they all Rest in Peace. Amen

Joseph Caruana
birzebbuga, MT · 19 de jun de 2016

Tyrone Grima
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The spirit of this event in its purest form is a gathering of friends who want to not only mourn the loss of 49 amazing souls but also to send one very vivid pulse of love and unity.

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RSVP HERE by June 27th! Note that it will be held at the Supervisor or Elections Office

Please share with your contacts! This is a bilingual event and translation will be available.
**Sally Downs**, long-time member of the LWVOC, has passed. Early on, she was a trailblazer who was a member of the first graduating class that included women at the University of Florida. Continuing her inclusive and giving spirit, donations are happily accepted in her honor at OneOrlando. Read her full obituary [HERE](#).
Without

There is so much to say
There is nothing to say
Words seem weightless now
Appearing as a smokey vapor
That swirls about and disappears

What is there to say now
That has not been said before
And before that and before that
The tears we now cry together
Tears shed today blend merging

With broken tears cried
Last week last month last year
Mourning the tragic body count today
Our tears yet cried in anticipation
Of the tragic body count tomorrow

Knowing too well that this tragedy
Knowing too well the killing of innocents
Will happen again and again and again
This is our shame
We let this happen

As a nation we cry over our loss
While refusing to remove the weapons
That flood our nation as a senseless right
There is so much to say
There is nothing to say

Still we must cry today
For those who were taken away
Without meaning taken
We cry too for us who here remain
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Chris Price
Australia · 19 de jun de 2016

I wish to stand with the Orlando community in grief, sorrow, support and solidarity.

Anthony Carl caruana
Senglea, MT · 19 de jun de 2016

Judith Barbara Schonsteiner
San Joaquín, CL · 19 de jun de 2016
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Happy Father's Day, Dad.

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Happy Father's Day!

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Friends, Concerned Individuals, & Elected Official:

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I am asking for all of you would live, work, and visit Orlando to get actively involved in repudiating terrorist-like statement made by Mr. Lewis and others.

Thank you for your concern.

Appreciatively,

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June 19, 2016
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P.S. Mr. Wysopal, I have followed the correct protocol in reporting threats and crime that is posted on The FBI's office website.

c:

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In February, Mr. Precourt wrote a letter to the board criticizing the agency for "backroom dealing" and poor fiscal management – claims that agency officials say are untrue.

3) Sunshine Law Violation. Former State Rep. Chris Dorworth was also charged with violating Sunshine laws. The grand jury indicted Dorworth who is now a lobbyist for so-called "Government in the Sunshine" violations. He is accused of acting as a go-between to enable several Expressway Authority board members to communicate outside the public eye, according to investigators. Batterson likely will testify in court case against Dorworth, as will Pena.

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9) Asst. Prosecutor Ken Lewis. Channel 9 has obtained the results of an internal investigation into an assistant state attorney who made controversial remarks on his Facebook page in May. In a letter to State Attorney Jeff Ashton, Chief Assistant State Attorney Linda Drane Burdick wrote that there is no evidence to suggest Kenneth Lewis prosecuted cases based on bias or prejudice.

Lewis was demoted and came under fire after he posted, "Happy Mother's Day to all you crack hoes out there... It's never too late to tie your tubes, clean up your life....," on Facebook.
Records show Drane Burdick reviewed 55 cases Lewis prosecuted in the past two and a half years. "The results of the investigation are not surprising," said WFTV legal analyst Bill Sheaffer. "Ken Lewis was a very good prosecutor."

Lewis issued a statement to Eyewitness News saying, "The review confirmed what I knew all along and that is I wasn't biased."

Mr. Ashton, respectfully, I do not believe your office could conduct an impartial investigation of Mr. Lewis' racist remarks. That would be akin to asking the police chief of Ferguson, Missouri to impartially review the killing of Michael Brown. No way, no how.

Your office continues to lose credibility since you were elected. I believe to continue to retain Ken Lewis at taxpayers expense is complicity to harboring a known racist. But I suspect that you will come to your senses and offer Ken Lewis an easy way to exit. Ken Lewis will not be working in the State Attorney's Office come the next election.

In conclusion, the time has already come to bring back the State Attorney's IMPARTIAL Government Accountability Unit (GAU). Many of us would have never thought that we would rue the day that Lawson L. Lamar lost the election.

Govern Yourself Accordingly,

Ezell Harris, Director
Floridians Monitoring Law Enforcement (FMLE)
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Top young prosecutor kills himself

April 5, 2007|By Christopher Sherman, Sentinel Staff Writer

Orange-Osceola Assistant State Attorney Scott Pignone, a lead prosecutor in the office's high-profile government-accountability unit, killed himself at home Wednesday, according to State Attorney Lawson Lamar.

Pignone, 30, was "a gifted prosecutor filled with integrity and energy," Lamar wrote in an e-mail to employees Wednesday morning.

"All agree that Scott was happy in his life, his family and his work," Lamar wrote. "All too often those irretrievable acts take place on the spur of the moment, in this case depriving us of a friend, a co-worker and a wonderful person."

There was no suggestion that the suicide had anything to do with his work as a prosecutor or that his death would halt the unit's ongoing investigations.

Orange County Sheriff's spokeswoman Cpl. Susan Soto said an investigation was ongoing, but that foul play was not suspected. Additional details would not be released until the case is closed, she said.

Pignone was the son of former Orange County Commissioner and current planning and zoning board member Fran Pignone, who lived near her son and his family in the Conway area.

Pignone graduated from the University of Florida in 1998 with a journalism major and a criminology minor.

He received his law degree from Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans in 2001.

Later that year, Pignone started working at the Orange-Osceola State Attorney's Office, where he had earlier interned.

Before his legal pursuits, Pignone was a reporter and photographer for Rave, a youth section at the Orlando Sentinel, working on and off during high school and college.

His career as a prosecutor took off last year when he was assigned to Lamar's new government-accountability unit.

A run of investigations of public officials drove Lamar to carve out the new team, which included investigators from the State Attorney's Office and agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI.
Recent investigations included state Sen. Gary Siplin, Orlando City Commissioner Ernest Page and Osceola County Property Appraiser Bob Day.

Lamar's office, citing conflicts, also requested an outside special prosecutor look into a business deal involving Orange County Mayor Rich Crotty.

Pignone and Assistant State Attorney Steve Foster were the prosecutors assigned to the unit.

Pignone and Foster were set to prosecute political activist Doug Guetzloe and public-relations consultant Ron Pecora, who were indicted in separate cases last week after a wide-ranging investigation of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority and its payments to Guetzloe.

On Wednesday, Randy Means, the State Attorney Office's spokesman and director of investigations, said the office's immediate concerns were with Pignone's family. The unit's work will continue, he said.

"This is a large team and everybody will chip in," Means said.

In his e-mail to employees Wednesday, Lamar wrote, "I have been with his loving wife and daughter who, like all of us, didn't see any signs of this coming. I have also been with his mom and dad, wonderful strong people."

In November, Pignone oversaw the prosecution of Guetzloe on misdemeanor election violations related to his work during the 2006 Winter Park mayoral race.

That case, in which Guetzloe pleaded no contest to 14 misdemeanor counts for sending out fliers without a required disclaimer, was the break that led to investigations into spending at the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority.

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Last week, the unit scored two high-profile indictments against Guetzloe and Pecora. An Orange County grand jury indicted Guetzloe on two counts of perjury related to a 2003 Florida Elections Commission case.

Pecora was indicted on bribery charges for giving $2,600 in theme-park tickets to then-expressway authority Chairman Allan Keen.

Pecora's firm had handled the agency's public relations and marketing until being fired in a billing dispute in October.

Pignone was present with other members of the government-accountability unit when the grand jury handed up the indictments.

Attorney Robert Leventhal met Pignone recently while representing Keen, who was under investigation.

But despite Pignone's youth -- and the fact that they were legal adversaries -- Leventhal said he was quickly impressed by Pignone's energy and professionalism.

"He appeared to me to be a very hardworking young man at the top of his game," Leventhal said. "I think he earned his meteoric rise" in the prosecutor's office."

Public Defender Bob Wesley said his offices were noticeably quiet with the news Wednesday.


Please Note: Pignone gained indictments against Ron Pecora, former marketing and PR consultant to the Orlando toll authority and Doug Guetzloe, an anti-toll activity who was paid $107,500 in hush money by the toll authority in a scandal that has rocked the authority the past six months, leading to the departure of the authority chairman Allan Keen.

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Dear Orlando City Council Members, Orange County Commission Members, and the Orange County Public School Board Members:

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Respectfully, a few of you know that you are corrupt. And you have corrupted other commission members. But in the end, spineless men like Scott Batterson will expose you. Or one day you will slip up and be recorded!!!

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2) **Expressway Authority Board Scandal.** On October 17, 2014, former Orange County Expressway Authority Board member Scott Batterson, who was convicted of bribery, was sentenced to 7.5 years in prison. Batterson also pleaded no contest to a Sunshine law violation for which he received a $9,808 fine. Investigators said the misdemeanor charge stemmed from an illegal text messaging incident in which Scott Batterson broke a public meeting law.

Many of us in the Greater Orlando community KNOW that Scott Batterson wasn't the only one involved in influencing peddling, bribery, etc. Because certain members on the now-defunct Expressway Authority Board didn't get their own "man" as director of the agency, they turned on each other. EDITED... Now concerning Steve Precourt, a Republican who resigned his legislative seat last January to become director of the Orlando Expressway Authority, was right to turned down the post that would have paid $185,000 annually after the board proposed hiring him on a monthly basis.

In February, Mr. Precourt wrote a letter to the board criticizing the agency for "backroom dealing" and poor fiscal management – claims that agency officials say are untrue.

3) **Sunshine Law Violation.** Former State Rep. Chris Dorworth was also charged with violating Sunshine laws. The grand jury indicted Dorworth who is now a lobbyist for so-called "Government in the Sunshine" violations. He is accused of acting as a go-between to enable several Expressway Authority board members to communicate outside the public eye, according to investigators. Batterson likely will testify in court case against Dorworth, as will Pena.

4) **Sunshine law Violation.** Former Expressway Authority board member Marco Pena earlier this year pleaded guilty to the same charge and paid a $500 fine. The grand jury contended Batterson and Pena discussed Crumit by using Dorworth as a go-between, or conduit. State "Sunshine" laws say board matters can only be discussed in public, not privately. Pena likely will testify in court case against Dorworth, as will Batterson.
Asst. Prosecutor Ken Lewis. Channel 9 has obtained the results of an internal investigation into an assistant state attorney who made controversial remarks on his Facebook page in May. In a letter to State Attorney Jeff Ashton, Chief Assistant State Attorney Linda Drane Burdick wrote that there is no evidence to suggest Kenneth Lewis prosecuted cases based on bias or prejudice.

Lewis was demoted and came under fire after he posted, "Happy Mother's Day to all you crack hoes out there... It's never too late to tie your tubes, clean up your life...," on Facebook.

Records show Drane Burdick reviewed 55 cases Lewis prosecuted in the past two and a half years. "The results of the investigation are not surprising," said WFTV legal analyst Bill Sheaffer. "Ken Lewis was a very good prosecutor."

Lewis issued a statement to Eyewitness News saying, "The review confirmed what I knew all along and that is I wasn't biased."

Mr. Ashton, respectfully, I do not believe your office could conduct an impartial investigation of Mr. Lewis’ racist remarks. That would be akin to asking the police chief of Ferguson, Missouri to impartially review the killing of Michael Brown. No way, no how.

Your office continues to lose credibility since you were elected. I believe to continue to retain Ken Lewis at taxpayers expense is complicity to harboring a known racist. But I suspect that you will come to your senses and offer Ken Lewis a easy way to exit. Ken Lewis will not be working in the State Attorney's Office come the next election.

In conclusion, the time has already come to bring back the State Attorney's IMPARTIAL Government Accountability Unit (GAU). Many of us would have never thought that we would rue the day that Lawson L. Lamar lost the election.

Govern Yourself Accordingly,

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Top young prosecutor kills himself

April 5, 2007|By Christopher Sherman, Sentinel Staff Writer

Orange-Osceola Assistant State Attorney Scott Pignone, a lead prosecutor in the office's high-profile government-accountability unit, killed himself at home Wednesday, according to State Attorney Lawson Lamar.

Pignone, 30, was "a gifted prosecutor filled with integrity and energy," Lamar wrote in an e-mail to employees Wednesday morning.

"All agree that Scott was happy in his life, his family and his work," Lamar wrote. "All too often those irretrievable acts take place on the spur of the moment, in this case depriving us of a friend, a co-worker and a wonderful person."

There was no suggestion that the suicide had anything to do with his work as a prosecutor or that his death would halt the unit's ongoing investigations.

Orange County Sheriff's spokeswoman Cpl. Susan Soto said an investigation was ongoing, but that foul play was not suspected. Additional details would not be released until the case is closed, she said.

Pignone was the son of former Orange County Commissioner and current planning and zoning board member Fran Pignone, who lived near her son and his family in the Conway area.

Pignone graduated from the University of Florida in 1998 with a journalism major and a criminology minor.

He received his law degree from Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans in 2001.

Later that year, Pignone started working at the Orange-Osceola State Attorney's Office, where he had earlier interned.

Before his legal pursuits, Pignone was a reporter and photographer for Rave, a youth section at the Orlando Sentinel, working on and off during high school and college.

His career as a prosecutor took off last year when he was assigned to Lamar's new government-accountability unit.

A run of investigations of public officials drove Lamar to carve out the new team, which included investigators from the State Attorney's Office and agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI.

Recent investigations included state Sen. Gary Siplin, Orlando City Commissioner Ernest Page and Osceola County Property Appraiser Bob Day.
Lamar's office, citing conflicts, also requested an outside special prosecutor look into a business deal involving Orange County Mayor Rich Crotty.

Pignone and Assistant State Attorney Steve Foster were the prosecutors assigned to the unit.

Pignone and Foster were set to prosecute political activist Doug Guetzloe and public-relations consultant Ron Pecora, who were indicted in separate cases last week after a wide-ranging investigation of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority and its payments to Guetzloe.

On Wednesday, Randy Means, the State Attorney Office's spokesman and director of investigations, said the office's immediate concerns were with Pignone's family. The unit's work will continue, he said.

"This is a large team and everybody will chip in," Means said.

In his e-mail to employees Wednesday, Lamar wrote, "I have been with his loving wife and daughter who, like all of us, didn't see any signs of this coming. I have also been with his mom and dad, wonderful strong people."

In November, Pignone oversaw the prosecution of Guetzloe on misdemeanor election violations related to his work during the 2006 Winter Park mayoral race.

That case, in which Guetzloe pleaded no contest to 14 misdemeanor counts for sending out fliers without a required disclaimer, was the break that led to investigations into spending at the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority.

In court the day of Guetzloe's plea, Pignone summed up the win: "It's a big statement to the community that we're not going to tolerate dirty politics in the county."

Last week, the unit scored two high-profile indictments against Guetzloe and Pecora. An Orange County grand jury indicted Guetzloe on two counts of perjury related to a 2003 Florida Elections Commission case.

Pecora was indicted on bribery charges for giving $2,600 in theme-park tickets to then-expressway authority Chairman Allan Keen.

Pecora's firm had handled the agency's public relations and marketing until being fired in a billing dispute in October.

Pignone was present with other members of the government-accountability unit when the grand jury handed up the indictments.

Attorney Robert Leventhal met Pignone recently while representing Keen, who was under investigation.

But despite Pignone's youth -- and the fact that they were legal adversaries -- Leventhal said he was quickly impressed by Pignone's energy and professionalism.
"He appeared to me to be a very hardworking young man at the top of his game," Leventhal said. "I think he earned his meteoric rise" in the prosecutor's office."

Public Defender Bob Wesley said his offices were noticeably quiet with the news Wednesday.

Source: 

Please Note: Pignone gained indictments against Ron Pecora, former marketing and PR consultant to the Orlando toll authority and Doug Guetzloe, an anti-toll activity who was paid $107,500 in hush money by the toll authority in a scandal that has rocked the authority the past six months, leading to the departure of the authority chairman Allan Keen.

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Dear Orlando City Council Members, Orange County Commission Members, and the Orange County Public School Board Members:

When State Attorney Jeff Ashton took office after defeating Lawson Lamar, he sent a clear message to you elected public servants by abolishing the Government Accountability Unit (GAU) in the office of the state attorney. So a few of you took the elimination of the GAU as a signal to undermine or breach public trust.

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You sworn public servants ought to learn from the example of the spineless Scott Batterson. It has been my experience in life from personal observation that weak-knee white males will turn on anybody, even family members, to save their own hides. If Scott Batterson goes to prison for seven-and-a-half years, he will certainly need a butt plug. I found his demeanor in court to be sickening. He should have thought: "If you can't do the time, don't do the crime," or better yet, "If you can't do the time, Dorworth do the crime."

Respectfully, a few of you know that you are corrupt. And you have corrupted other commission members. But in the end, spineless men like Scott Batterson will expose you. Or one day you will slip up and be recorded!!!

When one looks at the budget deficit facing the City of Orlando, it is because of corruption, behind closed door deals, that has put the city in a budget deficient. And Mayor Dyer says his hands are clean. "If wasn't the funding of my venues that caused it." And yet there are people in high places that have reported that Buddy Dyer has over $70 million in a future campaign slush fund. You know, I can believe it with all the development the mayor has pushed. So don't be surprised when Buddy's name comes up in a scandal. It's already brewing!

And I don't write this to spread rumors. A few of you had knowledge about former Commissioner Daisy Lynum corrupt 16-year tenure. And yet you closed your eyes to the corruption as long as Daisy kept the social service agencies in District 5. Why couldn't Commissioner Robert Stuart housed the agency, The Christian Service Center, that he runs, or reportedly runs, in District 3? Because the white pompous folks (some) of District 3 would vote him out of office in a heartbeat!

And my definition of pompous is: having or showing the attitude of people who speak and behave in a very formal and serious way because they believe that they are better, smarter, or more important than other people.

I hope that some of you are getting my point. And all of you need to know that being elected to office is not a career. But the majority of you are not humble enough to leave office after one or two terms. Recently, crooked-ass former State Senator Gary Siplin said: "After 14 years, you can't ever leave the game, brother." To Gary Siplin politics is a game. And to me, Gary Siplin epitomizes the word corruption.

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Have a great day! Thank you for your leadership!
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25 Lessons My Dad Taught Me  
By John Crossman in Rememberance of Rev. Kenneth Crossman

Love the Lord. Pray. Pray for people who irritate you and ask the Lord to bless them. When in traffic and a crazy guy gets close to you (weaving in and out of traffic) just let him go and stay away from him. This is true in life too. Be true to your school. Be a team player.

Stay for the entire game even if your team is losing badly. Always cheer, encourage, and support your teammates. Have a sense of humor in tough situations. Be a giver. Give financially; give gifts, give good words, and give your time. Don’t ever hesitate to give. It will always bless you. Have passion for everything you do and do it well. No matter what the job, do an excellent job and exceed people’s expectation. Go to church. Go to funerals and weddings. Be aware of the ministry of presence which means, “just being there.” Have a positive attitude. Always look for the good in situations. You never know what is going on with people. When someone is giving you trouble and you think they are a jerk, remember that they may be going through an unbelievable hardship and pray for them. Root for the underdog. There are things worth getting fired over and dying for. Always stand up for justice. Marry well. Treat your spouse with tremendous respect and value the marriage relationship over all relationships on earth. Work hard. Relax and get rest on a regular basis. Read books. Treat everyone with respect. Leave some for the other guy. Say “I love you” often and mean it. Help the poor and needy and lead others to do so as well. Dress for success. Save your money. Children are a blessing. Have lots.

Thank you, Ken Crossman, for you for your inspiration and fatherhood legacy.
Dear Mr. Dyer,

I read your Op Ed in the Omaha World Herald this morning. It was wonderful!!! Your article was inspiring and uplifting -- a great testament to the resilience of the City of Orlando and its compassion. I thought you might enjoy a couple of pictures from the vigil we held in Omaha last Sunday.

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