

**Claim No.: QB-2018-006323**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION  
MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS LIST**

**B E T W E E N**

**JOHN CHRISTOPHER DEPP II**

**Claimant**

**and**

**(1) NEWS GROUP NEWSPAPERS LTD  
(2) DAN WOOTTON**

**Defendants**

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF STARLING JENKINS**

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I, **STARLING JENKINS** of [REDACTED] VAN NUYS, CA. 91406  
will say as follows:

1. I have worked in the security and transportation field since 1992. I have worked for the Claimant personally since 1993, providing security services to both him and his family. I transitioned to this line of work after serving in the United States Marines from 1983 to 1987.
2. I confirm that save where otherwise appears the facts stated in this witness statement are within my own knowledge and that those facts are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Where facts are not within my own knowledge, I confirm that they are true to the best of my information and belief and the source of that information is set out.
3. I make this witness statement in support of the Claimant's claim in these proceedings.

4. I do not know the full details of the Claimant's claims against the Defendants in these proceedings.
5. I confirm this witness statement was obtained through emails with the Claimant's solicitors and material taken from the draft declaration I provided for use in the US proceedings brought by the Claimant against his ex-wife Ms Amber Heard which addresses many of the same facts.
6. I am aware of the violence allegations that have been made publicly for the last few years by Johnny Depp's ex-wife Ms. Heard.

#### **My experience of Amber and Johnny's relationship**

7. In the many years I have worked for Johnny, I have never seen him use physical force on Amber in any way, nor have I seen any marks, bruises, or injuries on Amber that suggest she has suffered abuse by Johnny.
8. On the occasions that I have witnessed Johnny or Amber argue, he assumes a passive tone and wants to leave her presence.

#### **Events of 21 and 22 April 2016**

9. I was working a security shift at the 849 S. Broadway residence on the night of 21 April 2016, the night Amber was celebrating her birthday there with friends. When I left the residence, Johnny had not yet arrived.
10. I returned to the residence the following day, 22 April to escort Amber and her friends to the desert for the Coachella music festival.
11. I understand that Amber has alleged Johnny committed an act of domestic violence on the night of 21 April. When I arrived at the residence on 22 April, I saw no marks or bruises of any kind on her face or body.

12. When I entered the residence, Amber explained to me that she had thrown Johnny's cell phone – and the wallet containing it – off the balcony the night before, and that she was using the "Find My iPhone" application on another cell phone to locate Johnny's phone.
13. The "Find My iPhone" application indicated that Johnny's phone was somewhere on the streets below the balcony of the residence. I walked out the streets, did not see the phone, and I then asked several homeless people if they had it. One homeless man admitted to me that he had the phone, and he returned the phone to me in exchange for the following: (1) \$425 cash; (2) three chicken tacos; (3) 2 bags of chips; (4) 2 apples; and (5) four bottles of water.
14. I drove an SUV with their luggage and Amber's dogs to the desert, and Amber drove separately with her sister and friends in her Ford Mustang. These friends were Raquel Pennington, Amber's sister Whitney, Amber's assistant Savannah, and Amber's make-up artist. I believe Amber's friend iO Tillett drove separately. Once in the desert, it was my responsibility to drive the group from their hotel in Palm Springs, 'The Parker', to the Coachella venue, as well as to shadow them for safety and security purposes.
15. During the weekend, I heard Amber frequently express her anger that Johnny did not come to her birthday party on 21 April, but she did not say one thing or make any innuendos about allegations of domestic violence. She was hooping it up all weekend, and it was clear that she and her girlfriends spent much of the time at Coachella intoxicated. She threw up at least once in the parking lot of The Parker and was clearly

dehydrated at the time, and I had to obtain ginger ale and crackers for her.

**Text message from Amber in May 2016**

16. I last heard from Amber on 12 May 2016. She asked me if she could call me and said she has a blocked phone number. I did not respond to that text.

**STATEMENT OF TRUTH**

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed.....

**STARLING JENKINS**

Dated: 11 May 2020

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