

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

HENNEPIN COUNTY

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Case Type: Civil-Other

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ANTON J. LAZZARO,

Plaintiff,

Court File No. \_\_\_\_\_

vs.

ILHAN OMAR,

Defendant.

**SUMMONS**

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Respectfully submitted,

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COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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For his complaint against Defendant Ilhan Omar, Plaintiff Anton J. Lazzaro alleges as follows:

#### Introduction

1. In 2020, Plaintiff Anton J. Lazzaro was managing a political campaign for Lacey Johnson, the Republican challenger to incumbent United States Representative Ilhan Omar in Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District.

2. During the campaign, Lazzaro spent over \$300,000 of his personal funds to investigate allegations that Omar married her brother in an immigration fraud scheme.

3. Lazzaro's investigators collected multiple DNA samples from items discarded by Omar and her husband. An independent DNA laboratory confirmed that there was a 99.9999% probability that Omar and her then-husband are biological siblings.

4. Lazzaro publicized the findings on <https://IlhanOmarDNA.com>, where he offered Omar \$1,000,000 and his red Ferrari if Omar took a 5-second DNA swab test and proved him wrong.

5. Omar denied Lazzaro's findings, but refused to take the test.

6. In addition, Omar has retaliated against Lazzaro, including by defaming Lazzaro in the national media, in which Omar has called Lazzaro a "liar," among other slurs.

7. Lazzaro is not a liar. His statements are supported by the findings from a professionally-conducted private investigation and independently-verified scientific evidence.

8. Omar's defamatory statements are defamation per se, because it would be a crime for Lazzaro to knowingly falsely accuse a member of Congress of committing federal immigration and tax fraud and crimes against the State of Minnesota and report those crimes to law enforcement agencies, as Lazzaro did.

9. Omar's defamatory statements have damaged Lazzaro; he is being cast as a liar and an Alex Jones-style "right-wing conspiracy theorist" in the national media.

10. In this lawsuit, Lazzaro seeks damages based on the harm he has suffered from Omar's defamation, a declaration that Omar and her now ex-husband, Ahmed Nur Said Elmi, are biological siblings, and such other relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

#### **Parties**

11. Plaintiff Anton Lazzaro is a citizen of the State of Minnesota and lived at all times relevant to this complaint in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

12. Defendant Ilhan Omar is a United States Representative who represents in Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District. Omar is sued in her individual capacity.

### **Jurisdiction and Venue**

13. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over Lazzaro's claims for declaratory and injunctive relief because they arise under Minnesota law.

14. The Court has the power to issue a declaration pursuant to the Minnesota Declaratory Judgment Act.

15. Venue is proper in this district because this is the district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action is situated.

### **Allegations**

16. In 2020, Plaintiff Anton J. Lazzaro was managing the Congressional campaign for Lacy Johnson, the Republican candidate then challenging Representative Ilhan Omar in Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District.

17. Early in the campaign, Lazzaro received a phone call from a Somali-American Republican activist. The man asked Lazzaro why the campaign wasn't focusing on Omar's illicit marriage to her brother in an immigration fraud scheme.

18. Lazzaro was initially dismissive of the allegations, suggesting they were reminiscent of the never-proven allegations that President Barack Obama was born in Kenya and other similar "conspiracy theories."

19. The activist, however, insisted that the allegations were genuine, and a well-established fact within the Minneapolis Somali-American community.

20. Intrigued, Lazzaro had an idea. If the allegations were indeed genuine, they could easily be proven (or disproven) via publicly obtainable DNA samples from Omar and her now ex-husband, Ahmed Nur Said Elmi.

21. After transitioning from the Johnson campaign leadership to his Political Action Committee, Big Tent Republicans, Lazzaro contracted with former Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and MI6 agents from the United Kingdom to privately investigate the allegations.

22. The investigation spanned Minneapolis, Washington D.C., London and Nairobi.

23. Collecting Omar's DNA was accomplished by the private investigative firm, Toltec Investigations, which gathered multiple samples from Omar's publicly accessible discarded trash outside of her Washington, D.C., residence.

24. Elmi's whereabouts were unknown.

25. After Lazzaro spent \$300,000, agents in the United Kingdom finally tracked Elmi to a town in England where he was temporarily residing.

26. Agents collected DNA from Elmi in accordance with the laws of the United Kingdom and samples were sent to Endeavor DNA Laboratories, a private laboratory in the United States.

27. Within days, Endeavor confirmed that the samples from Omar and Elmi were a 99.9999% probability match of full siblingship. See Exhibit A, DNA Report Screenshot.

28. Throughout the investigation, Lazzaro repeatedly privately and publicly contacted federal authorities to inquire why Omar had not been investigated for the matter. For example, on October 29, 2020, at 10:44 a.m. Lazzaro sent a tweet from his Twitter handle @GOPtony to @FBIMinneapolis: "Why are you still covering up the fact that @IlhanMN married her brother? Getting pretty embarrassing!"

29. Lazzaro also contacted Representative Omar's Congressional office and campaign office, both of which denied Lazzaro's allegations.

30. Lazzaro's DNA evidence was featured in the New York Post<sup>1</sup>, FOX News<sup>2</sup>, the U.K. Daily Mail<sup>3</sup>, and several other news outlets<sup>4</sup>.

31. Lazzaro also publicly offered Omar \$1,000,000 and his red Ferrari if she took a five-second DNA swab test and disproved his allegations. The offer is still published on a website dedicated to Lazzaro's allegations: <https://IlhanOmarDNA.com>.

32. Omar ignored the offer<sup>5</sup> and did not respond to any requests for comment from the media outlets reporting the evidence.

33. Now, five years after the FBI raid on Lazzaro's condo, President Donald J. Trump has once again reignited the controversy surrounding Omar's marriage to her brother by highlighting the evidence of Omar's immigration and tax scheme in a series of public statements and social media posts. On December 25, 2025, in a TruthSocial post, President Trump called for Omar to be "thrown out of the United States" based on Lazzaro's allegations. Lazzaro's allegations have also been covered by Fox News, the Will Cain show, the Minnesota Star Tribune and conservative media.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://nypost.com/2021/08/15/fbi-dodged-ilhanomar-bro-wed-probe-devine/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9891015/Claims-DNA-match-proves-Ilhan-Omar-married-brother.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://foxnews.com/video/b268538170001>

<sup>4</sup> <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=jAfnXIm9xWA> (Tucker Carlson segment about Lazzaro's investigation into Omar); <http://yahoo.com/entertainment/tucker-guest-source-provde-ilhan-024400226.html> (article discussing Lazzaro's role in bringing allegations to light)

<sup>5</sup> Unlike Omar, who has refused to take a DNA test to refute Lazzaro's allegations, The President and First Lady of France have brought defamation claims against a blogger who has risen to prominence with allegations that the First Lady of France is, in fact, a biological man, and have offered scientific evidence that conclusively proves the point. *Macrons to Offer Scientific Evidence to Prove Brigitte is a Woman, Lawyer Says*, <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckg311j5nxdo>

34. Instead of maintaining her silence, Omar has chosen to categorically deny Lazzaro's evidence. For example, in a December 9, 2025, FOX News segment on The Will Cain Show, among others, Omar falsely stated that "Accusations that the congresswoman married her brother are absurd and offensive. This is right-wing fodder with no basis in reality. It is disgusting that the right-wing continues to spread falsehoods for clicks."

35. In response to a December 26, 2025, Star Tribune<sup>6</sup> article, Omar, referring to Lazzaro's <https://IlhanOmarDNA.com> website, stated, "I've always known that [the allegation I married my brother for immigration fraud purposes] is based on some stupid blog that was up for a couple of hours that went away and they have been in this sort of conspiracy [loop]."

36. Omar has also categorically denied the allegations on a number of Sunday morning news shows as well.

37. In these statements, Omar has not only stated that Lazzaro is a liar, but has labeled him a "right-wing" conspiracy theorist.

38. Lazzaro is no such thing. Before being federally indicted, Lazzaro was a respected political activist operating the Big Tent Republicans PAC. The PAC focused on reaching out to minority votes, the LGBT community, women, and other groups that were not traditionally Republican supporters.

39. By accusing Lazzaro of lying about her committing immigration fraud, Omar is accusing Lazzaro of committing state and federal crimes. Minn. Stat. § 609.505 criminalizes false accusations of criminal activity. Minn. Stat. § 609.765 provides a criminal remedy for defamation. Minnesota provides a civil remedy for defamation as well. At the

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<sup>6</sup> <https://startribune.com/Ilhan-omar-defiant-donald-trump-calls-somalia-garbage/601549668>

federal level, Lazzaro would have also violated 18 U.S.C. § 1001, based on his social media activity directed at the Minneapolis FBI office and other federal agencies.

#### Count 1: Defamation

40. Lazzaro re-alleges all of the foregoing allegations as if set forth fully herein.

41. Omar made false statements about Lazzaro as set forth above.

42. Omar made these statements either knowing they were false or without due regard for the accuracy of the statements.

43. The statements were made with malice such that they are not entitled to a qualified privilege.

44. As a direct and proximate result of the wrongful actions of the Defendant, Lazzaro has incurred severe and permanent injuries in mind and body and Defendant has caused him to incur ongoing reputational damages which will impact his future earning capacity, enjoyment of life, and other harm in an amount exceeding \$1 million, the exact sum to be proved at trial.

#### Count 2: Defamation Per Se

45. Lazzaro re-alleges all of the foregoing allegations as if set forth fully herein.

46. Omar made false statements about Lazzaro as set forth above.

47. Omar made these statements either knowing they were false or without due regard for the accuracy of the statement.

48. These statements defamed Lazzaro by accusing him of committing the crimes of defamation and false statements to government officers.

49. The statements were made with malice such that they are not entitled to a qualified privilege.

50. As a direct and proximate result of the wrongful actions of Omar, Lazzaro has incurred severe and permanent injuries in mind and body and Omar has caused him to

incur ongoing reputational damages which will impact his future earning capacity, enjoyment of life, and other harm in an amount exceeding \$1 million, the exact sum to be proved at trial.

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WHEREFORE, Lazzaro prays for judgment against Defendant Ilhan Omar:


- a. Damages in an amount to be determined by a jury;
- b. A declaration that Ilhan Omar and her ex-husband, Ahmed Nur Said Elmi, are biological siblings;
- c. An injunction prohibiting Ilhan Omar, as well as her officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with her, from coercing, intimidating, threatening, interfering or retaliating against Lazzaro on account of his speech regarding Ilhan's marriage to her biological brother; and
- d. Granting such other relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

**Jury Trial Demand**

Lazzaro demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Acknowledgement

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211, costs, disbursements and reasonable attorneys' fees and other sanctions may be awarded to the opposing party or parties in this litigation if the Court should find the above-signed acted in bad faith, asserted a claim or defense that is frivolous and costly to the other party, asserted an unfounded position solely to delay the ordinary course of proceedings or to harass, or committed a fraud upon the Court.



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