

On behalf of: Claimant
Witness: Kate James
No: Second
Date: 12 July 2020

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION
MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS LIST**

Claim No. QB-2018-006323

B E T W E E N:

JOHN CHRISTOPHER DEPP II

Claimant

-and-

**(1) NEWS GROUP NEWSPAPERS LTD
(2) DAN WOOTTON**

Defendants

SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF KATE JAMES

I, **KATE JAMES** of [REDACTED] **W Hollywood, WILL SAY** as follows:

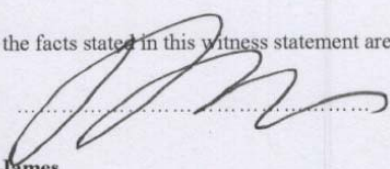
1. I work as a personal assistant to high profile people in the entertainment industry. I have been working in that capacity in Los Angeles for approximately 20 years. I worked for Amber Heard from around March 2012 until February 2015.
2. Unless stated otherwise, the facts and matters referred to in this witness statement are within my own knowledge and true or are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief based on sources stated within this witness statement.
3. I make this witness statement in support of the Claimant's claim in these proceedings.
4. This is my second statement. I make it in response to paragraph 43 only of Amber Heard's Fifth Witness Statement.

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5. When I was 26 years old and traveling in Brazil, I was violently raped by an unknown male at Machete point, having been woken by the perpetrator whilst sleeping alone in my dwelling. This ordeal went on for 5-6 hours and I narrowly escaped with my life. This torturous experience of such extreme sexual violence has haunted me ever since and permanently changed the trajectory of my life to this day. Over the years, I have shared this incident with many close friends, family and therapists.
6. In 2013, Ms Heard became aware of what happened to me as I had talked about it with a friend of hers at her apartment. Ms Heard then summoned me to her office where we sat on her couch and she questioned me about it, she was curious as to how I coped with it on a daily basis and she suggested I buy a gun. I was shocked at that suggestion as I would not consider having a gun in my home with a small child around. I responded that I chose to see myself as a “rape survivor” and not a “rape victim”, and that is how I found my own way to cope.
7. On June 25, 2020, I received documents pertaining to my involvement on behalf of the Claimant in this case. As I perused the documents, much to my utter shock and dismay, I discovered that Ms Heard had in fact stolen my sexual violence conversation with her and twisted it into her own story to benefit herself. This of course caused me extreme distress and outrage that she would dare to attempt to use the most harrowing experience of my life as her own narrative.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

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Signed: 

Kate James

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