

**IN THE FAMILY COURT SITTING AT HASTINGS**



**CASE NO:**

**SD25F00026**

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION UNDER PART IV OF THE FAMILY  
LAW ACT**

**1996**

**BETWEEN**

**GEORGIA CHAPMAN**

*Applicant*

**Vs**

**EDWARD DISCOMBE**

*Respondent*

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**FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT  
OF MISS GEORGIA CHAPMAN**

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I, **GEORGIA CHAPMAN**, live at **381 BEXHILL ROAD, ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, TN38 8AR** make this statement believing the contents to be true and knowing that it will be placed before the court as evidence and will say as follows: -

1. The Respondent, **EDWARD DISCOMBE** and I are associated persons within Section 62(3) of the Family Law Act 1996 because we were in a relationship for a significant period of time.

2. I make this statement in support of my application for a non-molestation order, without notice to the Respondent. I fear that if the Respondent were made aware of the hearing, he would attempt to either deter me from making the application or prevent me from making the application through intimidation or manipulation. I have suffered physical, verbal, emotional, mental, and financial abuse.

### **Background Information**

3. I was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2001, and I am 23 years of age. I suffer from Anxiety and Depression due to the Respondents behaviour towards me. I currently do not take medication for this.
4. The Respondent was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 1996, and he is 28 years of age. He is currently residing at OAK COTTAGE, MANSERS LANE, HAILSHAM, BN27 4BE. He consumes ALCOHOL and abuses drugs to excess, namely COCAINE, which alter his mood and behaviour towards me.
5. Our relationship began in January 2020, and we broke up in July 2024. We lived together during our relationship have one child together, namely GEORGE CHAPMAN, born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2024, who is 3 months old, and the child resides with me.

### **History of Abuse**

6. I set out below a brief history of the abuse I have suffered from the Respondent to establish why I need the protection of court orders. I have tried to include the main

incidents, but I seek permission to make a furthermore detailed statement if necessary to support my application and any future court proceedings.

7. When the Respondent and I first started our relationship, the Respondent was nice to me, and we were happy together. However, after a couple of months, he became controlling in his behaviour and began to abuse me verbally and mentally.
8. He did not allow me to see friends that he did not approve of and became insecure over my relationship with my father and brother. I was not allowed to wear revealing outfits, go out and eat with my cousins or even go to a sunbed. He also did not allow me to have any male friends. It had always been my ambition to work at a sunbed shop; however, the Respondent did not approve of it. Further, when I was with my friends and he incessantly called me, I switched my mobile phone off. After this, when I returned to my property he screamed at me, shouted at me and destroyed our property.
9. Whenever I met with my cousins, the Respondent demanded I not tell them anything about him and he said if I told them anything about him, he was going to tell them that I cheated on him, which was not true. I felt as if my brain was clouded when I was dating him. Further, I was constantly second-guessing everything I did when I was with him.
10. The Respondent was also tracking where I was. When I was out cleaning houses, which was my job he always knew which house I was at as he had the tacker.
11. During arguments, the Respondent verbally abused me by calling me a “bitch”, a “liar” and a “cheat”.
12. He then started to physically abuse me six months into our relationship. He hit me on

my face, and I suffered from a black eye. I did not call the police when he did this, as I was terrified of the Respondent, he said he was sorry and that he was never going to do it again. However, his abusive behaviour continued.

13. He gave me three or four black eyes during our relationship. On one occasion, he put his teeth through my lip, which resulted in my mouth to bleed. He also spat at me, pushed me, strangled me and destroyed my belongings. I suffered from bruises on my legs and my arms as a result of his physical abuse. I have attached evidence of these bruises and black eye in ***EXHIBIT GCI*** of this statement.
14. On one occasion, the Respondent whipped me with a phone charger and threw his shoes at me. I suffered from bruises because of this.
15. After two years of dealing with the abuse, I started calling the police. However, no further action was taken against the Respondent despite numerous police complaints.
16. The worst incident of abuse occurred on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 when we were at the Respondent's grandmother's funeral. He was drinking too much, and I told him "EDDIT please stop drinking" as I knew that he was going to soon become aggressive after this. I then stated that I wanted to go home as I was pregnant during this time. This aggravated the Respondent, and he dragged me down the road, headbutted me and pulled me. Further, he kicked me and spat at me. A taxi driver on the road saw this, so he tried to help me; however, the Respondent then physically assaulted the taxi driver. I managed to run away to the train station and contact the police after which the police came and arrested the Respondent. However, he was released with no further action. I do not have the crime reference number for this. Following this, I broke up with the Respondent.

17. However, in July 2024 we started to date again after this as I found out that I was pregnant. On one occasion, when we were in his car the Respondent discovered that I had worked in a sun bed shop after I broke up with him. This triggered him and he smacked my face, which resulted in a black eye. I was not able to see anything but I remember the Respondent pulling the car over and then booting me straight in my stomach. I contacted the police again and reported this incident to them. However, they did not take any action against the Respondent, he was released with no further action claiming that there was no sufficient evidence against the Respondent. I then went to the hospital and I was not able to see out of eye for a while. As I was also pregnant during this incident, I had to get my baby checked. We broke up following this for the last time. Social Services were also informed about this incident and they said that it was best that the Respondent did not attend the birth of our son.

18. Thus, in September 2024, I gave birth to our son. As soon as I returned to my property with our son on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2024, the Respondent arrived and he acted calm and nice to trick me into letting him inside. When he was inside, he spat on both of us and accused me of robbing him of a chance of seeing his son being born. He then stated that he does not wish to be a father to our son if I was not going to be with him and then destroyed my property. He also took our son's car seat during this incident, which he returned only a week and a half later. Further, he verbally abused me by calling me a "bitch".

19. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2024, when I was out with our son, I saw a scaffolding truck when I saw the Respondent driving it. The Respondent drove past my property in this truck and stared at me. He also had three other men with him. I was terrified of the Respondent that I took our son upstairs and locked ourselves in the room. He then got out of his truck, came outside my door and started to bang on the doors aggressively.

Following this, he smashed the window near the door. I have attached evidence of the smashed window in ***EXHIBIT GC2*** of this statement. I also have video footage of him outside my property which can be presented in court. I contacted the police following this and reported this incident to them. They advised me to apply for a non-molestation order against the Respondent. The crime reference number for this is


20. I am terrified of what the Respondent is going to do to me next or instruct others to do to me on his behalf if I do not have the protection of the courts in the form of a court order. I fear for my life, and I wish to live an abuse free life free from the Respondent and his abusive ways. The Respondents behaviour towards me has had a profound impact on my mental health and wellbeing.

### **Without Notice Application**

1. I respectfully ask the court to make a Non-Molestation Order.
2. I respectfully ask that these orders be made on an urgent without notice basis under section 45(2) of the Family Law Act 1996. I need these orders granted for my The Respondent's behaviour is unpredictable, and I do not know what he is capable of doing to me. I believe that if the orders are not made without notice to the Respondent and the Respondent were put on notice of such proceedings, this will provoke him. If triggered, I believe he will become incredibly aggressive and violent. I, therefore, request the Court to make a non-molestation order without notice to the Respondent.

I believe that the facts stated in this 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.**

Signed: 

**GEORGIA CHAPMAN**

Dated: Jan 08 2025

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**EXHIBIT GC1**

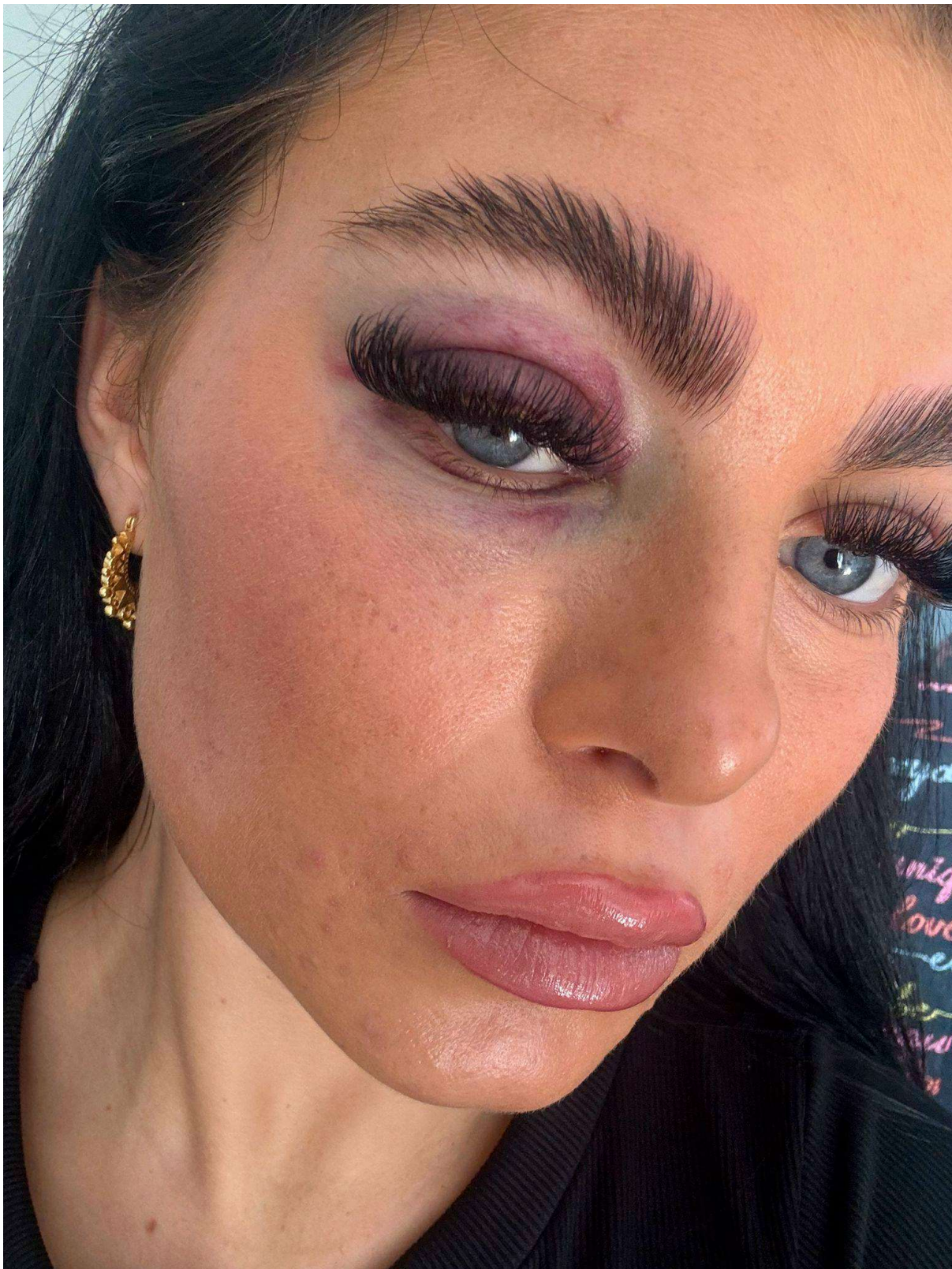
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