

## Attorney Kristin Figueroa Contreras Accused of Fraudulent Conduct Against Client Rogerio Chaves Scotton

MIAMI - In a stunning revelation, attorney Kristin Figueroa Contreras has found herself entangled in a web of fraudulent activities and professional misconduct concerning her client, Rogerio Chaves Scotton. Startling evidence provided by Scotton sheds light on Contreras's alleged acceptance of \$65,000 from him, promising legal representation for his direct appeal before the 11th Circuit Court. However, Contreras purportedly failed to present Scotton with a services contract, a requirement mandated by the Florida Bar. And a motion for appearance in court was never filed by Figueroa Contreras.

Troublingly, Contreras never filed a notice of appearance with either the district court or the appeals court, a prerequisite for official client representation. This failure to file the necessary notice prevented the court from replacing the court-appointed attorney, Richard Klugh, despite Scotton's numerous pleas. Scotton made repeated phone calls, sent letters, and even emails to Attorney Kristin Figueroa Contreras, urging her to return the funds. Scotton's mother also attempted to contact Contreras via email and phone, demanding the return of the funds to secure the services of the reputable John David Bogenschutz law firm for Scotton's direct appeal. However, Contreras failed to respond to these desperate appeals.

To create the illusion of legal representation, Contreras began sending frivolous court records to Scotton at his place of confinement, creating a false sense of working in his case. Despite Scotton's persistent efforts to recover the funds from Contreras, he ultimately filed a complaint with the Florida Bar and a motion with the District Court, exposing the attorney's alleged unethical and reprehensible behavior. Our independent verification of the court's motion docket confirms that the court denied the motion, citing Contreras's failure to file a notice of appearance on Scotton's behalf and that the Court lacks jurisdiction. Shockingly, no action was taken to safeguard Scotton's rights or investigate the matter further.

It is abundantly clear that Scotton's constitutional rights were violated on multiple occasions, not only by the FBI agent Roy Vanbrunt and prosecutor Bertha Mitrani in the infamous Spaghetti case that have but also by attorneys like Kristin D. Figueroa Contreras. In addition, Scotton was allegedly defrauded by bail bondsman David Rodrigues, who unlawfully took \$16,000 from him, falsely promising to secure a \$100,000 Nebbia bond. Despite Scotton's complaint to the Florida Bar, Contreras's response only exacerbated the situation.

The gravity of these fraudulent activities demands a thorough investigation, prosecution, and the revocation of Contreras's license. Scotton accuses Contreras of forging a false letter agreement, misleadingly suggesting that he had retained her services for immigration-related matters and a habeas

corpus petition pursuant to Section 2255. In an attempt to cover up her deceitful actions, Contreras purportedly instructed her employee, Emilio deArce, to fabricate an affidavit supporting the forged letter agreement.

Subsequently, Contreras mailed these fraudulent documents to the Florida Bar. Notably, the forged agreement letter lacked a date or Scotton's signature, bearing only Contreras's signature and a suggested date of signing. Despite the compelling evidence against Contreras, the Florida Bar has yet to initiate an investigation into these serious allegations.

Contreras not only absconded with the funds, failing to provide any legal services to Scotton, but also compromised his chances of receiving fair and professional representation during his direct appeal by withholding the funds. Most alarmingly, Scotton's freedom was jeopardized due to these actions. The public rightfully demands a comprehensive examination of these shocking claims to ensure that justice prevails, and such misconduct is unequivocally condemned within the legal profession.

Furthermore, if Contreras submitted the forged letter to the Florida Bar while Scotton's direct appeal was pending and if the district court lacked jurisdiction for a habeas corpus petition as Contreras alleges, it becomes evident that her claims in the forged letter are inaccurate and could not have occurred within the given context. This stark discrepancy underscores the fraudulent nature of Contreras's actions and raises serious concerns regarding her professional conduct. The glaring disparity between the timing of the alleged services and the jurisdictional limitations necessitates a thorough investigation to uncover the truth and ensure appropriate actions are taken against Contreras.

Summarizing the facts uncovered during our investigation, it becomes evident that the judicial system has seemingly levied accusations against Mr. Scotton that was driven by personal motives and revenge rather than concrete evidence of truly violation of law. These revenge accusations, which revolve around an alleged mail fraud, have not only devastated the life of an innocent racing car driver but have also had a profound impact on his entire family and the health of Mr. Scotton's mother. Despite the abundance of explicit evidence that has been presented and filed in courts, no meaningful action has been taken to address this egregious miscarriage of justice.

On May 15, 2020, subsequent to his release, Mr. Scotton contacted Attorney Kristin Figueroa Contreras's office to demand the return of his funds. During the conversation, Scotton spoke with Contreras's employee, Emilio DeArce, where he expressed his belief that DeArce would eventually have to answer the forged affidavit sent to the Florida Bar. Scotton, being well-versed in the law, asserted that conspiring to notarize a document with full knowledge of its false contents is a universally recognized crime.

Rather than addressing the concerns raised, Contreras's employee abruptly terminated the call. Determined to seek justice, Scotton and his brother made several attempts to contact Contreras, the Florida State Attorney's Office, and even the Florida Bar to file a formal complaint. However, their pleas for investigation into the matter fell on deaf ears. Left with no other recourse, Scotton turned to social

media platforms, where he began publishing all relevant documents, emails, phone call recordings, and other pieces of evidence that undeniably substantiate Contreras's fraudulent actions.

Faced with the potential exposure of this scandalous affair, Contreras initiated negotiations with members of Scotton's family in an attempt to strike a deal for repayment. Her initial request entailed the removal of all videos published by Mr. Scotton that exposed her misconduct. Unsawed by these entreaties, Scotton firmly refused, making it clear that the situation was about to take a turn for the worse for Contreras. In response, Contreras reluctantly agreed to a repayment arrangement, promising to disburse \$5,000.00 per month.

Conversations between Contreras and Scotton via WhatsApp, along with recorded audio evidence, shed further light on the lawyer's fraudulent activities and her admission that Mr. Scotton is, in fact, innocent of the prosecution's accusations. Despite being fully aware of Scotton's innocence, Contreras opted to pilfer his funds. Much of this damning evidence, including audio recordings and supporting documents, can be accessed on the [scottonracing.com](http://scottonracing.com) website.

As of now, Contreras remains indebted to Mr. Scotton, owing him the sum of \$35,000.00. Despite repeated requests, Contreras adamantly refuses to fulfill her financial obligation, perhaps due to an inability to pay or an unfounded belief that she will evade the consequences of her actions.

The ongoing silence and lack of action regarding the deceitful actions of Attorney Kristin Figueroa Contreras raises valid concerns. Why does she continue to practice as a Florida Bar attorney despite the substantial evidence against her? Why has the State of Florida not conducted a comprehensive investigation that could potentially lead to federal charges against Contreras? The inaction of the Florida Bar, the Court, and those within the legal system is perplexing, especially when there is ample evidence to prosecute Contreras under various statutory laws.

The concerning situation surrounding Attorney Kristin Figueroa Contreras extends beyond the case of Mr. Scotton. It has come to light that Mr. Scotton has openly discussed the issue on social media platforms, prompting others to reach out to him and share their own experiences with Contreras. Disturbingly, one of Contreras's clients, who hails from Peru, is now facing threats from Contreras should she dare to disclose any information or seek assistance from Mr. Scotton. This young woman, who is a victim of domestic violence, is being subjected to intimidation by Contreras, including threats of deportation. The client's sole desire is to recover her funds, similar to what has transpired in Mr. Scotton's case. Contreras repeatedly makes promises of legal services, takes the clients' money, and subsequently fails to deliver on her commitments.

The pressing question remains: Where are the authorities in investigating these fraudulent activities? How long will Contreras continue to fraudulently operate under the sponsorship of the Florida Bar, enabling her to defraud innocent individuals? It is imperative that a thorough investigation be conducted to bring these fraudulent practices to light and hold Contreras accountable for her actions. The

authorities must take swift action to protect the rights of victims and ensure that justice prevails in these troubling cases.

It is evident that Mr. Scotton will not rest until justice is served and the truth is exposed. The lawyers, federal agents, and prosecutors involved in this case must prepare to face their day in court and answer for their own fraudulent activities, misconduct, and their complicity in unjustly robbing eight years of a dedicated community member's life. Rogerio Scotton, once a celebrated and fearless race car driver on the motorsports track, has now confronted a judicial system tainted by corruption, bias, and racism in a manner that is disgraceful and shameful. It is high time that these issues are addressed and rectified to restore faith in our legal system.