
D1 – Ongoing Criminal Investigation *against* the Claimant

incl. (but not limited to) allegations of controlling/coercive behaviour,
harassment, and financial abuse.

Further evidence

6 messages

Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk <Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk>
To: irene.spalletti@gmail.com

2 September 2024 at 13:42

Good afternoon Irene –

As discussed earlier, I have sent another link. Please upload any further messages you have from Alexander regarding this controlling and coercive behaviour.

Best regards

Jon

**TDC Jon Proudfoot**

Metropolitan Police Service

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To: Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk

2 September 2024 at 13:48

Hello officer of detective (?) Jon

Absolutely I will sit down and put everything together now. Please can you add to the conditions not to contact my parents either? He's constantly texting my mother, she tried to be the mediator in this situation but even she has given up on reasoning with him. He also forbids them to come visit me in the house and claims he would get rid of the couch if she comes so that she has nowhere to sit on.

Thank you,
Iren

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Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk <Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk>
To: irene.spalletti@gmail.com

2 September 2024 at 14:10

Absolutely – what is your mother's name please?

Will make sure that's included if bail is authorised.

Thanks

Jon

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Irene Spalletti <irene.spalletti@gmail.com>
To: Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk

2 September 2024 at 14:17

You are so kind Jon. I am so grateful for all your help.

Her details are as follows:
Laura Guerrera Spalletti - DOB: 25.05.1958

Can you please add her details as my next of kin if anything happens to me please? My parents live in Europe but they will make their way immediately if necessary. Her number is: +352 612 26 17 80

I am currently collecting evidence for you...

Thanks,
Iren
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Irene Spalletti <irene.spalletti@gmail.com>
To: Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk

2 September 2024 at 15:57



March - April.zip

Hi DC Jon,

It's taking a while to put everything together. But I have attached messages and recordings for two dates (2 March & 7 April 2024) so the first ones of the series, when the worst began.

Thank you,
Iren
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Irene Spalletti <irene.spalletti@gmail.com>
To: Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk

2 September 2024 at 16:13

Please can you send me a few more links to send evidence?

ALL my evidence for case 01/790699/24

Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk <Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk>
To: irene.spalletti@gmail.com

5 September 2024 at 00:30

Good evening Iren –

Thank you for collating this and I really appreciate your updates.

I apologise that I haven't been able to give you a call yet regarding this – I've had an extremely busy couple of days.

I assure you that I haven't forgotten about your call or previous emails – I am in for 9am tomorrow and whilst I still have a lot of enquiries to perform, alongside a training course, I'll try my best to respond to these as well.

Until then, as discussed previously, please phone the police immediately should you receive contact from Mr. Walker and police will send urgent assistance.

I look forward to discussing everything with you properly and providing you with the information you have rightfully requested.

Best regards

Jon

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Request for contact and case update

Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk <Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk>

19 September 2024 at 12:04

To: irene.spalletti@gmail.com

Cc: Sam.R.Dumbleton@met.police.uk

Good morning Iren,

I have tried to call you twice this morning but was unable to get through.

I wanted to manage expectations regarding this investigation and help you to understand how the investigative process works. As I'm sure you can understand, the Met is lumbered with an incredibly high workload and as such we have a large number of investigations that we deal with at any one time. In order to ensure that we are giving each of these investigations the time that they deserve, it is important for us to prioritise our actions effectively. I can assure you that I intend to give your investigation as much time as it needs, and that I have no personal connection which may affect the impartiality of this investigation.

We currently have a few outstanding enquiries which mean that it will be a while before we are able to put this investigation to the Crown Prosecution Service. For starters, we need to obtain downloads from Alex's phone. The purpose of this is to obtain evidential contact logs between yourself and Alex, which will assist us in potentially gathering further evidence in relation to this controlling and coercive behaviour. Unfortunately, phone downloads often take a long time to complete, due to the volume of content that needs analysis and the number of phones that the Met is analysing at any one time. For this reason, I don't believe this investigation will be ready to put to the CPS for at least a month; and potentially longer. As a result of this, there is a broader time-frame for further investigative enquiries. I can assure you that I will be taking a further victim statement in the future on top of the one you provided to police on the day they attended.

The main priority for me is to ensure that you have no further contact with, nor reason to contact, Alex. As mentioned within one of my emails yesterday, I was hoping to meet with you tomorrow and also facilitate this property return. The reason why I am looking to get this sorted as soon as possible is to ensure that he has no further effect on your wellbeing. As I'm sure you can imagine, property disputes can spiral into legal action and sorting this out now would potentially save you a lot of stress and hassle. I had not specifically cleared my schedule to prioritise this collection, and had instead factored it into a day of enquiries as I aim to be in the area for CCTV collection.

Unfortunately, we do not have arrest reports to provide. I made sure to phone you whilst Alex was in custody and explained the conditions attached to his bail after his release, and further called you to speak about this on 04/09/2024 alongside further questions that you had regarding the investigative process and referrals to supporting agencies. I am willing to answer any further questions that you have regarding this, and I have referred you to the London Victim and Witness Service. I am also willing to provide you with confirmation that an investigation is undergoing should you require this; but, as I'm sure you can understand, I am unable to provide full details of the investigation due to the fact that I am duty-bound to investigate these offences impartially. I can neither provide these details to the suspect, and will let you know when I am in the position where I can put this investigation to the CPS. I am still currently unaware of the contents of the alleged referral made to the HMRC but once I have been made aware I will contact you with further information.

Here is a link to the Code of Practise for Victims of Crime: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-code-of-practice-for-victims-of-crime>

I have also attached a document containing supporting agencies that you can contact for further support with regards to your mental health. Should you need any advice regarding this please let me know.

I have CC'd in my Sergeant to monitor this conversation considering your dissatisfaction with the way this investigation has progressed so far.

Best regards

Jon

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Irene Spalletti <irene.spalletti@gmail.com>

Breach of bail

Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk <Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk>
To: irene.spalletti@gmail.com

27 November 2024 at 14:21

Good afternoon Iren –

Apologies – I've not been available to perform this interview today as I've been on (yet another) period of training. Tomorrow is the only day I'm in office this week so if there's any time you are available to come in between 1000hrs and 1800hrs, that would be ideal for me.

I'm in the process of seeking a bail extension regarding this case as well, considering the volume of information provided. Apologies that I haven't yet gotten this wrapped up, but should tomorrow not work, I'll likely be able to take this statement next week as well, if this extension is authorised. Please be assured that I'm giving your case my full attention – I'm looking to get this to the CPS within the next two weeks.

I'm glad to hear that you've received the outcome that you wanted for court – that must be a considerable weight off your shoulders!

Best regards

Jon

From: Irene Spalletti <irene.spalletti@gmail.com>
Sent: 26 November 2024 11:12
To: Proudfoot Jon - NA-CU <Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk>
Subject: Re: Breach of bail

I won the case!

On Tue, 26 Nov 2024, 02:27 Irene Spalletti, <irene.spalletti@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi detective,

I can't sleep, I am extremely anxious about tomorrow and in tears after your email. Does this mean it's all delayed?
I was counting down the hours to the 27th...
Is there anything, anything at all you can tell me to give me some hope?

I can do Thursday but I have a few commitments on that day, any chance of you being available on Wednesday instead? Can this be done in person?

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Irene SPALLETTI

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Unemployed

This statement (consisting of 6 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Witness Signature: Date:

I am the above named person.

This statement refers to my relationship with my ex-partner Alexander WALKER, who I will refer to as Alex, and how he has been controlling, abusive, violent and aggressive since the day we moved in together.

Alex and I have known each other since 2013. We initially entered into a relationship in 2021 and broke up in 2022 before entering into a relationship again in March 2023. He moved in with me on the 6th of October 2023, before we bought a house together in February 2024. I broke up with Alex on 16th of July 2024.

The house that Alex and I bought together is at 92 OLLERTON ROAD, N112LA. It's a terraced house on a residential road, close to the north circular. The house is made up of three floors, the ground floor, first floor and second floor.

The ground floor is comprised of a narrow corridor as you walk into the house. Immediately as you walk in, the stairs to the first floor are on the right. To the left is another passage, leading to the rest of the ground floor. Under the stairs is a small bathroom, and on the left is an open plan kitchen and living room with glass windows looking into the garden, a dining table on the left opposite the kitchen island, and a couch opposite the front door.

After you walk up the stairs, my office is on the left and there is a little bathroom on the right. There is another room on the front wall on the left which we used to sleep in on a mattress whilst the electrician was rewiring the house, and another bedroom on the front wall front and on the right, which is now where I sleep.

On the third floor is the loft, and a small bathroom on the right hand side, as you walk up the stairs.

On the 30th December, Alex and I had lunch with Manuele, my closest friend, and planned to drive to Calne afterwards. At the end of the lunch, the respondent began to shame me by insulting me in public and screaming at me after I had said: "How nice of Manuele to invite us to Sicily this summer?" By this point he had told me three times to: "do the world a favour and go kill myself."

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On our way home to collect the car, I told him that I wasn't feeling well and needed 20 minutes of rest before the two-and-a-half-hour drive ahead. He denied me the rest, saying it would be disrespectful to his mother to arrive late. I explained that my fibromyalgia and rheumatoid arthritis were flaring up and that I was exhausted from all the Christmas celebrations. I tried to make him understand that if I didn't rest, instead of being late, we might never make it as the risk was that I might have fallen asleep at the wheel. Despite my explanation, he continuously denied me rest in various ways: he forbade me from sitting down and resting, then ordered me not to sit. He said: "You are not allowed to sit; as soon as we get home, you need to take your bag and drive us to Mum's". He had begun using the word "allow" and dictating what I was allowed and not allowed to do, and insisting that his mother disliked last-minute changes in plans. He then insulted me, accusing me of being selfish for asking for a short rest. He claimed that I only did what was beneficial to me, lacked empathy, and called me a "selfish cunt".

We had no plans in Calne; the three of us were going to stay home and watch TV. There was no urgency to rush, especially since we had just spent 10 days with her and were about to spend another 10. His mother, who had been fully aware of her son's violent behaviour since the 15th of December, also held me responsible for ruining New Year's and the entire relationship. I exhibit this recording as ISS/14.

The 2nd of March, which was the first morning in our new home, was one of the worst days of my life. The moment Alex woke up, after realising that he had to do me a favour because I couldn't drive to my old flat due to my scooter accident, he completely lost control. He opened his eyes shouting and began accusing me of constantly "breaking his balls", and being perpetually unhappy, demanding, or angry. I was barely awake, I was smiling and had only said "good morning". It was our first morning in our new home, and I was happy. I started recording this after I had told him: "Please stop shouting and stop gaslighting me" as he had said that I was shouting at him, when I didn't even say a word. It was the first time, among many, that I recorded him. After I started recording he continued to shout at me about the fact I called him a gaslighter, and I told him to stop shouting. He told me to "fuck off" and kept shouting at me, saying "I hate you to the core," and "you've done fuck all, you couldn't give a shit". He accused me of instigating fights, of being manipulative, of being the gaslighter, repeatedly said I was a horrible person and that he hated me. I exhibit this recording as ISS/04.

On the 23rd of March 2024, I drove up to the Cotswolds to an AirBnB that Alex's friends, Baptiste, Claire, Nick, Anna, Robbie and Ziba, were staying at in Lechdale. Before I got there I had a couple of glasses of wine, because I was socially anxious. When I arrived at the Airbnb we did a quiz and went to the pub, and I had a couple of cocktails. Alex had a couple of drinks at the pub but was not that drunk. When we returned from the pub around 22:00, everyone went to bed, including us. I sat at the edge of the bed and turned on the TV, lowering the volume to level 4. Alex came up from behind me, pushed me so hard that I fell off the bed, and began shouting that I was disrespecting his friends and only thinking of myself— accusations that he has made a number of times. I was frozen and did not react. He had never been physical with me before. I messaged his best friend, Robbie Myerson, to report Alex's behaviour and ask for help.

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Alex went straight to sleep as if nothing had happened. I decided to leave five minutes later. I packed my bag, woke him up, and told him I was driving home. He then grabbed me, threw me onto the bed pinned me down, and used his body weight to restrain me; blocking my shoulders with both hands. He demanded that I stay and not ruin the weekend for him and his friends. He threatened that if I did not comply, he would not only prevent my parents—who were driving from Luxembourg to visit us and see the new home for the first time—from coming to our house but also make their visit so miserable and unpleasant that they would never want to return. He further threatened to make false allegations about me to them. The next day I stayed in bed shocked and traumatised by the respondent's physical violence, instead of participating in the group's activities.

On the 10th April, I noticed a broken mug on the kitchen floor and that the cats had played with the toilet rolls. I remember it vividly because, despite knowing the stress I was under with work and how obsessively hard I was working, Alex made no effort to help with household tasks. He had left the broken mug on the floor and refused to clean up or pick up the toilet roll. It would have taken him only two minutes, but instead, he would be either in bed or on the couch, watching Netflix and smoking weed. When Alex came home from work, I started recording on my phone as soon as I heard him coming through the front door. He walked in shouting that I was: "doing fuck all", that the mess on the floor was my fault, and denying that he had broken the mug or that it had even been there the day before. He accused me of being selfish and claimed that I only did things that were fun or beneficial to myself.

Alex expected me to adhere to traditional gender roles within the house. He also claimed that he was financially supporting me by paying my mortgage and rent, which was entirely false; my family was helping with those expenses, and I had my sources of income from freelance work. Whenever I wasn't working, he labelled me as a burden, contrarily, when I was working, he became even angrier because I was spending less time cleaning and tidying up after him. In order to escape the shouting and continue working, I headed upstairs to my office, where I sat against the door to block him, as there was no lock. He followed me, pushed the door while I was sitting on the floor with my back against the other side of the door, causing damage, and tried to force his way into my space while shouting and threatening me. I was terrified and feared for my life.

He then threatened to open the door and let the cats loose if I didn't clean up. He also told me to "grow the fuck up and learn when you're responsible for your actions," and threatened my cats by saying that if they "shit, piss or tear a single thing up, I'm leaving the back door open," letting the cats loose on the north circular road, despite that the cats were house cats at the time and did not go outside. I recorded Alex shouting at me and exhibit this recording as ISS/07.

On the 7th of April 2024 I was walking with Alex in Myddleton Road Market and we were walking towards The Prince pub. Alex started shouting at me as we were walking through the park, and was shouting at me about directions, as I was navigating us and took us the wrong way. During this he called me a "cunt," and I started recording because of this. Whilst Alex was shouting at me, he was telling me how to walk, and telling me to walk with "a bit of life," and referred to my walk as a "zombie walk." He continued to shout at me until we got to the pub. I exhibit this recording as ISS/05.

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On the 8th of April 2024 I was in the house with Alex. I can't remember exactly why he shouted at me or exactly what had happened before, but Alex called me a "bitch" and told me that I was making "bitchy comments." Alex then said to me "if you want to talk, we'll do it my way." I recorded him shouting at me and I exhibit this recording as ISS/08.

Alex used to see parcels that were arriving to the address in my name, and would make snappy comments like "another one," "how much did you pay for that," and "you could be paying me," despite the fact that I didn't owe him any money. My financial independence was severely restricted, even though it was my money. Alex constantly monitored and tried to impose regulations on how I could spend it. He made comments about even small purchases, like £3 items from Vinted, and I had to hide low-cost parcels from him to avoid being shouted at. On the 26th of June 2024, at around 8:57pm, he was arguing with me over purchases within the house, and argued with me about the fact that I had spent money on dresses on Vinted. Later on, he asked me to turn on the light, and I think I misunderstood him. After this he said "do you know what a demand is," and told me "I made a grave error ever meeting you." I recorded this interaction and exhibit it as ISS/12.

On the 21st of June 2024, I was with Alex in Greece on holiday. We were in the car, and Alex became angry because I interrupted him. He went off on one in the car, and when we got back to the house, I started recording. Alex shouted at me with regard to my ADHD, and said the words "everything's fucking ADHD, no, it's you." He continued to berate me regarding an interruption that I made previously. I exhibit this recording as ISS/13.

At home, 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. 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. On the 3rd July, when I finally chose one, I dedicated the entire day to learning how to use the software, starting early in the morning. I watched video tutorials and worked on technical 3D drawings. Meanwhile, Alex lay on the couch, watching Netflix and smoking a lot of weed. Not once did he offer to help. Despite everything I was doing, he would come back from the pub shouting that I was "doing fuck all", followed by obscenities like, "Do I have to do everything around here?" In response to this absurdity, I had asked him not to speak to me and to give me personal space, particularly in the bedroom. Of course, he ignored my request and, after work, positioned himself next to me on the bed, continuing his relentless accusations. All I could muster was, "I thought we agreed on you leaving me alone".

Alex then leaned over me and, with an ironic laugh, said, "Let's see what you've done today—three lines? Oh well done!" I exhibit this recording as ISS/09.

By managing my time and observing all the hard work I was doing around the house, he was fully aware of the hours I was putting in and the physically demanding tasks I was handling. Yet, he consistently dismissed every single thing I accomplished. While I was tirelessly working, he would once again be lounging on the couch, watching TV and getting high. I found it unbelievable that he thought it was appropriate to disrespect me by claiming I was doing "fuck all".

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On the 6th of July 2024 I was downstairs in the property with Alex, in the kitchen area. I had a TV in my old house, and Alex wanted to buy a bigger one. I said that it wasn't necessary because the one that I had was big enough, and he bought the TV on his own. He asked me whether I wanted to buy half of the TV, which I didn't want to do. He shouted at me and said "I'm just asking a question, you can drop your fucking attitude," and "can you put some effort in." I recorded him shouting at me and exhibit this as ISS/11.

On the morning of the 9th of July 2024 I put 500GBP in the joint account for the bills. In the evening he went out of the house and took 100GBP out of the joint account. He had messaged me previously regarding purchasing cocaine and weed, and I thought he was taking 50GBP out of this account to buy cocaine for myself and 50GBP for him to buy weed. When he returned after going out, he had bought weed with this 100GBP. As a result of this, I removed 400GBP from the bank account, which was the remainder of the money I had put in.

Later in the day, on the 9th of July, Alex came back home and he was drunk. He started arguing with me because I was using a wooden box as an ashtray, and the wooden box is normally used for drinking sake. After this he has continued to talk at me, and when talking about my cats he said that he "will threaten their lives to you." I exhibit this recording as ISS/10.

The next morning, the 10th of July, Alex 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.

He then grabbed a 2L heavy duty refillable water bottle that was full to the top and physically intimidated me with it, clenching the fist that had the bottle in and pretended to hit me with it repeating over and over: "put the money back in the joint account, put the money back in the joint account".

He then began to laugh at me and tried slapping me on the face multiple times, then repeatedly pulled the duvet off me and attempted to pull off the mattress.

While I was still not reacting, I had asked Alex to stop multiple times and to leave me alone. But he had no intention of stopping. He then got up while I was lying on the bed, and stood over me, opened the lid of the water bottle, I am not certain but I believe he was laughing while counting down from five, saying that if I hadn't put the money back by the end of it he would have emptied the bottle of water over my head.

At that point, the electrician that was standing outside after hearing everything knocked at the door, called Alex over saying: "it doesn't sound good at all from over here, stop!", and took him away from the bedroom making him go downstairs with him. I exhibit the recording of this incident as ISS/02.

On the 6th of August 2024 Alex shouted at me regarding toilet paper in the house. He had come downstairs and seen a roll of toilet paper next to me, and asked whether it was his toilet roll, to which I responded that it was my toilet roll, because Alex constantly finished or took everything for himself, disregarding other people's needs. After this he went off on one for a long time. He was shouting that

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I was selfish, saying things like "why did you choose that." I can't remember whether I said anything back to him. Alex grabbed the toilet paper off the floor, saying "this is the toilet paper from upstairs," and I grabbed the toilet paper back saying "that's mine." He started shouting at me to pay for take-out that we had gotten the night before, and continued shouting. During this argument he told me "go fuck yourself, get your toys out and fuck yourself," and called me a "horrible, horrible woman." I exhibit this recording as ISS/03.

On the 1st of September 2024, at around 10 or 10:30pm, I started recording as soon as Alex came through the front door. I was sitting on the couch in the living room. He started shouting at me because I had moved the duvet that I owned off our bed into my room. He came into the living room and started shouting at me, wondering where the duvet was. Whilst he was shouting at me he called me a "fucking bitch" and then said that he had "told HMRC that I have committed benefit fraud for this year and last year." I have not committed benefit fraud, but I think Alex was referring to one time where I didn't inform Universal Credit that I was leaving the country to see my parents. I am happy to provide bank statements regarding this allegation. He continued to shout at me and told me to "fucking have some respect." He then accused me of damaging the cord attached to the window and causing "300 quids worth of damage," which I do not recall damaging. I exhibit this recording as ISS/06.

I called the police at around 11:30pm as I was terrified of Alex, and my Mum was in the house and I wanted to make sure that she would be safe, considering what was happening. When the police arrived, I spoke to the police, and I told them that I had heard noises upstairs and that Alex was hitting and banging things. The officer told me to check upstairs and see whether anything was broken, so I went upstairs to the top floor and saw that a lamp, which belongs to me, was broken on the floor. I'm not sure whether Alex damaged the lamp whilst he was hitting and banging things upstairs, but Alex had not told me that he had broken this lamp previously.

Throughout our relationship, Alex has been verbally abusive, and at times physical by throwing objects at me mainly my phone and my laptop, controlling and constantly threatening me mainly with my cats or my mother. Towards the end of our relationship, after we moved into the house together, Alex was shouting at me and arguing with me almost daily. He has called me words like "cunt," "bitch," and "cow." When we were in Greece, in Summer 2023, he told me to "do the world a favour and go kill yourself." He said this again at around Christmas, 2023. He would only ever say these things to me and would never say them in front of other people. These words made me feel shocked and played on my mental health, especially as when I was younger, I did try and commit suicide.

Alex also told me on one occasion that he was putting a lock on the door of the room that I was staying in, without my permission, and told me that I would not be getting access to it. He did not put the lock on this door.

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Proof of bail conditions

Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk <Jonty.Proudfoot@met.police.uk>
To: irene.spalletti@gmail.com

21 March 2025 at 17:57

Good afternoon Iren,

Apologies for the late response to your three emails sent to over the course of last week. I have now had time to review your concerns. Please see the points below for which I do hope address these.

In relation to the first email dated Saturday 15th March, these are the reasons why police are not considering contact from Alex's solicitor as harassment.

The reasons are as follows:

1. When parties make a TOLATA claim, I believe that solicitors need to show that they have made appropriate attempts to engage in sale of the property prior to the forced sale of the property.
2. Alex owns half of the property, he is entitled to seek sale of his share of the property and thereby seek forced sale via TOLATA.
3. In order to facilitate this sale Alex's solicitor has sent you contact which we deem reasonable to ensure the fair sale of his asset. Having reviewed this contact alongside my Detective Sergeant we do not believe it to be unreasonable, and we believe appropriate attempts have been made in order to facilitate the sale of this property. We do not understand the contents of any of these letters to constitute an offence and believe that solicitor contact was lawful considering the circumstances.
4. The offence Section 1 Protection from Harassment Act 1997 states (1) "A person must not pursue a course of conduct (a) which amounts to harassment of another, and (b) which he knows or ought to know amounts to harassment of the other," and states that (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a course of conduct if the person who pursued it shows... (c) that in the particular circumstances the pursuit of the course of conduct was reasonable.

We believe the content of these messages to be civil and believe that Mrs. Walker's course of conduct with regard to communication sent is reasonable.

5. Upon reviewing the documents sent to yourself, we believe the communication to be an attempt to allow you to engage in the sale of the house prior to incurring any legal fees that may arise in court, alongside demonstrating to a court that attempts have been made to engage in a civil resolution for sale of the house prior to a court application.

In relation to your second email dated Sunday 16th March:

6. I have attached the photos that I have received of the office door. These have been added to the case file.

In relation to the third email dated Thursday 21st March:

7. The bail conditions have not been varied since their amendment on 23/10/2024 to allow for contact via a nominated third party.

8. WALKER's criminal solicitor was informed on 03/02/2025 at 1536hrs via email that you did not wish to nominate a third party any longer, following our conversation at 1446hrs, and therefore at this stage contact from the solicitors could not be established within the bail conditions.

Today, 21/03/2025, I have discussed this case at length with my Detective Sergeant on Tuesday 18th March. As the case has been returned by CPS with further enquiries, including a further Level 2 download of Alex WALKER's phone, which can often take a while to be completed, and we wouldn't be able to get it completed within the current bail period. As it stands, we don't believe it's proportionate to extend Alex's bail further for these enquiries to be completed, which would be contrary to ECHR Article 5 - Right to Liberty. This is because we believe the current safeguarding measures are appropriate. These include:

- Non-molestation order obtained.
- Tier 2 Location Based Comment placed on your address on our systems, which outline the circumstances and allow for immediate attendance should officers receive a call from your address.
- In considering further safeguarding for you, I can also authorise a TecSafe app to be installed to your mobile phone, which will allow for police to see your location and allow for immediate attendance should you call from the app without the need to speak to officers on the phone.

Owing to these current safeguarding measures we do not believe a further bail extension to be necessary. As such we are planning to change the bail to a Release Under Investigation (RUI). This means that Alex is still under investigation but bail conditions are no longer present.

I have discussed this with Alex's criminal solicitor Bethan Cowlam. Alex is aware that you do not want direct contact with him and does not wish to have any direct contact himself. I understand that you have since nominated a new solicitor; contact will be established via this avenue from this point.

My Detective Sergeant is currently on annual leave but will return on the 25th of March 2025.

I am happy to find a time that best suits all parties to go over the above considerations in person.

Best regards

T/DC Proudfoot

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