

Alex Jones' attorney is trying to subpoena Hillary Clinton in Connecticut court in Sandy Hook defamation case

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File photo. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on May 19, 2015 in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Alex Jones, an extremist who has previously promoted hoaxes on his Texas-based internet broadcast, has asked a Connecticut judge to subpoena Hillary Clinton, claiming she is behind a group of Sandy Hook families suing him for defamation.

Norm Pattis, one of Jones' attorneys, said Clinton wanted revenge for Jones' "vitriolic criticism" of her on his Infowars program.

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Christopher Mattei, an attorney for the

families, responded in court on Tuesday with a motion to sanction Jones, calling the request to depose Clinton “frivolous” and “abusive.”

“It appears to be a publicity stunt in service of a new conspiracy theory spun by Alex Jones filed for the abusive purpose of deposing a highly prominent person who has no relation to the case,” Mattei wrote.

Eight families who lost loved ones in the Sandy Hook massacre are suing Jones for calling the slaying of 26 first-graders and educators in 2012 “staged,” “synthetic,” “manufactured,” “a giant hoax,” and “completely fake with actors.”

Jones in court papers says he no longer believes the worst crime in Connecticut history was a hoax, and that the First Amendment gives him the right to be wrong.

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Jones is being sued for defamation by other Sandy Hook families in separate cases in Texas, but the Connecticut case has been making the headlines recently. In April, for example, the U.S. Supreme Court denied Jones’ appeal of sanctions he received in 2019 after he went on the air with Pattis and threatened an attorney representing the Connecticut families with a “blood on the streets” rant.

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