

Kim Silvio

11 March 2022

By Email:

Copy:

Dear Mr. ,

Reference is made to your correspondence dated 7 March 2022 confirming that you have been engaged to provide representation to Mr. Lloyd Evans.

I note the following:

- Mr. Evans lawful name is James Lloyd Evans.
- Our telephone conversation on 10 March 2022 at approximately 9:00am Croatian time to your mobile phone.
- Your advice to me to contact your office and speak to “Luca Mlinaric” as he was “handling this case”. I made four (4) attempts to contact Mr. Mlinaric on both provided office telephone numbers however did not receive any response, could not leave a message, and did not receive a returned phone call. All attempts were made between 9:15am and 10:00am on Thursday 11 March 2022. (Croatia time).
- Mr. Mlinaric is listed as a “trainee lawyer” (translation from Croatian) and undertook the role of sending your letter via email 8 March 2022.
- The correspondence sent to me via email is unsigned and does not indicate that any correspondence or communication should be made with Mr. Mlinaric.
- The correspondence attached to the email indicates that the correspondence is from you, and that you are the author of this document.

Your letter makes some very serious allegations. For ease I have itemized and respond as follow:

1. ***That I “presented and made public a series of false, insulting, and defamatory allegations about Mr. Evans, for which allegations You have absolutely no evidence.”***

This allegation is false. I made disclosures through a sub-Reddit post; hereafter referred as (‘the statement’) on 31 January 2022. This sub-Reddit post was removed by the moderators of the sub-Reddit within

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approximately 1 hour of the statement being posted. I have attached a copy of 'the statement' to the letter for your convenience.

The statement disclosed the following facts:

Statement: *"Some weeks back Lloyd openly and without warning notified me of his infidelity and engagement with prostitutes on a very regular basis over many years, amongst other matters that don't need to be specifically mentioned."* (Reference: Paragraph 3 of the statement.)

The statement was made based on the following facts:

- a. Mr. Evans disclosed information to me and a third party "Producer Bob" (Pseudonym) in December 2021. The identification of "Producer Bob" is known to Mr. Evans, he also being aware of the reasons necessitating the identification of this person remaining private.
- b. This claim was confirmed by Mr. Evans (Reference: [Everything you DON'T need to know about my private life – YouTube](#)). (Hereafter referred to as 'The video') (See timestamps: 25:00 – 27:37, 37:00 – 38:10, 1:06:10 – 1:07:34).

Statement: *"That "Lloyd has been in Thailand making use of the many different facilities and getting to know the locals and other tourists since shortly after Christmas, only returning to Croatia a few days ago"* (Reference: Paragraph 5 of the statement.)

The statement was made based on the following facts:

- a. Mr. Evans was in Thailand in the timeframe specified in the statement. (Reference: The video, timestamp 1:08:25 – 1:09:00)
- b. I am in the possession of sufficient WhatsApp messages and photographs that clearly demonstrate that Mr. Evans was utilizing "different facilities and getting to know the locals" during the specified period. Mr. Evans confirms in 'the video' that he returned from Thailand on the 19 January 2022.

Statement: *"Lloyd's subscribers, support team and patrons are not being given the correct information."*

This statement was made based on the following facts:

- a. I have WhatsApp messages and documents that clearly demonstrate that Mr. Evans decided to go to Thailand prior to the 16 December 2021 as he was upset with his wife. The reason he was upset with her related to the fact that initially his wife had agreed to participate in an Exclusive Non Monogynous Relationship (ENM), however upon a short period of reflection (a day or so), decided that she did not wish to be in this type of relationship. Mr. Evans was infuriated and determined that he needed to get away from her as 'it is a head f***' that she changed her mind.

- b. In addition to the evidence in my possession, Mr. Evans states several times during 'The video' that the reason for the need for his break was due to the issues relating to his marriage. (Reference: The Video, timestamp 36:00 – 36:17 as an example).

Statement: "Use of funding generated through his activism work to pay for prostitution, an industry known for the exploitation of women and minors"

This statement was made based on the following facts:

- a. Mr. Evans has on several occasions, dating back to 2015, confirmed his income sources on various social media outlets. A post in 2015 by Mr. Evans confirmed that *"I have Google Ads on my website.... Paypal.... And I Have a Patreon button at the end of my videos for people who want to donate to my work."*
- b. Mr. Evans also stated that:

Any proceeds from Google Ad impressions* (\$125 per month), YouTube ad impressions (\$110 per month), or **regular donations** (\$63 per month) get ploughed straight into my business to help pay for new equipment and justify the considerable time spent away from my regular job (translating and proofreading) while doing research and producing content. (For example, my 2-hour rebuttal video to the Gerrit Losch JW broadcasting episode took three days to put together, which would be hard to justify if it wasn't part of my job.)

- c. In 2021 a user asked a question to the r/JWWATCH sub-Reddit asked a question in relation to Mr. Evans Patreon and the need for it given his income from Google Ads and the sales from his literature. (Reference: [\(1\) Patreon and money : JWWATCH \(reddit.com\)](#)) Mr. Evans clearly indicates in the above in his response to this question confirming that he has four (4) main streams of revenue:
 - i. Patreon Pledges
 - ii. YouTube ad revenue
 - iii. Teespring
 - iv. Amazon royalties from JW book sales
- d. Mr. Evans confirms that of the revenue streams, Patreon and YouTube *"make up the bulk"*, and that *"Patreon is the most reliable since YouTube has historically been problematic"*.
- e. Mr. Evans confirms that the *"money gets churned mostly into:*
 - (1) Wages
 - (2) Equipment
 - (3) Service Subscriptions and fees
 - (4) Travel costs
 - (5) Other business expenses"

- f. Mr. Evans confirms *“if there is money left over at the end of the month, this gets churned back into the company so that we can plan for future projects”*
- g. Mr. Evans confirms that he is a *“professional full-time ex-Jehovah’s Witness writer and activist”*. His pledge to Patreon backers being that patron money *“all goes toward keeping me involved in the important work of churning out content.”* (Reference: <https://www.patreon.com/cedars>)
- h. Mr. Evans confirmation that his income is derived solely through sources *“generated through his activism work”*. Given this fact, any prostitution could only have been paid for through income derived through his activism work.
- i. I would think it unnecessary to provide evidence that the sex worker industry is an industry *“known for the exploitation of women and minors”*. If this fact is in dispute, I would be more than happy to provide particulars in relation to this item.

Statement: *“Lloyd has shouted down other activists, member of our community for not agreeing with him, or as a result of him somehow convincing others that on every single occasion he is questioned, he is the victim. How many activists have stopped their efforts? How many people have been silenced?”*

This statement was made based on the following facts:

- a. I am in possession of five (5) affidavit statements, sworn by individuals from varying countries who identified as ‘activists’ against the Jehovah’s Witness organization.
 - b. These individuals have deposed such that would support this fact.
 - c. There are current examples available within the community that would also be relied upon as evidence. Mr. Evans has notified his patrons (on or around the date of this letter), that 10 letters to 12 individuals have been sent out like the letter that I received.
 - d. As has been demonstrated and will continue to be demonstrated throughout this correspondence to you, Mr. Evans has no basis to be declaring that I have made false claims against him, nor have I committed a crime. Such claims have been made by Mr. Evans on several occasions.
- 1. “You continued with above mentioned defamation campaign via the social network YouTube (eg. Live stream “The Lloyd Evans Rebuttal Video Hearing Kim Silvio’s side” from February 4, 2022, as well as live stream “A Conversation with Kim Silvio” from February 20, 2022) in which occasions you also made a number of unfounded, fabricated and constructed allegations about Mr. Evans.”**
- a. I have undertaken a thorough review of the above-reference videos (Reference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRXJOYVWfSg>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bn-8muiGR9Y>) and cannot identify any defamatory material in either video.
 - b. Please provide specific allegations and evidence (i.e., timestamps) to me in order that I can further consider this allegation.

- c. Until such time as further specific allegations and evidence is provided in relation to this allegation, I rely upon my review of each video as evidence to demonstrate that no unfounded, fabricated and constructed allegations about Mr. Evans were said or published by me.

2. *“Through your Twitter profile, on a daily basis, You published or transmit false or defamatory information about Mr. Evans, with the clear aim of harming Mr. Evans.”*

- a. I have undertaken a thorough review of the above-reference social media platform and cannot identify any false or defamatory information published by me or transmitted by me.
- b. Please provide specific allegations and evidence (i.e. URL links) to me in order that I can further consider this allegation.
- c. Until such time as further specific allegations and evidence is provided in relation to this allegation, I rely upon my review of my Twitter account as evidence to demonstrate that I have not published or transmitted false or defamatory information about Mr. Evans.

3. *“You publish or transmit false and defamatory information about Mr. Evans, with the clear aim of harming Mr. Evans”*

- a. I have undertaken a thorough review of all social media platforms, YouTube and any other information that could be deemed as “published material” and cannot identify any false or defamatory information published by me or transmitted by me.
- b. Please provide specific allegations and evidence (i.e. URL links, timestamps) to me in order that I can further consider this allegation.
- c. Until such time as further specific allegations and evidence is provided in relation to this allegation, I rely upon my review as evidence to demonstrate that I have not published or transmitted false or defamatory information about Mr. Evans.
- d. I note the absence of any reference to a statement issued by me on 15 February 2022 in which I clearly state that any reports or allegations of Child Sexual Abuse should be reported to the statutory authorities and that I had no knowledge of any allegations against Mr. Evans and that the matter has been referred to the authorities and that the determination by the authorities should be the only opinion sought.
- e. This information is relevant as clearly if my aim was to harm Mr. Evans I would not seek to comment in his favour. I provide a copy of this statement for your reference.

4. *“Finally, we would like to point out that there is a reasonable suspicion that there are elements of several criminal deeds in Your conduct, in particular the criminal deed of insult prescribed by Article 147 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Croatia....as well as the criminal deed of defamation prescribed by Article 149 of the Criminal Code and in case you do not act in accordance with the request of Mr. Evans stated above, we will be persuaded to initial all legal actions prescribed by Law for the sake of protection of M. Evan’s rights and interests, which*

include initiating criminal proceedings." (Reference: [Croatia Criminal Code 2011 en.pdf \(legislationline.org\)](#))

I do not agree that I have committed an offense pursuant to the legislation prescribed above for the following reasons:

- a. I have not insulted, defamed, participated in, or orchestrated a defamation campaign against Mr. Evans.
- b. I have not fabricated or constructed untruthful or unfounded allegations against Mr. Evans.
- c. I have not unlawfully violated Mr. Evans or his families 'rights of personality'.
- d. A public interest disclosure where a proven conflict of interest as highlighted in this correspondence is protected by Law.

Summary of response:

- 1) Notwithstanding the above reasons, the referenced legislation does not apply to me as an 'alien' resident of the Republic of Croatia. I am an Australian Citizen and permanently reside in Australia.
- 2) I have never visited Croatia therefore could not have committed any such offenses in Croatia.
- 3) As I understand the referenced legislation, the only legal avenue for a criminal proceeding in Croatia in respect to an 'alien' of Croatia who had committed the alleged offenses would be through the statutory authorities.
- 4) I assert, that you, on behalf of Mr. Evans have no legal right to suggest that there is "reasonable suspicion that there are elements of several criminal deeds" having been committed by me. Assessment of facts relating to criminal offenses allegedly committed 'aliens' of Croatia can only be made by the statutory authorities of Croatia.
- 5) I assert, that you, on behalf of Mr. Evans are irresponsible in making any suggestion that a criminal offense has occurred.
- 6) Mr. Evans has full knowledge of the evidence that is available. Accordingly, I consider the actions he has instructed in relation to this matter to be completely frivolous and extortionate.
- 7) The commencement of legal proceedings in accordance with the allegations being made by Mr. Evans has NO reasonable prospect of success given the evidence that is known to him, therefore I can only consider ulterior motives for the actions taken by Mr. Evans.
- 8) I assert my believe that Mr. Evans behaviour is extortionate as he has full knowledge that I have not committed an offense against him therefore his actions can only be viewed as an attempt to obtain funds through unfounded and vexatious means.
- 9) I assert my believe that Mr. Evans behaviour in continually informing members of the public of 'criminal and defamatory' conduct towards him by me, is defamatory and a breach of my rights of personality.
- 10) Mr. Evans has disclosed and published a far superior quantity of information, that he considers "private", to the public arena through his extensive social media and YouTube platforms than anyone else that I have observed in the past months.

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- 11) The evidence provided clearly allows me to conclude that I have not committed any offense against Mr. Evans.
- 12) I can confirm that I have no intention of complying with your request to removal 'all materials published so far on social networks'.
- 13) I can confirm that I have no intention of issuing an apology, public or private, as I have no cause to do so.
- 14) I can confirm that I have no intention of retracting any statements made in relation to Mr. Evans as he has confirmed the factual nature of all statements made.
- 15) I can confirm that I have no intention of paying the EUR [REDACTED] suggested in your letter as I have not violated the rights of personality of Mr. Evans, nor any member of his family.

I hereby respectfully request the following:

- 1) That you explain the legal definition of defamation to Mr. Evans.
- 2) That Mr. Evans cease making public claims that directly, or through inference, claim that I have committed a criminal or civil offense against him.
- 3) That written confirmation of receipt of this correspondence, provision of any evidence available as specified in this correspondence and your clients' intentions giving consideration to the information provided to you.

Sincerely,

Kim Silvio

Enclosure

I write this statement in the interest of scrutiny, transparency and truth. Knowledge can be a powerful thing however in this instance, knowledge has been a heavy weight that has taken time to consider.

Sometimes a day comes when the good that someone does can start to be outweighed by the not so good. Behaviour becomes toxic, hypocritical, suffocating and controlling.

Some weeks back Lloyd openly and without warning notified me of his infidelity and engagement with prostitutes on a very regular basis over many years, amongst other matters that don't need to be specifically mentioned.

This was shortly before he notified the community that he would be taking a two month break from activism "to re-evaluate my life for the sake of my mental health".

This is not correct. Lloyd had been in Thailand making use of the many different facilities and getting to know the locals and other tourists since shortly after Christmas, only returning to Croatia a few days ago.

It has often been said that activists are happy for individuals to be Jehovah's Witnesses, providing that they know the whole truth about the organisation.

Lloyds subscribers, support team and patrons are not being given the correct information. There are matters that he does not want the public to know about, wanting rather to maintain a facade that appeals to those concerned.

To show his narcissistic behaviour, deficit regard for the feelings of others, use of funding generated through his activism work to pay for prostitution, an industry known for the exploitation of women and minors, a solo non-mental health related trip to Thailand and failure to be honest in respect to the true reason for his absence would cause reproach to be brought upon his name and therefore must not be spoken about.

It is hoped that this information will give you the same opportunity that Lloyd gives to all Jehovah's Witnesses about their religion. The truth. You are being deceived by this hypocritical, dishonest and misogynistic man.

Many times Lloyd has shouted down other activists, members of our community for not agreeing with him, or as a result of him somehow convincing others that on every single occasion he is questioned, he is the victim. How many activists have stopped their efforts? How many people have been silenced? You would be shocked at how many people have left activism because of him.

Is it possible for us all to consider that he has manipulated the entire community to see him as the authority, the only opinion that should be considered? Does he have a monopoly on the activism movement?

Experts often say that the indication of a cult is what happens when you leave. It cannot go unnoticed how many people are cut off, cut down, attacked and shouted into silence for expressing a varied opinion to Lloyd or for daring to question him or critique him in any way.

Is it now time that the community are given the opportunity to consider these matters and to ask this question:

“Is it time to let the videos Lloyd has produced speak for themselves, and let many other activists take the mantle with a truly free and community spirit?”

I have given great consideration as to whether I should disclose this information to the community and I have considered a few factors; Would I want to know if I were a patron? Yes. Would I want to know if I were a subscriber? Yes. Would I want to know if I were recommending Lloyd for media opportunities? Yes. Would I want to know if I were considering entering into a joint activism project with him? Yes.

And finally, can I live with myself knowing that each and everyone of you are being lied to just like we all were as Jehovah's Witnesses? No.

We will not accept it from the organisation therefore we cannot accept this type of behavior in our community.

Producer Bob and I have resigned from the JW watch team as we can no longer support this behaviour.

We wish you all well and trust that this knowledge will not divide the community, rather unite and build a community that is built on freedom and truth.

In closing I do wish to say that I hope my reputation through the work that I have done and my known association with Lloyd may give you confidence to accept this as truth. I am not concerned that I may be accused of deformation as the first defense of such a claim is truth.

Kind regards,

Kim Silvio

It is Tuesday the 15th of February 2022. The sun is up and yet it seems dark and gloomy. Today is a day that I never imagined would need to occur.

Today the exjw community have done what we have continually asked the WT organisation to do. Report allegations of Child Sexual Abuse to the authorities. We cannot advocate for the reporting of Child Sexual Abuse within the WT organisation if we cannot do this ourselves.

It is my opinion that the reporting of this allegation is not a setback for the community and it is not a win for the WT organisation. It is a clear statement to the organisation that we have integrity and will not conduct ourselves as they do.

I trust that the authorities will investigate the reported matter with the diligence that such matters deserve.

I had no knowledge of this allegation until after I had issued my previous statement regarding Lloyd Evans.

I have no doubt that the allegations will generate a wide range of emotion within the community. If these emotions become overwhelming and you cannot manage these emotions on your own please reach out to a medical professional for support.

There are many support networks available that you may wish to reach out to if you find that you have this need:

<https://www.recoveringfromreligion.org/webcall>

<https://www.helpguide.org/find-help.htm>

If you are in danger or significant distress please consider attending an emergency care facility.

It is my opinion that issuing statements confirming or denying the validity of an alleged crime is irresponsible and should not occur. To do so usurps the position of the statutory authorities.

For this reason I will not be commenting as to whether I believe these allegations to be true or not. The evidence has been provided to the authorities and it is their opinion that should be sought by the community.

Kim Silvio