

Chotiner Is Suing a Newspaper

Concord, N.H.

Murray M. Chotiner, a Washington lawyer and longtime associate of President Nixon, filed a \$3 million libel suit yesterday against the Manchester Union Leader and reporter Arthur C. Egan Jr. because of a story linking Chotiner with Watergate-type political espionage.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court, said "the innuendo intended and understood by this publication was that the plaintiff is a master criminal who organized an illegal criminal conspiracy to spy on and sabotage opposing political organizations as was done in the 'Watergate caper' and it is wholly false."

In a story published April 27 by the Union Leader, Egan said Watergate was one of three political espionage-sabotage operations financed by Las Vegas gamblers

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