

**Statement, Q and A (slightly edited for space constraint and personal information) with Village of Orland Park employee [Frank Rollins](#) via Facebook:**

May 28th, 10:17pm

My name is Frank Rollins. I was informed today that you visited DDB Customs and Dan Slewoski's residence with a working while on disability claim. First off you should know I have a history of being harassed at my place of employment. I have incredibly serious allergies and this has been a target to many of the more immature individuals at my work. I have been off of work since mid February with severe stroke like symptoms. I have been to my doctor countless times and have seen countless specialists. I have even been to the ER. I am STILL seeing doctors, therapists all through June. So here is the problem,.. from what I am assuming. You were informed that I was "wrestling" an event while on disability. If you were on a site that suggested such I can understand this misguidance. I was, in fact, scheduled for this event as well as many others. The pictures taken for this event were done in November of 2013 and the scheduling for these shows were done in December 2013. I've had to cancel involvement with everything in 2014 to date and have NO plans on returning to "wrestling" any time soon. When schedules are made and fliers and such go out there is always a disclaimer,.. "Card Subject To Change." This is why I would still have been pictured. Another reason is that my original return to work date was scheduled before this last event on May 17th. There were hopes that I could make it. However, my doctor has not released me now until July 1st. With my condition as well as my intense migraines work, let alone "wrestling" is simply not an option. In fact I can't even GO to the events for support as the simple sound of fans is too much to take. So,.. I was not there on May 17th in Grant Park. I wish I could've been. I actually have time and date stamped texts from people and friends wishing me well,.. wishing that I could be there etc., but most of all, on the night in question I was with a friend in Plainfield at his game shop, Top Cut Gaming. I'm sure more than one of the 50 or so people there can easily back that up. And I'm sure you did see a big bald guy in the ring, but I assure you that although we might all "look the same," we are not. Our friend Richard Walsh took my place that night and he is taking my place from then until who knows when-or if I am able to return. I do not own any part of DDB Customs nor do I work there. Whatever is on the site is all an act,.. to further the entertainment of the show. After all, it is called "Sports Entertainment." The point is you are being used to harass me from a co worker. His name is Ryan Callaghan and this is not the first game that he has played with me by any means. If a few simple questions were asked or facts were checked this could have been avoided. You should also know, previous to this incident today, I contacted my employer about this harassment and told them exactly what happened. This is something that truthfully in my condition I don't need to deal with the stress of. I suppose when nothing happened or the reaction wanted didn't occur, this was when you were alerted. My last involvement with anything wrestling related was in November 2013. You can contact Jordan Khan of VWAA Wrestling to confirm that. (That was the last company I worked for.) I was scheduled for NXW on May 17th and the owner operator there is Ray Gladkowski. I have yet to meet Ray but both of these men run these organizations and can follow up on any answers you may need. Again, I'm sorry that you had to be used in such a childish manner. Perhaps a story on Media Abuse can be a focal point sometime in the near future. Thank you for your time. Franklin Rollins Jr.



**[Chuck Goudie ABC7 ITeam](#)**

May 29th, 9:11pm

Do you currently own and operate a wrestling promotion business? Who gave you permission to use village offices, vehicles and work time for the production of various boxing match promotional videos?



**Frank Rollins**

May 29th, 9:14pm

I don't run, own or operate any organization. However, any filming or footage used was cleared and okayed by then Director Ed Wilmes and nothing was ever shot on company time. Any filming would've been done before or after work or on a Saturday. Or on a lunch or break period.



**Chuck Goudie ABC7 ITeam**

May 29th, 9:24pm

Who is Ed Wilmes and what did he direct? Is there a record of permission? In one of the videos you are wearing a village safety jersey, driving a village truck and you say "I am at work." We are preparing a news report to air next week so it might be a good idea to look at those videos. We also would you like to interview you for our report.



**Frank Rollins**

May 29th, 9:30pm

You do realize that this is all acting correct? My angle was that I lost ownership of my wrestling business and had to go back to work, like a common man. So I said I was at work because that was the whole idea. As far as the jacket and vehicle, yes, this is true, I was. As far as record of permission this is something I do not have. Ed was Director of public works.



**Chuck Goudie ABC7 ITeam**

May 29th, 9:44pm

Yessir I do. The issues have to do with medical leave and the use of village time and equipment.



**Frank Rollins**

May 29th, 9:50pm

I have not abused medical leave at all. I have nor been in any wrestling match or the like since January. No village time was ever used, only break times or my own time. Equipment however was used. I am in the process of getting permission conformation from Ed Wilmes now.

The filming was done only by me. I am not available at this time.



**Chuck Goudie ABC7 ITeam**

May 30th, 6:52am

I will contact him. Just so we are clear: the story is going on television early next week. Your name, photo, videos and other matters connected to this medical leave/wrestling situation may be a part of it. You are declining our invitation to do a TV interview regarding this?



**Frank Rollins**

May 30th, 7:15am

That is fine. All I can say is that the medical leave business has nothing to do with me at all. I am on medical leave for a severe issue that is well documented. It is also well documented and can be easily proven that I was not involved in any current event while on leave. As far as the other footage. All that stuff happened and is at least 5 years ago or so.



**Chuck Goudie ABC7 ITeam**

May 30th, 10:03am

The various photos of you as "Frank Manson Jr." on Facebook were posted in March. Could you please explain those?



**Frank Rollins**

May 30th, 10:10am

They were taken in November. Its like a stock photo. All the other pictures in the shop are to further a story image. And those were also taken at that time. When things are posted is completely up to the owner promoter, not me. We just get them footage of any sort that they request or use. For more info on that type of promoting you'd have to contact the owners of the organizations. As I said I was scheduled for many events from November all the way until June. The last time I had anything to do with wrestling was November. I have not wrestled or been around it since November.



**Chuck Goudie ABC7 ITeam**

May 30th, 10:22am

Frank-I am trying to understand this and giving you ample time to explain-but you are not making it easy. What is a 'story image' and why are you in the picture if you have nothing to do with wrestling? When you say "we" get them footage, who is the "we" and what is the purpose of it --if you are not involved in wrestling? You didn't set up that Frank Manson Jr Facebook page?



**Frank Rollins**

May 30th, 10:33am

Yes. I have a Facebook as this character. And there is a group one. I am involved with wrestling, I have been for 20 years. I've even had shows AT Orland Park at their Civic Center. I've done videos involving wrestling for Orland Park using wrestling in employee training and was asked to do so. Its like a theater group for all purposes. Acting etc. Scheduling for events in months and can even be a year ahead of the event. That's how scheduling works. So people scheduled to work it are on press, but there is a card subject to change clause which means what you see on this particular promotion material might not be what is shown. This is why I say I wasn't involved at the show in question. I wasn't there in any way shape or form, I wasn't even in the same town that night. I was in Plainfield, IL. all night with friends at Top Cut Gaming. Virgil Pederson is the owner there. Contact him and ask. Also, from what I am told, channel 7 was AT this wrestling show in question doing a story. I know because I was told. Besides this, the match was filmed on 2 cameras and many pictures were taken. That alone is proof that I wasn't there or involved in any form.



**Chuck Goudie ABC7 ITeam**

May 30th, 10:37am

I understand you weren't there. What is a 'story image'? When you say "we" get them footage, who is the "we" and what is the purpose of it?



**Frank Rollins**

May 30th, 10:42am

Story image is what is referred to as a "gimmick." If someone asks what is your gimmick you say I'm a biker, or a chef, or I come from Africa and I'm a warrior. Its an image for a character, not at all who you are. We is whoever is running the organization.

It might help to put this in perspective as a play. ? For instance, Chuck Goudie starring in Les Miserables. All the press is out months in advance. Night of the show you are sick or unable to go on and your understudy takes your place. You're still on all the print but were unavailable and didn't do it. This is the exact same situation.



**Chuck Goudie ABC7 ITeam**

May 30th, 11:47am

As you requested I contacted Ed Wilmes. Here is what he has told me: "I did not have authority, nor did I authorize any use of Village assets for any unofficial activity. Such authority is vested in the Village Manager. Sorry I can't provide you any insight in this matter, because I have no knowledge of any wrestling video promotion."



**Frank Rollins**

May 30th, 12:00pm

Nice. Well it is a well known fact. I've shown wrestling videos AT work in the break room to crew as well as bosses. I've also filmed footage for work using wrestling in instructional video. They can deny

knowledge but they do know. How can I be specifically asked to do a video, show it and do a class and they not know. So, it is what it is.