

On behalf of: Claimant  
Witness: Samantha McMillen  
No: First  
Dated: 12 December 2019

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

**Claim No. HQ18M01923**

**JOHN CHRISTOPHER DEPP II**

**Claimant**

**-and-**

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

**Defendants**

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**FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF  
SAMANTHA MCMILLEN**

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I, **SAMANTHA McMILLEN**, of Los Angeles, California, **WILL SAY** as follows:

1. I am a freelance stylist, represented by the agency the Wall Group. For a period of time I served as a stylist to Ms Amber Heard, helping her to get ready to appear at major events.
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. I do not know the full details of the Claimant's claims against the Defendants in these proceedings. However, I have been told by Mr Depp's advisors that these proceedings relate

to the allegations that Mr Depp physically abused his former wife, Ms Amber Heard, on, amongst other dates, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

5. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, I spent much of the afternoon and early evening with Ms Heard, preparing her to appear on the James Corden show. I saw her throughout the day of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in good light, at close range, wearing no makeup. Throughout the day of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, I could see clearly that Ms Heard did not have any visible marks, bruises, cuts, or injuries to her face or any other part of her body. She appeared as a guest on the James Corden show that day.
6. After the show, Ms Heard said to me "*can you believe I just did that show with two black eyes?*". Ms Heard did not have any black eyes, and had been visibly uninjured throughout the day and at that moment. I later learned that Ms Heard had accused Mr Depp, in court filings and the media, of violently abusing her the previous night, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
7. As I was leaving Ms Heard's company on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, I overheard Ms Heard say to her friend Raquel Pennington, who came to the show with her, "*make sure to get those pictures onto my computer,*" although I did not know to what photos she was referring.
8. Five months later, on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, I interacted closely with Ms Heard in Mr Depp's house in West Hollywood. I went to the house in the afternoon, and encountered Ms Heard. Ms Heard was not wearing makeup. There were no visible marks, bruises, cuts, or injuries to her face or any other part of her body. I saw her by the kitchen door during daylight in Mr Depp's house. She gave me a hug, crying. After hugging me, she began to have an intense conversation in Spanish with Mr Depp's housekeeper, Hilda Vargas.
9. Three days after my encounter with Ms Heard, on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, I saw in the media that Ms Heard had gone to Court with prominent injuries visible on her face. I knew that she did not have those marks on her face May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 when I was with her, and I knew from news reports that she claimed those injuries occurred when Mr Depp supposedly violently abused her on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. I was also aware that Mr Depp left Los Angeles on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. I therefore knew that Mr Depp could not have caused those marks that Ms Heard appeared with in court on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed: .....  


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