

IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MICHAEL T FLYNN,
Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO. 2023 CA 004264 NC
DIVISION C CIRCUIT

JIM STEWARTSON,
RICK WILSON,
MEIDASTOUCH LLC,
Defendant.

ORDER SETTING HEARING

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Court hearing is scheduled in this case before the Honorable Hunter W. Carroll, as follows:

Date & Time: February 24, 2026 at 09:45 a.m.

Time Reserved: 15 minutes

Matter(s): Case management conference

Is hearing evidentiary? No

Judge Carroll has a “hybrid courtroom,” which will allow participants to either appear “in person” or via Zoom.

- For all non-evidentiary hearings and for evidentiary hearings one hour or less, each participant has the discretion to determine how that participant will appear.
- For evidentiary hearings exceeding one hour, the participants must appear in person unless the Court orders otherwise.

Please do **not** call the Court’s Judicial Assistant to advise how the participant will appear. Instead, Judge Carroll expects the participants to appear on-time, either in person or via Zoom.

Courthouse location: Lynn N. Silvertooth Judicial Center - 2002 Ringling Blvd. - Sarasota - FL 34237

Courtroom: 6-C

Zoom Credentials: <https://www.zoom.us/> Click “Join A Meeting”
Meeting ID: 353 234 4884
Password: 756433
Audio only: 1.253.215.8782 and use the same Meeting ID

There are no fees for attending this court hearing via the Zoom platform. You may access the Zoom platform at <https://www.zoom.us>. Please select the “Join A Meeting” link and then enter the Meeting ID and Password to access the hearing. You may also join the court hearing from Judge Carroll’s Zoom Video Conference Access Information page at <https://www.jud12.flcourts.org/Public-Information/Public-Court-Hearings>.

Court proceedings are open to the public. Members of the public may appear live or use the Zoom credentials to access the hearing. Judge Carroll will “host” the videoconference. When you sign on, you be placed in a waiting room. The Court will admit you at the beginning of the hearing. Please name your video feed with your first and last name.

Expectations for All Participants Attending Zoom Hearings

Please see the expectations for all participants on the Twelfth Judicial Court Website: <https://www.jud12.flcourts.org/Public-Information/Public-Court-Hearings>.

Court Reporters and Digital Court Recording

The Court does not provide a court reporter. If a party wishes to have a court reporter present, that party must arrange for the court reporter’s attendance and must notify all other parties before the hearing.

You are advised that the Court may record this proceeding via the Court’s Digital Court Recording Department. Not all hearings are digitally recorded, however. Those hearings before Judge Carroll that generally are recorded using Digital Court Recording include termination of parental rights; certain guardianship proceedings (appointment of a guardian; adjudication, modification, termination, or revocation of adjudication of incapacity; and restoration of rights); Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act hearings; and Temporary Restraining Order hearings.

No Recording Proceedings

By court rule and court order, you are not authorized to make your own audio or visual recording of a court proceeding. No one may take “screenshots” or other audio or visual depictions of a court proceeding. Recording a court proceeding is strictly prohibited unless approved by the Judge. If you violate these rules, you may be held in contempt of court. Members of the media must comply with rule 2.450 and administrative order 2020-23.2 regarding media coverage. Please contact the Court’s Public Information Officer for further information.

Late entry or Technical Difficulties

If you are not logged in when the hearing begins, the judge may not interrupt the proceedings to admit you to the hearing. If you have trouble logging in, and you wish to participate in the hearing, contact the Court's judicial assistant immediately at (941) 861-7946.

ADA Notice


If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Sarasota County Jury Office, P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, Florida 34230-3079, (941) 861-8000, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Interpreters

The Twelfth Judicial Circuit provides spoken language court interpreters to limited-English-proficient persons in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, section 90.606, Florida Statutes, and Rule 2.560, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration. If you require the assistance of an interpreter, please submit your request to: <https://www.jud12.flcourts.org/Programs/Court-Interpreters/Interpreter-Request> or please call 941-749-3659. Please submit your request as early as possible, requests made with less than 5 business days' notice may not be accommodated.

El Duodécimo Circuito Judicial provee intérpretes judiciales de la lengua hablada a personas con dominio limitado del inglés de acuerdo con el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, la sección 90.606, los Estatutos de la Florida y la Regla 2.560 de las Reglas de Administración Judicial de la Florida. Si requiere la ayuda de un intérprete, por favor envíe su solicitud a <http://www.jud12.flcourts.org/Home/Public/InterpreterRequestForm.aspx> o llame al 941-749-3659. Por favor, envíe su solicitud lo antes posible, las solicitudes hechas con menos de 5 días hábiles no pueden ser garantizadas.

DONE AND ORDERED in Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida, on February 20, 2026.


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HUNTER W CARROLL
Circuit Judge

SERVICE CERTIFICATE

On February 20, 2026, the Court caused the foregoing document to be served via the Clerk of Court's case management system, which served the following individuals via email (where indicated). On the same date, the Court also served a copy of the foregoing document via First Class U.S. Mail on the individuals who do not have an email address on file with the Clerk of Court.

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RICK WILSON,
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ORDER FROM CASE MANAGEMENT

The Court conducted a case management conference in this case on February 24, 2026. Based on that conference—

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Court reminds that due to the age of this case that this case *will be tried* this upcoming 3-week trial period.
2. The parties shall timely reach out to the provided Sarasota Sheriff's Office contact sooner as opposed to later relating to any security issues that need to be addressed with respect to security concerns either party may have.
3. The Court denies Defendant's request for leave to file a motion for summary judgment.
4. The Court grants Defendant's request for leave to file the second sanctions motion. That motion, although filed, will not be addressed before trial.
5. Mr. Thurlow is to cancel the March 9, 2026, hearing that was set on DIN 245 because the Court addressed that motion at the case management conference.
6. The parties will mediate this case on or before March 11, 2026.

DONE AND ORDERED in Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida, on February 24, 2026.


2/24/2026 10:25 AM 2023 CA
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COURT APPEARANCE RECORD

DIVISION: DIVISION C CIRCUIT

CASE NUMBER: 2023 CA 004264 NC

PLAINTIFF(S):
MICHAEL T FLYNN

VS. DEFENDANT(S):
JIM STEWARTSON
RICK WILSON
MEIDASTOUCH LLC

COURT EVENT: MOTIONS
JUDGE: HUNTER W CARROLL

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2026
TIME: 09:45 AM

APPEARANCE:

PLAINTIFF

MICHAEL T FLYNN

DID NOT APPEAR APPEARED PRO SE APPEARED WITH ATTORNEY ATTORNEY ONLY
ATTORNEY NAME: Jared Roberts, Stephen French

DEFENDANT

JIM STEWARTSON

DID NOT APPEAR APPEARED PRO SE APPEARED WITH ATTORNEY ATTORNEY ONLY
ATTORNEY NAME: George Thurlow, Craig Whisenhunt

RICK WILSON

DID NOT APPEAR APPEARED PRO SE APPEARED WITH ATTORNEY ATTORNEY ONLY
ATTORNEY NAME: _____

MEIDASTOUCH LLC

DID NOT APPEAR APPEARED PRO SE APPEARED WITH ATTORNEY ATTORNEY ONLY
ATTORNEY NAME: _____

COURT REPORTER: Angela Beltran (milestone)

PETITIONS / MOTIONS:

PLAINTIFF'S DEFENDANT'S
 PETITION MOTION
DIN# Case management conference

RULINGS:

GRANTED DENIED CONTINUED
 GRANTED / DENIED IN PART CANCELLED
 TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT
 OTHER _____

PLAINTIFF'S DEFENDANT'S
 PETITION MOTION
DIN# 245 - For leave to file motion for final summary judgment & second motion

GRANTED DENIED CONTINUED
 GRANTED / DENIED IN PART CANCELLED
 TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT
 OTHER _____

SUPPLEMENTAL PAGE ATTACHED For sanctions

COURT COMMENTS: 5-day Jury Trial. Counsel to contact Lieutenant Damer with any security issues or questions. The court directs parties to mediation prior to docket sounding, trial to remain as set. Atty Thurlow to cancel 3/9 Hearing.

KAREN E. RUSHING CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: T. Antunez, Deputy Clerk
DATE: February 24, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION**

Michael T. Flynn,
Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 2023 CA 004264 NC

Jim Stewartson,
Defendant.

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HYBRID HEARING

The Defendant, JIM STEWARTSON, hereby gives notice of the cancellation of the hearing scheduled on March 9, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. before the Honorable Hunter Carroll and requests that the Court remove said hearing from the docket.

Dated: February 24, 2026

/s/ George A.D. Thurlow

George A.D. Thurlow, Esquire
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and proper copy of the foregoing document was served upon Jared Roberts, Esquire jared@binnall.com, Stephen B. French, Esquire stephen@binnall.com and Craig a. Whisenhunt, Esquire craig@rwrlawfirm.com efiling@rightingwrongsflorida.com via Florida E-Filing Portal on this 24th day of February 2026.

/s/ George A.D. Thurlow

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