

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CARA LESLIE ALEXANDER,)
et al.,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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v.) Civil No. 96-2123
) 97-1288
) (RCL)
FEDERAL BUREAU OF)
INVESTIGATION, et al.,)
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Defendants.)
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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion [391] for Leave to Depose Larry Flynt. Upon consideration of plaintiffs' motion, government defendants' opposition, and plaintiffs' reply, the court will DENY plaintiffs' motion.

Plaintiffs have already taken the presumptively limited number of depositions in this case, 20, as set by the court. Plaintiffs' motion for leave to depose Flynt is predicated upon a single statement in a newspaper article attributed to Flynt's daughter. In that newspaper article, Flynt's daughter states that James Carville "supplied or might have supplied" certain FBI files on various politicians to her father.

Good cause has not been shown to grant plaintiffs leave to take Flynt's deposition. Plaintiffs point to no evidence that any of this material has anything to do with their claims in this case. Moreover, even assuming some marginal circumstantial relevance,

plaintiffs would need to seek leave to depose Flynt's daughter first. Nonetheless, the court believes this entire line of inquiry to be a waste of time and a distraction from the issues in this lawsuit.

For these reasons, Plaintiffs' Motion [391] for Leave to Depose Larry Flynt is HEREBY DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

Date:

Royce C. Lamberth
United States District Court