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## Miss U.S. makes sextortion claim against Rep. Mills



This is a text message shared with The News-Journal by **Anthony** Sabatini, an attorney representing Lindsey Langston. Sabatini says Langston has accused Congressman **Cory Mills of** harassment and sextortion. PROVIDED BY **ANTHONY** 

#### Inside

SABATINI

Rep. Cory Mills avoids eviction from his D.C. penthouse, Local, 1C

#### **GOP congressman has** denied the allegations

### **Mark Harper**

Daytona Beach News-Journal **USA TODAY NETWORK** 

A Republican state committeewoman from Columbia County - and the reigning Miss United States — has accused Congressman Cory Mills of harassing her and threatening to release



sex videos from their time together.

Mills denies the allegations.

Lindsey Langston met with Columbia County sheriff's investigators on July 14 and alleged she

and Mills had been in a relationship for more than three years, she had broken it off in February, and Mills had suggested he might release nude images and sex videos of her, as well as threaten any of

her future romantic partners.

Anthony Sabatini — a Mount Dora attorney who represents Langston shared several text messages from what appear to be Mills' phone referencing the sex videos.

One string starts with Langston texting: "Please leave me alone."

Mills responded: "Okay Linds. Get me his number and I can send him videos. Take care"

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### 21 people in FL fall ill from raw milk

#### Pasteurization process typically kills bacteria

**Saleen Martin** 

**USA TODAY** 

Florida health officials are issuing a warning about the dangers of consuming raw milk after 21 people in the northeast and central parts of the state drank raw milk from the same farm and fell ill.

The Florida Department of Health issued the warning on Aug. 4, noting that due to sanitation practices and raw milk consumption, 21 people became sick, including six children under the age of 10. Among the patients, at least two have suffered "severe complications," the announcement read.

The illnesses were linked to one

"Sanitation practices in this farm are of particular concern due to the number of cases," the department

In Florida, raw milk is only sold for non-human consumption as pet or animal food, which limits regulation efforts of sanitary practices. Containers are supposed to be labeled so buyers know they contain raw milk for animal consumption only.

"Floridians should be aware of potential risks associated with consumption, which may vary depending on the source of milk," the health department wrote. "The producer's handling of raw milk and milking procedures are vital in prevention of contamination. Many people consume raw milk safely."

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### Dempsey's support for motocross facility is questioned

### **Sheldon Gardner**

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Plans to build a motocross facility in Volusia County inched forward Tuesday, Aug. 5, at a council meeting amid some criticism of the proposed project and accusations that its biggest booster is acting in his own self-interest.

The proposed site is 356 acres and located at 4845 S.R. 44. Council has already set aside \$3.5 million of Volusia



**Dempsey** 

ECHO funds for the project. Part of that money would go toward land for the project and conservation.

Daytona Beach resident Catherine Pante called the proposed facil-

ity a misuse of Volusia ECHO and Volusia Forever funds and referred to the proposal as District 1 Councilman Don Dempsey's "pet project."

Volusia ECHO provides grant funds

for "environmental, cultural, historical, and outdoor recreational purposes."

"This decision, if it proceeds, erodes public trust," Pante said.

#### What did the Volusia County Council vote on Aug. 5?

The council voted 7-0 to look into partnering with a private firm to launch the public motocross facility. The Council wants to evaluate cost estimates and other options for a public-private partnership. From there, it plans to decide whether to move forward and put the project out to bid.

The total cost of the land was over \$4.62 million, about \$2.31 million of which came from the Volusia ECHO motocross money. Council Chairman Jeff Brower noted that the Council hasn't officially voted to build a facility yet.

"There's not been a decision made. I don't know what my decision is yet,"

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