



Weekly Edition

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Parrish Medical Center Prevails in Federal Court; Ruling Rejects Claims Brought by Craig Deligdish

A U.S. District Court has ruled in favor of Parrish Medical Center on all counts in a Qui Tam (Whistleblower) lawsuit brought by Craig Deligdish, owner of Melbourne's Omni Healthcare. It is Deligdish's latest legal defeat in a series of failed actions attempted against Parrish Medical Center, a public, not-for-profit hospital.

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida granted summary judgment in favor of Parrish Medical Center on all counts in a lawsuit brought by Deligdish.

The court found that Deligdish failed to support key claims against Parrish with record evidence or legal authority. Despite the United States and the State of Florida notifying the Court on September 6, 2023, that neither government would intervene in the case, Deligdish continued with the failed Qui Tam case. After losing multiple motions to dismiss, in his fourth attempt to proceed with the failed case, Deligdish filed a 12 Count Third Amended Complaint.

Deligdish's failed allegations included violations of the False Claims Act, the Florida False Claims Act (FCA), and the Stark Act. Notably, the Court's Summary Judgment Order in favor of Parrish Medical Center stated that Deligdish failed to cite any record evidence in support of his FCA claims based on alleged false certifications pertaining to the Cares Act. The lack of evidence revealed such legal weakness that the Court stated, "Accordingly, the court concludes that Deligdish abandons this argument." Not only did Deligdish lack any evidence, the Court also cited his lack of citation of any legal authority and therefore treated his "argument as abandoned."

Likewise, with respect to Deligdish's allegations that Parrish Medical Center and its sister agency Halifax Health conspired to violate the FCA pertaining to Low Income Pool (LIP) program matters, the Court stated that Deligdish failed "to cite any legal authority" and therefore "Accordingly, the court treats Deligdish's conspiracy claims as abandoned."

And as to any Stark Law violations alleged by Deligdish, Parrish Medical Center argued it was also



entitled to Summary Judgment. The Court noted that, "Deligdish fails to respond and accordingly, the court treats this claim as abandoned."

In its reporting of the results of this case, Bloomberg Law wrote, "A whistleblower must cite record evidence from which a reasonable juror could conclude that a defendant knowingly and falsely certified compliance with a requirement or knowingly made a false record," the court said. But Deligdish failed to present such evidence, it said.

"Our responsibility to the families and individuals of North Brevard is to stay focused on providing high quality and safe care for them," said George Mikitarian, Parrish Healthcare president and CEO. "We're of course pleased with the court's ruling, in which Parrish has prevailed against another failed lawsuit brought against the hospital by Deligdish."

"Parrish Medical Center will defend its mission, its integrity, and the trust placed in it by patients, its medical staff and employees, and the people we're honored to serve," Mikitarian said.

Zumpano Patricios represented Parrish Medical Center on this Qui Tam action and other failed lawsuits brought by Deligdish. Speaking for the firm, founding shareholders Joseph I. Zumpano and Leon N. Patricios stated:

"It is an honor to represent Parrish Medical Center, and we are pleased with the extraordinary result of

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defeating a Qui Tam action at the Summary Judgment stage. But most importantly, it is quite satisfying to see Parrish Medical Center enjoy this important legal victory and its feeling of exoneration that accompanies the outcome.”



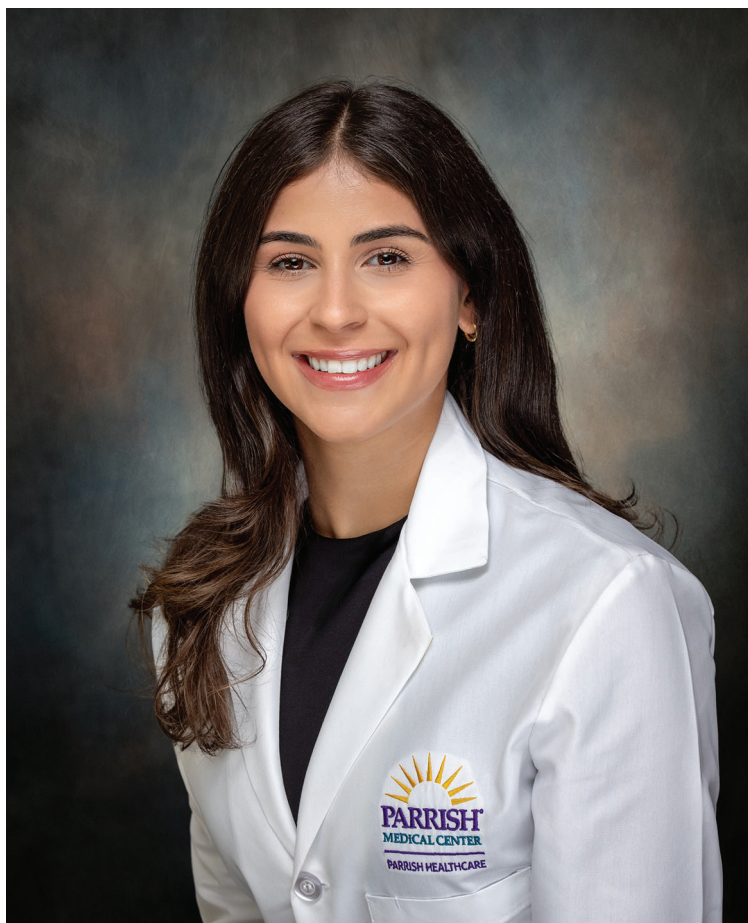
Zumpano added, “The case sets an important example against bringing allegations against hospitals without the required evidence or legal authorities. Parrish Medical Center is not only a steward of care for our communities, but it is also a hospital system

that is very capable of defending its record - and will.”

The court’s decision is the most recent legal defeat for Deligdish against Parrish Medical Center. Among the others:

- Parrish Medical Center’s successful eviction of Deligdish’s company from its North Brevard office and recovering more than \$1 million for failure to pay rent.
- Defeating an action that Deligdish and his company brought against Parrish Medical Center’s physician practice in which a jury found that Deligdish “aided and abetted” his company’s breach of fiduciary duties owed to Parrish’s physician practice.
- Defeating Deligdish’s attempt to sue Zumpano Patricios, the law firm that has defended Parrish Medical Center in Deligdish’s multiple lawsuits.

Parrish Medical Group Interventional Cardiology Welcomes Certified Physician Assistant Nadine Zahreddine, PA-C



Parrish Healthcare and Parrish Medical Group (PMG) are pleased to welcome Nadine Zahreddine, PA-C, to their interventional cardiology team, bringing a patient-centered approach, clinical expertise and a commitment to delivering high-quality cardiovascular care.

As a Certified Physician Assistant, Zahreddine provides compassionate care to patients with diverse healthcare needs. Her clinical experience includes

assisting in the evaluation, diagnosis and management of patients, with an emphasis on evidence-based medicine, clear communication and individualized care.

In her role within interventional cardiology, Zahreddine works collaboratively with physicians and multidisciplinary healthcare teams to support patients throughout their care journey. She is passionate about helping patients better understand their cardiovascular health and ensuring they feel informed, heard and supported throughout the treatment process.

Zahreddine earned her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Premedical and Health Studies with a minor in Public Health from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) in Boston, Massachusetts. She is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and holds Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) certifications through the American Heart Association.

Zahreddine is committed to providing compassionate care for individuals with a wide range of cardiovascular concerns and is currently accepting new patients.

Parrish Medical Group Interventional Cardiology has two convenient locations: Parrish Healthcare Center in Titus Landing (250 Harrison Street, Suite 200, Titusville) and Parrish Healthcare Center in Port St. John (5005 Port St. John Parkway, Suite 2300, Port St. John).

For more information about Nadine Zahreddine, PA-C, please visit parrishhealthcare.com/zahreddine. To schedule an appointment, please call 321-268-6868.



Come From Away - PG

September 11–October 18, 2026

Experience the remarkable true story of Come From Away — the Tony Award winning musical that celebrates hope, humanity and the power of coming together in the face of tragedy. On September 11, 2001, 7,000 stranded passengers found themselves in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland. In a moment that would forever change lives, the locals opened their hearts and homes to complete strangers. Cultures clashed, tensions ran high, but through kindness, laughter and music, they discovered a shared humanity that transcended fear. Filled with soaring harmonies, infectious energy and genuine heart, Come From Away is a reminder that even in our darkest moments, hope, community and compassion can light the way.

Titusville Playhouse

The Titusville Playhouse, Inc. is located within the Historic Emma Parrish Theatre, 301 Julia St., (corner of Hopkins Ave. - US1 southbound), providing professional quality entertainment on the Space Coast. The MainStage theatre includes a 150 seat orchestra section and a 124 seat Balcony Section. There is no elevator.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit titusvilleplayhouse.com or call 321-268-1125.

**Fay Lake FestiFALL and the
Port St. John Christmas Parade are coming.
Check HAPPENINGS in October!**



Post 359 - American Legion

9-2 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting

- 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.



9-5 Bike Days at the Tiki - 1st

Saturday of the month, 1 - 5 p.m.

presented by American Legion Riders.

Good food on the grill with fixin's,

\$10. Listen to live music, take part

in drawings, 50/50. All proceeds to

benefit veterans and veterans' families.

9-14 Sons of the Legion- 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

9-16 General Membership Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

9-19 SAL Rib Day Ticket sale 1 p.m. Band 1-5 p.m. at the Tiki every 3rd Saturday.

9-20 American Legion Riders General Membership Meeting - 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Call 2nd Vice Director Janice Anderson,

Director, at 321-210-6234.

If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or more information about American Legion, visit the Post, located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), or call the Post Commander at 321-268-1632.

Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

9-2 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting -1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Commander Chuck Harrington,

321-208-7897.



9-9 General Membership Meeting- 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Larry

Lonneville, 321-208-7897.

9-10 Amvets 2415 Ladies

Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Annette Norris.

9-12 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. President Mike Brayman.

9-12 Bike Day! 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

Karaoke every Friday, 7-10 p.m. Open to the public.

Bingo - Members - Sundays 1 p.m. -?

Show Me the \$\$ - every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Post 2415 is located at 688 West Ave., (adjacent to Hwy. US 1), Port St. John. If you are a veteran or family member of a veteran, stop by and visit the Post to get more information about Amvets.

Thank you for your service.



3500 Carole Ave. Port St. John

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday 12-8 p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m.

Tabletop Game Night: Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00 p.m. The library provides a variety of board games and card games for all ages. Simply visit the Youth Services Desk to borrow a game, then settle in and play at the library. Bring your family, invite your friends or meet new people while enjoying an evening of fun, friendly games. No registration required; just drop in and play!

Kids' Dice & Dragons: Sundays, 1:00 & 1:30 p.m. A staff-led, tabletop role-playing adventure where players create characters, roll dice and collaboratively tell a fantasy story for children ages 8-12. Space is limited; kids will be split into parties of 5 for 30-minute sessions. Adult supervision required at all times.

Family Movie Night: Mondays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Have fun watching G or PG-rated movies. All ages welcome. Adult supervision required. Adults are also welcome to stay and enjoy some popcorn and a fun, family oriented movie. Wear something comfortable!

- 8/31 Spider-Man Across the Spider-Verse (2023)

Sensory Playtime: Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. A sensory-friendly play event for ages 3 and up, featuring hands-on activity bins with kinetic sand, rice, beans, and more. Adult supervision required.

Read Your Way to K:

Little Laptime: Mondays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. Short stories and nursery rhymes for babies ages 1 and under. Adult supervision required.

Little Movers & Groovers: Thursdays and Fridays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. A fun movement program for toddlers five and under. Adult supervision required.

Toddler Story Time: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. For children ages 3-5. Adult supervision required.

Playdate: Thursdays & Fridays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For babies and toddlers five and under. Adult supervision required.

Yarn Group: Fridays in August, 1 - 3-30 p.m. Yarn Group of PSJ Library is a group of adults who enjoy knitting and crocheting. They are happy to help you learn. All levels are welcome. They meet every Friday and donate projects.

ADULTS

Adult Dice and Dragons: Sunday, August 30, 3 - 4:45 p.m. Role playing adventures with characters and dice.

Community Support Advocate will be at the PSJ Public Library Monday, August 31, 1:30 - 5 p.m. The community support advocate assists with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare and insurance, and senior resources. Appointments and walk-ins are accepted. See Reference Desk for details.

Cards with a Purpose: Tuesday, September 8, 1 - 2 p.m. Make a custom personal card as well as a card for charity to brighten someone's day. This group meets the second Tuesday of each month. This program is designed for adults.

Parrish Healthcare Open Interviews

Parrish Healthcare hosts open interviews every Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Parrish Medical Center, 951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.

- **Registered Nurses (RN)**

- Emergency Department, Med/Surg & Operating Room
- Emergency Department, Med/Surg
- Charge Nurses
- Cardiac-Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist
- Rapid Response
- Discharge
- Labor & Delivery

- **Medical Technologists**

- CT/MRI
- Radiology

- **Surgical Scrub Techs**

- **Nursing Assistants**

- **Medical Assistants**

- **Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (CVIS)**

- **Paramedics**

- **Pharmacists**

- **EMTs**

- **Surgical First Assistant**

- **Sterile Processing & Transport Technician**

For additional information regarding open positions within Parrish Healthcare, please visit parrishhealthcare.com/careers.

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Be a Parrish Care Partner!**

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