

Exhibit ref.

1st Statement *of the* Defendant
Miss Irene Sara Spalletti

Case ref: M00ED350

IN THE COUNTY COURT AT EDMONTON

IN THE TRUSTS OF LAND AND
APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES ACT 1996

BETWEEN:

Mr Alexander Michael Luke Wolf Walker

Claimant

– and –

Miss Irene Sara Spalletti

Defendant

Family Law Act proceedings

*Exhibited in response to para. 30/c
of the Claimant's 1st Statement*

c. for household and non-household expenses which (...) I haven't reimbursed her for.

Patterns of financial abuse

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Financial abusive behaviours I would like the court to consider

- (1) The respondent has an annual salary of £109,560, to my unknown and having only just discovered, he has £146,988.69 in stock shares, various crypto accounts with large sums in it, an unknown amount to me of other savings spread over multiple bank accounts and, I believe, multiple investments with various friends and acquaintances. I am currently unemployed, though my limited company remains active. I am not receiving any benefits or Universal Credit and am relying on financial support from my family (**see Exhibit n° ISS-29**).
- (2) At the time of moving in the new property, the respondent had asked me not to expect from him to pay me back any of the money he owed me as he was "broke". I was okay with that as I didn't need it right away. We knew the first big expense for the house would be the complete rewiring of the electrics. Having had put £9,479 upfront for electrical appliances, various pieces of furniture, and home insurance, and expecting back from the respondent another £3,297 for other non house-related costs as well as £1,200 for one year of Amazon purchases on top of the above sum, we had agreed I would pay my half to the electrician upon receiving my money back from the respondent, a total of £9,236.95 that I still haven't gotten back (**see Exhibit n° ISS-30**).
- (3) The respondent had created an excel spreadsheet for the house costs, having ADHD and upon advice from a professional, I had designed my own as I was finding excel intimidating. I had printed a copy for the respondent on the 24th April but fearing his disapproval and constant complaints over everything, I had decided to wait for a day he would be in a "good" mood before sharing them (**see Exhibit n° ISS-31**).
- (4) On the evening of the 30th April I had handed to the respondent his own copy of the printouts which included all the information he was asking for. The respondent even complimented me on them.
- (5) This confirms the respondent was provided with all the information he had requested.
- (6) The initial estimate given was of £9,500, but, in actuality so far, currently totals £16,358.23 (**see Exhibit n° ISS-32**).
- (7) I was managing the house on my own. I spent over a week with barely any sleep, creating mood boards for the renovations and researching lights for the electrician. After discovering that the respondent had inaccurately measured the garden, claiming it was 7 metres shorter, I was left questioning whether the property measurements had been misrepresented during the exchange. My father and I dedicated two weeks to drawing up new floor plans with accurate measurements. In addition, I sorted through my boxes and managed to clear out ten of them. I also spent three days researching and testing various interior design software to effectively plan the essential renovations for the two bathrooms (**see Exhibit n° ISS-24/A**).
- (8) While I was doing everything in the house, the respondent refused to take on the one simple task of copying the 20 numbers from the printouts onto his own spreadsheet

- (9) Despite totally dismissing my own spreadsheets, sometime in Greece, the respondent voiced out an ultimatum, disclosing that if I hadn't filled in his excel spreadsheet with my purchases by the 1st July, it would absolve him from paying me back for them (**see Exhibit n° ISS-33**).
- (10) On the 26th June, I had sent the respondent a message over Signal that was afterwards followed by a face to face conversation, saying that because I had no savings left or income, aside from the help of my family, I couldn't afford and would not put any money towards any house work after/besides the essential electrical works that were currently taking place leaving him enough time to put a stop on the upcoming building works only he found important to do (**see Exhibit n° ISS-23**).
- (11) Despite me telling the respondent, he ignored me and proceeded with the totally unnecessary removal of the second fireplace that would have resulted in the gain of 1.44 x 0.35m of additional space in a room long 7.61m and wide 5.31m.
- (12) On the 27th June I received by email some blood test results that made me extremely worried. Those were given to me without any professional feedback until the 3rd July, date of the appointment with my GP. The values showed (or better, I then believed they showed) signs of bone cancer and related worrying factors. As my auntie was recently diagnosed with bone cancer I was obviously terrified of the possible outcome.
- (13) The respondent spreadsheet was not my priority. The respondent had the information he wanted me to add to the spreadsheet, and could have typed it in himself in 5 minutes but refused to do so.
- (14) My GP reassured me on the 3rd July that I wasn't in any new health related danger, and already by the same evening I was sitting down and focusing on the accounts (**see Exhibit n° ISS-34**).
- (15) It took me two days as I had to go through one year of Amazon purchases and bills from my previous home. I had taken the time to make sure all the numbers were correct, and had put together with care, on design software, PDF statements, with all the relevant sum and product descriptions, leaving no cost not proven for avoiding any new discussions and avoiding paying me back (**see Exhibit n° ISS-35**).
- (16) These were sent to the respondent on Saturday 6th at 01:00, only 48 hours after discussing my blood test results with my GP (**see Exhibits n° ISS-36, n° ISS-37**).
- (17) On the 8th July, the respondent asked me to put money into our Joint account for bills; I transferred £500, which was the full amount in the account on that day, meaning there was no money in it that belonged to the respondent.
- (18) By the 9th July, it was absolute hell in the house. The respondent had falsely claimed "You have spent £8,000 on things for the house, none of which you checked with me", "I'm not paying for [the electrician]. You can deal with paying him", "Anyway you will have to discuss with Brian how you are going to pay him then" (**see Exhibit n° ISS-38**).
- (19) I could not believe how, despite having over £200,000 in savings, the respondent would refuse to reimburse me for his share of the household items that we both used; stealing £9,479 from me and resulting in the loss of all the savings I had left (**see Exhibit n° ISS-39**). The respondent has yet to reimburse me for these shared expenses.

- (20) That same afternoon, the respondent went to the cash point and took out from the joint account that had a total balance of £500, the money I had put for the bills, £100 of my money to buy himself weed with **(see Exhibit n° ISS-40)**. After I had noticed, I transferred the remaining balance back into my current account and by 23:00 purchased my Eurotunnel Shuttle back home to my parents.
- (21) The next morning, the 10th of July, the respondent woke me up demanding I'd put the money back in the joint account, I calmly refused by giving him a short and direct explanation and called him a thief taking my money out of the joint account and for refusing to pay me towards household purchases, this is when the electrician had to intervene **(see Exhibit n° ISS-25)**.
- (22) The lies, the tactics used by the respondent to deny what we had previously agreed on and the extent of the threats and manipulations used by the respondent to avoid paying me back what caused me significant emotional distress and has undermined my financial security **(see Exhibit n° ISS-41)**.
- (23) The respondent then threatened me with false legal statements regarding the house, claiming he owned more than me because he covered the building work (that I never agreed on) and that he had the power to evict me and the power to force the sale of the house without my agreement **(see Exhibit n° ISS-42)**.
- (24) Then he started controlling me and lying to me that he had more power than me over the house, making threats he could have me out within seconds, faking laws or legal acts of some sort that he used as threats and manipulations, the respondent claimed he had the power to have my parents lose all their money they had put into the deposit of the house **(see Exhibit n° ISS-43)**.
- (25) On the 14th July, I drove to my parents in Luxembourg with my cats and stayed there until the 2nd August; my cats remained until the respondent's arrest and consequent bail conditions.
- (26) On the 16th July I had broken up with the respondent. The breakup had zero emotional impact on the respondent, he said ok and went straight into talking about finances. He continuously and unstoppably argued with both my mother and I about the money he owed me. He unjustly retains funds that I contributed towards shared household expenses, despite repeated requests for reimbursement, denying agreeing on all the expenses, continuously claiming I had spent £8,000 without discussing any of it with him
- (27) The respondent immediately asked me for money for the holiday in Greece **(see Exhibit n° ISS-44)**
- (a) He had opened his statement, looked at the available balance on the day we began the trip, then subtracted the last day's remaining balance and divided it by 2.
- (b) Wrongly included in the two weeks spendings were:
- the respondent's personal unrelated expenses, his online expenses, his personal monthly direct debits, personal travel arrangement of some sort as well as transactions between friends, and to and from his Monzo Pots.

- (c) The total spending, which includes all of the above, was £2,700 in 13 days, for 3 people, 2 of which stayed the whole length of time, and the other, his mother, stayed 8 days.
 - (d) He claimed I owed him £1,300 and more for transactions paid from another card.
 - (e) Despite bragging about his education, having a degree in engineering, and how much smarter than most people he is - the respondent's maths didn't add up at all.
 - (f) Remembering he had already told me he had calculated that I owed him just under £1,000, and demanded I almost immediately transfer it over to him, I realised the amount he was now asking was significantly higher: by over if adding the transactions not listed on the Monzo statement.
 - (g) I asked the respondent to email over the bank statements in PDF format, including the date and description of each transaction.
 - (h) The bank statements proved that the respondent had added almost £400 to the total and that the respondent had tried to manipulate me into covering for his mother's food and drinks.
 - (i) The respondent tried to manipulate me into making me pay for two of them getting drunk on the days I wasn't even with them. I told him as much, hoping he would recalculate, and attempt to not look so obviously guilty of insulting my intelligence and stealing from me.
 - (j) The respondent, as always, doubled-down his initial argument without adapting his thought process to the new information he now had, guaranteeing his maths were correct, and that he had not included his mum's costs; bar tabs from the days I had spent in bed, depressed, and hiding away from the respondent were included in my costs.
- (28) On top of the above sum, by the 16th July, the respondent owed me another £3,297 separately from the costs related to the new home. He again did some so-called maths and responded with: "based on your numbers and my calculations I therefore do not owe you: £3,297 but rather £189" (**see Exhibit n° ISS-36**).
- (29) All this started the day of the break up and went on until his arrest.
- (30) On the 17th July, the day after the breakup, the respondent deliberately coerced me into paying for his mother's holidays.
- (31) This happened three times in eight days. For three whole days I was secluded in a bedroom on a Greek Island because I didn't want to cross paths with the respondent, his unstoppable anger, and his public shaming and name-calling.
- (32) People witnessed the respondent's behaviour in cafés and terraces; at least five strangers approached me asking: "what the hell are you doing with that? "He's a total arsehole", "How can one have no shame in publicly treating a human being this way?" and "what kind of man treats a woman this way".

- (33) By that point I wasn't so shocked anymore but nonetheless always unexpectedly surprised, at the endless ingenious justifications he would come-up with to get out of doing, paying or taking responsibility for something.
- (34) The respondent turned every money transaction into war, arguing £4 worth of cat food or asking me £2 for a joint, £5 for eating two mouthfuls of his take out worth £4 etc...
- (35) Following the break up the respondent began threatening me to take my bedroom and to put locks on the rooms so that I couldn't have access if I kept on asking him for the money he owed me (**see Exhibit n° ISS-45**).
- (36) On the 15th August the respondent came up with another one of his controlling ideas. He agreed to pay me what he owed for the furniture and other household-related costs, but only under one condition: By paying half, he would become a co-owner of everything, which would give him the legal right to sell it. Obviously, that was ludicrous. One option we were considering to resolve the housing situation was to rent out the entire property. The furniture belonged to the house and needed to remain there; selling it was never going to be an option (**see Exhibit n° ISS-46**).
- (37) I have also noticed the respondent was moving hundreds and thousands of pounds daily between his personal accounts via the joint account. I have asked the police to investigate this further (**see Exhibit n° ISS-47**).

Disparities in financial and household contributions

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8.1 I respectfully urge the court to give **careful consideration to the significant disparities in financial and household contributions** when making its determination.

- (1) The family home for which I seek an Occupation Order is: 92 Ollerton Road, Enfield, London, N11 2LA. Exchange completed the 2nd of February 2024.
- (2) 92 Ollerton Road is a three-bedroom house, which the respondent and I have shared ownership of; the mortgage is in both our names. The £510,000.00 mortgage is with NatWest Bank, title number MX46610, account no: 84721498, with a total monthly repayment of £2,425.15 payable on the first of each month. We both equally put £150,000 into deposit, my part was paid through a gifted deposit by my parents, having sold their house (**see Exhibit n° ISS-48**).
- (3) Our initial mortgage agreement expires on 31/03/2026.
- (4) The respondent has never contributed practically to the house; never fixing anything, never helping in the garden or the front patio, nor helping me to move any furniture into the house; he has never helped with the unpacking, and when I have asked for help he perpetually postpones the task until I inevitably have to do it myself. I have had to fold and organise his clothing into drawers because I would otherwise trip over the piles he would leave in the shared spaces.
- (5) Despite my chronic physical illness (**see Exhibit n° ISS-49**), the respondent would never offer to help whenever he heard me struggling and in pain (**see Exhibit n° ISS-50**).
- (6) The only thing the respondent would do in the house would be baking bread that I couldn't eat due to my allergy to gluten, but never clean-up after himself afterwards, expecting me to do it on his behalf. He would eat all my food and finish it; I brought a huge amount of cold meat back from Italy - both for him but also for my dad, who was due to visit in the following weeks - he selfishly finished all the food I travelled back with, without leaving any for my dad or I.
- (7) The respondent would occasionally appear to be nice and bring a cheese toastie or a plate of pasta upstairs to my office, but afterwards he would make me feel extremely guilty for having eaten it, and would tell me I was taking advantage of him; sometimes he would even take it away from me because "I didn't deserve it".
- (8) I learned to not eat anything that came from him; terrified of the consequences of accepting it.
- (9) The respondent exercised control over me by repeatedly ordering me to perform all household chores and punishing me with verbal and physical aggression and threats—specifically involving my parents and my cats—if I failed to comply. He would take food away from me or hide my belongings such as car keys as further intimidation. While I managed the household, he spent his time in restaurants and pubs, or smoking cannabis on the couch. He completely neglected any household responsibilities; his mother frequently complained on how 'undomesticated' he was.

- (10) The respondent would regularly shout and yell at me for not performing the tasks that he, himself, would not do - and if I responded that his complaints weren't fair then he would shush me, and tell me I had no place to say anything back. It felt like his life purpose from the moment he woke up was to find something I had done wrong.
- (11) We drank 2kg of coffee worth £30 a month. The respondent would absolutely lose his mind when we ran out, demanding that I would keep at my job of buying it. The respondent only bought coffee once in 12 months, never filled the coffee machine with water, and never contributed to the total cost of £360/year.
- (12) In March, the respondent broke an indoor plant pot worth £100, containing a plant that was a present from my mother. Despite continually asking him to re-pot it, by mid August, the respondent eventually did, but planted it outside killing the plant. Never has he offered to replace the pot, nor to fix, replace, or pay me back for my belongings that he has broken, such as my bed, kitchen items, beauty products, candles, and various other things that lived by the bedside table as well as great damage done to my car (**see Exhibit n° ISS-51**).
- (13) The only task the respondent would do in the house was his own laundry; he would then leave it all over the place - never folding anything or putting any of his clothes away in drawers or on the cloth racks - resulting in my having to fold and put them away. Comments like: "do you call this folded?" were a regular occurrence. The respondent never cleaned the house or the toilets, never moved empty boxes; till this day he still asks where the bin bags live (under the kitchen sink) (**see Exhibit n° ISS-52**).
- (14) The respondent never changed his bedsheets or helped folding them after the wash. He would make me do heavy duty jobs without lifting a finger to help. Despite owning very little, half of his stuff was spread all over the floor in shared spaces, and he constantly ignored my requests to put things away, leading to having to do it myself, on my own, every single time; walking up and down three floors of stairs, multiple times, carrying heavy items.
- (15) The respondent feigned ignorance as to how to behave whenever a bottle of milk had expired - requiring me to explain the process of draining it in the sink and rinsing before placing it in the recycling - and complained that doing so would make him puke; leaving the task to me.
- (16) The respondent was told by an electrician on the 11th July that we needed a plumber and someone to "look at the dead rats" hidden behind fitted furniture. Despite agreeing to "get a plumber in" the following week, no action has yet been taken (**see Exhibit n° ISS-53**).
- (17) The respondent has, since the beginning, refused to contribute to household expenses or household maintenance; we had agreed to share the costs of looking-after my cats and car prior to moving into the property, the latter of which we mainly used to drive the 2h30m to his mother in Calne each fortnight. He then denied making such agreements with me, and refused to share the costs of these responsibilities. He unjustly retains funds that I contributed towards shared household expenses, despite repeated requests for reimbursement (**see Exhibit n° ISS-54**).
- (18) The respondent would drive my car, often get fines for driving in the wrong lane, get out of the car in a non-parking zone, missing road signs, and then make me pay for them or threaten me if I refused to do so (**see Exhibit n° ISS-55**).
- (19) The respondent had wanted to buy a large property, the ground floor area of the house,

excluding the garden, measures over 52m². However, he had refused to cover any costs associated with filling it or furnishing it.

- (20) The respondent moved in with two suitcases, three boxes, a mattress and a BBQ; every piece of furniture, every light bulb, every towel, kitchen tool, knife, every piece of dish ware, every mug, the drawers - it all came from my old property (**see Exhibit n° ISS-56**).
- (21) The respondent only just recently shared with me his intention to pay the couch himself in full, but simultaneously began using it in threats such as: "If your mother comes I will sell the couch so that she has nowhere to sit on".
- (22) The respondent falsely claimed to not have the money to contribute to the household costs, and would threaten me if I wouldn't stop asking for my money back.
- (23) The respondent controlled all household spending, only allowing purchases with his permission, which he frequently withheld for basic necessities such as cutlery, moth repellents, napkins, tablecloths, clothes hangers, and lights. He regularly argued over essential purchases like cleaning products, sponges, and toilet paper, and never contributed towards items like a vacuum cleaner, leaving me to cover these expenses from my own account.
- (24) Despite this, the respondent would have the finances to buy himself £100-worth of Cannabis each week, go out to restaurants and pubs with his friends 3-4 times a week; travelling back home by cab each time.
- (25) The respondent required me to get his permission and account for all expenditure, but excluded me from his own financial decisions; proceeding with building work I had previously told him I couldn't afford and was not a priority.
- (26) The respondent coerced me into buying a 2.5m long table and eight chairs to accommodate all his family and friends, despite me not needing to accommodate more than four, costing us over £2,000; an expense he made me pay for despite aimed at his needs only.
- (27) The respondent then refused to contribute towards the corresponding items needed to be bought as a set of eight, such as the costs of table linens for a table for eight, and stoneware set for eight, for which his share would have come to £200.
- (28) The respondent had asked the electrician to do extra work in his office without discussing it with me or even making me aware of, adding costs to the final invoice and is now expecting to pay for.
- (29) There is an outstanding electrician's bill for £7,358.23 and a cost of £2,500 to put lights around the house and hide the electric cables which I can not pay in full due to the respondent not reimbursing me for the shared household items that were all purchased using all my savings, now leaving me without any financial security and in a vulnerable position (**see Exhibit n° ISS-57**).
- (30) I contributed a total of £9,479 towards furniture and household items, which included purchases such as a dining table and chairs (£2,000), dishwasher, washing machine, tumble dryer and other household appliances (£7,479), other household expenses from Amazon, dating from October 2023 to now (£1,200), as well as non household related expenses (£3,297) I had covered for the respondent while he was claiming "to be broke and to have no money". The respondent has yet to reimburse me for these shared expenses.

- (31) I ask that he will be fully and solely responsible to cover the full mortgage, the bills (**see Exhibit n° ISS-58**).
- (32) That the respondent pays me back all the damages he made under violence, such as my office door, the front door, my bed and multiple other personal items (**see Exhibit n° ISS-59**).
- (33) In addition, the property needs essential and immediate repainting, the carpet that was stripped-away during the rewiring needs replacing, and the gaps in the ceiling (also caused by the rewiring) need filling. The lights for the electrician still need to be purchased and fitted. I kindly request for the respondent to cover the cost for completing them. This house is a building site, it's not a sustainable situation to be living in (**see Exhibit n° ISS-60**).
- (34) The house has no double glazing windows, the front door is broken, the energy costs to keep the house warm are extremely high due to hot air escaping (**see Exhibit n° ISS-61**).
- (35) I also ask for him to fully cover the essential house renovations necessary for us to be able to sell the house as soon as possible, such as the renovation of three bathrooms and the new windows for the roof (**see Exhibits n° ISS-62, n° ISS-63**).
- (36) The respondent's spreadsheet calculates a total sum of almost £50,000 for the essential renovation works required to be able to sell the house - without the costs of the front door damaged by the respondent (**see Exhibit n° ISS-64**).
- (37) After over four months, the builder hired by the respondent in June—despite not having been agreed upon by me—still has not completed the work. He has persistently requested money from me in the evenings and then disappeared for weeks, halting progress halfway through the project. As a result, there is currently no flooring where he removed the fireplace and chimney, leaving a 3 x 2m hole in the wall on the top floor.
- (38) I ask for the respondent to be fully responsible to cover all the essential works to be able to live in the property.
- (39) I also ask the respondent to be responsible for all costs associated with the installation of security measures in the house - security measures installed to protect myself from him: a new front door without glass windows, a change of door locks throughout, security windows, and all other necessary security equipment
- (40) I kindly ask that the respondent be made aware that he does not own the TV, which was replaced via a home insurance claim that he has not contributed to (**see Exhibit n° ISS-65**).
- (41) Would that not be possible I ask for the respondent to buy me out immediately and pay me the £150,000 from the deposit as well as the £40,000 paid to him to cover further costs related to the purchase of the property. If the renovation works aren't covered by the respondent I cannot cover the costs necessary to fix the property as it is in its current state. The respondent has the money in his bank account to do so.
- (42) I would also like to request financial compensation for all the health issues caused by the abuse that my parents and I have gone through; none of us have managed to get any proper sleep in the last two months, I lost 10kg, I have constant panic attacks; I have been terrified of what he will do to me whenever he gets home from the pub.
- (43) For the respondent to fully pay for all legal costs related to the consequences of his actions and behaviour.

- (44) For all of these reasons, including his financial control over me, his theft from me, and his deceit regarding his financial situation to avoid contributing to essential household costs, I respectfully request that the court consider awarding me appropriate compensation.
- (45) In the event the Court would agree on the respondent being solely responsible for the mortgage I would like for the respondent to pay me back for the two months of September and October, where I continuously paid the mortgage despite his arrest (**see Exhibit n° ISS-66**).