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Deposition of  
PETER CELENTANO

Thursday, March 19, 2026

12:06 p.m.

Taken at:

Northeastern Ohio Correctional Center  
2240 Hubbard Rd  
Youngstown, Ohio

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7 On behalf of the Plaintiffs;

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9 ALSO PRESENT:

Cody Wilson

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BY MR. FOSTER

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1           PETER CELENTANO, of lawful age, called by the  
2           Plaintiffs for the purpose of cross-examination,  
3           as provided by the Rules of Civil Procedure,  
4           being by me first duly sworn, as hereinafter  
5           certified, deposed and said as follows:

6                           EXAMINATION OF PETER CELENTANO

7                           VIDEOGRAPHER:       We're now on the  
8                           record.   Today's date is March 19, 2026.  
9                           The time is approximately 12:05 p.m.

10          BY MR. FOSTER:

11          Q.   Okay.   So this is the case of Defense  
12               Distributed, et al., versus John Elik, et al.  
13               Peter Celentano is one of the Defendants.   We're  
14               here deposing Peter Celentano according to the  
15               Rules of -- Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

16               Mr. Celentano, I'm Howard Foster.   I  
17               represent the Plaintiffs in this case.   I'll be  
18               taking your deposition here.   You do not have a  
19               lawyer present.   If you have any questions about  
20               my question or questions, ask me.   I'll try and  
21               rephrase it.   I want you to understand the  
22               question before you answer it.   Everything you  
23               say is being taken down.

24               I'm not going to ask you questions about your  
25               criminal matters.   That's not why we're here.

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. Which meme are we taking about now?

3 A. The one that's particularly in front of me,  
4 because it has my Twitter handle on it. So even  
5 if I don't remember it, I must have posted it if  
6 you're showing it to me here in this context.

7 Q. Yeah. You did post it, I think.

8 A. So that's what I'm saying.

9 Q. And you don't deny it?

10 A. I'm not denying it, because like I said  
11 previously, there's so many different memes and  
12 pieces of content that was basically sent by them  
13 that I was told to post if I want clicks or  
14 engagements or whatever.

15 Q. So just to be clear, they sent you this and asked  
16 you to post it; is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. Who sent it to you? Holladay?

19 A. I believe -- so it wasn't sent directly by any of  
20 them. So we had private channels on Rocket Chat  
21 which were -- I know only of the folks that were  
22 in there, that Boost Willis that was on there --  
23 for that GitLab screenshot was on there, but also  
24 Holladay was on there. There's the Control Pew  
25 name. Larosiere was on there. Ivan the troll

1 was on there. IAmArizona was on there.

2 Q. Right.

3 A. But basically we had private chats on Rocket Chat  
4 where, you know, just sometimes they would post  
5 memes like that, and they would say, you know,  
6 what to do. And at that point, I was just so  
7 used to copying and pasting and dragging and  
8 posting, that half the time I didn't even read  
9 them.

10 Q. Okay. Is it correct to say that you believe that  
11 Holladay and/or Larosiere caused this to be sent  
12 to you with the instruction to post it?

13 A. It seems like that was the implication, and I was  
14 just so trained and manipulated at that point,  
15 that that's what I did. I wouldn't know if I  
16 would say it in that direct a language, but  
17 given -- telling me to read it -- they're  
18 implying for me to read in between the lines in  
19 my friendship with them, if I can even call it  
20 that at this point. I guess that would be fair  
21 to say.

22 Q. Okay. It says -- let's go through it. Okay. "I  
23 am the founder of DEFCAD even though I contribute  
24 nothing." Who told you that, that he contributed  
25 nothing?

1 A. Honestly, you know, if we're going line by line  
2 in this, no one told me all of these specific  
3 details, you know, in the context of anything. I  
4 just remembered seeing the meme, and I posted the  
5 meme.

6 Q. Okay. Did you ever have a conversation with  
7 Holladay and/or Larosiere in which they told you  
8 that he contributed nothing to DEFCAD?

9 A. No, I never had a conversation with them that  
10 talked about that.

11 Q. Could it have been through the chat room?

12 A. No. Like I said, we didn't talk specifically  
13 about Mr. Wilson in terms of his, you know,  
14 personal life, where he lived, about anything  
15 related to what DEFCAD made.

16 So, you know, honestly, the only little bits  
17 and pieces that I had known at different points  
18 were things that had specifically been made aware  
19 to me, and none of these specific details that I  
20 have seen in here were specifically made aware to  
21 me by any of them, you know, via Rocket Chat or  
22 any other platform that I can remember.

23 Q. Okay. But you posted it at their behest or  
24 indirectly at their behest?

25 A. Yeah. A fair way to say it was I was manipulated

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(Thereupon, Exhibit 11, Post, was marked for purposes of identification.)

BY MR. FOSTER:

Q. Take a look at that. Okay. Just let me know when you're ready to talk about this.

A. Sure. Honestly -- have I seen this? I don't know.

Q. "Is FEDCAD running out of money?"

A. No. I know. I'm just reading it.

Q. "Stealing people's work and selling it without consent," tell me about that. Did somebody tell you they were doing that?

A. I do remember talking to both Larosiere and Holladay about -- what's the best way to put that? I'd have to say, eight months before I had -- before I ceased communication with them, Holladay and Larosiere, I asked why are we so upset with DEFCAD? Like, what's even going on here? I do remember asking them -- like, you may have something going on with Cody. I don't want to get in the middle. I don't know what's going on. I don't really want to know, but with DEFCAD what's going on?

1           And they had told me over Rocket Chat that  
2           there was -- basically they were upset that they  
3           weren't getting money from catalog files that  
4           were being posted on DEFCAD, and that's what they  
5           told me. I thought, at that time, that that  
6           makes a little more sense, and from retrospect,  
7           from what I remember, I think I recall that was  
8           the basis of the lawsuit that Matthew Larosiere  
9           filed against Mr. Wilson in Florida.

10       Q. Right.

11       A. Because I do remember that Mr. Larosiere had  
12       posted that. I remember he posted that he was  
13       filing that lawsuit, and then the litigation hold  
14       came, and my life exploded. But, you know, that  
15       was what they had told me, you know, about seven,  
16       eight months before everything started happening  
17       involving my criminal cases.

18       Q. All right. So that's another motive for ill will  
19       toward DEFCAD and Cody Wilson, right?

20       A. And they did -- sorry. I'm circling back, just  
21       because there's a lot of stuff in here that I  
22       haven't thought about for a long time. So they  
23       did cast aspersions that DEFCAD was running out  
24       of money and wouldn't be able to defend  
25       themselves much longer, and essentially that they

1           were very upset that, you know, the catalog files  
2           and the files of all other developers were being  
3           sold without any sort of a cut being given to  
4           them.

5           And at that point, it was just posting stuff  
6           blindly on social media, like I was. I mean, I  
7           was a little upset at what they were telling me,  
8           although now that I look back on this, I don't  
9           know why I just didn't think to ask them how can  
10          you prove that.

11         Q. But they didn't give you any proof, did they?

12         A. No. Honestly, they didn't, and I didn't ask  
13         them.

14         Q. Okay. And when was this? When did they tell you  
15         this, to put it in perspective?

16         A. I'm trying to think about the date. I know it  
17         was roughly eight months before September of  
18         2024. So it must have been, like, back in  
19         January of 2024.

20         Q. Okay. All right. Let's just go through these  
21         other names here. John Elik. Who's John Elik?

22         A. I don't know.

23         Q. You never met him?

24         A. I never met him a day in my life.

25         Q. Never talked to him?