

Caribbean island deepens as model reveals how 'she unwittingly became subject of a lawsuit brought by one to smear the other'

- **Louis Bacon, 62, and neighbor Peter Nygard, 72, have feuded since 2004**
- **First, Bacon claimed Nygard extended his part of their shared driveway**
- **Now a model claims Bacon's lawyer used her as a plaintiff without her knowledge in a lawsuit that smeared Nygard**
- **Former model Bianca McKinney claims she was told Nygard women she knew had complaints about Nygard. Having traveled with them on a modeling trip to the Bahamas, she was asked for background info**
- **But her name was then used as the only one in a suit against Nygard even though McKinney claims she did not say anything that appeared in the suit**
- **McKinney has sued Bacon's lawyer Michael Artan after, she claims, he 'admitted to using her as a pawn in Bacon's vendetta against Nygard'**

A model claims she has been used as a pawn in a decade-long feud between two billionaires in the Bahamas.

Bianca McKinney had once visited Peter Nygard, a Canadian clothing tycoon, at his resort in the Caribbean, and had no concerns or issues.

But last year she was approached by a lawyer who told her Nygard was suspected of holding multiple women hostage at his home, and asked for a witness statement.

McKinney complied, describing her time with Nygard.

However, she is now suing that lawyer since discovering that there were no kidnapped women, and her meeting was used to file salacious allegations against Nygard in a Los Angeles court.

And it appears that lawyer was operating on behalf of Nygard's neighbor Louis Bacon, a New York hedge fund billionaire.

Bacon, 62, and Nygard, 72, are in the midst of a feud dating back to 2004 - which started over a puddle in their shared driveway.

McKinney, who is on disability after severely injuring her back years ago, is seeking more than \$25,000 damage.

This is just the latest in a series of dramatically escalating allegations between the two parties.

McKinney was the sole plaintiff on the lawsuit filed by Bacon's lawyer Michael Artan in 2011.

The case was thrown out after six months due to insufficient prosecution.

However, during that time McKinney's home was smeared with racist graffiti, including the words 'black b****' and 'n*****', and penis drawings.

And yet, McKinney was not aware the lawsuit existed - nor that she was the sole plaintiff - until a year later, she claims.

'This is a new low,' Michael Saltz, McKinney's lawyer, told Daily Mail Online on Wednesday after filing the complaint.

'It sounds like an implausible story and when you put all these things together it's quite remarkable the lengths people would go to.

'I'm confident that my client is a victim of a sinister plot.

'Justice needs to be done so people are not used as pawns in any disputes.'

Under Californian law, lawyers cannot file lawsuits for people who are not their clients; they cannot file lawsuits without the plaintiff's knowledge or consent.

However, once a case is filed, it is on public record.

Subsequent cases can reference that case as fact - regardless of whether it was thrown out or not - without defaming the subject.

According to McKinney's recent lawsuit, read by Daily Mail Online, Bacon's lawyer Michael Artan confessed that he had used McKinney to smear Nygard.

The documents claim McKinney had to wait a year to be seen by Artan.

Finally in March 2016 they met in his office.

'During the March 2016 meeting, Artan confessed to McKinney that he filed the Complaint naming her as a plaintiff,' the documents claim.

Artan allegedly 'admitted that there were no other female victims he was assisting, and that Artan had been working for Bacon to advance his vendetta against Nygard when he tracked her down in 2010 and filed the Complaint without her knowledge or consent in 2011.'

Since, McKinney says, she has been visited by a private investigator who was later revealed to be using a fake identity.

And she discovered Louis Bacon had ties to the KKK.

'Frankly, she was scared to death,' Saltz told Daily Mail Online.