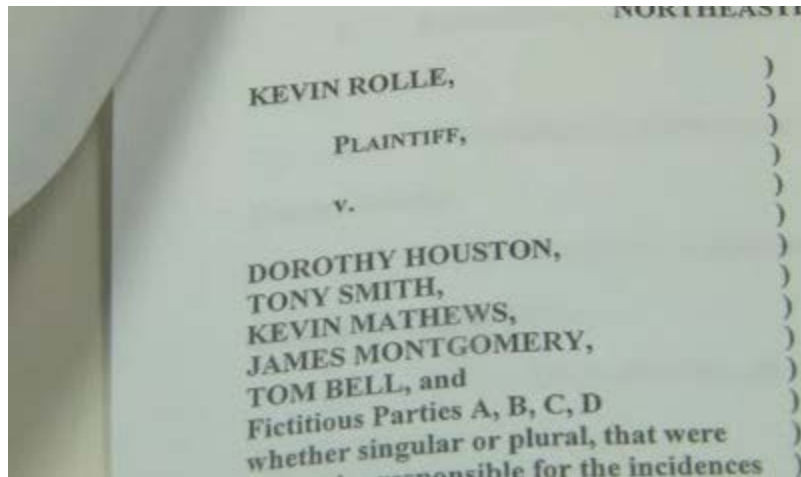


A&M Executive VP files lawsuit over reputation

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HUNTSVILLE, AL (WAFF) -

The Executive Vice President at Alabama A&M believes a group of people are out to destroy his reputation.

That is in a federal lawsuit filed by the university's Executive VP, Kevin Rolle.

He claimed other employees and even a current trustee tried to get him fired by spreading false records, claiming he had been arrested on a marijuana charge.

The lawsuit is against current A&M Trustee James Montgomery, former Trustee Tom Bell, and three others with ties to the university.

Rolle is still employed with Alabama A&M University, and he is telling the truth. He was never convicted on a pot charge, but there is more to this story.

Back in 2008, before he was Executive VP at A&M, Rolle was pulled over on a military base in Georgia and charged with a less than safe driving, DUI.

Rolle's attorney, Teri Mastando, said that is a low degree of driving under the influence of alcohol in Georgia.

Rolle alleged that the five people he is suing were spreading bogus court records that showed that he was driving under the influence of marijuana.

The lawsuit claims the group was trying to damage his reputation and get him fired.

"When you basically spread outright false information about someone and your aim and goal is to ruin their life, get them fired, that is where they can have a legal cause of action against what you have said," said Mastando.

Mastando did admit that defamation cases can be difficult, but she feels confident about her clients case because she said she has the false claims in writing.

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