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Bradenton Tropical Palms Management,
Our family met Saturday night with Millie Francis at her home at the Bradenton Tropical Palms. We spoke with her for about an hour. It included her showing us some neighboring homes. We recorded much of that, with her permission.

She made the DrudgeReport.com, so this is a global issue now.

 drudgereport.com



Battle over Virgin Mary painting at trailer park goes to higher authority...

<https://www.bradenton.com/news/local/article224745285.html>

Pardon my being direct, but some of what she said to us was disturbing.

This lady is in serious distress. Millie has signed papers she said indicated that she does not fully grasp. She has a heart condition. While mainstream media makes her sound tough, and in some ways, she is. But Millie is also vulnerable, broke into tears, had to catch her breath, and appeared at times to be scared.

This stress - IMHO - could lead to her premature death, from one of several possible causes.

Millie Francis is trusting, in some ways, which means someone could take advantage of her - especially in this scenario. **Put differently, our interest here is more than a few more news stories.** We will *editorially advocate* for her interest as it seems to be a tremendous injustice. We will also plan to cover this issue until it resolved.

After maybe thirty minutes of discussion, I asked Millie Francis the question, *what do you wish would be the outcome from all this stress?* Instead of something like, 'I wish they'd leave me alone,' here is what she answered.

'I want the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe to become better known.'

It matters not what others may think, that's what Millie thinks. For her, this is primarily a religious issue.

There are several ways, IMHO, that this connects with other nearby homes, and what appears to be an unequal or targeted use of that Resident Owned Community's rules and regulations. By the way, she is apparently a shareholder in that ROC cooperative.

For example, here are some points we learned from Millie's vantagepoint.

- 1) There are geckos and dolphins in her neighborhood that adorn the front of some other residents' homes. Why are those allowed, but her image of the Madonna of Guadalupe not?

Ponder this: "**For Ancient Greeks and Egyptians, lizards were symbols of good luck and prosperity, while in Christianity reptiles are often seen as devilish and bad,**" *per My Dream Spirit.*

Or

"Greek mythology tells us that Dolphin Spirit carries the spirits of the dead to the next reality. From a symbolic standpoint this gives Dolphin the additional meaning of rebirth and renewal." So said by *What Is My Spirit Animal.*

Or from *Catholic Insight*, "**Pagans depicted dolphins on gravesites, since the animal carried the deceased on its back to the afterlife. The ancient Hebrews also loved the animal. Not surprisingly, Christians adopted the dolphin as a symbol for Christ carrying the souls of the dead to heaven.**"

Here are some of those photos of nearby neighbors homes.



Here's another.



So those neighboring homes could be viewed as *religious symbols*. How does the passerby know differently?

Do you see the point? It depends in part on the viewpoint of those who consider the image, those neighboring homes - apparently with no negative pushback - have religious symbols that are okay? Why not Millie Francis'?



- 2) I'm confident that many who drove by wouldn't have a clue that the image is that of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the front end of Millie Francis' dwelling. So, some might think of this as a secular or ethnic image. How does this story play with minority communities? With women? Widows?
- 3) From what Mrs. Francis said, **there are other rules being selectively enforced.** Manager or board members there, per Millie, ignore rules they enforce against others. She mentioned that someone was barred from residency, because the applicant's son is a felon. By contrast, she says that the community manager is living with a felon. *Those are her terms*, and we presume that she meant *former felon*.
- 4) As a non-attorney, but as a longtime manufactured home industry professional, the above ought to provide plenty of objective cover for honoring her decision. It seems to me that if you force her hand, then every rule in that community has to be equally asserted against every resident of that community. Do you honestly think you can achieve that standard of enforcement?
- 5) But furthermore, the action of Bradenton Tropical Palms has put Resident Owned Communities, and the manufactured home industry in general, in a bad light. How will you, your management company, and your law firm address that concern, please? Who at Vanguard or Bradenton Tropical Palms will pay the tens of thousands of industry professionals for the harm done to the image of our industry from this fiasco? Who will pay the 22 million Americans who live in a mobile or manufactured home for the harm done to their self-esteem, or their home's values when the term 'trailer' and 'trailer park' are being tossed about, as a result of this misguided persecution of an elderly widow woman with a heart condition?
- 6) Furthermore, Millie is being asked to - and has signed documents under duress - paperwork that she doesn't seem to understand. A hearing date is set in mid-February, and based solely upon

what she has told us, there is no indication that anything has been done on her behalf, though she said she has "cauliflower ears" from talking to people by phone.

Please see the linked mainstream media report linked above, for added color and insight.

Among the letters she said she has received is from a retired judge, who said that this is religious discrimination, pure and simple.

With that extensive preface, we - MProNews.com, and MHLivingNews.com - invite your written statement about the dark grace that Millie Francis represents.



Tamas Kovach and Millie Francis

We plan a report - possibly for later today - but we will certainly have another planned follow up later this week.

On Rev Martin Luther King Jr day, this seems appropriate as a religious, constitutional and civil rights issues.

Most Sincerely,

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