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AMENDMENT

February 13, 2019

RE: MUR 7561

Federal Election Commission  
Office of Complaints Examination and Legal Administration  
Attn: Christal Dennis, Paralegal  
1050 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20463

SUSAN WILES, RINAT AKHMETSHIN AND FLORIDA GOP OFFICIALS OBTAINED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM  
FOREIGN NATIONALS AND FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS IN VIOLATION OF 52 USC 30121

SUSAN WILES is a Florida GOP consultant, Ron DeSantis for Governor campaign and Friends for Ron DeSantis PAC chair. WILES, with other state Republican officials, corruptly engaged with representatives of the RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES (RIS) for the purpose of obtaining social media services in the 2018 election. RINAT AKHMETSHIN, a Washington, DC lobbyist for Russian interests, appears to have facilitated RIS election support for the Florida GOP.

SUSAN WILES, [REDACTED] Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082- [REDACTED] PH [REDACTED]  
RINAT AKHMETSHIN, [REDACTED] N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005 PH [REDACTED]

FLORIDA REPUBLICAN INTERACTIONS WITH RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVES FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING  
FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Duval County GOP chair KARYN MORTON @mskmlady references Russia in tweets, as a means to disparage Democrats and support President Trump, from June 8 to July 15, 2017. The posts of a relatively obscure County Party officer somehow attracted engagement from RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES-affiliated accounts (below; July 15, 2017 attached).

Karyn Morton  
@mskmlady  
15 Jul 2017  
Karyn Morton Retweeted Dennis Prager  
Absolutely!  
#media #lies #deception  
Karyn Morton added,  
Dennis Prager  
Verified account  
@DennisPrager  
The news media in the West pose a far greater danger to Western civilization than Russia does.  
0 replies 1 retweet 1 like

Reply Retweet 1  
Like 1

Karyn Morton

@mskmlady

12 Jul 2017

#Dems ALWAYS turn own operational tactics to accuse #Republicans.

Why?

Go with what you know!

#RussianCollusion

0 replies 1 retweet 0 likes

Reply Retweet 1

Like Direct message

Karyn Morton

@mskmlady

8 Jun 2017

Replying to @MrYost1 @charliekirk11

Need to get over it Timothy. Nothin there. Never was. All a sham. No Russia collusion.

KARYN DIANE MORTON, 2771 Monument Rd, Ste 29-231, Jacksonville, FL 32225 PH [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Foreign profiles engaging @mskmlady are @mcicero10 on July 12 and @MaijaLipasti on July 15. Each account is affiliated with WIKILEAKS. @mcicero10 promoted RIS online persona "Guccifer 2.0" in 2016.

2. Also, on July 15, 2017, "Tallahassee 32301" @Florida\_32301 mentions RINAT AKHMETSHIN in a cut off sentence with a link to Facebook. @Florida\_32301 appears to represent the REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA. The message calls for the attention of Russian military counterintelligence officer AKHMETSHIN under the guise of spam (below and attached).

Tallahassee 32301

@Florida\_32301

15 Jul 2017

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/p/691526061000622> ... As a lobbyist bridging the worlds of the former Soviet Union and the United States, Rinat Akhmetshin has the reput...

2:16 AM - 15 Jul 2017

420 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 is the address for the REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA (RPOF). In 2017, BLAISE INGOGLIA was RPOF Chairman; MICHAEL STEPHEN MOBERLY, Treasurer; EVAN J. POWER, Deputy Treasurer.

MICHAEL STEPHEN MOBERLY, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Homosassa, FL 34448 and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], FL 34448 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

EVAN J. POWER, P.O. Box 1388, Tallahassee, FL 32302 and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Tallahassee, FL 32301 (The Seven Hills Strategy Group, LLC FEI-1173320)

3. Three foreign profiles signal "NANCY WATKINS" on September 22, 26 and 28, 2017 (below, attached). WATKINS is treasurer for Friends of Ron DeSantis PAC and Ron DeSantis for Governor. The tweets provide bit.ly links. The pornographic and spam appearance of the messages disguise potential channels of communication between Florida GOP officials and RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES.

Lourdes Gaetani  
**@GaetaniLourdes**

28 Sep 2017

Nancy Watkins: "I love to be passionate and enjoy every moment in my life. I am looking for handsome and smart guy" <http://bit.ly/2xvV9PS>

12:26 AM - 28 Sep 2017

Demetra Ludemann  
**@DemetraLudemann**

FollowFollow @DemetraLudeman

Nancy Watkins: "looking for men to fuck me hard" <http://bit.ly/2f1OhKb>

4:03 AM - 26 Sep 2017

Yang Troxell  
**@switchanleonov**

22 Sep 2017

Nancy Watkins: "Hi! Very sexually driven and love to video chat online for any men who are interested." <http://bit.ly/2xpM2xU>

5:27 PM - 22 Sep 2017

NANCY H. WATKINS, [REDACTED], Tampa, FL 33606-2467 PH ([REDACTED])

4. On October 28, 2017 RPOF chairman Blaise Ingoglia **@GovGoneWild** signaled WIKILEAKS in a message on Twitter. This engagement came long after WIKILEAKS was reported to be working with RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES (RIS), including the online persona "Guccifer 2.0". Early in 2017, CIA Director Mike Pompeo designated WIKILEAKS as a hostile non-state intelligence agency that works with Russia.

5. December 12, 2017, **@MihaiBasarab** contacted the campaign Twitter accounts of candidate for governor Ron DeSantis and campaign manager BRADLEY C. HEROLD with offer of "Romanian" IT support. HEROLD's **@repdesantis** campaign account retains select followers, including **@blueinsight33** which claims to be based in "Romania."

6. On January 11, 2018, **@MihaiBasarab** sent an anti-George Soros/anti-Andrew Gillum message to **@FL4TRUMPDOTCOM**. The Republican affiliated account "likes" the message. The exchange appears to provide the go-ahead for **@MihaiBasarab** and foreign trolls, likely INTERNET RESEARCH AGENCY, LLC, to conduct a social media influence operation on behalf of the DeSantis campaign and RPOF.

**@FL4TRUMPDOTCOM** is apparently known to SUSAN WILES who was the state chair for the Trump campaign. WILES **@susie57** follows **@FL4TRUMPDOTCOM** (attached).

7. Campaign and Party officials were in agreement on anti-Soros and other Russian disinformation

messaging. RPOF deputy treasurer EVAN J. POWERS' anti-Soros messaging on December 29, 2017 was approved by DeSantis campaign manager BRADLEY C. HEROLD **@bradherold**.

<https://twitter.com/EvanPower/status/946769571784134656>

On February 3, 2018, **@EvanPower** attracted RIS-affiliated profiles. His message was "liked" by 4 trolls posing as Americans or Floridians.

**@EvanPower**

Evan Power Retweeted Peter Schorsch

Most dangerous city in Florida, corrupt city hall, Soros run Mayor Andrew Gillum has tried to turn Tallahassee into Chicago

Evan Power added,  
7:45 AM - 3 Feb 2018

4 Retweets 4 Likes Afi Keita James Jackie Kensler jscrubbles Jeremy Smith

0 replies 4 retweets 4 likes

Reply Retweet 4 Like

One of the four accounts engaging with POWER, "Afi Keita James" **@uniqueshaqfan**, claimed to be in "Ft. Lauderdale" while actively posting apparent foreign anti-Soros, anti-Gillum and voter suppression messaging in 2018.

8. Valuable foreign contributions to DeSantis and other RPOF candidates included artificially inflated online support, which was apparent in stages, one starting in March, the second, from late September thru the election and recounts. **@MihaiBasarab**, along with **@uniqueshaqfan** and other WIKILEAKS and RIS-IRA affiliated personas were agents of this artificial support.

GOP officers such as POWER and KARYN MORTON witnessed foreign support on their own Twitter feeds. SUSAN WILES, BRADLEY C. HEROLD and BLAISE INGOGLIA obtained this foreign support in 2018 after Florida GOP officers made contact with RIS representatives such as RINAT AKHMETSHIN in 2017.

DESANTIS CAMPAIGN, PAC AND RPOF DISGUISED PAYMENTS TO RIS REPRESENTATIVES FOR IRA SERVICES

8. The Republican Party of Florida potentially paid \$500,000 to RINAT AKHMETSHIN and RIS representatives through an apparent Russian shell company in Wyoming. The payment would have secured the services of **@MihaiBasarab** and INTERNET RESEARCH AGENCY, LLC employees. A substantial increase in social media troll support for RPOF candidates began soon after two expenditures of \$250,000 each dated February 2 and 20, 2018.

Suspicious RPOF payments were made to SEPTEMBER GROUP, LLC in Cheyenne, Wyoming for "canvassing" (below):

2018	Q1	02/02/2018	250,000.00	SEPTEMBER GROUP LLC	1712 PIONEER AVE, SUITE
635		CHEYENNE, WY 82001		CANVASSING	
MON					
2018	Q1	02/20/2018	250,000.00	SEPTEMBER GROUP LLC	1712 PIONEER AVE, SUITE
635		CHEYENNE, WY 82001		CANVASSING	

Source: Florida Division of Elections

SEPTEMBER GROUP, LLC (2015-000694969), 1712 Pioneer Avenue, Suite 635, Cheyenne, WY 82001 PH (888) 737-3435 <http://septembergroupllc.com/>

SEPTEMBER GROUP, LLC registered agent Capital Administrations LLC (2007-000547472)... registered agent Corporate Agents, LLC (2007-000538439)...registered agent Wyoming Corporate Services, Inc. (2006-000511288) (attached)

9. July and August payments totaling \$3,340,500 to "VENTURA MEDIA PARTNERS, INC." are also suspicious, apparently to a shell company. Friends of Ron DeSantis PAC made the following payments:

2018	P5	07/30/2018	2,435,500.00	VENTURA MEDIA PARTNERS, INC.	16830 VENTURA BLVD. SUITE
610		ENCINO, CA 91436		MEDIA PLACEMENT	
ECC					
2018	P7	08/13/2018	905,000.00	VENTURA MEDIA PARTNERS, INC.	16830 VENTURA BLVD. SUITE
610		ENCINO, CA 91436		MEDIA PLACEMENT	
ECC					

Source: Florida Division of Elections

The California Secretary of State does not have a record of "VENTURA MEDIA PARTNERS, INC." The name may have been poached from "Media Venture Partners, LTD" (C1515960, attached).

SUSAN WILES, NANCY H. WATKINS, BRADLEY C. HEROLD, BLAISE INGOGLIA, MICHAEL STEPHEN MOBERLY and EVAN J. POWER all held positions of authority over respective campaign, PAC and Party finances. Each officer knew, or reasonably should have known, that paying millions of dollars for foreign services would violate 52 USC 30121.

#### RUSSIAN LINKS

11. RINAT AKHMETSHIN is a former Russian military officer who worked in counterintelligence. AKHMETSHIN currently works in Washington, DC as a lobbyist against the Magnitsky Act. He was alleged to have been involved in the hacking of a Russian company, IMR, in a 2015 lawsuit.

AKHMETSHIN has received payments from Wiles Consulting LLC, principal Lanny Wiles, husband of SUSAN WILES. Wiles paid AKHMETSHIN through a company called "Human Rights Accountability Global Initiative". As reported by *BuzzFeed News*, AKHMETSHIN was paid \$72,500 from January 2016 to April 2017.

<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/emmaloop/trump-tower-meeting-russian-lobbyist-akhmetshin-suspicious-p>

12. KONSTANTIN RYKOV, Moscow, Russia, designed online profiles and websites used by RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. Online prostitution profiles, such as those signaling NANCY H. WATKINS in September 2017, are a signature of the former Russian DUMA official RYKOV.

Pornography and spam serve as cover for RIS activities on American social media platforms. As reported by *PRI*, RYKOV developed and deployed the Kremlin's 'troll army' since 2014, and worked online supporting Donald Trump's 2016 campaign for president (Schwartz, *PRI*, May 7, 2018, attached).

13. Trolls active in the 2018 Florida campaign, **@MihaiBasarab** and **@uniqueshaqfan** use the explicit language and confrontational approach attributed to KONSTANTIN RYKOV by in the May 7, 2018 *PRI* report. **@MihaiBasarab** provided an example to DeSantis's Democrat opponent:

#LiveFreeOrDie  
**@MihaiBasarab**  
 Replying to **@AndrewGillum**  
 what you lack in native intelligence you make up for with earnest stupidity; abject retardation  
 10:02 PM - 24 Oct 2018

14. KONSTANTIN RYKOV's touch is also evident in the website of "SEPTEMBER GROUP, LLC." The website's "talent" page features a variety of middle aged men with only young and attractive women <http://septembergroupplc.com/talent/> (excerpt attached).

Much of the "talent" biographies appear fictitious. The front company was created in 2015, in advance of Russian intervention in the 2016 U.S. election.

15. The "Romanian" identity for online personas such as **@MihaiBasarab** appear to be cover for RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. "Romanian hacker" Guccifer 2.0 was a RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES social media persona that supplied Florida GOP consultants and WIKILEAKS hacked Democratic documents in 2016.

16. Florida GOP consultant Lanny Wiles provided a seat to Russian government lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya behind former U.S. Ambassador Michael McFaul at a Congressional hearing (*ABC News* report, attached). WIKILEAKS boasted on July 12, 2017:

WikiLeaks✓  
**@wikileaks**  
 Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya at hearing on Russia left of Obama's **@McFaul** eight days after **@donaldjtrumpjr** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMJkgSPSb0o> ...  
 12:57 AM - Jul 12, 2017

The July 12, 2017 **@wikileaks** announcement happened on the same day that Duval County GOP chair KARYN MORTON tweeted Russian disinformation, and 3 days prior to the apparent call to AKHMETSHIN by **@Florida\_32301**.

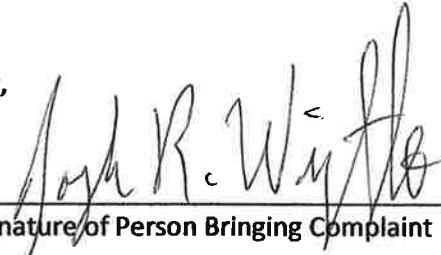
17. RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES provided contributions to the Trump campaign in Florida and individual RPOF Congressional races in 2016 according to Special Counsel Robert Mueller's July 13, 2018 indictments of 12 Russian agents of THE MAIN INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF ("GRU") and the February 10, 2018 indictment of the INTERNET RESEARCH AGENCY, LLC. RIS also used the "Guccifer 2.0" persona to work through a Florida GOP consultant, Aaron Nevins.

CONCLUSION

Ron DeSantis for Governor, Friends of Ron DeSantis PAC and Republican Party of Florida officers made a coordinated effort to obtain the services of the INTERNET RESEARCH AGENCY, LLC, St. Petersburg, Russia. Florida GOP officers disguised their communications with RIS representatives and elections expenditures from the US government and the American people.

SUSAN WILES, NANCY H. WATKINS and BRADLEY C. HEROLD, having senior positions and responsibilities in the DeSantis campaign and PAC, along with senior RPOF officials BLAISE INGOGLIA, MICHAEL STEPHEN MOBERLY and EVAN J. POWER reasonably knew that their candidates received substantial support from RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES and the INTERNET RESEARCH AGENCY, LLC in violation of 52 USC 30121.

Submitted under penalty of perjury,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn on the date of: 2/15/19

Signature of Notary Public:

  
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## Attachments

1. July 15, 2017 Russian disinformation post KARYN MORTON **@mskmlady**; "like" from WIKILEAKS and RIS-affiliated account **@MaijaLipasti**; **@MaijaLipasti** Twitter profile
2. July 15, 2017 **@Florida\_32301** signaling RINAT AKHMETSHIN
- 3a-b. September 22, 2017 **@switchaneonov** signaling NANCY WATKINS  
September 26, 2017 **@DemetraLudemann** signaling NANCY WATKINS  
September 28, 2017 **@GaetaniLourdes** signaling NANCY WATKINS
4. SUSAN WILES **@susie57** following "Tallahassee 32301" **@Florida\_32301**
- 5a-d. Wyoming Secretary of State, SEPTEMBER GROUP, LLC (2015-000694969)  
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Corporate Agents, LLC (2007-000538439)  
Wyoming Corporate Services, Inc. (2006-000511288)
6. California Secretary of State, Media Venture Partners, LTD (C1515960)
7. Molly Schwartz, "The man who taught the Kremlin how to win the internet," *PRI*, May 7, 2018
8. Excerpt SEPTEMBER GROUP, LLC "talent page" from website
9. Phelps and McGraw, "Russian lawyer obtained Hill hearing seat from former Florida Trump campaign chair's husband," *ABC News*, July 15, 2017

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<https://twitter.com/mskmlady/status/886420803163738112>



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**Absolutely!**  
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**Dennis Prager** @DennisPrager

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8:02 PM - 15 Jul 2017

1 Retweet 1 Like



Tweets Following Followers Likes

**Maija Lipasti** 6,372 67.6K  
@MaijaLipasti

A professional, a researcher in healthcare & education. Married to @Seppo\_Lipasti. Stand for the traditional Western values. Love 🇺🇸, 🇫🇮, 🇺🇸 (esp. FL, TX).

Greater Helsinki, Finland

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[https://twitter.com/Florida\\_32301/status/886152470443036672](https://twitter.com/Florida_32301/status/886152470443036672)

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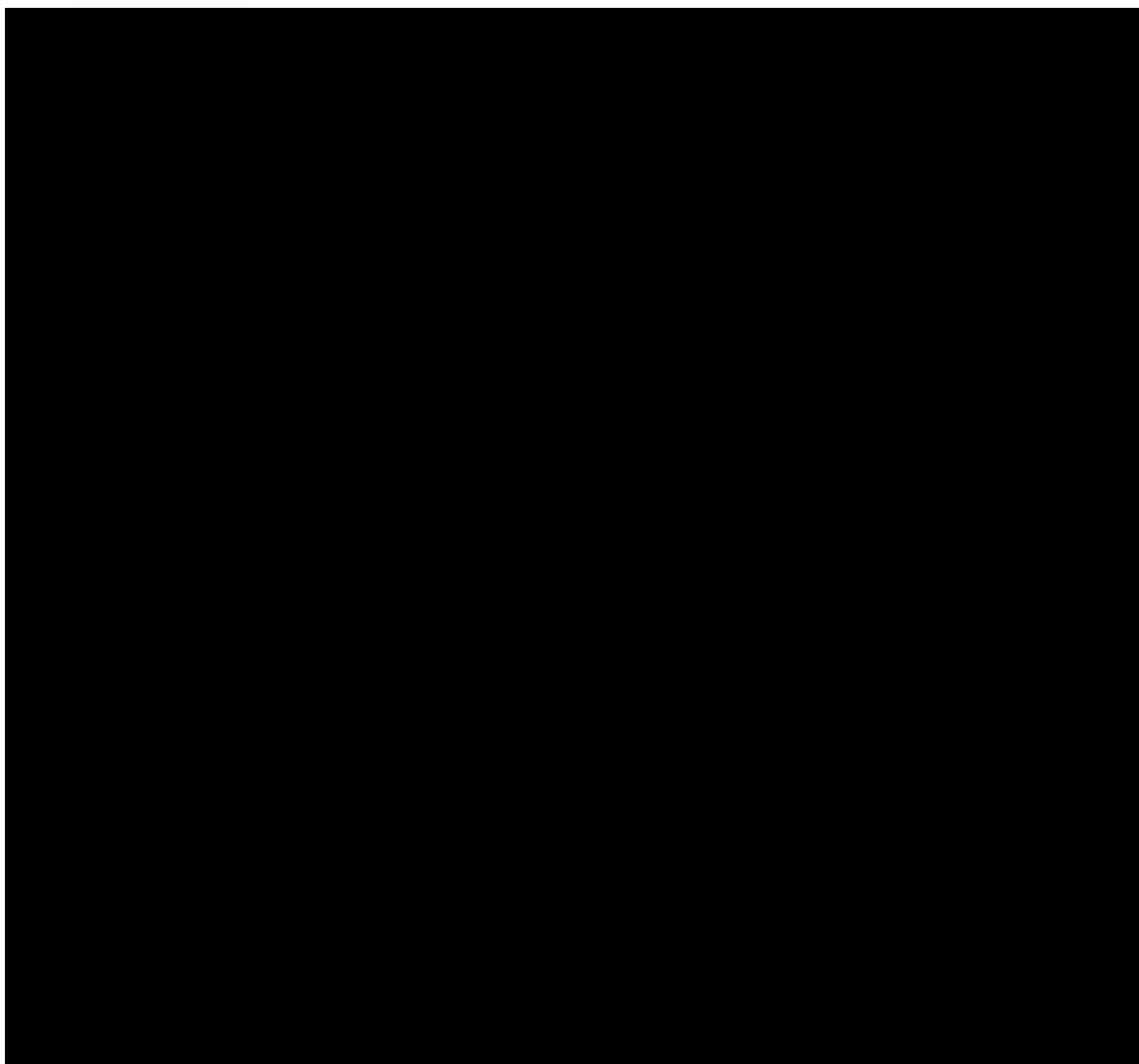
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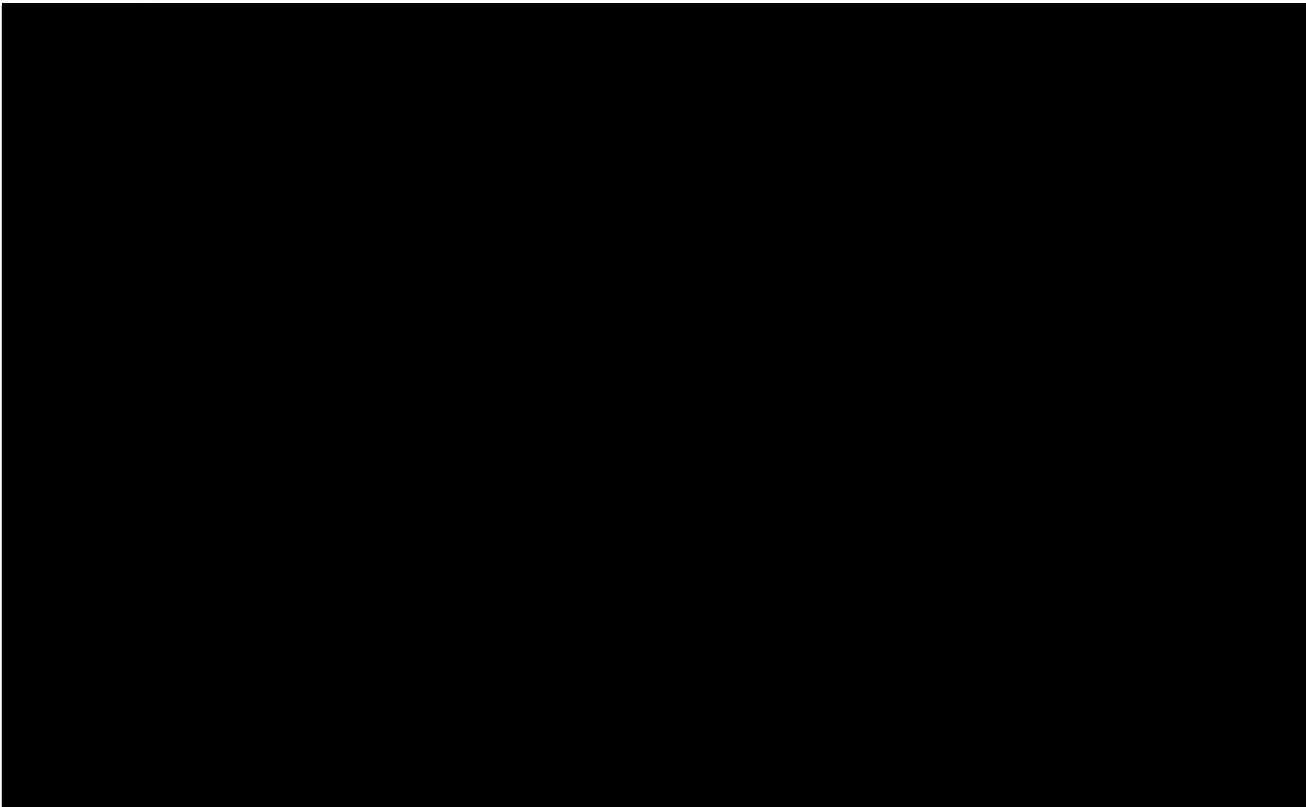
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**Demetra Lu...**

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**Nancy Watkins.** "looking for men to fuck me hard"  
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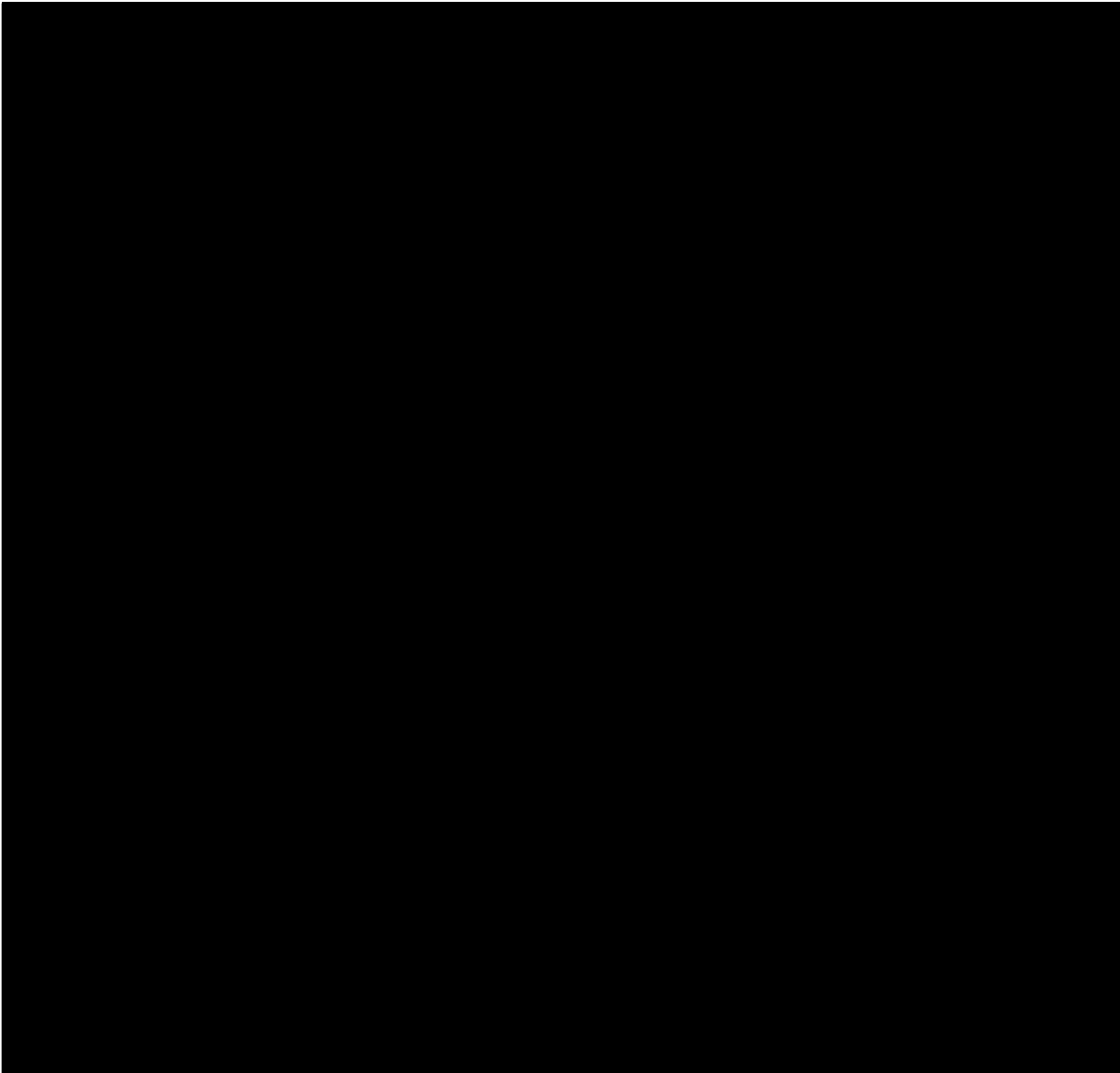
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**Lourdes Gaetani** @GaetaniLourdes 28 Sep 2017

**Nancy Watkins:** "I love to be passionate and enjoy every moment in my life. I am looking for handsome and smart guy" [bit.ly/2xvV9PS](http://bit.ly/2xvV9PS)



12:26 AM - 28 Sep 2017



Tweets **241** Following **707** Followers **1,775** Likes **15**

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## Susie Wiles

@susie57

PR, government, politics professional  
Ballard Partners, Jacksonville office- mom  
of two !

📍 Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

📅 Joined December 2008

🖼️ 27 Photos and videos



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<https://twitter.com/susie57/following>



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## Initial Filing

09/17/2015

## Standing - Tax

Good

## Term of Duration

Perpetual

## Standing - RA

Good

## Formed In

Wyoming

## Standing - Other

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Capital Administrations LLC  
1712 Pioneer Ave Ste 115  
Cheyenne, WY 82001 USA

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03819509 / 2018

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No

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**Term of Duration**

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03946061 / 2018

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**Initial Filing**

05/24/2007

**Standing - Tax**

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**Term of Duration**

Perpetual

**Standing - RA**

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Wyoming

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**AR Exempt**

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**License Tax Paid**

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Trademark

**Sub Status**

Current

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04/10/2006

**Standing - RA**

Good

**Term of Duration**

Expires-04/10/2021

**Standing - Other**

Good

**Formed In**

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## The man who taught the Kremlin how to win the internet

America Abroad

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By Molly Schwartz

*rykov insta Konstantin Rykov posted a photo of President Donald Trump ahead of the 2016 US presidential election. Rykov claims he helped Trump win.*

Konstantin Rykov understands the art of trolling on the internet. Rykov's knack for creating caustic, snarky, attention-grabbing content made him millions as an internet entrepreneur and got him elected to the Russian Parliament. And now, the Russian government understands the art of trolling too.

Rykov first went online in the mid-1990s. He quickly became fluent in the language of a Russian internet subculture.

He started by creating sites like idiot.ru, and later founded an online prostitution delivery service in Moscow called "Dosug." He developed personas on Russian social media sites like Vkontakte, Live Journal, and Odnoklassniki, where he accrued large followings by sharing pictures of scantily clad women, telling crude jokes and spreading a satiric, nihilistic brand of humor.

### Putin's government notices Rykov

Rykov eventually made his way into more mainstream Russian media, joining Russia's state-owned Channel 1 as the head of the internet department. In 2005, he started an online newspaper called "Vzglyad," which quickly became a propaganda outlet for the Kremlin. President Vladimir Putin's former deputy chief of staff, Vladislav Surkov, maintained direct lines with Vzglyad's editorial department and shaped what they published.

"There were weekly meetings at the presidential administration," said Alexander Shmelev, the editor-in-chief of Vzglyad in 2007-2008. "Sometimes, there were situations when we published something, and Surkov's assistant who was in charge of the media, Alexey Chesnakov, called and said, 'No, please, replace this article,' or, 'Please, publish something about this issue.'"

The Russian government's manipulation of Vzglyad's content was so blatant that it made Shmelev quit the paper. He left Vzglyad after his short tenure as editor-in-chief and joined an anti-Kremlin opposition movement.

Putin's clamp down on internet media marked a change of course for his administration. After Putin first got elected president in 2000, the political discourse on the Russian internet was largely critical of Putin and his party, United Russia. The opposition movement dominated social media and political blogs.

Initially Putin's government let this criticism flow freely. Even though Putin had been tightening state control over Russian media since he was elected president, he focused mostly on traditional TV and print news media. The internet was outside Putin's comfort zone. He reportedly didn't use a computer for his first few years as president.

#### **Putin shifts attention to the internet**

But geopolitical unrest put an end to the Putin administration's laissez-faire attitude toward online news media. First, hundreds of thousands of protesters took to the streets in Kiev to contest the election of the Russian-backed presidential candidate in 2004. Political activists in Ukraine relied on the internet to organize these protests. In 2008, Russia began a military occupation of South Ossetia in Georgia that continues to this day. The information that spread around the internet portrayed the Russian military as aggressors, not protectors.

Putin's government realized that it was losing popular support online. Alexander Shmelev remembers being in a meeting with the administration in 2008.

"It was discussed that we lost the information war — that on the internet, everyone around the world believes that Russia suddenly attacked Georgia, and the topic of Georgia attacking South Ossetia is never mentioned and that we came to protect it," Shmelev said of the meeting. "We need to change this somehow, we need to learn to be proactive, we need to learn to work not only in the Russian segment of the internet but in the internet in general."

When Putin's administration decided to change its tactics on the internet, they needed to enlist the help of people who understood how to make information go viral. Someone like Konstantin Rykov. Under the guidance of Surkov, Putin's government started showing signs of interest in Rykov.

In 2007, Surkov organized private fundraisers for Rykov's ventures. Rykov was elected to the Russian Parliament in 2008 as a member of the United Russia party, the same party as Putin. Rykov was only 28-years-old.

In return, Rykov developed tactics to help the Kremlin boost support for its image online. Shmelev says that he attracted a new community of supporters for the government by advertising pro-Kremlin articles on sites like Mail.ru, porn websites and humor websites. Rykov showed the Kremlin how to spread competing narratives on social media to deflect attention away from reporting that was critical of their activities.

#### **Russia annexes Crimea, a troll army is born**

The Russian government used these kinds of disinformation campaigns to its advantage when Russia annexed Crimea in 2014.

"I saw people claiming the CIA had put dead bodies inside a plane and purposely shot it down to create propaganda against the Russian government," said Sri Preston Kulkarni, the campaign director for the Ukraine Communications Task Force, recalling the shootdown of a Malaysia Airlines flight over Ukraine. "That seemed to me beyond any measure of credibility, but people were repeating that story again and again. ... And I realized we had gone through the looking

glass at that point and that if people could believe that, they could believe almost anything.”

They artificially inflated pro-Kremlin support on the internet, enlisting armies of troll accounts to spread pro-Kremlin narratives on social media and blogs. Some of these trolls were automated bot accounts, but others were human, like Rykov.

Rykov was on the front lines of the information war on social media, spreading stories that made Russia look good and Ukraine’s allies look bad. At that point Rykov was active on international social media platforms, like Twitter and Facebook, where he engaged directly with top US officials on foreign policy issues. It was a new kind of information warfare, and the US government had to figure out a new strategy for dealing with it.

“We spent a lot of time thinking about him and his colleagues in terms of what were their objectives,” says Michael McFaul, US Ambassador to Russia from 2012 to 2014. “He was very active talking about foreign policy in particular. And was he paid, coordinated ... these are the fuzzy lines that the Putin government deliberately keeps fuzzy.”

#### **Rykov builds a website for President Trump**

In 2015, Rykov did what he does best, built a new website. This one was called Trump2016.ru. This marked the beginning of Rykov’s active campaigning for Donald Trump’s 2016 presidential run. While the impact of Rykov’s campaigning is unknown, Rykov has boasted that he is responsible for helping Trump take the White House. While that claim may be far-fetched, Rykov's influence on Russia's online strategy is undeniable.

*Wojciech Oleksiak and Evgenyi Klimakin contributed reporting to this story.*

*A previous version of this story misstated Russia's actions with regards to South Ossetia in 2008. Russia never annexed the country, but it did stage a military occupation that continues.*

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## **Russian lawyer obtained Hill hearing seat from former Florida Trump campaign chair's husband**

The husband of Trump campaign's Florida chair saved a seat for Veselnitskaya.

By JORDYN PHELPS and MERIDITH McGRAW

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The husband of the former Florida chair of the Trump campaign obtained a front-row seat to a June 2016 House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing for Natalia Veselnitskaya, the Russian attorney who had met with Donald Trump Jr. at Trump Tower eight days prior.

Lanny Wiles, the husband of former Florida campaign chair Susie Wiles, saved the prominent seat for Veselnitskaya at the June 14 hearing on "U.S. Policy Toward Putin's Russia," ABC News has confirmed.

Photos and video of Veselnitskaya at the hearing show her seated directly behind Michael McFaul, former United States ambassador to Russia from 2012-2014.

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Veselnitskaya's work and connections have come under scrutiny after it was revealed last weekend that the Russian lawyer met with Donald Trump Jr. at Trump Tower in June 2016. The meeting was allegedly pitched by Veselnitskaya as an opportunity for her to share damning information about Trump's election rival, Hillary Clinton. Trump Jr. said that Veselnitskaya instead used the meeting to lobby in favor of overturning the Magnitsky Act, a 2012 bill that blocks certain Russian officials' entrance to the U.S. and their use of the U.S. banking system.

Lanny Wiles told ABC News he has "absolute, zero connection" to any relations the Russian lawyer may have had to the Trump campaign.

Susie Wiles, who was working for the Trump campaign at the time, told ABC News she was not aware of who her husband reserved seats for in the Congressional hearing, and said she has no knowledge of Veselnitskaya's contact with the Trump campaign.

"It's an unfortunate coincidence that I was helping and supporting Donald Trump's candidacy while this meeting was going on," she said.