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TAMARA CHARLES
CLERK OF THE COURT

in Facebook by Brett "Mac" McClafferty's business partner on the day of his arrest
any press release or media mention of his arrest.



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ADDRESSING THE SILLY RUMORS.

On February 21st 2026, officers of the VIPD economics crime unit took Brett "Mac" McClafferty, a partner of St Thomas Social, into custody for a 2024 banking deposit that was made by our former GM. This deposit was a check for a private event rental at STT Social, for which we do dozens a year. Mr McClafferty did not make the deposit in question, nor did he have any involvement with the client relating to the event. Ultimately the event was never hosted at Social because the check continuously bounced and the client subsequently passed away.

Nonetheless, it is absurd that Social or its individual owners would be held responsible for deposits made in the course of ordinary business which exceeds 2 million dollars annually.

Mr McClafferty committed no crime and we look forward to his prompt release from custody. He is represented by attorney Kye Walker.

Sincerely

Sunil Sharma

VP & Partner

3407155930.



The McClafferty Family Foundation's Post



The McClafferty Family Foundation

February 25 at 3:48 PM · 🌐



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Mac McClafferty

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Mac aren't you supposed to be offline as a condition of your 150K bail? As if your old mom was posting this nonsense. Violation happening already.



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Author

The McClafferty Family Foundation
Bad info. Check the docket.

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Reply to Kristel Ottis Stark



Author

The McClafferty Family Foundation
The truth always comes out.

<https://www.facebook.com/visource/posts/the-operator-of-st-thomas-social-and-one-of-its-owners-have-filed-a-10-million-l/1530004135799045/>



Mac McClafferty

February 25 at 8:49 AM · 🌐



Pardon the interruption, now back to your regularly scheduled programming.



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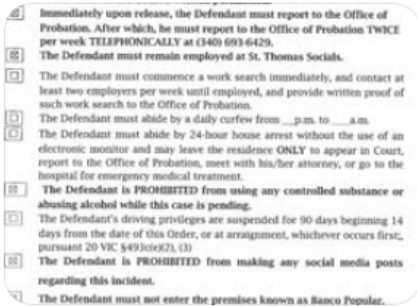
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Umm, no Brett. Taken from: <https://usvipublicportal-api.vicourts.org/courts/87edff36-c02b-4073-aea4-c0652bc123d9/cms/case/2fc76708-fd39-44f3-99bd-54af92c26a7e/docketentrydocuments/b25993d3-28d2-464d-a2b2-992b637d8058>

See, details matter.

Yes, you DO have a social media restriction. However, it doesn't extend to ALL social media, only social media dealing in any way, shape or form, with the criminal case against you brought by BP and the USVI.

Be honest, Brett. That's the best thing you can do right now. By telling half truths you only make yourself look worse.



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Author

The McClafferty Family Foundation

That's a news article, sir. Not a court order. The news got it wrong. Call the court.

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Just remember the way elections are structured in the Virgin Islands and the #math

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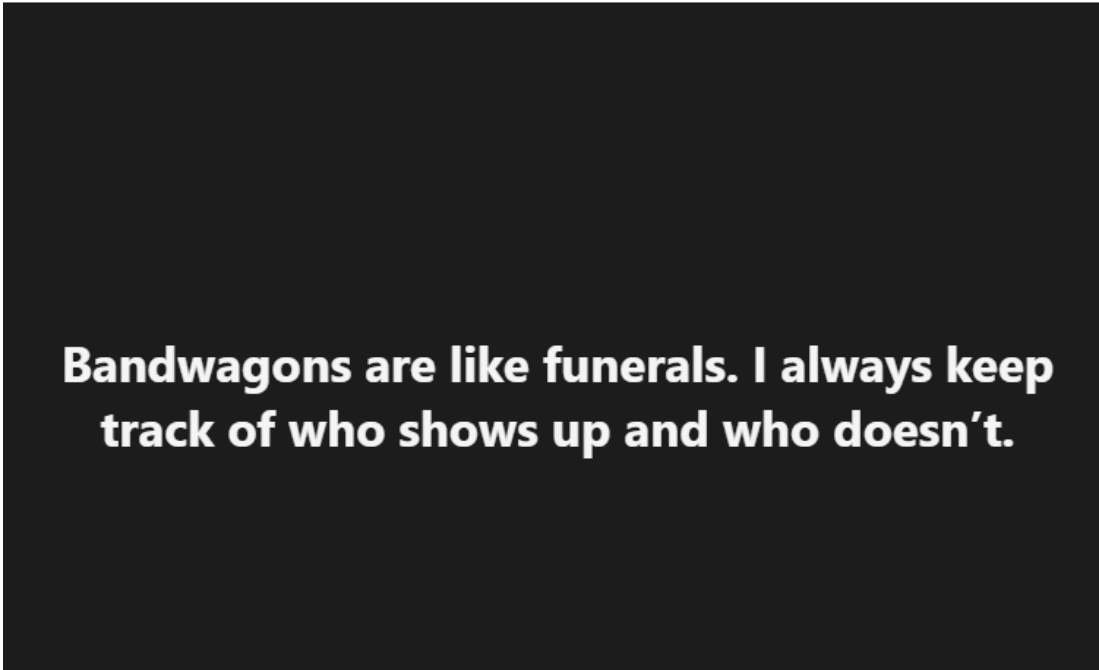
Mac McClafferty

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Mac McClafferty

February 26 at 5:45 PM ·



You going back jail ! The judge say keep off fb 😂😂😂

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Mac McClafferty

Wrong. Error in Consortium's reporting. Sorry to disappoint you.



What's Going on St.Thomas?

Mac McClafferty · February 27 at 9:06 PM · 🌐



I can't lie, the love and support is incredible. I'm not perfect but I'm not what these people portray. Thank you fam for having your boys back! I'll have ayo back when they swear me in 😊
(Now bring on the HATE - I'm more than ready lol)



Judge come look, he posting.....

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Diamond Brathwaite ★ Rising contributor

She need to be tagged frfr cause he have this place like it's ah joke

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It's public record. Who cares.

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I know you ain't saying "ayo" like you from here. 😏 Go back to Ohio.

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Mac McClafferty Author All-star contributor

I know "you ain't" talking shit while using an anonymous alias 😂😂😂

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Mac the judge done said no social media and you on here posting anonymously is smart but know this YOU AIN GETTING IN. One thing for certain two things for sure. You're Not and I say this with all my sense your not one of us never have been....

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Anonymous participant Author

Where did the judge say that tho?





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February 28 at 10:32 PM · 🌐

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Hey. It's an unincorporated family foundation, not a 501(c)(3). We don't take outside money.

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Wilmoth King

Ah, I see. So you not like a tax exempt non profit or anything?

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Author

The McClafferty Family Foundation

An unincorporated family foundation is a flexible, non-legal entity created by family members via a governing document (like a trust deed or constitution) to pursue charitable, philanthropic, or community goals without formal government incorporation. It is not a separate legal entity, meaning members may hold assets personally and

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Author

The McClafferty Family Foundation

Please google, "what is an unincorporated family foundation"

It is not for profit. It does not take outside money. It is not a 501(c)(4). Those are usually reserved for "dark money LLC's."

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Wilmoth King

The McClafferty Family Foundation oh. So, like a 501(c)4? Or, like, not a registered non profit at all? "We are a private, family managed, not-for-profit philanthropic organization, originally organized in the State of Ohio, and now operating in the U.S. Virgin Islands" strongly suggests a 501(c)3 structure.



Mac McClafferty
March 1 at 1:45 PM

Still the BDGE 🍷🍷🍷



Virgin Islands Source
February 23 at 4:26 PM

A judge set bail and release conditions for Brett "Mac" McClafferty at an advice of rights hearing Monday at Magistrate Court on St. Thomas following his arrest Saturda... [See more](#)





The McClafferty Family Foundation

March 3 at 9:10 AM · 🌐



#DRAFTMAC TO MAKE THE VIRGIN ISLANDS BRIGHTER AND AFFORDABLE AGAIN! LEARN MORE @



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Mac McClafferty

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The McClafferty Family Foundation

March 6 at 1:36 AM · 🌐



"WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME, I AM THERE AMONG THEM."
- MATTHEW 18:20 #DRAFTMAC #WHEREISTAND



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Mac McClafferty

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Paula Myles

Actions speak louder than words

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Author

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The McClafferty Family Foundation

March 6 at 2:20 PM · 🌐



Mac McClafferty ✓

March 6 at 1:45 PM · 🌐

Uh oh... hearing a lot of "we're voting for you Mac fuck em!" as I'm walking through town. We are clearly breaking through. If my opponents are still sleeping on this campaign... they're making a big mistake. A quiet momentum is building.



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Terri Lawson ★ Rising contributor

So where you gon attend sessions? From jail!!!!!! If you don't get your a\$\$ on back to Ohio and leave folks money alone

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The McClafferty Family Foundation Author ★ Rising contributor

Same stupid posts from the same people. Sad.



The McClafferty Family Foundation Author ★ Rising contributor

Says who? Says you and your newspaper? lol

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Terri Lawson ★ Rising contributor

The McClafferty Family say me and every last Virgin Islander

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The McClafferty Family Foundation Author ★ Rising contributor

Then I guess we will see in November, "Terri"

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Terri Lawson ★ Rising contributor

The McClafferty Family Foundation I guess.. and I hope they feed you bull foot soup

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Terri Lawson ★ Rising contributor

The McClafferty Family Foundation social is a BIG HUGE scam... no business you EVER had was legit... let's talk about the roofing company you had in Ohio and you rip over 700 ppl off?! Let talk

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The McClafferty Family Foundation Author ★ Rising contributor

I can arrange for you to speak to Mr. McClafferty at anytime. Last time I checked, that "insurance restoration company" still had an "A Rating" with the BBB 🙄



The former candidate for both Streetsboro mayor and Portage County commissioner — and a well-known businessman, politician and father figure — was arrested Friday for his case or please for keeping...

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Terri Lawson ★ Rising contributor

The McClafferty Family Foundation how you went and did the bar but couldn't pass and you want to come sit in who senate?!

...his lawsuit claiming he was 'stripped naked and dragged by handcuffs' at Portage County Jail

Brett McClafferty sues \$10,750 in compensatory and punitive damages.



By Paul Chiswick
Updated Oct. 1, 2019 at 4:10 PM EDT

CLEVELAND, Ohio (WUAB) — A former candidate for mayor of Streetsboro is suing Portage County, the sheriff's office and jail employees.

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The McClafferty Family Foundation you think cause you know loopholes you can come and play in WHO face with who money?! Could even pass the bar and want to call folk stupid. They gon have you as corn beef in jail. Don't drop the soap

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The McClafferty Family Foundation Author ★ Rising contributor

All reversed on appeal, and you know this

The McClafferty Family Foundation it thisssss YOU



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The McClafferty Family Foundation again YOU



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Go Ohio where you owe folks and run for something... cause yo busy running from the many you owe there.

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I don't believe Mr. McClafferty owes anything in Ohio, further, I do believe Mr. McClafferty was the youngest elected official in Ohio at one time.

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Congrats on the most cringe posts on the page!

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St. Thomas Social

March 4 at 6:37 PM · 🌐

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**** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****

March 4th, 2026

TO: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS

RE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Today, March 4th, 2026, our attorneys at Kellerhals Ferguson Kroblin PLLC have filed a lawsuit in Virgin Islands Superior Court against Banco Popular and its parent company in which we seek \$10 MILLION in damages (page 8, paragraph 51) – plus all

compensatory damages, punitive damages, consequential damages, attorneys fees

and costs deemed appropriate by the Court – on behalf of Social Hospitality Group, Inc.

and Brett "Mac" McClafferty, a 50% shareholder in the corporation.

The lawsuit is self-explanatory and is attached hereto.

This action was filed not only to right an incredible wrong perpetrated by the bank against our company and Mr. McClafferty personally, but also to protect hardworking Virgin Islanders from falling victim to the same illegal and unconscionable business practices.

It is beyond dangerous to live or operate a business in a society where big banks use a taxpayer funded police department as a private collection agency over a disputed debt. We will not stand for it.

Lastly, we would like to draw your attention to page 7, paragraphs 44 and 45, of the

attached complaint. Again, that allegation speaks for itself but is noteworthy due to its incredibly egregious nature.

Any further questions or requests for comment about this lawsuit should be forward to Atty. Christopher Kroblin at 340-779-2564.

Very Truly Yours,

Sunil Sharma

Acting Partner-in-Charge,

Executive VP

P: 340-715-5930

sunil@stt.social

NOTE: Mr. McClafferty was not consulted in the drafting of this press release, nor did he approve its publication. Mr. McClafferty has recused himself from the day-to-day operations of SHG and its properties during the pendency of the relevant legal matters

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McClafferty calls on Gov. Bryan to investigate his recent arrest by police

By SUZANNE CARLSON
Daily News Staff

A lawyer for Brett "Mac" McClafferty is appealing directly to Gov. Albert Bryan Jr. to launch an investigation into McClafferty's claim that his latest arrest is the result of a conspiracy between VI. Police and Banco Popular.

Neither Bryan nor Police Commissioner Mario Brooks responded for comment about McClafferty's latest move in the case. He initially sued the bank in connection with his arrest for what investigators said was over \$800K in fraudulent transactions linked to his personal and business accounts.

"As you are aware, Mr. McClafferty has brought a \$10 million lawsuit against Banco Popular de Puerto Rico and its parent company for, among other things, his false arrest on February 21, 2026," McClafferty's attorney Bradley Lehman wrote in a letter to Bryan Tuesday, which

he also distributed to the media.

McClafferty is claiming a bank officer "colluded" with VI. Police to falsely accuse him of fraud "to embarrass the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands," according to the complaint filed by attorney Chris Kroblin.

McClafferty, the co-owner of St. Thomas Social restaurant, has said he is close friends with Bryan, and serves on Bryan's gun violence prevention council. He also attended Bryan's State of the Territory address while a warrant for his arrest was pending, but was not arrested. A VI. Police spokesperson subsequently said that the timing of his latest arrest "was done strategically."

VI. Police, in a statement announcing the arrest, said investigators "identified at least twelve fraudulent transactions totaling approximately \$888,500 conducted through business and personal accounts associated with McClafferty," after receiving an initial com-

plaint from Banco Popular.

McClafferty has pleaded not guilty to grand larceny and related crimes, and his arraignment is set for Friday.

VI. Superior Court Judge Sigrid Tejo on March 5 recused herself from presiding over McClafferty's lawsuit "on the basis that while she served as an Assistant Attorney General in the territory, she worked closely with the Banco Popular fraud department and 'developed personal relationships' with them," according to Lehman's letter to Bryan.

"There appears to be a culture of inappropriate personal relationships between private bank employees and law enforcement in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Virgin Islanders, and all Americans, have a right to know that charging decisions are being made ethically and after due consideration, and not as a favor to friends in the banking sector," Lehman wrote.

"As such, we are respectfully requesting your office order an investigation into the above matter to determine to what extent inappropriate personal relationships exist between bank employees and law enforcement in the territory – and if such relationships led to a compromised charging decision as it relates to Mr. McClafferty," Lehman added.

According to the full text of Tejo's order, she recused herself on the grounds that while a prosecutor with the VI. Department of Justice, she "worked closely with the Virgin Islands Police Department, White Collar Crime Division, as well as the fraud department at Banco Popular. During that time the undersigned developed personal relationships with those Officers. Therefore, considering the duty to avoid the appearance of impropriety and/or a conflict of interest, the undersigned judicial officer finds it appropriate to recuse herself."

It is not uncommon for judges to

recuse themselves from overseeing cases involving potential or actual conflicts of interest, particularly in a small community like the Virgin Islands, and Tejo prosecuted numerous high-profile cases in local and federal court before becoming a judge.

For example, one year before Bryan nominated Tejo to serve as a Superior Court judge in July 2020, she signed the petition for an arrest warrant for infamous con man Yamini Potter.

That case, which was investigated by the VI. Police Economic Crimes Unit, ultimately resulted in Potter receiving a seven-year prison sentence, according to court records.

McClafferty previously served time in prison in Ohio, and he has a complex history of arrests and convictions for crimes including grand theft and possession of cocaine, according to court records.

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McClafferty was also involved in politics in Ohio before moving to the Virgin Islands, and has publicly announced his intention to run for the VI. Legislature.

Court records also show that he was discharged from bankruptcy in Ohio in 2017, and is currently pursuing bankruptcy in Delaware.

Delaware bankruptcy case

More than a dozen people who say McClafferty defrauded them out of financial investments are also pursuing civil claims in the Virgin

Islands, and attorney Mark Eckard filed a motion on March 6 on their behalf in the Chapter 13 petition, asking the court for a 60-day extension because of the "unique facts" surrounding the case, which "warrant an extension of time for the Court and parties-in-interest to ascertain a path forward."

The trustee has filed a motion to dismiss the bankruptcy petition "and it appears that Mr. McClafferty has no reasonable likelihood of confirming a chapter 13 plan," according to Eckard, which noted that the note holders gave money to McClafferty for investment in Mac Private Equity, a company currently

pursuing Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

"They have all suffered financial harm at the hands of Mr. McClafferty's fraudulent schemes," Eckard wrote.

More time is also needed because "McClafferty has evaded requests for information," including tax records, and "has purposely evaded his duties as a debtor," Eckard argued.

Further, according to Eckard's motion, "Despite diligent effort and investigation, the McClafferty Victims have been unable to find any evidence that Mr. McClafferty filed personal income tax returns for 2021–2024 in any jurisdiction."

On Monday, the Delaware court scheduled a hearing on Eckard's motion for March 31.

In the Chapter 7 case, Trustee George Miller filed a status report Monday, detailing efforts to obtain documents and information related to McClafferty's finances.

"None of the records obtained to date demonstrate anything other than Mr. McClafferty using corporate funds for personal expenses," according to the report, and "tax returns were never filed by the debtor."

A status conference in the Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 petitions is set for today in Delaware.

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