



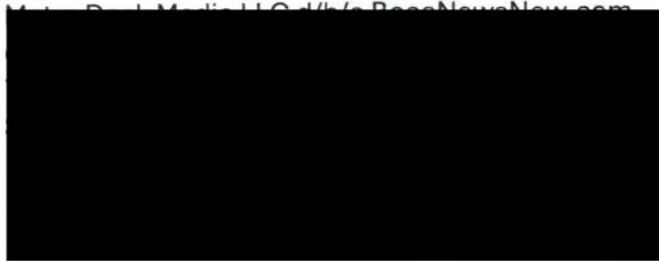
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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND SERVICE OF PROCESS



To Whom It May Concern:

This firm represents Dr. Domenico Calcaterra. We write to serve notice under Fla. Stat. § 770.01, of the article BocaNewsNow.com published on January 16, 2026, under the headline "HEARTLESS: Cardiovascular Surgeon Arrested On Child Support Charge" (the "Article"), available at <https://bocanewsnow.com/2026/01/16/heartless-cardiovascular-surgeon-arrested-on-child-support-charge/>. The Article's central claims about Dr. Calcaterra are false and defamatory, and have caused and continue to cause real harm to his practice and his reputation. This letter gives BocaNewsNow.com the opportunity the statute provides to correct the record before Dr. Calcaterra pursues his remedies in court.

The Article's central accusation, stated in the headline and repeated in the text, is that Dr. Calcaterra was arrested and jailed "for allegedly skipping child support payments." That is false. Dr. Calcaterra was taken into custody on a writ of bodily attachment entered in his dissolution proceeding, *Renfro v. Calcaterra*, Case No. 2022DR007002 (Fla. 15th Cir.), for civil contempt based on nonpayment of court-ordered attorney's fees, accountant fees, suit monies, and costs. The enclosed order expressly states that it concerns the "Failure to Pay Court Ordered Attorney's Fees, Accountant Fees, Suit Monies and Costs," and both the order and the enclosed writ direct payment to opposing counsel's law firm. The obligation was not child support, and Dr. Calcaterra is not an absent or indifferent parent. Indeed, the Article effectively acknowledges the uncertainty by calling the \$72,885 figure "an odd amount for bond" and admitting that "it's unclear whether that's the amount he owed in child support." It was not. That amount was the fee-and-cost award imposed by the court.



Branding a father as “HEARTLESS” and jailed for failing to support his children is false and deeply damaging.

The Article compounds the injury with its assertion, stated as established fact in the subheadline, that Dr. Calcaterra “Has History Of Operating Room Violence,” echoed in the text’s claim that he “was previously accused of violent behavior while working in Iowa.” The record will not bear the charge. The sole disciplinary matter in Dr. Calcaterra’s history is a 2014 Iowa Board of Medicine citation for “unprofessional behavior in the practice of medicine,” a copy of which is enclosed, resolved with a warning and a modest civil penalty. The charges were resolved by that settlement, and no findings of fact were ever adjudicated against Dr. Calcaterra. The Board never found, alleged, or adjudicated “violence” of any kind. To recast a professionalism citation as a “history of operating room violence” is not reporting; it is invention, and it forfeits the fair-report privilege, which protects only accounts that are fair and accurate.

Nor is it true, as the Article states, that Dr. Calcaterra was “sued in 2020 over allegations of operating room violence.” The opposite is so. In 2020, Dr. Calcaterra was the plaintiff, having himself brought suit against the Iowa Board of Medicine to challenge its publication practices, as the enclosed 2020 order of the Iowa district court reflects. In that action, the Iowa District Court held that the Board had violated Iowa Code § 272C.6(4)(a) by publishing statements of charges and investigative information about Dr. Calcaterra before entering any final decision. He was not sued, and that litigation had nothing to do with “operating room violence.” The statement is not a matter of interpretation or emphasis; it is a verifiable error of fact.

Each of these statements is false, each was published to the world at large, and each defames Dr. Calcaterra by imputing to him criminal or disgraceful conduct and by injuring him in the profession to which he has devoted his life. The consequences have been neither abstract nor slight. In the wake of the Article, Dr. Calcaterra’s surgical schedule at a prestigious local hospital fell from some ten to fifteen days each month to roughly two. The damage to his reputation in the local community was so severe that it forced him to relocate his practice to the Sarasota area, at significant financial cost and at the price of time away from his children. The Article, which publishes his name, his booking photograph, his home, and his neighborhood, remains online and continues to cause him harm each day it stays posted.

Accordingly, we demand that BocaNewsNow.com publish a full retraction of each statement identified above. We further direct that BocaNewsNow.com, Metro Desk Media LLC, and all persons acting on their behalf preserve, and neither alter, delete, nor discard, every document and item of electronically stored information touching upon the Article, including all drafts, editorial notes, communications with any source, records identifying any source, publication and traffic data, reader comments, and associated metadata. That obligation is now in effect and continues until this matter is finally resolved.



Dr. Calcaterra would far prefer to see his name corrected than to litigate, but he is fully prepared to do the latter. Should BocaNewsNow.com decline to publish the retraction and remove the Article within the time the statute allows, he will pursue every remedy available to him, including an action for damages and costs. Nothing in this letter waives any right or remedy, each of which is expressly reserved. We trust that BocaNewsNow.com will act immediately. Please direct all further communication to my attention.

Sincerely,

Cody J. Shilling, Esq.

Counsel for Dr. Domenico Calcaterra

Enclosures:

Order of Contempt, Renfro v. Calcaterra, Case No. 2022DR007002 (Fla. 15th Cir. Feb. 3, 2026)
Writ of Bodily Attachment (Fla. 15th Cir. Jan. 15, 2026)
Iowa Board of Medicine Final Settlement Agreement (Apr. 19, 2014)
Order of the Iowa District Court on Petition for Judicial Review (Apr. 26, 2020)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2022DR007002
FAMILY DIVISION - FY

In Re the Marriage of:

LESLIE RENFRO
Petitioner/ Wife,
and

DOMENICO CALCATERRA
Respondent/ Husband.

WRIT OF BODILY ATTACHMENT

**TO ALL AND SINGULAR SHERIFFS AND OTHER AUTHORIZED LAW
ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

YOU ARE ORDERED to take into custody:

NAME: DOMENICO CALCATERRA
ADDRESS: 9131 BENEDETTA PLACE
BOCA RATON, FL 33496

DATE OF BIRTH: 09/11/1968
RACE: WHITE
HEIGHT: 6'2"
EYES: HAZEL

SEX: MALE
WEIGHT: 200 LBS
HAIR: BROWN

and confine him in the county jail. The individual failed to comply with the previous order of the court which is attached and incorporated herein.

Service of this writ may be made on any day of the week and any time of the night or day, including Sunday and holidays.

YOU ARE FURTHER DIRECTED to bring this person before the court within 48 hours of execution of the writ for a hearing to determine the individual's present ability to pay support and, if so, whether the failure to pay such support is willful, pursuant to Rule 12.615(c)(2)(B), Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

NOTICE OF EXECUTION OF THIS WRIT SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING:

The Honorable Laura C. Burkhardt, 200 W. Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444
Jonathan Root, Esq., 2000 Glades Rd., Ste 412, Boca Raton, FL 33431

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the individual may purge this contempt and be immediately released from custody at any time by the payment of the sum of **Seventy-Two Thousand, Eight-Hundred, Eighty-Five Dollars and fifty Cents (\$72,885.50)**. The court previously found in this proceeding that the individual had the ability to pay said sum. The Sheriff, or other authorized law enforcement personnel, executing this writ or having custody of the individual is authorized to assess and collect the actual costs associated with service of this writ and transportation of the individual pursuant to Section 61.11(2)(a), Florida Statutes.

PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE to the Sheriff of Palm Beach County, Florida and shall be in the form of cash, cashier's check, certified funds, or money order. The purge payment clearly marked with the individual's name and case number, and denoted as a purge payment shall be remitted. A Sheriff receiving such payment will forward the funds to the Sheriff who entered the information about the Writ into the Florida Crime Information Center system and who will forward the funds to the appropriate Clerk of Court/Central Governmental Depository.

The Sheriff's office, or other authorized law enforcement personnel's office, receiving payment shall provide the individual with a written receipt acknowledging payment. The receipt must be carried by the individual for a period of at least 30 days as proof of payment.

If the individual pays the purge and secures his/her release, the Sheriff shall immediately notify: Jonathan Root, Esq., 2000 Glades Rd., Ste. 412, Boca Raton, FL 33431

THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR CONFLICTING ORDERS.

DONE AND ORDERED in Delray Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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Laura C. Burkhardt
Laura C. Burkhardt Circuit Judge
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURT

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Laura C. Burkhardt
Circuit Judge

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