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DAN CAPLIS DROPS LAWSUIT AGAINST ACTIVIST AND R-68 ORGANIZER!

DENVER, May 2, 2007—After more than a year and a half of stalling, 630 am KHOW afternoon talk radio show host Dan Caplis, of the “Caplis and Silverman” show, has dropped his civil lawsuit he had filed against Re-create 68 organizer and community activist, Glenn Spagnuolo. The lawsuit stemmed from remarks Spagnuolo made at a speech he gave on the University of Colorado’s Boulder Campus in support of Ward Churchill. During the speech, Spagnuolo stated that, “It is no surprise that Dan Caplis and the three stooges of Clear Channel, Boyles, Silverman, and Caplis, would attack the Ethnic Studies Department”. He then went on to reference a racial incident that occurred when Dan Caplis was a student at CU that resulted in Caplis engaging in a fist fight with students of color. The comment was replayed on KHOW radio the next day, at which time, Caplis vowed, “not to let these slanderous lies and attacks on him go unanswered” and promised to sue Spagnuolo. As promised, Caplis filed what was nothing more than a S.L.A.A.P.P. suit against Spagnuolo, which prevented him from appearing on any Clear Channel owned stations, due to its policy of protecting employees during litigation.

After numerous settlement offers from Dan Caplis to Spagnuolo, Caplis finally dropped the suit without any concessions offered by either party. Spagnuolo was not only willing to have his day in court in order to clear his name that was besmirched by Dan Caplis and his cronies on KHOW radio, he was also willing to prove the facts of the statement in question.

In the racial climate that has been created by the likes of Don Imus, Mel Gibson, and Michael Richards, it can come as no surprise that a radio host preparing for a run at the U.S. Senate would be interested in silencing this issue. When asked for comment, Spagnuolo stated, “He is a bully on his radio show, but not in the real world. He thought he could intimidate me by the prospect of the high legal cost associated with a proper defense from this frivolous lawsuit and the fear of a large court ordered penalty; this tactic has been used by guilty parties in the past to silence critics. You have to ask yourself why he buried this for so long and has now dismissed this when he believes everyone has forgotten about it. At this point I want to move on with my work. He is a man of little significance and I have bigger issue to worry about like the 2008 DNC and the 100th anniversary of the racist Columbus Day holiday in Colorado!”