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MAX MILLER

CV 26 138810

vs.

EMILY MORENO, ET AL

Judge: JOY KENNEDY

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3. In 2022, Plaintiff and Moreno married, and in November 2023, they welcomed their first and only child together.

4. Unfortunately, disputes ensued between Plaintiff and Moreno. Those disputes arose from matters including, but not limited to, Moreno's history of mental health issues and instability.

5. As a result, Plaintiff filed for divorce in August 2024.

6. Plaintiff and Moreno have been embroiled in litigation over custody of their minor child.

7. After lodging multiple allegations in the custody litigation against Plaintiff, all of which are entirely unfounded, Defendants engaged in a defamatory campaign against Plaintiff to malign his character, undermine his odds at re-election to Congress, and falsely portray him as a violent and abusive father and husband.

8. Initially, Zashin and Zashin Law published false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff that wrongly accused him of being a violent and abusive father. Zashin and Zashin Law's statements were published by the New York Post, TMZ, the Daily Mail, and The Daily Beast.

9. Then, Zashin and Zashin Law, for the strategic purpose of seeking their "15 minutes of fame" and marketing themselves at the expense of destroying Plaintiff's personal and professional reputation, prejudicing the public against him during his service in Congress, and his campaign for re-election, republished their false and defamatory statements on their website.

10. As a result of Zashin and Zashin Law's contumacious conduct, a forensic psychologist involved in the parties' custody litigation advised Defendants to cease making any further negative public statements about Plaintiff because of their damaging effect on the Plaintiff and Moreno's minor child.

11. *The next day*, Moreno deliberately caused additional false and defamatory statements to be published about Plaintiff.

12. These false, malicious, and defamatory statements wrongly and dishonestly claim that Plaintiff committed battery on Moreno by hurling boiling water on her—in front of their minor daughter.

13. Moreno also caused additional false and defamatory statements to be published about Plaintiff.

14. Indeed, Moreno wrongly and dishonestly claimed that Plaintiff sent her a handwritten letter purportedly apologizing for the alleged boiling water incident.

15. However, neither is true.

16. Plaintiff has never hurled boiling water on Moreno or otherwise battered her, nor has he ever apologized for such acts that he never committed.

17. Moreno's calculated acts were aided and abetted by Zashin and Zashin Law, the attorneys representing Moreno in the custody litigation against Plaintiff, to exacerbate the already caustic dynamic Moreno has created.

18. Notably, Moreno has never made the boiling water allegation against Plaintiff in the custody litigation between the parties.

19. Instead, Moreno's false and defamatory statements are entirely extrajudicial, designed to deliberately destroy Plaintiff's reputation, and were completely unnecessary to any claim or defense that she had raised or intended to raise in the custody litigation.

20. As a result of their calculated and deliberated acts against Plaintiff, Moreno's false and defamatory statements were published by The Daily Mail and then republished by The New York Post, The Daily Beast, and Yahoo! News.

21. Collectively, Defendants' false, malicious, and defamatory statements about Plaintiff have spread like wildfire, leaving lasting impressions on millions of individuals worldwide.

22. Defendants' deliberate, calculated, and reckless conduct has caused Plaintiff substantial reputational, professional, political, and emotional injury.

23. Defendants' conduct cannot be countenanced any further.

24. Plaintiff brings this action to vindicate his reputation and to obtain compensatory and punitive damages.

PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

25. Plaintiff Max Miller is an adult citizen of the United States and a resident of Cuyahoga County, Ohio. He has served, since January 2023, as the United States Representative for Ohio's 7th Congressional District.

26. Defendant Emily Moreno is an adult citizen of the United States and a resident of Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

27. Defendant Andrew Zashin is, on information and belief, an adult resident of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio. He is a principal of Defendant Zashin Law, LLC, with his principal place of business at 950 Main Avenue, 4th Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. At all times relevant to this action, he served as counsel of record for Emily Moreno, Plaintiff's former spouse, in domestic-relations proceedings pending in Cuyahoga County.

28. Defendant Zashin Law, LLC is an Ohio limited liability company with its principal place of business at 950 Main Avenue, 4th Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant Zashin acted within the course and scope of his association with, and on

behalf of, Zashin Law, which is therefore vicariously liable for his tortious conduct under the doctrines of respondeat superior and agency. In addition, as set forth more fully below, Zashin Law has independently published and republished the defamatory statements directly on its own website, and is therefore directly liable in its own right.

29. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Article IV, Section 4(B) of the Ohio Constitution and Ohio Revised Code § 2305.01. The amount in controversy exceeds Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), exclusive of interest and costs.

30. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because they are residents of, and conduct business in, the State of Ohio; because the tortious conduct giving rise to this action occurred in substantial part within this State; and because Defendants have purposefully directed their conduct toward Ohio, including by publishing the defamatory statements at issue on a publicly accessible website operated from within this State. *See* R.C. § 2307.382(A)(1), (3), (6).

31. Venue is proper in Cuyahoga County pursuant to Ohio Civ. R. 3(C)(2), (3), and (6) because Defendant Moreno resides in this county, Defendants Zashin and Zashin law conduct their principal business in this county, and because a substantial part of the conduct giving rise to the claims, including the issuance and republication of the defamatory statements, occurred in this county.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. The Parties' Domestic-Relations Proceedings.

32. In August, 20202, Plaintiff and Moreno married.

33. They are the parents of one minor child, born in 2023.

34. Plaintiff filed for divorce in August 2024, and the parties reached a divorce settlement in or about June 2025, providing for shared joint legal custody of their minor child.

35. Subsequent disputes between Plaintiff and Moreno have given rise to collateral domestic-relations proceedings in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division (the "D.R. Proceedings"), in which Moreno is represented by Defendants Zashin and Zashin Law.

36. In the D.R. Proceedings, a Judge of this Court has previously issued a civil protection order in favor of Plaintiff and against Moreno.

37. No judicial finding has ever been made that Plaintiff committed any act of domestic violence, assault, or battery against Moreno.

38. Moreover, in the D.R. Proceedings, no evidence in the form of an apology letter authored or signed by Plaintiff has ever been introduced, much less accepted by the Court.

39. Indeed, no criminal charge has ever been filed against Plaintiff arising from any of the incidents described in the defamatory statements set forth below; nor has any criminal complaint ever been filed against Plaintiff.

B. Zashin and Zashin Law's Defamatory Statements.

40. Beginning in or about April 2026 and continuing through the date of this Complaint, Defendant Zashin, individually and acting as a representative of, and on behalf of, Zashin Law, made a coordinated series of communications to journalists at the New York Post, TMZ, the Daily Mail, and The Daily Beast, at a minimum, in which he published false and defamatory statements concerning Plaintiff.

41. None of these statements were made in a judicial proceeding, in a pleading, in a deposition, or in a communication with a tribunal.

42. Each of these statements was made directly to a journalist with the knowledge and intent that it would be republished to a mass audience.

43. On April 22, 2026, Defendant Zashin made the following false and defamatory statement concerning Plaintiff, published by the New York Post, TMZ, and Daily Mail¹:

- a. ***“If Mr. Miller is looking for an individual with abusive behavior, he should look in the mirror and past the veneers.”***

44. Defendants did not limit their defamatory campaign against Plaintiff to the media.

45. Shortly after the New York Post, TMZ, and Daily Mail published Defendants Zashin and Zashin Law’s false and defamatory statements, Defendants thereafter republished those statements, in whole or in substantial part, on Zashin and Zashin Law’s own publicly accessible commercial website at www.zashinlaw.com, on a section of the website labeled “Press.”

46. Defendants Zashin and Zashin Law caused to be posted on www.zashinlaw.com, and have continuously made available to the public, the following articles republishing the false and defamatory statements therein as their own (the “Website Republications”):

- a. *Rep. Max Miller — Child Neglect Claims*, available at <https://www.zashinlaw.com/press/rep-max-miller-child-neglect-claims/> (attached hereto as Exhibit 4); and
- b. *Rep. Max Miller’s divorce from Sen. Bernie Moreno’s daughter gets ugly over questions about 2-year-old’s broken collarbone*, available at

¹ Ryan King, *Rep. Max Miller’s divorce from Sen. Bernie Moreno’s daughter gets ugly over questions about 2-year-old’s broken collarbone*, N.Y. POST (Apr. 24, 2026), available at <https://nypost.com/2026/04/24/us-news/rep-max-millers-divorce-from-sen-bernie-morenos-daughter-gets-ugly/> (attached hereto as Exhibit 1); *Max Miller Wife Accuses Him Of Abuse, Neglect In Custody Battle*, TMZ (Apr. 22, 2026), available at <https://www.tMZ.com/2026/04/22/max-miller-wife-accuses-him-of-abuse-neglect-in-custody-battle/> (attached hereto as Exhibit 2); *Trump ally Congressman Max Miller and ex-wife’s nasty divorce escalates as police investigate 2-year-old daughter’s broken collarbone*, DAILY MAIL (April 22, 2026), available at <https://www.dailymail.com/news/article-15756907/Trump-Congressman-Max-Miller-Emily-Moreno-divorce-daughter-broken-collarbone.html> (attached hereto as Exhibit 3).

<https://www.zashinlaw.com/press/rep-max-millers-divorce-from-sen-bernie-morenos-daughter-gets-ugly-over-questions-about-2-year-olds-broken-collarbone/>.

47. Each republication itself is a distinct and actionable act of publication by Defendants Zashin and Zashin Law that further exacerbates an already caustic situation.

48. Each Website Republication was uploaded to, posted on, and continues to be made publicly available by Defendants.

49. Each Website Republication appears in a section of Defendants' website that they hold out to current and prospective clients as evidence of Defendant Zashin's legal expertise, signaled by tags such as "Andrew Zashin consulted and quoted."

50. Defendants thus have, by their own conduct, both adopted the Defamatory Press Statements as their own and exploited them for commercial purposes.

51. Each Website Republication is a separate act of publication, gives rise to a separate claim, and continues to cause harm so long as Defendants leave each Republication available for public view.

52. The false and defamatory statement contained in paragraph 43, which were a part of the Website Republications, shall be referred to as the "Zashin Statements."

C. Moreno Ignores Professional Advice and Publishes Her Own Defamatory Statements.

53. On May 6, 2026, a clinical and forensic psychologist involved in the parties' domestic-relations proceedings advised Moreno, Zashin, and Zashin Law, that media communications disparaging the other parent were contrary to the best interests of the parties' minor child.

54. The psychologist *specifically* cautioned that negative assertions concerning one parent, conveyed by or through the other parent in the media, could foreseeably become accessible to the child and cause harm.

55. Notwithstanding that professional warning, within approximately twenty-four to forty-eight hours, Defendants caused or permitted further inflammatory public statements to be published in the national media about Plaintiff.

56. Indeed, on May 7, 2026, Moreno caused to be published the following false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff in the Daily Mail² (“Moreno Statements”):

- a. ***“In an earlier incident, Miller allegedly hurled a pot of boiling water at Moreno during a June 9, 2024, argument. Some of the boiling water hit Moreno in the chest and she took photographs of her injuries the same day, sources told the outlet.”***
- b. ***“A handwritten letter allegedly written by Miller to Moreno, the same day as the boiling water incident, shows the Congressman apologizing to his then-wife for failing to protect her, though he does not admit to any physical abuse.”***

57. Due to their scandalous nature, Moreno’s false and defamatory statements were republished by The New York Post, The Daily Beast, and Yahoo! News.³

² *Chilling photos expose Trump-backed congressman’s ‘abuse’ ... as senator’s daughter reveals scalding water attack and humiliating apology letter*, DAILY MAIL (May 10, 2026), available at this [link](#) (attached hereto as Exhibit 5).

³ *Rep. Max Miller accused of shocking physical abuse by ex-wife - but congressman claims allegations are made up*, N.Y. POST (May 8, 2026), available at <https://nypost.com/2026/05/08/us-news/rep-max-miller-accused-of-shocking-physical-abuse-by-ex-wife-but-congressman-claims-allegations-are-made-up/> (attached hereto as Exhibit 6); *MAGA Congressman Accused of Beating and Burning His Ex-Wife*, YAHOO! NEWS (May 8, 2026)

D. The Defamatory Statements Are Actionable Statements of Fact.

58. The Zashin Statements and the Moreno Statements are not, and were not intended to be, mere statements of opinion.

59. They communicate, expressly or, alternatively, by reasonable implication, the following defamatory factual assertions concerning Plaintiff:

- a. that Plaintiff physically assaulted, battered, or beat Moreno;
- b. that Plaintiff committed acts of domestic violence against Moreno;
- c. that Plaintiff committed acts of domestic violence against the minor child he has with Moreno;
- d. that Plaintiff is a violent and abusive husband; and
- e. that Plaintiff is a violent and abusive father.

60. In the Zashin Statements and the Moreno Statements, Defendants are not giving their opinion on Plaintiff's character because they are falsely and wrongly passing off as fact that he is a violent and abusive husband and father.

61. None of the Zashin Statements or the Moreno Statements is covered by any litigation privilege because the statements are entirely extrajudicial and have no connection to any claim or defense that Moreno has or might have in the D.R. Proceedings.

62. None of the Zashin Statements or the Moreno Statements is covered by any fair report privilege because the statements have not been introduced into evidence in the D.R.

available at this [link](#) (attached hereto as Exhibit 7); *MAGA Rep Accused of Brutally Beating GOP Senator's Daughter*, DAILY BEAST (May 8, 2026) available at <https://www.thedailybeast.com/maga-rep-max-miller-accused-of-brutally-beating-maga-senator-bernie-morenos-daughter-emily/> (attached hereto as Exhibit 8).

Proceedings nor were they contained in any public document from a court, government agency, or other official proceeding.

E. Defendants Knew or Should Have Known that their Statements Were False.

63. Each of the Zashin Statements and the Moreno Statements is false.

64. Plaintiff has never assaulted, battered, or beaten Moreno.

65. Plaintiff has never hurled boiling water at Moreno.

66. Plaintiff has never committed any act of domestic violence against Moreno, and no court has ever found that he did so.

67. No criminal charge has been filed against Plaintiff arising from any of the incidents described in the Statements; nor has any criminal complaint ever been filed by Moreno.

68. To the contrary, the only judicial finding of which Plaintiff is aware in any of the underlying proceedings is the issuance of a civil protection order *in favor of Plaintiff* and against Ms. Moreno.

69. At least two separate allegations made by or through Ms. Moreno to the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services were determined to be “unsubstantiated.”

70. For example, Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services investigated a January 20, 2025, report alleging physical abuse of the parties’ minor child by Plaintiff.

71. On or about March 19, 2025, CCDCFS issued a disposition notice determining the allegation to be “unsubstantiated,” and the notice explained that “unsubstantiated” means there was no evidence that child abuse or neglect occurred. CCDCFS further advised that the case would be closed because no further supportive services were necessary at that time.

72. CCDCFS also investigated a subsequent February 19, 2026 report alleging physical abuse of the parties' child by Plaintiff.

73. On or about April 3, 2026, CCDCFS again issued a disposition notice determining the allegation against Plaintiff to be "unsubstantiated." The notice again defined "unsubstantiated" as meaning there was no evidence that child abuse or neglect occurred and stated that the agency would close the case because protective services were not needed.

74. Moreover, there is no evidence whatsoever to corroborate the false and defamatory allegation that Plaintiff has exhibited a "documented history" and an "ongoing pattern" of abuse toward Ms. Moreno or their minor child.

75. Defendants knew that the substantive factual assertions the Zashin Statements and the Moreno Statements conveyed were false or, in the alternative, Defendants entertained serious subjective doubt as to their truth and proceeded to publish and republish them in reckless disregard of that doubt.

76. Defendants' reckless disregard for the truth is exhibited by, other things: (a) Moreno's marriage to Plaintiff; (b) the evidence that Defendant Zashin and Zashin Law had access to, by virtue of their representation of Moreno in the D.R. Proceedings; (c) all materials in Ms. Moreno's possession, including Ms. Moreno's response to Request for Admissions in the D.R. Proceedings denying any harm to her by Plaintiff; (d) the contemporaneous documentary evidence in Plaintiff's possession, including text messages, audio recordings, Ring doorbell-camera video, and other materials, directly contradicted Moreno's account; (e) that the most serious of the underlying allegations had not been substantiated by any court of competent jurisdiction or any law-enforcement authority; (f) that the only protection order issued by any court ran in favor of Plaintiff, not against him; and (g) that two separate allegations made by or through their client to

the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services had been found to be unsubstantiated as to the allegations of abuse as to his and Ms. Moreno's minor child.

77. Accordingly, Defendants knew or should have known and recklessly disregarded that the Zashin Statements and the Moreno Statements were false.

78. Defendants' publication and republication of the Zashin Statements and the Moreno Statements was further motivated by ill will, spite, and a tactical desire to pressure Plaintiff in collateral litigation, to inflame public opinion against him, to interfere with his service in the United States Congress and his candidacy for re-election, and to drive commercial traffic to Defendants' law-firm website.

F. Plaintiff's Damages.

79. The Zashin Statements and the Moreno Statements were published and republished by national press outlets with circulation measured in the tens of millions of print and online readership.

80. They were thereafter republished by Defendants on their own publicly accessible website, where they remain available to the public to this day.

81. They have been read, viewed, and discussed by Plaintiff's constituents, his colleagues in Congress, his political supporters and donors, the media, and the general public.

82. As a direct and proximate result of the publication and republication of the Zashin Statements and the Moreno Statements, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer, substantial injury to his personal and professional reputation, personal reputation, public hatred, contempt, and ridicule, the impairment of his standing in his community and in Congress, mental anguish, humiliation, and emotional distress, and pecuniary losses including but not limited to harm to his career and to his ability to raise campaign funds.

83. All conditions precedent to this action have been complied with, waived, or excused.

CAUSES OF ACTION
COUNT I—DEFAMATION *PER SE*
(Against Moreno)

84. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all allegations in paragraphs 1 through 83 as if fully set forth herein.

85. Defendant Moreno made, and caused to be published and republished, the Moreno Statements concerning Plaintiff.

86. As explained above in paragraphs 63 through 74, the Moreno Statements are false.

87. Moreno published the Moreno Statements to third parties, including journalists at the Daily Mail.

88. The Moreno Statements in the Daily Mail were later republished by the New York Post, Yahoo! News, and The Daily Beast.

89. As explained above in paragraphs 60 through 62, the Moreno Statements were not privileged.

90. To the extent any qualified or common-interest privilege might otherwise apply, that privilege has been abused and forfeited by the publication of the Moreno Statements.

91. As explained above in paragraphs 75 through 78, Moreno published the Moreno Statements and caused them to be republished even though she knew that the substantive factual assertions therein conveyed were false or, in the alternative, she did so while entertaining serious subjective doubt as to their truth and proceeded to publish and republish them in reckless disregard of that doubt.

92. The Moreno Statements are defamatory *per se* because they expressly, falsely, and wrongly accuse Plaintiff of committing the indictable criminal offenses involving moral turpitude, including but not limited to, *inter alia*, assault, domestic violence, perjury, and falsification.

93. The Moreno Statements further tend to injure Plaintiff in his trade, business, profession, and office as a Member of the United States House of Representatives, and tend to deter and discourage members of the public from associating or dealing with him.

94. As a result, the Moreno Statements are defamatory *per se* and Plaintiff's general and punitive damages are presumed.

95. As a direct and proximate result of Moreno's conduct, Plaintiff has suffered general, special, and presumed damages in an amount to be proven at trial that exceed the jurisdictional minimum of this Court, and due to Moreno's publication and republication of the Moreno Statements with actual malice, an award of punitive damages is warranted.

**COUNT II— DEFAMATION PER SE, INCLUDING BY NECESSARY IMPLICATION,
AND IN THE ALTERNATIVE DEFAMATION PER QUOD**
(Against Zashin and Zashin Law)

96. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all allegations in paragraphs 1 through 83 as if fully set forth herein.

97. Defendants Zashin and Zashin Law made, and caused to be published and republished, the Zashin Statements concerning Plaintiff.

98. As explained above, the Zashin Statements are false.

99. The Defamatory Press Statements were published to third parties, including journalists at the New York Post, TMZ, the Daily Mail, and The Daily Beast, who in turn republished them to a mass audience, a foreseeable and indeed intended consequence of

Defendants' publication. The Website Republications were published to every member of the public who has accessed or hereafter accesses Defendants' website at www.zashinlaw.com.

100. As explained above in paragraphs 60 through 62, the Zashin Statements were not privileged.

101. To the extent any qualified or common-interest privilege might otherwise apply, that privilege has been abused and forfeited by Defendants Zashin and Zashin Law's publication and republication of the Zashin Statements with actual malice and in excess of any legitimate occasion.

102. As explained above, Defendants Zashin and Zashin Law published and republished the Statements with actual malice, as set forth above.

103. As explained above in paragraphs 75 through 78, Defendants Zashin and Zashin Law published the Zashin Statements and caused them to be republished even though they knew that the substantive factual assertions therein conveyed were false or, in the alternative, they did so while entertaining serious subjective doubt as to their truth and proceeded to publish and republish them in reckless disregard of that doubt.

104. The Statements reasonably imply to Plaintiff the commission of indictable criminal offenses involving moral turpitude, including but not limited to, *inter alia*, assault, domestic violence, perjury, and falsification.

105. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff has suffered actual damages in the form of lost business opportunities, reduced campaign contributions to aid his reelection campaign to Congress, and other pecuniary harms that will be quantified in an amount to be proven at trial that exceed the jurisdictional minimum of this Court, and due to

Defendants' publication and republication of the Statements with actual malice, an award of punitive damages is warranted.

COUNT III—FALSE LIGHT INVASION OF PRIVACY
(Against All Defendants)

106. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all allegations in paragraphs 1 through 83 as if fully set forth herein.

107. Defendants gave publicity to matters concerning Plaintiff that placed him before the public in a false light.

108. The false light in which Plaintiff was placed, as a man who beats his wife and abuses his daughter, would be highly offensive to a reasonable person.

109. Defendants had knowledge of the falsity of, or acted in reckless disregard as to the falsity of, the publicized matter and the false light in which Plaintiff would be placed.

110. Ohio recognizes the tort of false-light invasion of privacy.

111. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF AS TO ALL COUNTS

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Max Miller respectfully prays that this Court enter judgment in his favor and against Defendants Emily Moreno, Andrew Zashin, and Zashin Law, LLC, jointly and severally, as follows:

- A. Compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but in any event in an amount exceeding Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00);
- B. Presumed damages on Count Two for defamation per se;

- C. Punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish Defendants and deter future similar conduct, consistent with R.C. § 2315.21 and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment;
- D. An award of Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as permitted by law;
- E. Pre- and post-judgment interest at the highest rate allowed by law; and
- F. Such other and further relief, at law or in equity, as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable as a matter of right.

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According to the publicly filed court docs obtained by TMZ DC, Miller -- who's been in Congress since 2023 -- filed for divorce from Emily in August 2024, ending their 2-year marriage. The exes have a 2-year-old daughter.





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According to the divorce settlement, Max and Emily – daughter of freshman Senator Bernie Moreno – have joint custody, and he was ordered to pay her \$2,500 per month in child support.

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Things took a turn on March 4 when Emily filed docs requesting a change in the custody arrangement, because, as she puts it ... Max "regularly speaks to me in an inappropriate, aggressive and demeaning manner, which is not in the best interest of our child."

She adds, "[Max] has conducted dangerous physical behavior in the child's presence. I do not believe it is in our child's best interest for [Max] and me to jointly make a decision for her. I fear that attempting to make joint decisions – and the lack of cooperation from [Max] in doing so – will cause direct harm to [their child]."



In response, Max asked the judge to order psychological evaluations for Emily and himself ... in order to help the court determine who should have custody – and claimed Emily's behavior has "become increasingly confrontational, irrational and somewhat bizarre."

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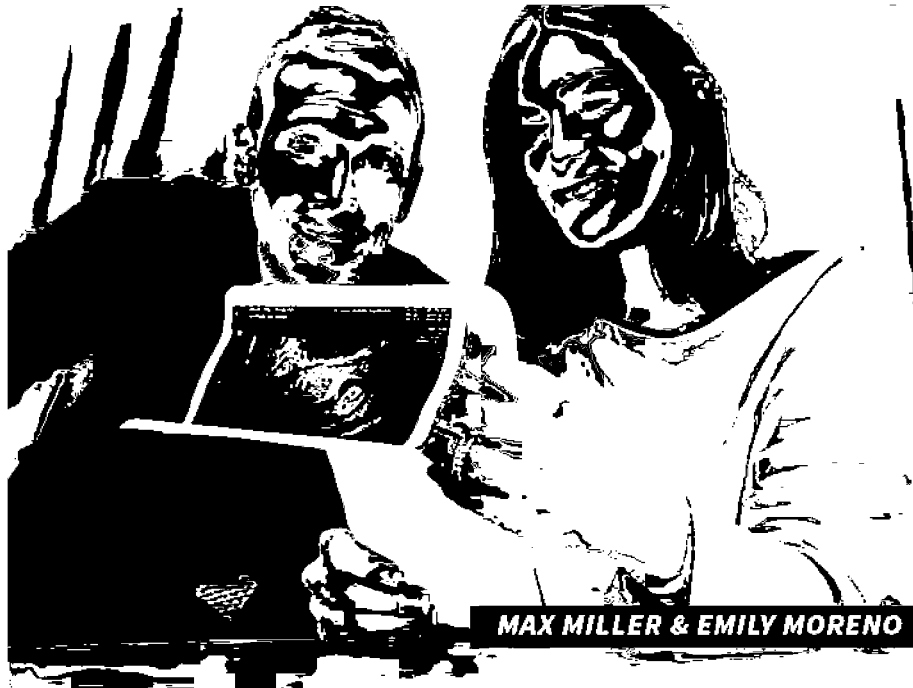
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In the docs, he accuses his ex of making false accusations against him to the Bay Village Police Department and to the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services. He claims Emily "repeated and unsubstantiated allegations of abuse of the parties' minor child against [him]."

Miller detailed that alleged abuse in a March 13 declaration, in which he informed the court their daughter suffered a broken collarbone and bruised shoulder, which prompted a DCFS investigation. Miller says he was "apparently cleared" in that investigation ... which he says included police making sure he had properly installed a child car seat.



Rep. Miller is also claiming their child suffered an injury to her hand while in Emily's care, which was not disclosed to him ... and that Emily falsely accused him of physically attacking her during a custody exchange.

For her part, Emily insists their child suffered the broken collarbone while in Max's custody ... and she "unequivocally" stands by the claim Max got physical with her during that parenting transfer.

The judge has yet to rule on changing their custody arrangement, and the Bay Village PD says it has an active investigation regarding "suspected child abuse."

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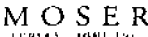
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He adds, "Mr. Miller lives off a trust fund and has a well-documented history of using his wealth, lawyers, and the courts to bully his enemies. Ms. Moreno will not be intimidated or silenced. She is fighting back aggressively and has already prevailed. Mr. Miller's self-described army of lawyers were forced to walk back sworn statements he made under oath, further proof that his attacks were reckless and unfounded."

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Rep. Miller's attorney says, "The only person who has been granted a restraining order by a court of law is Rep. Max Miller. The evidence brought against his ex-wife Ms. Moreno was enough to convince a judge that she was a threat to the Congressman. Ms. Moreno is unfortunately using TMZ's new position as journalists on the Hill to force the Congressman out of his seat. These allegations are false, and neither Ms. Moreno, nor anyone else, has been able to bring forward any evidence against Congressman Miller."

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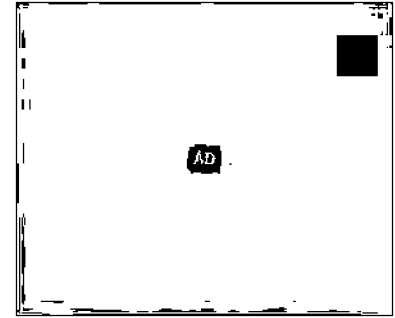
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Miller's lawyer says, "It is very sad the Congressman's ex-wife is still battling her demons and using TMZ as an outlet."



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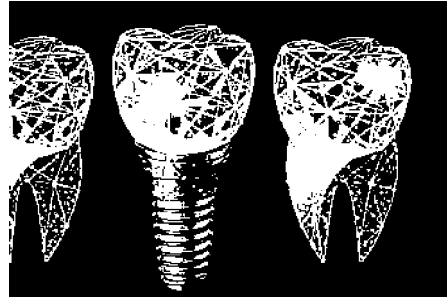
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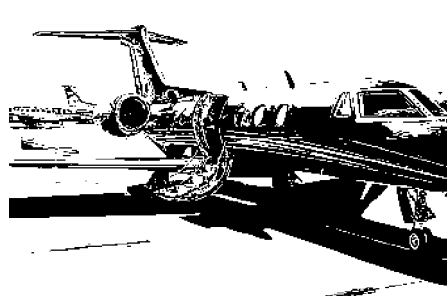
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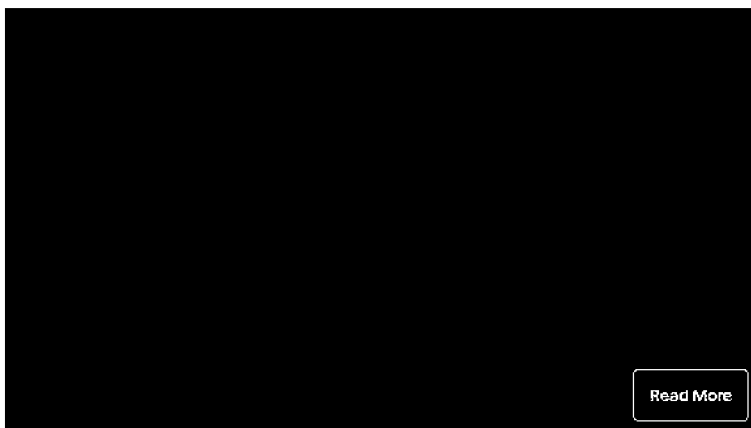


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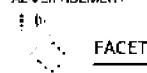


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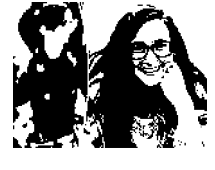


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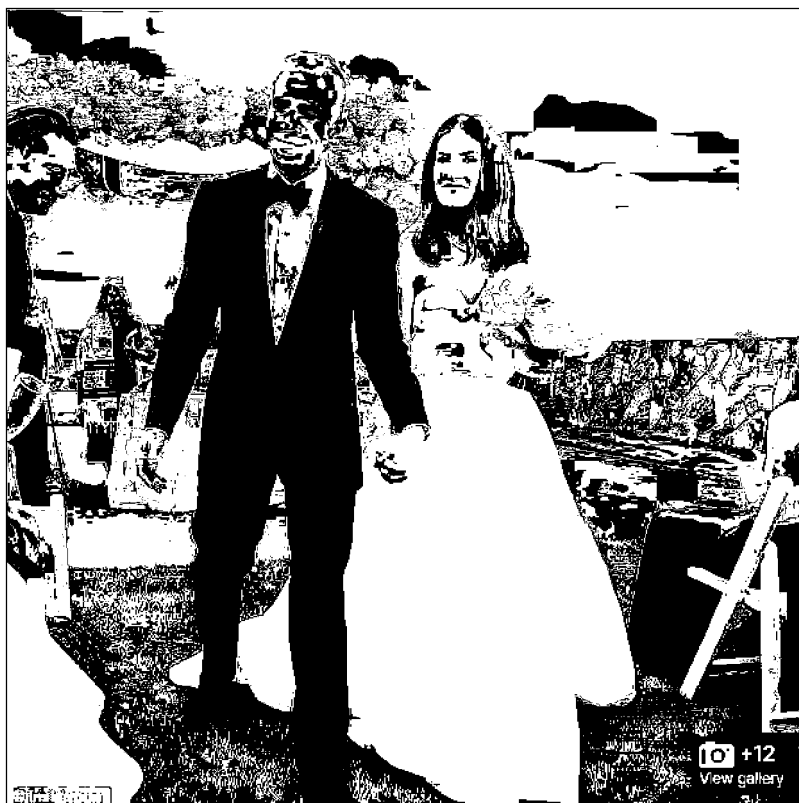
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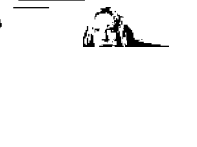
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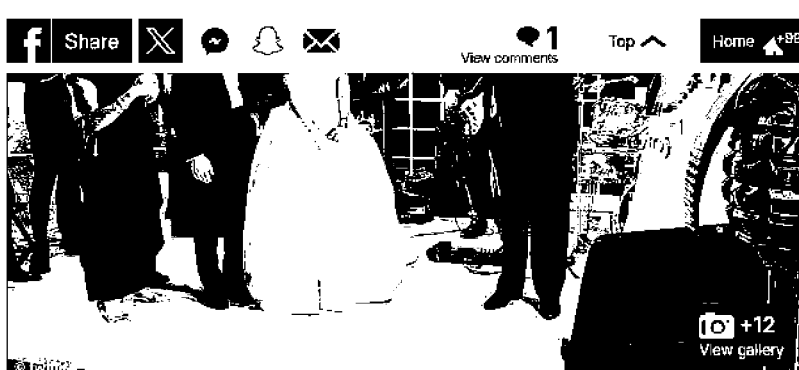
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The couple married in August 2022 at Trump's Bedminster golf club in New Jersey, with the president himself attending and praising Miller, one of his favored former aides.

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They welcomed their daughter less than a year later, with Miller at the time calling her birth a reminder of the 'importance of family.'

But by mid-2024, the relationship had unraveled.



Miller is an heir of the prominent Forest City Enterprises real estate company and Moreno is the daughter of a luxury auto dealer-turned-Senate candidate. The pair met while working on Marco Rubio's presidential campaign in 2015



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Moreno is the daughter of Bernie Moreno, a prominent Republican figure, further elevating the couple's political profile



Miller previously dated Stephanie Grisham, the former White House press secretary. Their relationship came to an end in 2020

Court filings show Moreno left the family home and moved into a separate property with their child, while Miller accused her of making claims about drug use that he has denied.

He also alleged she restricted his access to their daughter, while her legal team countered with claims about his behavior and parenting.

The case has been further complicated by a history of past allegations involving Miller's previous relationship with former White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham, who also accused him of abuse - claims he has denied and previously fought in court.

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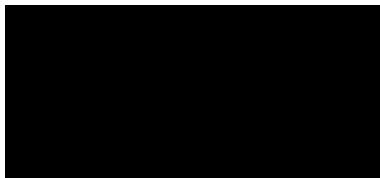
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REP. MAX MILLER POLICE INVESTIGATE CHILD NEGLECT CLAIMS IN NASTY CUSTODY BATTLE

By TMZ Staff | April 22, 2026 | [Andrew Zashin](#) consulted and quoted

Ohio Congressman **Max Miller** is in the middle of a nasty divorce with **Emily Moreno** ... and TMZ DC has learned police are investigating a severe injury to their child.

According to the publicly filed court docs obtained by TMZ DC, Miller — who's been in Congress since 2023 — filed for divorce from Emily in August 2024, ending their 2-year marriage. The exes have a 2-year-old daughter.

According to the divorce settlement, Max and Emily — daughter of freshman Senator **Bernie Moreno** — have joint custody, and he was ordered to pay her \$2,500 per month in child support.

Things took a turn on March 4 when Emily filed docs requesting a change in the custody arrangement, because, as she puts it ... Max "regularly speaks to me in an inappropriate, aggressive and demeaning manner, which is not in the best interest of our child."

She adds, "[Max] has conducted dangerous physical behavior in the child's presence. I do not believe it is in our child's best interest for [Max] and me to jointly make a decision for her. I fear that attempting to make

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our child's best interest for [Max] and me to jointly make a decision for her. I fear that attempting to make joint decisions — and the lack of cooperation from [Max] in doing so — will cause direct harm to [their child].”

In response, Max asked the judge to order psychological evaluations for Emily and himself... in order to help the court determine who should have custody — and claimed Emily's behavior has “become increasingly confrontational, irrational and somewhat bizarre.”

In the docs, he accuses his ex of making false accusations against him to the Bay Village Police Department and to the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services. He claims Emily “repeated and unsubstantiated allegations of abuse of the parties’ minor child against [him].”

Miller detailed that alleged abuse in a March 13 declaration, in which he informed the court their daughter suffered a broken collarbone and bruised shoulder, which prompted a DCFS investigation. Miller says he was “apparently cleared” in that investigation ... which he says included police making sure he had properly installed a child car seat.

Rep. Miller is also claiming their child suffered an injury to her hand while in Emily's care, which was not disclosed to him ... and that Emily falsely accused him of physically attacking her during a custody exchange.

For her part, Emily insists their child suffered the broken collarbone while in Max's custody ... and she “unequivocally” stands by the claim Max got physical with her during that parenting transfer.

The judge has yet to rule on changing their custody arrangement, and the Bay Village PD says it has an active investigation regarding “suspected child abuse.”

Emily's attorney, Andrew Zashin, tells TMZ ... Miller's “entirely false allegations against his ex-wife concerning their daughter were thrown out of court. These baseless claims are nothing more than a cynical attempt by Mr. Miller to weaponize the legal system against his ex-wife, a strong, loving mother who refuses to submit to his coercive control.”

He adds, “Mr. Miller lives off a trust fund and has a well-documented history of using his wealth, lawyers, and the courts to bully his enemies. Ms. Moreno will not be intimidated or silenced. She is fighting back aggressively and has already prevailed. Mr. Miller's self-described army of lawyers were forced to walk back sworn statements he made under oath, further proof that his attacks were reckless and unfounded.”

Most biting, he says, “If Mr. Miller is looking for an individual with abusive behavior, he should look in the mirror and past the veneers.”

Rep. Miller's attorney says, “The only person who has been granted a restraining order by a court of law is Rep. Max Miller. The evidence brought against his ex-wife Ms. Moreno was enough to convince a judge that she was a threat to the Congressman. Ms. Moreno is unfortunately using TMZ's new position as

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EXCLUSIVE Chilling photos expose Trump-backed congressman's 'abuse'... as senator's daughter reveals scalding water attack and humiliating apology letter

Our DC insider reveals the chilling photos of the alleged assault on a young Republican Senator, including a part of a scalding water attack on her in front of their infant child

By **MAIL+ DC POLITICAL INSIDER**
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A Trump-backed Congressman has been accused of beating his wife, the daughter of a young Republican Senator, including hurling a part of scalding water at her in front of their infant child.

Ohio Republican Congressman Max Miller is accused of years of documented physical abuse against his wife Emily Morris, the daughter of Ohio Senator Bernie Morano, according to court filings and three sources who spoke exclusively to the Daily Mail.

The couple married in Trump's Beltsville golf club in August 2022, with the President himself in attendance, after a brief legal divorce on their second wedding anniversary two years later.

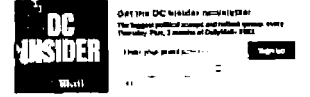
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An earlier incident on June 8, 2023, involved the Congressman allegedly hurling a part of scalding water at Emily during an argument inside their Ohio home, with some of the water striking her chest, while their then eight-month-old daughter was present, multiple sources with direct knowledge said.

The pair reached a divorce settlement in June 2023 and agreed to joint custody of their daughter, as well as \$2,500 per month in child support from Miller.

But the legal issues have continued. Emily moved on March 4 to overhaul the custody arrangement, citing her ex-husband's "dangerous physical behavior" in their daughter's presence.



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During an important letter that she wrote about her marriage and custody of her daughter, the Congresswoman allegedly hinted at a plot of boiling water at Emery.

Multiple sources with direct knowledge of the incident say some of the most about Emery's death, with their daughter looking on.

Emery reportedly had a severe allergic reaction to the medicine she was given, which she says she never saw.

A source that spoke privately to Emery Miller to Moore, the same day as the boiling water incident, shows the Congresswoman apologizing to the then-wife for having to protect her daughter from the incident.

In the letter, revealed by the Daily Mail, Miller tells Emery that nothing in the medicine store that she and her daughter had, and notes that the source for the medicine was not what she had.

He calls himself insensitive and says his guilt is eating him alive, while necessarily telling Emery the story.

I don't know what to do. I don't know you love me, Emery, and I don't know how to tell you that you're better off without me. I'm sorry I'm just a man and I don't know what to do.



A photograph from Miller's allegedly written to Moore the same day as the boiling water incident shows the Congresswoman apologizing to the then-wife for having to protect her daughter from the incident.



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'I know that when I happen, I'm sorry I told you and Ruth [sic]. It's going to be a long time if you're not, I hope you do much. I'm sorry I'm just a man and I don't know what to do.'

Two months after the alleged incident, Moore told Miller that she was in a hospital in Claybrook, Ohio, where she was treated for a severe allergic reaction.

Moore has maintained her allegations and stands by her account of physical assault, her attorney confirmed that the allegations against Miller are consistent with claims that Moore made in court.

The photographic evidence given for Miller's 'I'm sorry' combined with the documented history in court filings, directly contradicts years of Miller's denial. Moore's attorney told the Daily Mail: 'Any claim that she fabricated these allegations collapses in the face of corroborative physical evidence.'

It is unfortunate that these matters have become public, as Miller's health has made it difficult to have these matters and out of court for the sake of their daughter, her attorney added. The unrelenting nature of the evidence against Miller has made it difficult to have these matters no longer possible.

The Daily Mail has contacted Senator Bernie Moore's office for comment but did not receive a response.

Miller's attorney, Adam Brown, denied all of the allegations of abuse as false. Brown told the Daily Mail he would provide evidence supporting Moore's claims, but no such evidence was produced before publication.

During a February 27 hearing, Miller allegedly asserted that his career girlfriend was present at the Ohio home during the February 7 custody exchange and witnessed the abuse.

According to sources familiar with the testimony, Miller claimed his girlfriend had been hiding in the guest room, watching through the window and heard nothing.



Miller had faced physical assault allegations from previous partners, including former 'The View' host Rosie O'Donnell.

Two days after, however, the Congresswoman's attorney allegedly told Miller that Moore's account of the incident was false, saying that Moore's daughter was in fact not even present at Miller's home during the time of the custody exchange.

The letter left 'new' President to engulf one of Trump's allies just days after the attorney endorsed Moore in an unprecedented GOP assembly program that he was on 'Twitter' he occupies a wide Republican seat and is heavily respected by his constituents in Missouri.

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Miller has faced a host of sexual allegations from various partners, including former Trump White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham.

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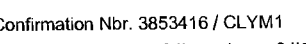
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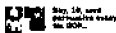
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Trump-endorsed GOP Representative Max Miller has been accused of physically abusing his ex-wife Emily Moreno—daughter of GOP Senator Bernie Moreno—for years. Miller has denied the allegations.

Court filings obtained by the Daily Mail revealed that Emily is attempting to

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Court filings obtained by the *Daily Mail* revealed that Emily is attempting to change their custody situation due to Miller's "dangerous physical behavior" while their 2-year-old daughter was present. Moreno stated that Miller hit her during a custody exchange with their daughter in February, bruising Moreno's arm and torso, as shown in photos obtained by the *Mail*. Moreno also claims that Miller threw a pot of boiling water on her in 2024 while their daughter was present.

Moreno also told the court that Miller "regularly speaks to me in an inappropriate, aggressive and demeaning manner, which is not in the best interest of our child."

Miller and Moreno separated in 2024 and divorced in 2025.

Miller has faced similar accusations in the past. His ex-girlfriend, former White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham, 49, alleged that he pushed her against a wall and slapped her after she accused him of cheating in 2020.

Miller blames his congressional colleague and former father-in-law for his current legal issues, and is framing his ex-wife as "malicious" due to her alleged bipolar diagnosis.

"It is unfortunate that @berniemoreno continues to fund and enable his daughter's malicious campaign to ruin my life despite his knowledge of her mental health issues," he wrote Friday on X. "Bernie, this must be distracting from your job. These antics harm your own grandchild. Anytime you want to put a stop to this, you can."

Senator Moreno has yet to publicly respond.

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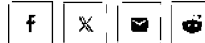
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A MAGA congressman has been accused of years of physical abuse against his ex-wife, the daughter of a prominent Republican senator.

Rep. Max Miller, who strenuously denies the allegations, was elected to represent Ohio's 7th District in 2022, with Donald Trump's endorsement. He had previously worked on Trump's 2016 presidential campaign and was appointed to several roles during the first Trump administration before working on Trump's failed 2020 re-election campaign.

According to court filings obtained by the [Daily Mail](#) and three sources who spoke to the outlet, Miller's ex-wife, Emily Moreno—daughter of Ohio Sen. Bernie Moreno—has sought changes to their custody arrangement as a result of her growing concerns about his "dangerous physical behavior" in their daughter's presence.

According to the newspaper, the latest incident took place on Feb. 1 of this year. Moreno, 32, alleges that Miller, 37, struck her during a custody exchange at his home in full view of the couple's 2-year-old daughter, leaving bruises on her arm, elbow, and torso.



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The [Daily Mail](#) obtained photos that show redness and bruising on Emily's body after the alleged incident.

The Bay Village Police Department confirmed to the [Daily Beast](#) that it responded to a report of child abuse on that day and that an investigation remains open.

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After separating in 2024, the pair reached a divorce settlement in June 2025, agreeing to share joint custody of their daughter. Miller is required to pay \$2,500 per month in child support.

In court documents obtained by TMZ in April, Moreno claimed that Miller "regularly speaks to me in an inappropriate, aggressive and demeaning manner, which is not in the best interest of our child."

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She continued, alleging that Miller "has conducted dangerous physical behavior in the child's presence."



Max Miller and ex-wife Emily Moreno Miller.

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"I do not believe it is in our child's best interest for [Miller] and me to jointly make a decision for her," expressing concern that attempting to make joint decisions would "cause direct harm" to their daughter.

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Miller is the grandson of businessman Samuel Henry Miller, a multimillionaire Cleveland property tycoon, and his grandmother previously ran for Congress. Moreno's father, Bernie, 59, is a multimillionaire car salesman born in Colombia. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2024.

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In a letter Miller reportedly wrote to Emily Moreno on the same day as the alleged boiling water incident, the congressman apologized for failing to protect Moreno, but did not admit to any abuse.

In the letter, reviewed by the Daily Mail, the 37-year-old calls himself worthless, says his guilt is "eating him alive," and repeatedly tells Moreno that he loves her.

"I don't know what to do. I do know you love me, protect me, and care for me. I failed to do that for you," Miller allegedly wrote in the letter. "I'm sorry and I just want to close my eyes and wake up and everything be normal."

"I know that won't happen," it continues. "I'm sorry I failed you and Ruth. It's eating me alive. I love you, even if you think I don't. I love you so much. I'm so sorry. I'm just a f— up and worthless."

Moreno's attorney, Andrew Zashin, told the Daily Mail that his client stands by her account of Miller's assault and that the evidence speaks for itself.



Miller and Morano finalized their divorce in June 2025.

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“It is unfortunate that these matters have become public when Ms. Moreno has made every effort to keep them private and out of court for the sake of their daughter,” he continued. “But the ongoing pattern of behavior, coupled with the continued denials, has made silence no longer possible.”

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Zashin declined to comment when contacted by the Daily Beast.

The Daily Beast has contacted Miller’s legal representatives for comment. When contacted by the Daily Mail, Miller’s attorney, Adam Brown, denied the allegations, telling the outlet he would provide evidence responding to Moreno’s claims. It was not provided prior to publication.

Miller published a [lengthy thread on X](#) on Thursday evening, rejecting the claims detailed in the Daily Mail’s report. He accused the outlet of being “stenographers for someone who truly needs help.”



Trump appeared at a rally in support of Miller’s congressional campaign in 2021.

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His evidence included an email sent by his lawyers to the Daily Mail, transcripts of audio recordings of conversations between Miller and Moreno, and footage of Moreno leaving Miller’s home after the alleged incident on Feb. 1. He also accused Moreno of extortion.

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"The moral of the story is this," Miller wrote. "My ex-wife needs help. She is more focused on hurting me than loving our child."

Miller married Moreno in 2022 at a ceremony at the Trump National Golf Club Bedminster in New Jersey. Trump was among the guests.

Moreno's father is a Trump critic turned vocal supporter, who advocated for the president to receive a Nobel Peace Prize for his work on brokering a ceasefire between Israel and Iran last year.

During Moreno and Miller's bitter divorce battle, Miller accused Moreno of stalling their divorce so that financial documents involving her father, including documents that allegedly proved he provided her financial support, would not be produced before Election Day. Miller subsequently subpoenaed his in-laws, seeking documentation of said financial support.

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A document filed by Miller's lawyer in October 2024 read, "Defendant has displayed more concern about how this case may impact her father's election than about the best interests of [the couple's daughter] and allowing this litigation to proceed expeditiously."

The Daily Beast has contacted Sen. Moreno's office for comment.



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His lawyer denied that the incident ever occurred. A court denied Miller's application for a restraining order against Grisham, and Miller voluntarily dropped his defamation suit against Grisham in 2023.

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In a 2021 opinion piece for the Washington Post, Grisham alleged that the Trumps were aware that her relationship with Miller had turned abusive, but that they did not care.

"I felt that Mrs. Trump believed my story," Grisham wrote. "I suspected the president, long invested in the view that women usually make up allegations of assault, didn't want to believe it."



Stephanie Grisham resigned following the events of January 6, 2021, and became a critic of the Trump administration, later speaking at the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

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"The point is that the president and first lady seemed totally unfazed about whether there was an abuser—another abuser—in their workplace," she added, referring to White House staffers Rob Porter and David Sorensen, both of whom resigned in 2018 after their ex-wives accused them of abuse.

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In a post on Thursday after the Daily Mail report was published, Grisham re-shared an older post of hers on X. "Re-upping this," she noted.

The [post](#) read, "Today I feel broken over what so many men with money & power get away with. Over & over & over ♡ Almost worse is those of you who know & do/say nothing as it happens time & again."



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