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## President Call Omarosa 'A Dog' Trump lashes out at 'Wacky Omarosa' over book, recordings

By Jill Colvin and Catherine Lucey

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Donald Trump lashed out at Omarosa Manigault Newman on Aug. 13, saying his former White House adviser - who is promoting a tell-all book and airing secret audio recordings - "got fired for the last time."

On Twitter, Trump labeled Manigault Newman "wacky" and said Chief of Staff John Kelly called her a "loser & nothing but problems." He added: "I told him to try working it out, if possible, because she only said GREAT things about me - until she got fired!"

Trump's pushback came after Manigault Newman released another recording Aug. 13. Aired on NBC's "Today" show, it is purportedly an excerpt of a phone conversation between Trump and her after she was fired from the White House. It appears to show Trump expressing surprise, saying "nobody even told me about it."

On Sunday, Manigault Newman told NBC's "Meet the Press" that she surreptitiously recorded a number of conversations in the White House for her own protection. The show aired portions of a recording of her firing by Kelly in the high-security Situation Room.

Critics have denounced the recordings as a serious breach of ethics and security. The voice on the recording released Aug. 13 appears to be Trump's. The White House has not denied it, but The Associated Press has not independently verified it is the president. The AP has independently listened to the recording of Kelly and Manigault Newman.

Trump acknowledged Aug. 13 that the president of the United States should perhaps not engage in a public war of words with an ex-employee, saying he knows "it's 'not presidential'" to take on "a lowlife like Omarosa." But he added: "This is a modern day form of communication and I know the Fake News Media will be working overtime to make even Wacky Omarosa look legitimate as possible. Sorry!"

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The makeshift memorial to Heather Heyer, the 32 year-old White woman who was killed by a Neo-Nazi, because she was demonstrating on behalf of Black people and against racism. (Cash Michaels/NNPA)

## Charlottesville Struggles with Race, History and Survival

By Cash Michaels (NNPA Newswire Regional Correspondent)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—To say that Charlottesville, Va. held its collective breath on August 12th — the first anniversary of the deadly "Unite the Right" white supremacist violence a year ago that tragically took the life of Heather Heyer, a 32-year-old white anti-racist protestor, is an understatement.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, and Charlottesville city officials, declared a state of emergency, mobilizing every available police officer and state trooper in an unyielding show of force, to preempt the kind of street clashes that infamously marked the Ku Klux Klan and skinhead demonstrations in August 2017.

Stung by withering criticism that law enforcement did little to quell the violence that erupted last year, officials virtually shut down the core Charlottesville downtown area for the August 10–August 12 weekend to vehicular traffic, and screened pedestrians for weapons.

Indeed, the "over-policing" this year, many residents complained, actually raised tensions, especially since the "Unite the Right" rally organizers moved their demonstration to Washington, D.C. this year.

Anti-racism protesters—most of whom were students from the University of Virginia at Charlottesville (UVA), bristled when a phalanx of state troopers, local police, hovering helicopters, and at one point, National Guardsmen with rifles and armored vehicles, flooded the corner of Fourth and Water streets downtown; the same corner where Heather Heyer was fatally struck by the car allegedly driven by a neo-Nazi.

There were intense verbal confrontations, and four arrests, but ultimately, no violence. "Yes, there are some inconveniences, but we'd rather err on the side of safety this year," said Councilman Wes Bellamy, who helped to calm tensions between demonstrators and police.

While church and civic groups sponsored numerous events to promote racial and spiritual harmony during the tragic August 12 anniversary, some residents were resentful, saying that Ms. Heyer may have been the only protester killed last year, but there were many other victims of White supremacist violence then as well who are rarely spoken of.

"I think that there's a universal acceptance that what happened here was disgraceful," civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton told reporters after preaching Sunday morning service at First Zion African Baptist Church. "But they do not want this to be representative of their city, and they want to move forward."

And then there are the everyday challenges that many say are more important than removing Confederate statues.

Charlottesville is suffering many of the same struggles as other growing small and mid-size metropolitan areas, and those who consider themselves the working poor here say that not much is being done in the area of raising low wages, creating economic opportunities, or developing enough affordable housing stock for struggling families.

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TRUTH & SERVICE: In partnership with ItsDoable, Inc. and former NCCU men's basketball student-athlete Mandrake Lewis, NCCU student-athletes and staff stuffed school supplies into more than 2,000 back packs on Wednesday, August 8 for donation to children going back to school in Durham, Edgecombe, Raleigh, Weldon and Wilson. Above Ingrid Wicker-McCree, Ed.D, NCCU Athletic Director helps with packing. (NCCU Sports Photo).

## US judge voids part of North Carolina election law

By Emery P. Dalesio

RALEIGH (AP) - A federal judge invalidated part of North Carolina elections law that allows one voter to challenge another's residency, a provision that activist groups used to scrub thousands of names from rolls ahead of the 2016 elections.

U.S. District Judge Loretta Biggs said in an order signed Aug. 8 that the residency challenges are pre-empted by the 1993 federal "motor voter" law aimed at expanding voting opportunities.

The National Voter Registration Act "encourages the participation of qualified voters in federal elections by mandating certain procedures designed to reduce the risk that a voter's registration might be erroneously canceled. Defendants' conduct contravened these procedures," Biggs wrote.

Biggs had ordered days before the 2016 elections that Cumberland, Moore and Beaufort counties restore thousands of canceled voter registrations. She acted after the NAACP and others sued, alleging the purge of voter rolls disproportionately targeted blacks. Biggs concluded then that the three counties had purged between 3,500 and 4,000 voters from registration rolls since August 2016.

The people who had challenged valid residency of voters filing challenges in Cumberland and Moore counties were volunteers with the Voter Integrity Project. The group's North Carolina director, Jay Delancy, said it was part of an effort to reduce the potential for voter fraud.

"We followed North Carolina law scrupulously in filing more than 6,000 individualized voter challenges in 2016 and the local election boards acted properly in sustaining those challenges," he said Aug. 8. He said his group would ask state legislators to revise the law "to empower private citizens wishing to detect and challenge illegal voters."

Moore County Attorney Misty Leland said her county's elections board had done as the state law required and the state elections board directed. Attorneys for Beaufort and Cumberland counties did not respond to invitations to comment.

In most cases cited by the NAACP lawsuit, residency challenges followed after mail to a voter was returned as undeliverable. County elections boards can accept returned mail as evidence that the voter doesn't live there. That resulted in a hearing at which challengers presented evidence, according to a state legal filing. If local officials found probable cause, the challenged voter was given notice of a subsequent hearing. A voter who doesn't rebut the evidence can be removed.

"By purging dozens and sometimes hundreds of voters at a time based on returned postcards, the state was disenfranchising eligible voters and violating federal law. This ruling ensures an end to this illegal practice," plaintiff's attorney Leah Kang wrote in an email.



Rev. Al Sharpton is greeted by a Charlottesville couple after preaching August 12th at First Zion African Baptist Church in Charlottesville. (Cash Michaels/NNPA)

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