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Does Daniel Davis believe that victims of child rape should be publicly shamed?

Jacksonville, FLA— My name is Christina Meredith. In the summer of 2022, I was a candidate in the Republican primary for the Florida House of Representatives in District 17.

My sole purpose in running for the legislature was to help reform Florida's broken foster care system and to pass tougher laws to protect neglected and abused children.

These reforms were the centerpiece of my campaign for one reason: My childhood was an endless nightmare of neglect and the worst kind of abuse imaginable.

After enduring years of horrific abuse, including rape, I was eventually made a ward of the State of Florida and placed in the foster care system. A caseworker with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) made monthly inspections to ensure I was being properly cared for by my guardians. Detailed reports were submitted to the DCF following each visit. I have a copy of my complete case file and it's at least 3 inches thick.

During my campaign for the state legislature, I was repeatedly targeted by Brendon Leslie, a so-called "reporter" with the Florida's Voice website. His most vicious hit piece questioned whether I had ever been in foster care!

For anyone like Brendon Leslie to gaslight the proven victim of child rape by denying the reality of her experiences in foster care is indefensible. No decent person would engage in such conduct, especially when court records show that my rapist eventually admitted his crimes and was sentenced to prison. I didn't choose to become a ward of the state, but it was the only way to escape my abusers.

When I found out that Daniel Davis is openly associating with Mr. Leslie and using him as a front man for his official appearances I was shocked beyond belief! Doesn't Davis know anything about the people he surrounds himself with?

I'm asking Daniel Davis to immediately disavow his relationship with Brendon Leslie and remove him from any future public appearances on his behalf. Mr. Leslie represents the very worst kind of tabloid journalism and is an affront to every decent reporter in Jacksonville.

Because my husband, our infant daughter and I moved out of Jacksonville several months ago, I don't have a candidate I'm supporting in the election for mayor. I am concerned, however, that Daniel Davis would enlist the support of someone as disreputable as Brendan Leslie, in my opinion. It doesn't speak well of his judgement.

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If you have any questions, you can e-mail me at Christina@ChristinaMeredith.org