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## The Shackling of Andrew Gillum<sup>1</sup>

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Prior to being released on his own recognizance, Andrew Gillum was led into court with “his hands and legs shackled to a chain around his waist.”

Mr. Gillum stood accused of white-collar crimes. He wasn't a flight risk. He didn't pose a threat. How can the shackling of Mr. Gillum be defended? Were the authorities oblivious to the optics of manacled a Black man accused of white-collar crimes like some slave being led to market? Or was that the point of the exercise?

And looking ahead to a consummation devoutly to be wished, does anyone think Donald Trump will be manacled when he is led into court to be indicted for actions that qualitatively, quantitatively, and exponentially exceed those for which Gillum stands accused?

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<sup>1</sup> *The Delray Democrat*, July 2022, page 7.