



Letter: Trump's deniability is not so plausible

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Plausible deniability: the ability to deny responsibility for damnable actions willed by you but committed by others, on your behalf.

In 1170, King Henry II almost got away with the defense of “Plausible Denial” in the murder of his rival Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury. A present-day would-be-king is having similar bad luck with the plausible denial dodge.

King Henry, during a Christmas affair, angered at news of Becket, his rival, exclaimed with Trumpian vigor, but a better vocabulary, “What miserable drones and traitors have I nurtured and promoted in my household who let their lord be treated with such shameful contempt by a low-born cleric!”

Four of his knights took this rant as a command and killed Becket. Henry “Plausibly Denied” giving the order, but he was pleased.

Our present day “Would-be-King” dispatched “Three Amigos” with only the direction, “Talk to Rudy.” They went to Ukraine and threatened its new president: “You get no cash to fight the Russians until you smear Joe Biden.”

The Would-be-King, Trump, smugly avoided speaking the order.

“It was a perfect conversation, perfect,” he says. “There was no quid pro quo,” as he chuckled to himself, “Rudy will tell them.”

History acknowledges Becket a saint and Henry a bloody villain. Trump's implausible denial of his attempt to steal another term as president is being laid before the American people.

It will cost him the throne that he has tried to construct out of that democratic elective office.

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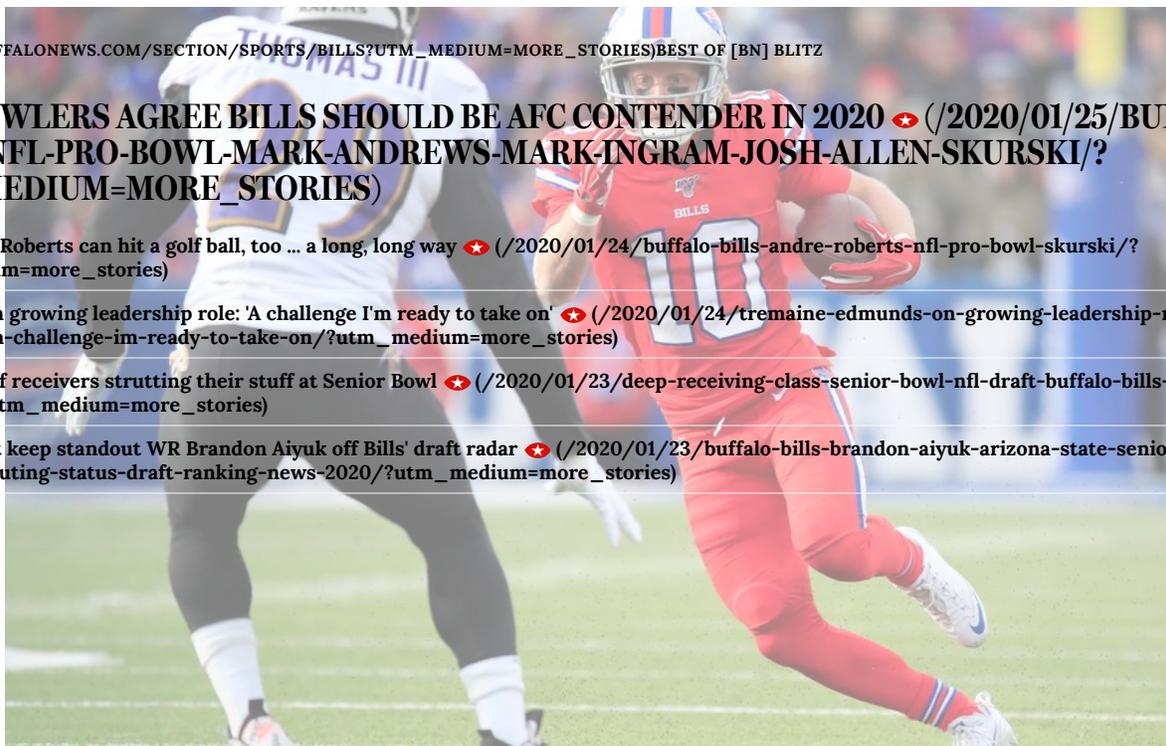
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