

WITNESS STATEMENT

The Leveson Enquiry

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(1) Who you are and a brief summary of your career history

I am a 42 year old professionally qualified photographer with a B/Tec National Diploma in Photography & Design from Barking College of Art & Technology, obtained in 1989, I also studied for a City & Guilds in Photojournalism at the University of Westminster.

I have been a published photographer since 1984.

My first commissions in photography came at 14 years of age as a sports photographer with the Express & Echo, a daily evening newspaper produced in Exeter, Devon.

In 1987 I moved from Devon to London to attend Barking College full time where I studied photography, in 1989 I graduated with a B/Tec National Diploma in Photography & Design.

I began a freelance photography career straight after college, working for the Daily Mirror as a Sports Photographer covering football and various other newspapers both local and national covering various news, sports and features assignments.

In 1990, I was approached by the Metropolitan Police with a view to becoming a civilian photographic officer with the service. I joined after due interview process in late 1990. I resigned from the service on New Years Day 2000 having had a successful career which included commendations from the commissioner for my work both in the UK and overseas. My final rank being Higher Photographic Officer.

After leaving the police service I was employed by 'Thistle Photography', latterly known as 'Digital-Photo Ltd' as a senior photographer, I left in 2003 to form my own business 'NewsPics Ltd' that year.

I am a member of the British Press Photographers Association, the Chartered Institute of Public Relations and the Chartered Institute of Journalists.

I live in Essex, have been married for twenty years and have a young family.

(2) Background information about Newspics including its legal status, when it was established, your role in the business, how long the business has been trading for and the services offered by the business.

NewsPics was formed in 2001 and was registered as a limited company at Companies House. It has two directors, myself and my wife Marion Sprake. It employs one member of administration staff at our office in Essex and we have a large number of freelance photographers across the UK who work for us on a 'shift' basis, as and when required.

There are three main areas to our business:

- 1 - Public Relations photography
- 2 - News & features photography
- 3 - Studio photography

The company is solvent and currently trading. There are no other companies owned by the directors and the directors are not directors of any other company.

I am Managing Director of the company and also it's main photographer, I am referred to as the Creative Director on company stationary.

(3) In relation to the surveillance services which Newspics offers:

a. Has the business provided any surveillance services to the media (including work for any media company or any person who works for a media company)? If so please give full details of the same including the name of the client, the media company involved, the person/s who was/were the subject of the surveillance, when the surveillance was conducted and the surveillance methods adopted (e.g. surveillance photography, covert foot follows, covert vehicle follows or remote technical surveillance) and the object of the surveillance from your media client's point of view.

NewsPics Ltd carry out surveillance work for a variety of media organizations, this type of work is often referred to in the industry as a 'watch'. We have never carried out such work for any individual or private entity.

This work often involves use of a vehicle which would be used to shoot images from, a car or a van could be used so we are not seen by the subject being photographed.

Depending on the assignment we would often covertly follow the individual concerned, both on foot or by using a vehicle depending on the method of transport that the subject took. This is usually to obtain a photograph of them on public property.

The reason for surveillance falls into four main categories:

- To ascertain if the story, or tip off, that the newspaper or magazine has been given is indeed true or false.
- To obtain a picture of the subject to whom the story relates without them knowing, this is commonly known within the industry as a 'snatch'.
- To see if the individual does anything which may add some 'colour' to a story being written about them.
- To see if anything interesting is happening at an event, away from the main activity.

We have never undertaken any form of observation from a distance by means of electronic equipment i.e. CCTV or interception of electronically transmitted information, i.e. emails or phone calls.

A detailed diary of all surveillance work undertaken for media organizations between July 2010 and June 2012:

Date	Client	Subject	Method(s)	Objective
1 Jul 2010	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	Possible Affair story
1 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Possible Back on the booze?
1 Jul 2010	Daily Mail	Unknown female	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
2 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Weight gain story
2 Jul 2010	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	Possible Affair story
3 Jul 2010	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	Blessing
3 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Blessing
3 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Weight gain story
7 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	No details available
8 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	No details available
8 Jul 2012	The People		Body worn Camera	
13 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Possible Affair story
14 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Possible Affair story
14 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Love rat
15 Jul 2012	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Possible Affair story
15 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required

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16 Jul 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
17 Jul 2012	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
17 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	No details available	
17 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Possible Affair story	
18 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
19 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
23 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
23 Jul 2010	Mail on Sunday		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
23 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
24 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
24 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	New boyfriend of [Redacted]	
24 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Has a new boyfriend	
24 Jul 2010	ON SPEC		Vehicle follow	Tip from photographer	
26 Jul 2010	The People		Long lens surveillance	MP's drinking heavily	
27 Jul 2010	The People		Long lens surveillance	MP's drinking heavily	
27 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	New job on [Redacted]	
28 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle follow	Drink driving	
28 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Drinking again while in rehab	
29 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Drinking again while in rehab	
29 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend	
29 Jul 2010	The Sun		Vehicle Surveillance	First day out of prison	
30 Jul 2010	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Drinking again while in rehab	
30 Jul 2010	Mail on Sunday		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
31 Jul 2010	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
31 Jul 2010	Mail on Sunday		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
5 Aug 2010	The People		[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Drinking heavily
6 Aug 2010	News of The World		[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	No details available
7 Aug 2010	News of The World		[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	No details available
10 Aug 2010	News of The World		Persons unknown	Vehicle Surveillance	Charity clothing scam
12 Aug 2010	News of The World		[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	No details available
12 Aug 2010	The People		[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Catches cats to feed his snake
20 Aug 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New girlfriend	
20 Aug 2010	Mail on Sunday	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
21 Aug 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New girlfriend	
21 Aug 2010	Mail on Sunday	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
21 Aug 2010	Sunday Mirror	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
25 Aug 2010	News of The World	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
25 Aug 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
25 Aug 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Contestants training	
25 Aug 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle follow	No details available	
26 Aug 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle follow	No details available	
26 Aug 2010	News of The World	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
26 Aug 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Contestants training	
27 Aug 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Contestants training	
27 Aug 2010	News of The World	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
27 Aug 2010	Mail on Sunday	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
28 Aug 2010	Mail on Sunday	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
1 Sep 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
2 Sep 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
3 Sep 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
3 Sep 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted] ew girlfriend	
8 Sep 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle follow	Has split from her fella	
8 Sep 2010	The People	Ticket Touts	Vehicle Surveillance	Selling Help for Heroes fake tickets	
9 Sep 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Has split from her fella	
9 Sep 2010	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	

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10 Sep 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Has split from her fella
11 Sep 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Slept with Prostitutes
14 Sep 2010	ON SPEC		Vehicle Surveillance	Rumoured to be back together
16 Sep 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Contestants training
22 Sep 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Has split from wife
23 Sep 2010	The People		Foot follow	Has a new girlfriend
23 Sep 2010	The People		Body worn Camera	She's a drug taking prostitute?
29 Sep 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Contestants training
6 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Relationship with [redacted]
7 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Back with previous partner [redacted]
7 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	His partner [redacted]
8 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	His partner [redacted]
9 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Has a new boyfriend
13 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Relationship with [redacted]
14 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Relationship with [redacted]
14 Oct 2010	News of The World		Vehicle & foot follow	Big night out in Brentwood
15 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Court appearance
16 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	New disguise
17 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Pedophile Vicar still working at church
20 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Relationship with [redacted]
21 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Has a new girlfriend
22 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Has a new girlfriend
22 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle follow	See if they meet up after the show
23 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch of parents (with their knowledge)
27 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
27 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Relationship with [redacted]
28 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Contestants training
29 Oct 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Contestants training
11 Nov 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Affair with stylist
18 Nov 2010	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Back on the booze?
18 Nov 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	[redacted] new fella
19 Nov 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	[redacted] new fella
19 Nov 2010	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Back on the booze?
20 Nov 2010	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	[redacted] new fella
20 Nov 2010	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Back on the booze?
24 Nov 2010	The People		Foot follow	New girlfriend
25 Nov 2010	The People		Foot follow	New girlfriend
26 Nov 2010	The People		Vehicle follow	Out jogging with his dad
27 Nov 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Split with [redacted]
27 Nov 2010	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Out jogging with his dad
1 Dec 2010	The People			Vehicle Surveillance
2 Dec 2010	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		No details available
5 Jan 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Contestants training
7 Jan 2011	Sunday Mirror		Vehicle Surveillance	No details available
13 Jan 2011	The People		Body worn Camera	Spending their bonuses on a big booze-up
19 Jan 2011	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Split from his wife
25 Jan 2011	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	Policeman had affair with [redacted]
26 Jan 2011	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	Policeman had affair with [redacted]
26 Jan 2011	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Split from his wife
27 Jan 2011	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	Policeman had affair with [redacted]
27 Jan 2011	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	No details available
28 Jan 2011	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	Policeman had affair with [redacted]
28 Jan 2011	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	No details available

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28 Jan 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
29 Jan 2011	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	Policeman had affair with [redacted]	
1 Feb 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
2 Feb 2011	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
2 Feb 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend	
3 Feb 2011	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
6 Feb 2011	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	Having an affair with [redacted]	
7 Feb 2011	News of The World		Vehicle Surveillance	Having an affair with [redacted]	
9 Feb 2011	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Affair with [redacted]	
10 Feb 2011	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Affair with [redacted]	
11 Feb 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Children going to private school in UK	
12 Feb 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Out and about with her family	
16 Feb 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Noise coming from his estate	
17 Feb 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
19 Feb 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
2 Mar 2011	The People			Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
7 Mar 2011	ON SPEC			Vehicle Surveillance	Doing Community Service
9 Mar 2011	The People			Vehicle Surveillance	No details available
10 Mar 2011	The People			Vehicle Surveillance	New girlfriend
11 Mar 2011	News of The World	Vehicle Surveillance		No details available	
11 Mar 2011	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		Snatch picture required	
12 Mar 2011	News of The World	Vehicle Surveillance		No details available	
12 Mar 2011	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		New girlfriend plus car	
14 Mar 2011	News of The World	Vehicle Surveillance		New Boyfriend	
15 Mar 2011	News of The World	Vehicle Surveillance		New Boyfriend	
16 Mar 2011	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		New Boyfriend	
17 Mar 2011	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		Split from his wife	
17 Mar 2011	News of The World			Vehicle Surveillance	No details available
18 Mar 2011	News of The World			Vehicle Surveillance	No details available
19 Mar 2011	News of The World			Vehicle Surveillance	No details available
22 Mar 2011	The People			Vehicle & foot follow	Learning to burgle homes
24 Mar 2011	News of The World			Vehicle Surveillance	Pregnant?
25 Mar 2011	News of The World			Vehicle Surveillance	Pregnant?
29 Mar 2011	The People			Squatters	Vehicle & foot follow
30 Mar 2011	The People		Persons unknown	Vehicle Surveillance	Selling video of [redacted] taking drugs
1 Apr 2011	The People			Vehicle Surveillance	Split from partner?
2 Apr 2011	The People			Vehicle Surveillance	Pregnant?
7 Apr 2011	The People	Vehicle & foot follow		Split from partner?	
8 Apr 2011	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		Split from partner?	
9 Apr 2011	The People	Vehicle follow		New girlfriend	
12 Apr 2011	The People	Vehicle follow		New girlfriend	
13 Apr 2011	The People	Vehicle follow		New girlfriend	
12 May 2011	The People			Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend
13 May 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend	
20 May 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
21 May 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
24 May 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
8 Jun 2011	News of The World	Persons unknown	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
8 Jun 2011	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
9 Jun 2011	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle & foot follow	Children doing pole-dancing classes	
11 Jun 2011	The People	[redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	

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11 Jun 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Celebrity wedding	
18 Jun 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	No details available	
22 Jun 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Having an affair	
23 Jun 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Having an affair	
24 Jun 2011	NOW Mag		Vehicle Surveillance	Moving House	
25 Jun 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Staying at The Priory	
25 Jun 2011	NOW Mag		Vehicle Surveillance	Moving House	
26 Jun 2011	NOW Mag		Vehicle Surveillance	Moving House	
29 Jun 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Living in a hotel	
29 Jun 2011	ON SPEC		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
14 Jul 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
14 Jul 2011	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
15 Jul 2011	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required	
16 Jul 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
20 Jul 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
27 Jul 2011	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Pics of them at Boot Camp	
27 Jul 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
2 Aug 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Comings & goings at the house	
3 Aug 2011	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Having an affair	
3 Aug 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Drug dealer	
4 Aug 2011	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Having an affair	
4 Aug 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Drug dealer	
7 Aug 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Meeting up together	
8 Aug 2011	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Having an affair	
9 Aug 2011	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Having an affair	
10 Aug 2011	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required	
11 Aug 2011	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Having an affair	
16 Aug 2011	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Having an affair	
7 Sep 2011	The People			Vehicle & foot follow	Having an affair
17 Sep 2011	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		New baby	
19 Sep 2011	NOW Mag	Vehicle Surveillance		No details available	
21 Sep 2011	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		Massive weight loss	
22 Sep 2011	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		Massive weight loss	
23 Sep 2011	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		Massive weight loss	
24 Sep 2011	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		Massive weight loss	
28 Sep 2011	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		Massive weight loss	
29 Sep 2011	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		Massive weight loss	
29 Sep 2011	The People	Vehicle Surveillance		Pics of her not looking stressed	
5 Oct 2011	The People		Vehicle follow	Left his wife?	
6 Oct 2011	The People		Vehicle follow	Left his wife?	
6 Oct 2011	The People		nts	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
6 Oct 2011	The People		nts	Body worn Camera	Spending their bonuses on a big booze-up
11 Oct 2011	The People		nts	Vehicle Surveillance	Contestants training
12 Oct 2011	The People		nts	Vehicle & foot follow	Pics of her out shopping
12 Oct 2011	The People		nts	Vehicle Surveillance	Contestants training
12 Oct 2011	NOW Mag		nts	Vehicle Surveillance	Out with a new man?
13 Oct 2011	The People		nts	Vehicle Surveillance	Contestants training
14 Oct 2011	The People		nts	Vehicle Surveillance	Contestants training
19 Oct 2011	The People		ASBO Family	Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
20 Oct 2011	The People		ASBO Family	Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
21 Oct 2011	The People		ASBO Family	Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
22 Oct 2011	The People		ASBO Family	Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
28 Oct 2011	The People			Vehicle Surveillance	He's very ill apparently

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29 Oct 2011	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	He's very ill apparently
4 Nov 2011	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Split from [Redacted]
5 Nov 2011	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	With [Redacted] till?
8 Nov 2011	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted] father drug dealer
9 Nov 2011	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted] father drug dealer
9 Nov 2011	The People	X-Factor	Vehicle Surveillance	Contestants training
10 Nov 2011	The People	[Redacted]	Foot follow	Playing golf
13 Nov 2011	ON SPEC	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Set up snatch pictures
16 Nov 2011	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle & foot follow	Britain's worst granny
16 Nov 2011	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	On his 50th Birthday
17 Nov 2011	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle & foot follow	Britain's worst granny
23 Nov 2011	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Still working in [Redacted] despite winni [Redacted]
23 Nov 2011	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle & foot follow	Illegally trading dogs
24 Nov 2011	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle & foot follow	Illegally trading dogs
24 Nov 2011	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle & foot follow	Illegal immigrants working at [Redacted]
25 Nov 2011	The People	Persons unknown	Body worn Camera	Illegally trading dogs
26 Nov 2011	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle & foot follow	Illegally trading dogs
2 Dec 2011	NOW Mag	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted]
6 Dec 2011	NOW Mag	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted]
7 Dec 2011	NOW Mag	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted]
8 Dec 2011	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
14 Dec 2011	NOW Mag	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted]
15 Dec 2011	NOW Mag	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted]
15 Dec 2011	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle Surveillance	Pedophile - snatch pics required
16 Dec 2011	NOW Mag	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted]
18 Dec 2011	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Drinking heavily before going on stage
19 Dec 2011	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Drinking heavily before going on stage
20 Dec 2011	NOW Mag	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted]
24 Dec 2011	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle Surveillance	Pedophile - snatch pics required
4 Jan 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted]
5 Jan 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted]
6 Jan 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted]
6 Jan 2012	The People	[Redacted] suspect	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
7 Jan 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted]
7 Jan 2012	The People	[Redacted] suspect	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
10 Jan 2012	NOW Mag	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted] new fella
10 Jan 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
11 Jan 2012	NOW Mag	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted] new fella
13 Jan 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Visiting her late husband's grave
13 Jan 2012	The People	[Redacted] suspect	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
14 Jan 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
17 Jan 2012	The People	[Redacted] suspect	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
20 Jan 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Living in a flat with [Redacted]
25 Jan 2012	The People	Persons unknown	Body worn Camera	Olympic Hotels price hiking
26 Jan 2012	The People	Persons unknown	Body worn Camera	Olympic Hotels price hiking
8 Feb 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Foot follow	Returning to [Redacted]
21 Feb 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Walking her dog
22 Feb 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Foot follow	Walking her dog
23 Feb 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New girlfriend
24 Feb 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New girlfriend
24 Feb 2012	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
29 Feb 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	[Redacted]

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1 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
10 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
14 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
15 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend
16 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted] suspect	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
21 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
22 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend
23 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Meeting up with [Redacted]
23 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend
23 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
24 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
24 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend
27 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend
29 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
30 Mar 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
5 Apr 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
18 Apr 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend
19 Apr 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
27 Apr 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Shopping at Sainsbury's
1 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Lost loads of weight?
2 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Lost loads of weight?
3 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend
3 May 2012	The Sun	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Minicab driver?
4 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend
8 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
9 May 2012	The Sun	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Minicab driver?
9 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Going for a walk in the park
11 May 2012	The People	Persons unknown	Body worn Camera	Immigration through LHR
16 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New baby
17 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
17 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New baby
18 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
18 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New baby
18 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Left [Redacted]
18 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Dumped by [Redacted]
19 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
19 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Left [Redacted]
19 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Dumped by [Redacted]
22 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New baby
23 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New baby
23 May 2012	New Mag	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Left [Redacted]
24 May 2012	New Mag	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Left [Redacted]
24 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
25 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
25 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Wedding rehearsal
26 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
29 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Black Taxi intrigue
31 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend
31 May 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
1 Jun 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle Surveillance	Possible Affair story
1 Jun 2012	The People	[Redacted]	Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
7 Jun 2012	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle Surveillance	Neighbours from Hell
8 Jun 2012	The People	Persons unknown	Vehicle & foot follow	Neighbours from Hell

Date	Client	Subject	Method(s)	Objective
14 Jun 2012	The People		Vehicle & foot follow	Snatch picture required
20 Jun 2012	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Snatch picture required
21 Jun 2012	The Sun		Vehicle Surveillance	Betting shop watch
21 Jun 2012	New Mag		Vehicle Surveillance	New Boyfriend
21 Jun 2012	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Possible Affair story
27 Jun 2012	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	New baby
28 Jun 2012	The People	Persons unknown	Body worn Camera	Snatch picture required
28 Jun 2012	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Heavy drinking
29 Jun 2012	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Heavy drinking
30 Jun 2012	The People		Vehicle Surveillance	Heavy drinking

(4) In relation to the advertisement on your website seeking information from the public and, in particular, doormen, police workers, civil servants, probation officers, prison officers and nurses (as quoted in the Independent’s article and in the preamble to this notice):

a. When were these advertisements first posted on your website, either in the form quoted or in substantively the same terms?

Our website was built in 2000 and redesigned in 2008, this page was created as part of the overall build but I cannot be sure of the actual date this page was added.

b. Are these advertisements still on your website? If not, when and why were they removed?

The whole website was removed on 4th July 2012 after an article appeared on ExaroNews relating to our business. The website has been ‘broken’ since March 2010 when the database editor software became corrupted and we were no longer able to change the content.

We commissioned a new website build in May 2011 which is nearing completion. We removed the website because we were not able to edit the content which is out of date and irrelevant to our current business.

We are not, nor ever have been primarily a ‘sell your story’ company. The page in question was buried deep within the site and was not linked to any Google ad campaign, unlike the rest of the site. This is not core to our business as most work we undertake is commissioned directly by publications and public relations clients, we rarely work on our own stories.

c. In relation to the statement: “All sorts of people have been paid thousands of pounds by us for giving information that leads to a picture being sold or a story being written ...” state:

i. How many people your business has paid for information leading to a picture being sold or a story being written. If you cannot ascertain the precise number, then give the most accurate estimate that you can give.

I would estimate that no more than a five to seven people have ever given us information in this regard. Those people being celebrities, their agents or photographers coming to us with picture ideas or photographers coming to us to sell their images.

- ii. What is the range of payments made to people for information leading to a picture being sold or a story being written. Give the lowest and highest figures. If you cannot ascertain these figures precisely, then give the most accurate estimate that you can give.

This type of information has been minimal and as in relation to 'c. (i.)' above, these have been paid to celebrities and their agents based on a percentage of the fee paid to us for a set of pictures if sold. Commonly known as a 'split'. On a split basis we have sold pictures up to a value of £17000.

- iii. What information has been given to you that has led to a picture being sold or a story being written? Give full particulars of all such information to the best of your recollection.

Information about where a celebrity is going to be on a certain day and time which has been passed to us by the celebrity themselves or their agents, sometimes they want payment for this information by way of a split of the fees paid on publication, sometimes they do not want any payment.

- iv. To whom have you sold the information that has led to a picture being sold or a story being written? The Inquiry is here requiring you to identify the publications concerned.

No information was sold but images created would have been to various newspapers and magazines, the images are held on a picture library and these images have been published by many titles all over the world.

- d. Have you personally, or Newspics, ever received information from a doorman, or a police worker, or a civil servant, or a probation officer, or a prison officer, or a nurse for which you, or the business, has paid, or which you, or the business, has sold on to any other person? If so, then in each case, provide full particulars, including the type of worker concerned, a summary of the information for which payment was made, when the information was provided, and to whom, if anyone, the information was sold on.

No

- e. Have you personally, or Newspics, ever received information from a doorman, or a police worker, or a civil servant, or a probation officer, or a prison officer or a nurse for which you have not made payment but which you have passed on to a third party in return for payment by any person? If so, then in each case, provide full particulars, including the type of worker concerned, a summary of the information, when the information was provided, to whom it was passed on, and who paid you.

No

- f. What other category of worker or person, not identified in d & e above, has provided you with information which has led to a picture being sold or a story being written?

Celebrities and their agents for either their own publicity or that of their clients.