

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**STATE OF FLORIDA,** )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 v. )  
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**NIKOLAS CRUZ,** )  
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 Defendant. )

CASE NO.: 18-1958CF10A

JUDGE: SCHERER

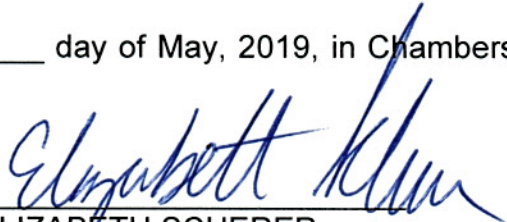
**ORDER DISMISSING PETITION**

**THIS CAUSE** comes before the Court upon the School Board's Verified Petition to Invoke Contempt Proceedings Against Sun-Sentinel Company, LLP, and Reporters Paula McMahon and Brittany Wallman, filed on August 6, 2018. Having considered the School Board's instant petition, the Sun-Sentinel's Opposition to Verified Petition to Invoke Contempt and Motion to Dismiss under Florida's Anti-Slapp Law, the Brief of Amicus Curiae the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and 30 Media Organizations in Support of Sun-Sentinel Company and Reporters, applicable law, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, this Court finds as follows:

This Court declines to invoke contempt proceedings against the Sun-Sentinel or its reporters, Ms. McMahon or Ms. Wallman. At the hearing on this matter, the School Board withdrew its request to invoke contempt proceedings. As such, the School Board's petition is dismissed. Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the School Board's Petition is hereby **DISMISSED**.

**DONE AND ORDERED** on this 13 day of May, 2019, in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida.

  
ELIZABETH SCHERER  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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