

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**  
**CHANCERY DIVISION**  
**THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE MANN**

Claim No: HC13A02048

**BETWEEN: -**

**SARAH HANNON**

**Claimant**

**- and -**

**(1) NEWS GROUP NEWSPAPERS LIMITED**  
**(2) COMMISSIONER OF POLICE FOR THE METROPOLIS**

**Defendants**

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**STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT**

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**Solicitor Advocate for the Claimant**

1. My Lord, in this action I represent the Claimant and my learned friend [xx] represents the Second Defendant.
2. This is a claim for breach of confidence and misuse of private information. The Claimant is a private individual who has worked all over the world as a successful model for over 20 years. The Second Defendant is the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.
3. In 2009, information relating to an incident concerning the Claimant was sold by a police officer to the Sun newspaper, whose publisher, News Group Newspapers, is the First Defendant in these proceedings, which resulted in a publication of an article in the Sun newspaper.

4. The Claimant only became aware in April 2013 of the precise circumstances of how the article in the newspaper came to be published. She was notified by officers working for Operation Elveden that her private information had been sold by the police officer to the Sun newspaper.
5. The Claimant was shocked and distressed to learn that a police officer could behave in this way. She felt very let down and humiliated to learn that an officer in the position of public responsibility had betrayed her by selling information about her to a newspaper.
6. Proceedings were issued on behalf of the Claimant on 23 May 2013. The Particulars of Claim were served on the Second Defendant on 10 December 2013. The Second defendant, in his Defence, had admitted to the Claimant that her private information was wrongly disclosed to a Sun journalist and that this disclosure constitutes a breach of confidence, a misuse of private information and a breach of the Claimant's article 8 rights.
7. The Second Defendant has also agreed to pay the Claimant damages and a contribution to her legal costs.

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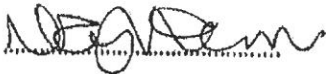
**Second Defendant's Counsel**

8. The Second Defendant accepts what my friend has said. The Second Defendant accepts that the Claimant's private information should not have been sold to a Sun journalist and that there has been a serious misuse of the Claimant's private information. This should never have happened and the Second Defendant offers his sincere apologies to the Claimant for the distress and humiliation she has suffered.

**Claimant's Solicitor Advocate**

9. My Lord, in these circumstances the Claimant is prepared to let the matter rest against the Second Defendant.

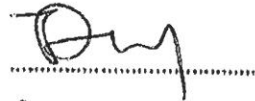
10. I am also happy to announce that the Claimant has recently settled her claim against the First Defendant, publisher of the Sun newspaper. The First Defendant has agreed to pay the Claimant damages in respect of the publication of the private information, wrongly disclosed to them, in the Sun newspaper, as well as a contribution to her legal costs.



~~Mark Thomson~~ Nicola McEam

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