

## **Former Middle Smithfield candidate denies ownership stake in pornography site**

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A former Middle Smithfield Township supervisor candidate — an outspoken opponent of a planned local strip club — denies having any ownership stake in a pornographic website his company put on the Internet.

Anthony J. Valentino Jr. said his Nevada-registered company, ATAMedia Inc., contracted with the porn owner to put up the "atamedia.com" site billed as "the leader in adult entertainment."

The site, taken down earlier this year, advertised "1 on 1 live sex shows," "UpSkirt cams," "hot teens," "sexy wives," "free porn," chat rooms and free dating links among its offerings.

"This is a third party," Valentino said. "I don't own any of it. If I put it up, I get a commission."

Valentino said ATAMedia is a marketer that contracted with vendors offering a wide range of products to advertise online. The company ceased operations in August.

Valentino submitted paperwork in March to challenge incumbent Supervisor Scott Schaller in the Republican primary. He withdrew shortly after another registered Republican filed a legal challenge to disqualify Valentino on grounds he didn't have the minimum number of qualified voter signatures to be on the ballot.

Valentino has consistently opposed the female nude dance club sought for the Werry's Motel property owned by Supervisor Bob Spano Sr., the subject of a civil suit and a criminal complaint against Spano regarding Spano's role in voting to approve the application.

Valentino had his own candidate website last spring where he provided a link to another website — keepxxxoff209.com — operated by strip club opponents.

Valentino said he played no role whatsoever in creating or operating the anti-strip-club site. "I'm still against the strip club," Valentino added.

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