



Diddy Takes Legal Action Over False Sex Tape Allegations

Description

LOS ANGELES (AP) — On Wednesday, attorneys representing Sean “Diddy” Combs initiated a defamation lawsuit against Courtney Burgess, a man they allege has falsely claimed to possess incriminating videos linking the music mogul to sexual assaults involving eight celebrities.

The lawsuit, submitted to federal court in New York City, accuses Burgess and his attorney, Ariel Mitchell, of fabricating “outrageous lies” in a bid to capitalize on the media attention surrounding Combs, who was indicted on charges of sex trafficking in September.

Additionally, Combs has filed a lawsuit against Nexstar Media, asserting that its news network, NewsNation, aired Burgess's allegations without due diligence to verify their authenticity. The lawsuit argues that the purported videos simply do not exist.

“These defendants have intentionally fabricated and disseminated egregious falsehoods with blatant disregard for the truth,” stated Erica Wolff, Combs’s attorney. “These untruths have tainted public perception and polluted the jury pool, and this lawsuit should serve as a warning that such deliberate fabrications, which jeopardize Mr. Combs's right to a fair trial, will not be tolerated.”

Burgess and Mitchell did not respond initially to inquiries from The Associated Press. A call placed to Mitchell went unanswered, and a spokesperson for Nexstar Media Group declined to comment.

At 55, Combs has pleaded *not guilty* to the sex trafficking charges following his September arrest, and he remains incarcerated, as judges have denied his bail requests pending a trial scheduled for May 5.

Subsequent to Combs's arrest, Burgess began engaging in interviews across various media outlets, claiming that he was gifted flash drives containing incriminating evidence by the late Kim Porter, a former partner of Combs and the mother of four of his children.

Yet, despite Burgess's assertions, those videos have never surfaced publicly. Several acquaintances of Porter informed *The New York Times* that they did not recognize Burgess and questioned the veracity of his claims. Burgess himself has admitted to lacking personal acquaintance with Combs.

Federal prosecutors have not connected Burgess to the ongoing criminal case publicly. In multiple interviews, Burgess claimed that law enforcement had seized the videos from his residence, with Mitchell later stating that Burgess had delivered the drives to federal authorities. The lawsuit refutes both assertions as “completely false,” emphasizing, “No such video was ever turned over to the government because no such video exists.”

Vocabulary List:



1. **Defamation** /,dɛf.ə'meɪ.jən/ (noun): The action of damaging the good reputation of someone; slander or libel.
2. **Fabricating** /'fæb.rɪ.keɪt/ (verb): The action of inventing or concocting something typically with deceitful intent.
3. **Allegations** /,æ.lɪ'geɪ.jən/ (noun): Claims or assertions that someone has done something illegal or wrong typically without proof.
4. **Authenticity** /ɔ:'θɛn.tɪ.sɪ.ti/ (noun): The quality of being genuine or true rather than being a fake or imitation.
5. **Egregious** /ɪ'grɪ:.dʒəs/ (adjective): Outstandingly bad; shocking.
6. **Veracity** /və'ræ.sɪ.ti/ (noun): Conformity to facts; accuracy; truthfulness.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which word means widely known and esteemed?
Option: Allegedly
Option: Renowned
Option: Hazardous
Option: Fabricating
2. What term refers to a licensing agreement or contractual relationship?
Option: Triumphed
Option: Franchise
Option: Devastating
Option: Resilient
3. Which word means a formal written or spoken statement?
Option: Unite
Option: Testimony
Option: Authenticity
Option: Defamation
4. What term describes someone who provokes or stirs debate?
Option: Egregious
Option: Provocateur
Option: Intricacies
Option: Allegations
5. Which word means evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret?
Option: Deterioration
Option: Poignant
Option: Displaced



Option: Collectively

6. Which word means able to withstand or recover from difficult conditions?

Option: Renowned

Option: Resilient

Option: Allegedly

Option: Catastrophic

7. Which term indicates being removed from its usual place or position?

Option: Intricacies

Option: Collectively

Option: Displaced

Option: Authenticity

8. Which word means involving risk or danger?

Option: Hazardous

Option: Defamation

Option: Fabricating

Option: Resonate

9. What term means to come or bring together for a common purpose or action?

Option: Allegations

Option: Scars

Option: Unite

Option: Veracity

10. Which term means inventing or concocting something typically with deceitful intent?

Option: Resonate

Option: Fabricating

Option: Allegedly

Option: Defamation

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The group worked _____ to achieve their goal.

12. The company denied all _____ made against its CEO.

13. His behavior was so _____ that it resulted in immediate termination.

14. The journalist was praised for the _____ of her reporting.



15. The next _____ of the TV series will air next week.
16. The museum curator confirmed the _____ of the ancient artifact.
17. The hurricane had a _____ impact on the coastal town.
18. The artist is _____ for her unique style and creativity.
19. Understanding the _____ of the legal system can be challenging.
20. Her words seemed to _____ with all those who heard them.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The underdog team unexpectedly achieved victory in the championship.
22. The earthquake led to a loss of life and property.
23. The heated argument between the two colleagues led to a tense .
24. The war veteran bore physical and emotional from combat.
25. The neglected building showed signs of severe over the years.
26. The farewell speech was filled with moments for everyone present.
27. The false and harmful statements about the celebrity led to a lawsuit for .
28. The suspect committed the crime but claims innocence.
29. The lab results confirmed the of the ancient manuscript.
30. His behavior at the meeting shocked all attendees.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Renowned 2. Franchise 3. Testimony 4. Provocateur 5. Poignant 6. Resilient 7. Displaced 8. Hazardous 9. Unite 10. Fabricating

Gap-Fill: 11. Collectively 12. Allegations 13. Egregious 14. Veracity 15. Instalment 16. Authenticity 17. Devastating 18. Renowned 19. Intricacies 20. Resonate

Matching sentence: 1. Triumphed 2. Catastrophic 3. Confrontation 4. Scars 5. Deterioration 6. Emotional 7. Defamation



8. Allegedly 9. Authenticity 10. Egregious

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