

Selected email exchanges between Dr Manning, his solicitor and Mr Brendan O'Neill of Birmingham, UK, regarding a civil defamation action and a police enquiry into various criminal attacks.

Readers should be aware that Brendan O'Neill eventually admitted on the Topix forum that he is in fact the author of the 'inquisitor' website that was set up with the express purpose of defaming Dr Manning and others after they won a fraud case in the UK against his sister, Rosalind 'Miriam' Franklin of Diggory Press and End Times Prophecy fame. Legal action was only considered when additional evidence surfaced implicating Mr O'Neill and his sister in pseudonymous criminal attacks online. Hopefully this document will finally put Mr O'Neill's claims of innocence – and denials of complicity – and claims that he has no knowledge of legal action or police investigations – to bed.

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July 30th 2011

Mr O'Neill,

1. We draw your attention to the webpages at wondereraround.wordpress.com and websmear.com that were authored by your sister, Rosalind Miriam Franklin, of Three Rivers, Minions, Liskeard, Cornwall, and placed in the public domain following Court proceedings in Nov 2009. Said websites have remained in public view for the past two years ongoing.
2. By your own admission on the website 'topix.com' you were the main contributor on those forums under the pseudonym 'inquisitor'.
3. As per the requirements of the Defamation Act 2009, we are obliged to offer you an opportunity to 'make amends' as per sections 22 and 23 of that Act, before commencing civil proceedings against you in this matter.
4. For your information, sections 22 and 23 state that, 'an offer to make amends' must be in writing, and will require the issuance of a public retraction of the defamatory statements contained on those websites, as well as an undertaking that you will make every effort to have said materials removed from any and all public forums without delay.
5. Time limits for initiating action under the Defamation Act 2009 requires that we move on this matter promptly. You are therefore advised to notify us without delay if you intend to avail of this opportunity to formally make amends.
6. We will require a written response to our home address or via email, by 5pm Friday August 12th 2011 (fourteen days from now) and will accept in the first instance a formal indicator that you intend to avail of this opportunity – the details to be addressed within the subsequent fourteen days, and finalised by Friday August 26th latest.
7. In the event you fail to respond by 5pm Friday August 12th 2011, or, if you respond stating you do not wish to avail of this opportunity to make amends, then be advised that we will commence defamation proceedings against you in this matter in the Circuit Court commencing Monday Aug 15th 2011.
8. We reserve the right to produce evidence and findings from ongoing Police enquiries in support of our position.

9. You are further advised that any repeat of a defamatory statement is grounds for a separate legal action.

Sincerely

Dr Stephen Manning

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From: Brendan O'Neill

Sent: 07/31/11 05:54 PM

Dear Stephen Manning

I am not the Brendan O'Neill you seek. I do not have any sisters and other than a bizarre call from an Irish Garda several months ago I do not have a clue what the hell you are talking about.

You are clearly misinformed or being misinformed.

Regards

Brendan

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On 31 July 2011 19:37, Stephen Manning wrote:

Dear Mr O'Neill,

We appreciate the prompt response, and apologise in advance if we do not have the right individual.

However, given the need for diligence in these matters, and given the fact that our researchers have advised us that you are indeed the individual we seek, we hope you will understand if we request some form of verification from you in support of your statement that you are not the Brendan O'Neill whom we seek.

We would not wish to cause any distress or inconvenience to any innocent party, and would therefore kindly ask you to indulge us with this request, whilst reassuring you that any documentation or details you share with us will be kept absolutely confidential.

If you would be good enough to furnish us with some such proofs, we will, if shown to be incorrect in our assumptions, immediately apologise for the inconvenience, and will trouble you no more.

We look forward to your response Brendan.

Regards

Stephen

From: Brendan O'Neill

Sent: 07/31/11 07:54 PM

To: stephen manning

Subject: Re: Att Brendan O'Neill, confidential..

Dear Mr Manning

I have good reason to believe that your "supposed" researchers seem to be employing Google as their method.

Can you give me their contact details and addresses so I can consider legal action for harassment or are they actually fictional as I suspect.

What proofs do you want?

Could you explain why I - a completely innocent party who does not know the woman you mention or the websites you cite or what the cause of your gripe is with my namesake has been rung by a supposed Garda who did not give any identifying information and is now being harassed further by yourself.

Where did this person get my phone number. Have your researchers breached data protection laws to get it?

What proofs? How do I prove to you that I'm not someone else. Perhaps you could give me the name, badge number and station of the rude and aggressive Garda who rang me at 16.45 on 28th April 2011.

I can then take it up through official channels.

Yours etc

Brendan

From: stephen manning

Sent: 08/02/11 10:52 PM

To: Brendan O'Neill

Subject: Re: Att Brendan O'Neill, confidential..

Dear Mr O'Neill,

I believe our letter and follow-up email were quite clear in their contents.

We are afraid we cannot assist you regarding Garda matters, other than to confirm that we have been informed that a file regarding your activities has been prepared for submission to the DPP. No doubt, you will be receiving official correspondence in this regard if you have not already done so.

May we respectfully suggest that you forward some proofs of identity in support of your denials, or, immediately avail of legal advice in preparation for the imminent legal action.

If you require the address of our legal team to send the proofs of identity, please let us know without delay, as we do not intend to delay legal action in this matter.

Yours

Stephen Manning

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From: Brendan O'Neill

Sent: 08/03/11 12:40 PM

To: stephen manning

Subject: Re: we cannot assist you regarding Garda matters

PS I'll find out for myself where the call came from seeing as you refuse to divulge this information.

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On 5 August 2011 02:27, stephen manning wrote:

Dear Mr O'Neill,

Please take note that we are not 'refusing' to divulge anything. We have shared with you the information we have regarding Gardai activities.

You are free of course to contact An Garda Siochana and ask them about the reported phone calls to you, but we regret we cannot assist you further in this matter. If you need the particulars of the Garda members who are investigating this case, may we suggest you contact Chief Supt ***** at Castlebar Gardai (details on the internet).

The contact details for our legal team are as follows:

solicitors

Westport
Co. Mayo
ROI

We respectfully advise that you take whatever actions you feel are prudent without delay, as we do not intend delaying said legal action unless expressly requested, with credible and verifiable reasons for doing so.

We may add Mr O'Neill, that for someone who has supposedly been 'inaccurately identified' in this matter, you do rather appear to be overreacting.

So may we respectfully suggest (again), that if you are genuinely NOT the Brendan O'Neill we seek, that you simply furnish us (or our legal team) with some verifiable proofs of identity, and we will gladly remove your particulars from the affidavit.

On the other hand, if you *are* the Brendan O'Neill we seek, then may we suggest that a prompt removal of the websites in question would go a long way to encouraging us to rein in impending legal action.

Otherwise Brendan, you may of course explain it to the Judge.

Yours

Dr S T Manning

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From: Brendan O'Neill

Sent: 08/06/11 03:22 PM

To: stephen manning

Subject: Re: "resons" "inaccurtately"

Mr Manning

Ask your solicitor to send me an email. I will then provide her with a scanned copy of my birth certificate on request on the understanding that it is for her eyes only and in strict confidence.

I will then await your apology.

Sincerely

Brendan

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On 11 August 2011 12:31, (Dr Manning's solicitor) wrote:

Dear Mr. O'Neill

I can confirm that the Gardai are most certainly involved in this matter as there are criminal as well as defamatory aspects to the attacks against my client.

I have no knowledge of any particular Garda having contacted you personally.

It is regrettable that you are not willing to forward a copy of your birth certificate for elimination purposes.

We will have to proceed on the basis that you are indeed the Brendan O'Neill involved in this matter you will be hearing further from us in this regard in the near future.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted Signature]

Solicitor

[Redacted Address]

Westport

Co. Mayo

Ireland

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Mr O'Neill did **NOT** send a copy of his birth certificate as promised, and failed to respond to any further correspondence. Regrettably, other matters had to take priority, so the civil action was suspended pending the outcome of other investigations and court cases – still ongoing.

The link below details the fact that a Garda investigation WAS ongoing regarding Brendan O'Neil – despite his repeated denials and claims that the Gardai told him personally that this was not the case. The letter from the Chief Superintendent states:

“A file is being completed in relation to ‘Brendan O’Neill’ and this will be forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecutions for directions..”

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