

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CHANCERY DIVISION

BETWEEN:

TODD CARTY

Claimant

and

MGN LIMITED

Defendant

STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT

Solicitor for the Claimant

1. In this action for misuse of private information, I appear for the Claimant, Todd Carty. My friend, [], appears for the Defendant, MGN Limited.
2. The Claimant is a well known actor, best known for his roles in Grange Hill, EastEnders and The Bill.
3. The Defendant is the publisher of the Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror and the People newspapers.
4. In late October 2015, the Claimant was notified by Operation Golding that he was the victim of phone hacking by MGN Limited. Through disclosure from the MPS and subsequently the Defendant, the Claimant has discovered that there was considerable call data relating to him from July 2002 until July 2003 and that his name and number were in Dan Evans' palm pilot.
5. The Claimant was very upset to discover that he had been targeted in this way. The Claimant was of particular interest at this time because it had just been announced that he was leaving EastEnders after thirteen years on the show. This was therefore

a difficult period in his life. The Claimant was appalled that MGN journalists were listening to his messages and that this was how they found out private information about him. The Claimant was shocked as he has never sought publicity and considers himself to be a very private person.

6. The Claimant instructed solicitors to write to MGN Limited on 8 August 2016 and, following negotiations, in October 2016, MGN Limited agreed to pay damages to the Claimant plus his reasonable legal costs. Furthermore, the Defendant has also undertaken not to access the Claimant's voicemail messages.

Counsel for the Defendant

7. My Lord, on behalf of the Defendant, I confirm everything my Friend, [], has said.
8. The Defendant is here today through me to offer its sincere apologies to the Claimant for the damage, as well as the distress, caused to him by interception of his voicemails over a decade ago. The Defendant acknowledges that the information should never have been obtained or used in the manner it was.
9. The Defendant has also undertaken to the Claimant that it will not intercept his voicemails in the future.

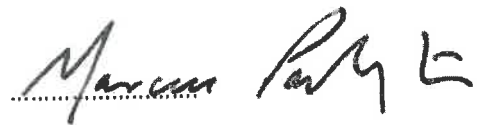
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10. In the light of the agreement between the parties and this statement, the Claimant considers that the Defendant has made adequate amends for its wrongdoing.



Solicitor for the Claimant

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Solicitor for the Defendant

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