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Kraft prostitution sting 'bungled' from the start, some court observers say

By MARC FREEMAN

The prostitution sting that ensnared billionaire Robert Kraft was doomed from the get-go because of a string of law enforcement missteps, according to court observers who've watched the case quickly unravel.

What began as authorities' mission to bust criminal activity in massage parlors across Florida has turned into a monumental legal

victory for Kraft and co-defendants charged with soliciting prostitution.

The defendants have won trials in their favor, including a landmark last week's verdict in the Kraft case that nullified prosecutors from secretly recorded sex videos.

"This case has been built from the beginning, in every way," said Joseph Tacopina, a former New York City prosecutor

Broward recasts Promise program

District halts data share with police, says state law no longer applies

By SCOTT TRAVIS

The Broward school district has revised its description of the controversial Promise program, a move that allows it to sidestep a new state law requiring schools to share more information with law enforcement.

A state law passed last year — after the mass killing at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School — requires that children who go through pre-arrest diversion programs must be entered into a state database run by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Reluctant to share that information, the Broward school district now says Promise is not really a diversion program — it's an "alternative to external suspension" program, meaning it doesn't fall under the new law.

The district initially decided its data must be shared and started doing so Feb. 6, officials said. But then, worried that the actions were making kids more prone to arrest, the district stopped the practice March 4.

"I'm not in favor of giving data that's going to accumulate and be used in a punitive way to levy points that could hurt students," Broward School Board member Rosalind Osgood said.

The goal of the law was to identify dangerous students like the Parkland killer before they created a crisis. It aimed to give law enforcement access to a child's full criminal history, including diver-

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Workers landscape a horizontal community drive



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A luxurious home on a 20-acre spread in a rural area of Homestead comes with not only a detached guesthouse and entertainment pavilion, but also air-conditioned storage for 20 automobiles, as seen below. All told, there's 9,936 square feet of living space.

Life city
Once a terrorist youngest

By LISA J. HURIAH

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PLENTY OF PARKING

\$6.45M country retreat includes home for 20 pampered cars

By ROBYN A. FRIEDMAN

If you're in the market for a South Florida retreat for you and your automobile collection, this South Florida spread could be the place for you.

The luxurious home on 20 acres in a rural area of Homestead comes with not only a detached guesthouse and entertainment pavilion, but also an air-conditioned storage hangar for 20 cars. All told, there's 9,936 square feet of living space.

The asking price: \$6.45 million.

The gated estate, at 15380 S.W. 248th St., also has tropical landscaping and seven agricultural acres, with vegetables, 250 avocado trees and 490 lychee trees.

The two-story main residence was built in 2011 and has six bedrooms, five baths and a sprawling backyard, which includes a resort-style infinity pool, fountain, gazebo and summer kitchen.

The one-story guest house — a log cabin — has three bedrooms, two baths and a

private pool.

The entertainment pavilion has a full kitchen, two bathrooms, a lagoon with beach and cascading waterfalls, gardens and 2,523 square feet of covered event space. There's also a half bath for staff use.

"The ideal buyer for this property would be somebody who wants a retreat close to Miami, and who wants peace and tranquility," said Nancy Jimenez, director of luxury sales for Douglas Elliman Real Estate in Coral Gables, who holds the listing.

Jimenez said that Tamiami Airport is just 20 minutes from the property, so a buyer with a private jet could access it easily.

"This property offers so many things to a buyer," Jimenez said. "Everything you could want is in one compound."

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