Third District Court of Appeal

State of Florida

Opinion filed February 26, 2014. Not final until disposition of timely filed motion for rehearing.

No. 3D13-1788 Lower Tribunal No. 11-39752

Kevin L. Ramos,

Appellant,

VS.

Miami Herald Media Company, etc., et al.,

Appellees.

An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, Gisela Cardonne Ely, Judge.

Jose Antonio Llerena, P.A., for appellant.

Holland & Knight, and Sanford L. Bohrer and Scott D. Ponce, for appellees Miami Herald Media Company, Diana Moskovitz, and Carol Marbin Miller; Reeder & Reeder P.A., and L. Martin Reeder, Jr. and C. Bryce Albu (Jupiter), for appellees Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc. and Ana Valdes.

Before ROTHENBERG, LAGOA and LOGUE, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

Affirmed. <u>See Jews for Jesus, Inc. v. Rapp</u>, 997 So. 2d 1098, 1108 n.13 (Fla. 2008) (holding that "truth remains an available defense to defendants who can prove that the defamatory implication is true" in a defamation by implication action); <u>see also Woodard v. Sunbeam Television Corp.</u>, 616 So. 2d 501, 502 (Fla. 3d DCA 1993) (holding that the media has a qualified privilege to report the information they receive from government officials).