

THE LEVESON INQUIRY

WITNESS STATEMENT OF SIENNA MILLER

I, SIENNA MILLER of WILL SAY as follows:

1. I am an actress. I have also been the subject of a lot of unwanted media attention over the years by the tabloid press. This started in around September 2003, when I first came to the public's attention, and has carried on until recently when, having taken legal action on a number of occasions, the intrusive coverage has at last, more or less, stopped.
2. I make this statement in connection with my role as a Core Participant in the Leveson Inquiry. Save where the contrary appears, I make this witness statement from facts within my own knowledge and belief and which I believe to be true. My home address has been sent to the Inquiry. For obvious reasons, I have put this care of my lawyers, Atkins Thomson.

2005-2006

3. During 2005 and 2006, I was subject to constant and intrusive speculation in the media about my private life. What was particularly stressful was the constant publication of private information by the newspapers. I could not, at that time, understand how journalists had acquired this information.
4. Throughout this period, it seemed that almost every week, extremely personal matters were published. These included parts of private conversations that I had with close friends and family. I was torn between feeling completely paranoid that either someone close to me (a trusted family member or friend) was selling this information to the media or that someone was somehow hacking my telephone.

Both of these possibilities seemed fantastical but I became convinced that something was happening.

5. In relation to my telephone, throughout this period, I experienced unusual phone activity, including hang up calls and clicking on the line. I was so concerned that I changed my mobile number three times in three months. I also had my phone put in my publicist's name, Public Eye, rather than my own. Despite this, journalists and photographers would often turn up in meeting places that I had arranged on the phone and that no one else knew about. I also had men in cars sitting outside my house and I was convinced that they could somehow listen to my conversations. My paranoia and suspicion naturally spread to those around me. My publicist, Ciara Parkes, became so convinced that our phones were being tapped that she organised to have a phone just to speak to me on. As I have since found out, Glenn Mulcaire obtained this number and her direct dial number as well.

6. As I did not have any proof at the time that my phone was being hacked into, I became deeply suspicious that people close to me were leaking information to the press. I am lucky enough to have an extremely tight knit group of friends and a close family (which means that no one has ever sold a story on me). However, this only made these feelings of suspicion far more uncomfortable. It made me think things which in hindsight seem absurd but at the time I could not understand what other explanation there might be.

7. I remember one occasion where I sat my family and friends down in a room, and I accused them of leaking stories to the press as a story had come out that only they had known about. Looking back, it makes me extremely angry that I was forced into being so suspicious of people that I love and care for, and that I had to suffer such feelings of betrayal, especially by those who had done nothing wrong. It is now clear that the whole time the News of the World's journalists were listening to my messages and those I left for people close to me. This makes me very angry.

8. In short, I remember this period of my life as having been a very difficult time. I felt that I was constantly under surveillance at a time when I desperately wanted to hide away. I found photographers and journalists turning up at places where I thought I could avoid media intrusion.

9. I often did not answer my telephone and therefore would let it ring through to my voicemail. As a result, long personal messages were often left on my voicemail. It therefore does not surprise me the level of detail that the News of the World managed to obtain from my messages. When I look through the articles from this time, I can see how the information in them is likely to have come from such messages, although most if not all of the articles were also inaccurate to varying degrees. The intrusive pieces about my private life - often sourced to 'pals' or 'close friends' - appear to be closely linked to what I remember was being said to me by family and friends. I am still appalled when I look at those articles. It is easy to see them now as a group, but at the time I remember each article coming out and how upset I got each week when I was shown what was in the News of the World.

2009-2011

10. As a result of my long held concerns about my mobile phones, and in the light of revelations about voicemail interception in the media, my solicitors wrote to the Metropolitan Police Service in July 2009 to find out whether they had any evidence in their possession that I had been targeted by NGN Limited. After some delay, I was informed that there was evidence to suggest that I had been a victim. In June 2010, I issued an application for disclosure against the Metropolitan Police and received from them a number of documents, including pages of handwritten notes, made by Glenn Mulcaire, which included details about me, my friends and family.

11. The notes contain a lot of information relating to me including my name, my account number, various mobile numbers, my date of birth, my pin number, my password and dates which relate to events in my private life. It is also clear from the notes that Glenn Mulcaire, using the pseudonym changed my pin

number at one stage. We have verified this from my Vodafone account notes at that time.

12. The disclosure also showed that Mr Mulcaire had created a "project" under my name and had computerised my confidential telephone details. I have also discovered that lots of people close to me were also under surveillance.

My claim against NGN Limited and Glenn Mulcaire

13. Having seen the police disclosure, I brought an action against NGN Limited and Glenn Mulcaire for misuse of private information, breach of confidence and harassment, both for unlawfully intercepting my voicemail messages and for publishing private information in the News of the World. I complained about a total of eleven articles, all of which contained the private information that had upset me so much in 2005 and 2006, and which in hindsight was clearly the result of hacking into my mobile phone and those of people close to me.
14. At first, both Defendants said they intend to defend the entire claim and in February 2011, they served Defences. However, on 12 May 2011, NGN Limited admitted liability in Court for all of my claims. As I understand it, this meant that they accepted that they had obtained confidential and private information from me through hacking into my voicemail messages, that they had published articles containing private information which they had obtained from this unlawful activity, and that they had invaded my privacy, breached my confidence and harassed me through constant surveillance and targeting.
15. Since the newspaper group's unconditional admission of liability meant that there were no longer any issues between us, I therefore agreed to enter judgment on their admissions, but only on the basis that they provided me with full disclosure.

NGN Limited publically apologised to me in a Statement in Open Court, which was read on 7 June 2011.

Disclosure by NGN Limited

16. The disclosure I have been provided with to date has been completely unsatisfactory and I still do not really know what went on. However, I do know, from the affidavit of William Lewis (News International's managing director) dated 20 July 2011, that at least three journalists had my private mobile phone number and therefore it must have been passed around NGN Limited once it had been obtained by Mr Mulcaire. I also infer that other private information about me was passed onto individuals outside the organisation given that the password that was used by someone to hack into my emails in 2008 was on Glenn Mulcaire's notes

17. I am still waiting for full and proper disclosure from NGN Limited and compliance with the judgment order, and I will not rest until I have it.

Conclusion

18. I am still angry that for a long period of time The News of The World made my life hell in the pursuit of stories about me. They damaged a lot of my relationships, they made me nervous and paranoid and all because they thought personal details about my private life, as opposed to my professional acting career, would sell papers and make them money. All those involved should be held to account so that this cannot happen again.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts in this Witness Statement are true.

Sienna Miller

Dated the 14 November 2011