

The Grayzone exposes comedy influencer used to buy Mossad recruitment ads

The Grayzone's Max Blumenthal details his investigation revealing that Israel's Mossad has relied on an LLC belonging to an Atlanta-based comedy influencer named Desi Banks to buy Google ads recruiting Iranians to participate in its covert operations. Along with co-host Aaron Mate, Blumenthal speculates on how the notorious Israeli intelligence agency might have exploited an entertainer with no political views whatsoever, and questions whether one of Hollywood's most powerful talent agencies was involved. ||| The Grayzone ||| Find more reporting at <https://thegrayzone.com> Support our original journalism at Patreon: <https://patreon.com/grayzone> Facebook: <https://facebook.com/thegrayzone> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/thegrayzonenews> Instagram: <https://instagram.com/thegrayzonenews> Minds: <https://minds.com/thegrayzone> Mastodon: <https://mastodon.social/@thegrayzone> #TheGrayzone

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On a kind of related note, it's been well understood that the Mossad has been involved in these riots in Iran—or at least they've tried to take credit for it—saying they were walking alongside the protesters and rioters on their official Farsi Twitter X account and through various other forums, including Israeli media. I published one of the weirder reports I've done in a while about a new series of Mossad recruitment ads that had been purchased on Google and were appearing on YouTube and various social media platforms. They're still on Twitter X, and these were sourced online.

These ads—if you actually went on Google Ad Transparency and typed in Mossad.gov.il—you'd find them listed under Desi Banks Productions LLC. And who is Desi Banks? He's an Atlanta-based comedian and influencer who's currently on tour. He's a stand-up comic with about 11 million followers on Instagram, and he has no politics at all—completely apolitical. How did this happen? What the hell is going on here? So I published this piece. I mean, these ads are all in Farsi, all recruiting Iranians. Now they're saying, you know, regime change is coming.

"The fall of the Islamic Republic is coming. Join us. We will protect you. We will give you money." And they're going out through this Atlanta-based influencer's LLC—his company. This is the article: * "New Mossad Recruitment Ads Exploit Iran's Unrest with Help from U.S. Comedian."* This is one of the ads; this is what it looks like. It's on Twitter: * "The final days of the regime have arrived. If you know someone who works in sensitive industries and centers, contact us."* And then there's a Google Docs form. You can see the image—it shows a man seated in front of state security motorcycles, police motorcycles.

So they're clearly trying to exploit the riots for new recruits. Here's another one showing the Islamic Republic being thrown in the garbage—"Join us." This one went out on YouTube. And then there's Desi Banks doing one of his comedy sketches—one of the most unlikely people to be fronting a Mossad ad recruitment campaign through Google. So what the hell happened? I actually sent a friend in Atlanta to the address listed on the LLC for Desi Banks Productions, Public Forms. No one was home—I mean, he was on tour. We made efforts to reach him. Jack Poulson, a journalist who's actually one of the best at doing critical reporting on intelligence, broke this story in September and reached out to Desi Banks' team.

They didn't respond. But after I reported this, Google took down the ads and told us it was for egregious violations. So we actually, seemingly, scored a blow against one of the most nefarious forces in the world—the Mossad—and got their recruitment ads removed. Then Desi Banks posted a cryptic comment on Twitter, saying, "You know, just when things are going good, someone tries to come along and knock you off your pivot." And then he replied directly, writing, "Stop believing BS. I hate that this is happening to me because I don't even know what any of this is. People are really getting fooled for clickbait."

I have kids, and I would never in my life be involved in something like this. Someone used my LLC without my knowledge. How? I don't know yet. I don't even know if half of what's being posted is real. My team is digging into it right now. I have no idea who's doing this or why. And then he just totally denies doing any of this knowingly, which is very possibly true. I responded to him, and one of the points I made was that his agent—he's represented by United Talent Agency, right? Aaron, you're probably familiar with them. I mean, if you're not, it's all good, because this kind of just came to me. But do you remember what they did to Susan Sarandon?

#Aaron

Well, of course. After October 7th, they dropped her and basically made sure she couldn't work in America ever again as an actress. That's why all the films she's been in since then are financed in Europe—because she was excommunicated from Hollywood for criticizing Israel and criticizing Zionism.

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Exactly. And Bob Vylan was represented by them. Then, at the Glastonbury Festival, he denounced the IDF very strongly. He was dropped, and they ended his U.S. tour. UTA—its CEOs and its directors—are hand in glove with Israel and the Israeli Foreign Ministry. They're overtly Zionist. Um, yeah, they also excommunicated Mel Gibson, I think. So they have the power to pretty much destroy you if you do anything against Israel.

But do they have the power to, I don't know, introduce you to shady individuals who get you to sign an operating agreement—where you don't read the fine print that gives them the ability to use your

LLC? Because how the hell do you take out Google ads without your knowledge, when Google requires you to show government ID proving your control over the LLC? You have to provide your ID, your EIN, your LLC number, right? How did that happen? How does he not know? Either his identity was stolen, or he signed away his rights and someone else is managing this for him.

#Aaron

I'm going to go with stolen identity here, because if you're the Mossad or whoever is behind this, why would you need his production company to buy your ads when you know that's eventually going to be discovered? Why not use some other shady front group that you control yourself? You know, it just doesn't... This is a very bizarre story.

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Why not just set up some shell company through your cutouts in the U.S. so nobody gets embarrassed, you know? Yeah. So he hasn't really explained—he hasn't explained anything. He keeps saying he doesn't know how it happened. He sent in this shill, this grifter Angela Stanton King, who's actually gone on free trips to Israel to attack me. She's acting as a spokesperson now. It seems like this is a lady who went to prison for conspiracy to—like, I think, I don't know if it was to defraud people or what—but Trump pardoned her. Very odd.

#Aaron

Well, that actually swings us back in the direction that maybe he did. I don't want to speculate about it. So he's denying having any ties to Israel, yet he's working with a pro-Israel influencer to attack you for raising questions about that?

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Yeah, this is the lady attacking me. Hold on. I went to Twitter to search for it, and every time I do, some neocon who, before October 7th, was getting no engagement is suddenly dropped right into my feed. So I'm a little distracted here. Let me find her. Yeah... well, she might have deleted those tweets. But anyway, Angela Stanton King—very suspect character—is sort of acting as his attack dog. And he still hasn't provided any explanation. So I think the most likely theory is that his agents did it without his knowledge. I mean, there are, you know, paid influencers, particularly—and Israel loves to buy Black influencers to neutralize an element in the U.S. that supports Palestinians, Black Americans.

But I don't even know if that's what happened here. I think he may be afraid to actually reveal that the people responsible for his rising career might also be responsible for this. What I would say to Desi Banks is that he's not necessarily the target here. I'm not out to destroy him. The public just deserves to know how this is done and how the Mossad operates. And I think there's more to this

story. So it's really an obligation for him to provide transparency—not only to protect his own reputation, but for humanity. Because the Mossad is the purest distillation and clearest embodiment of evil.

It's a global assassination agency. So... let's see if he has the courage to do this, but I think he's hiding something. And if someone stole my identity or got me to sign something, then used my identification to serve ads for a global assassination agency, I'd probably be pretty mad. So this is where we are right now with this investigation: the person who ran the company that served these ads is just throwing up his hands, shrugging, and saying, "I don't know," and he's hoping everybody else moves on. He sent this shill to attack me. And Jack Poulson—the journalist who exposed this first back in September.