

GRP'S STATEMENT REGARDING KOLAPO DASILVA

Graham Rahal Performance ("GRP") submits this statement regarding Kolapo DaSilva and allegations that GRP is in possession of a stolen vehicle. This statement is based on facts, which you can verify, through the attached legal documents. One is a pending lawsuit that Kolapo DaSilva filed. The other is a police report based on Kolapo DaSilva's statements and conduct.

On March 30, 2023, Kolapo DaSilva filed a Complaint in Los Angeles County Superior Court against Franz Tissera and a company owned by Franz Tissera. In his Complaint, Kolapo DaSilva seeks to recover money damages arising out of a failed transaction involving a Nissan GTR. The Complaint alleges claims for fraud, negligence, breach of contract, and conversion. Notably, the Complaint does not seek to recover the GTR that Kolapo DaSilva claims he owns and was stolen from him by the defendants. Additionally, the Complaint does not attach a title or registration showing that Kolapo DaSilva is the owner of the GTR. Further, the Complaint admits that Kolapo DaSilva has never had possession of the GTR. Instead, the Complaint alleges that on August 26, 2020, Kolapo DaSilva paid a Japanese company for the GTR and the seller kept the GTR in Japan, at its storage facility, until January of 2021, when it was allegedly transferred to the defendants in Japan. The Complaint alleges that the defendants never delivered the GTR to Kolapo DaSilva, so he sued them for the money he lost in the failed transaction.

GRP was unaware of Kolapo DaSilva and his lawsuit until March 18, 2025, when a police officer with the Zionsville, Indiana Police Department came to its showroom and explained that Kolapo DaSilva claimed that he owned the GTR and wanted to take possession of it. GRP was stunned and knew nothing about it. Later that day, the Zionsville PD advised GRP that it was not taking any action because there was no evidence that Kolapo DaSilva owned the GTR or that it was stolen. For example, Kolapo DaSilva could not produce a title or registration. Similarly, when Kolapo DaSilva previously advised the Orange County California Sheriff's Department about the GTR, it did not treat the GTR as stolen because Kolapo DaSilva never registered the GTR in his name. The Zionsville PD Incident Report memorializes this fact where it states that "Orange PD did not enter the vehicle as stolen as Kolapo had never been the registered owner." The Incident Report concludes with the following statement: "There is nothing further at this time."

After learning these facts, GRP felt badly for Kolapo DaSilva. He appeared to be the victim of fraud or breach of contract. GRP authorized the Zionsville PD officer to share the name and contact information of GRP's lawyer with Kolapo DaSilva's lawyers if they had any questions or wanted to discuss the matter. Although the Zionsville PD told Kolapo DaSilva that there was nothing more it could do, Kolapo DaSilva advised the Zionsville PD that he was on his way to the airport and going to GRP's place of business. Because GRP did not know what Kolapo DaSilva intended to do when he arrived at GRP and did not want any confrontation, it advised Zionsville PD that Kolapo DaSilva could not come to its place of business. At the same time, GRP renewed its offer for Kolapo DaSilva's lawyers to contact GRP.

Instead, Kolapo DaSilva's lawyer sent a note making thinly veiled threats about "maintaining" GRP's reputation and demanding GRP hold the GTR by misrepresenting that there was a "pending action from the local police department regarding the potential seizure of the vehicle."

GRP responded by requesting that Kolapo DaSilva and his lawyers provide some proof of ownership, something they have repeatedly claimed to possess. To date, however, they have failed or refused to provide a title or registration. Additionally, GRP advised Kolapo DaSilva's lawyer that simply because a person pays money for a product, which they never receive, does not make them the owner of the product. It may make them a victim of fraud or breach of contract, but it does not make them an owner.

GRP is an innocent party in this matter. It's a shame that Kolapo DaSilva never got what he bargained for, but that does not give him and his lawyers the right to threaten, bully, and intimidate GRP by encouraging the internet to make false and defamatory statements about GRP based on incomplete information and half-truths. GRP wishes Kolapo DaSilva well and hopes that he gets a good result in his lawsuit, which is the course he should pursue to get his money back.

GRP respectfully requests that anyone who has falsely accused it of possessing stolen property retract those statements and not make any more false, misleading, or defamatory statements.