

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

Claim No. KB-2024-001270

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE COLLINS RICE DBE

DATED: 4th DECEMBER 2025

B E T W E E N:-

MATTHEW GARRETT

-and-

- (1) ROY SCHESTOWITZ**
(2) RIANNE SCHESTOWITZ



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Defendants/
Part 20 Claimants

ORDER

PENAL NOTICE

IF YOU, THE DEFENDANTS, ROY SCHESTOWITZ AND RIANNE SCHESTOWITZ, DISOBEY THIS ORDER YOU MAY BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE YOUR ASSETS SEIZED.

ANY OTHER PERSON WHO KNOWS OF THIS ORDER AND DOES ANYTHING WHICH HELPS OR PERMITS EITHER DEFENDANT TO BREACH THE TERMS OF THIS ORDER MAY ALSO BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE THEIR ASSETS SEIZED.

Notice to the Defendants

You should read the terms of this Order very carefully. You are advised to consult a solicitor. This Order prohibits you from doing the acts set out in paragraph 11(a) (and Schedule A) below and obliges you to do the acts set out at paragraphs 11(b) and 11(c) (and Schedule B). You have the right to ask the court to vary or discharge this Order.

UPON HEARING the Trial of this matter on 30 and 31 October 2025

AND UPON the Court having handed down judgment on 20 November 2025 using the neutral citation [2025] EWHC 3063 (KB) (“**the Trial Judgment**”)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

1. Judgment shall be entered for the Claimant in his claim for libel.
2. The Defendants will pay the Claimant the sum of £70,000 by way of damages, such damages to be paid by 4pm on 16 December 2025.
3. The Defendants will pay the Claimant the additional sum of £7,000, being 10% of the damages award of £70,000, in accordance with CPR r.36.17(4)(d), by 4pm on 16 December 2025.
4. The Defendants will pay the Claimant the additional sum of £13,339.48 in interest on the damages sum at (2) in accordance with CPR r.36.17(4)(a), by 4pm on 16 December 2025.
5. The Defendants’ counterclaim for harassment is dismissed.
6. The Defendants will pay the Claimant’s costs of his claim and of the counterclaim.
7. The Defendants will pay the costs referred to in paragraph 6, above, in accordance with CPR r.36.17(4)(b), as follows:
 - a. in respect of costs up to 5 July 2024, on the standard basis; and
 - b. in respect of costs since 6 July 2024, on the indemnity basis.
8. The Defendants will pay interest on the costs referred to in paragraph 7(b), above, in accordance with CPR r.36.17(4)(c), in the sum of £11,746.88.
9. The costs and interest referred to in paragraphs 6, 7, and 8 above will be the subject of detailed assessment if not agreed between the parties.
10. The Defendants will pay the Claimant a reasonable sum on account of his costs and the interest referred to in paragraph 6 and 8, above, to be paid by 4pm on 23 December 2025. Such sum shall be determined by the Court by way of written submissions if not agreed,

with the parties to lodge written submissions by email if there is no agreement by 4pm on 9 December 2025.

11. The Defendants and each of them are:

- a. prohibited, by any means howsoever, from publishing any further words that bear the same or similar meanings to those set out in Schedule A to this Order;
- b. shall remove the webpages identified at Schedule B to this Order by 4pm on 16 December 2025; and
- c. shall remove any webpages that either of them have published on any website including but not limited to Techrights, Tuxmachines, and www.schestowitz.com, that contain the same or similar meanings to those set out in Schedule A to this Order.

12. The parties will seek to agree a summary of the Trial Judgment pursuant to section 12 of the Defamation Act 2013 and the time, manner, form and place of its publication by 4pm on 9 December 2025. If there is no agreement, the parties will provide an explanation by the same deadline as to why no agreement has been reached, following which the Court will provide further directions.

13. The Second Defendant's application for permission to appeal is refused.

14. The Claimant has liberty to apply to the Court for an order under section 13 of the Defamation Act 2013 under this paragraph without commencing fresh proceedings.

INTERPRETATION OF PARAGRAPH 11 OF THIS ORDER

A Defendant who is an individual who is ordered not to do something must not do it himself/herself or in any other way. He/she must not do it through others acting on his/her behalf or on his/her instructions or with his/her encouragement.

Dated 4 December 2025.

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**SCHEDULE A TO THE ORDER
DATED 4 DECEMBER 2025**

1. Under paragraph 11(a) of this Order the First Defendant is prohibited from publishing further words that bear the following meanings, or similar defamatory meanings:
 - (1) The Claimant has abused, harassed and blackmailed many individuals online.
 - (2)
 - (i) The Claimant is a criminal. He has committed many crimes online.
 - (ii) The Claimant is responsible for a campaign of online harassment and defamation of the Defendants.
 - (iii) The Claimant has sent many death threats to the Defendants.
 - (iv) The Claimant has an open crack-cocaine habit.
 - (3)
 - (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple specific sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.
 - (ii) This campaign includes many examples of material that is illegal (including examples relating to hate crimes, drugs, terrorism or violence) or offensive (including examples which are misogynistic, racist or homophobic).
 - (iii) The Claimant uses crack cocaine and posts online while under its influence.

- (4) (i) The Claimant has committed many crimes, including issuing death threats and online hate crime.
(ii) The Claimant has a cocaine habit.
- (5) (i) The Claimant is responsible for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment, including by impersonation.
(ii) This campaign includes many examples of material that is illegal (including examples relating to hate crimes, violence, terrorism or blackmail) or offensive (including examples which are racist, homophobic or ableist)
- (6) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple specific sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.
(ii) This campaign includes many examples of material that is illegal (including examples relating to hate crimes, drugs or violence) or offensive (including examples which are misogynistic, racist or paedophilic).
- (7) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.
(ii) This campaign includes many examples of material that is illegal (including examples relating to drugs or terrorism) or offensive (including examples which are racist, antisemitic, xenophobic, homophobic, ableist or sexually incontinent).
- (8) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple specific sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.
(ii) This campaign includes many examples of material that is illegal (including examples relating to hate crimes, drugs or violence), or offensive (including examples which are racist or antisemitic).
(iii) The Claimant has a cocaine habit.
- (9) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.
(ii) This campaign includes many examples of material that is illegal (including examples relating to hate crimes or death threats) or offensive (including examples which are antisemitic).
- (10) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.
(ii) This campaign includes many examples of material that is illegal (including examples relating to hate crimes or death threats), hypocritical or offensive (including examples which are antisemitic, misogynistic or sexually incontinent).
(iii) The Claimant is addicted to crack cocaine.

- (11) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple specific sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.
 - (ii) This campaign includes many examples of material that is offensive (including examples which are antisemitic, misogynistic, homophobic, transphobic or sexually incontinent).
 - (iii) The Claimant is addicted to cocaine.
- (12) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.
 - (ii) This campaign includes threats of violence.
- (13) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.
 - (ii) This campaign includes examples of material that constitutes hate crimes or is antisemitic.
- (14) (i) The Claimant is responsible for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.
 - (ii) This campaign includes examples of material that is illegal, including cybercrime.
- (15) The Claimant has committed hate crimes and online threats, including of violence.
- (16) (i) The Claimant is responsible for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.
 - (ii) This campaign includes examples of material that is illegal, including blackmail.
- (17) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple specific sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.
 - (ii) This campaign includes examples of material that is illegal (including examples relating to hate crimes) hypocritical or offensive (including examples which are racist, antisemitic, or homophobic).
- (18) The Claimant is guilty of sick and deviant behaviour including indecent exposure and transphobic behaviour.
- (19) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.
 - (ii) This campaign includes many examples of material that is illegal (including examples relating to hate crimes, drugs or violence), false, unethical or offensive

(including examples which are racist, homophobic, transphobic, ableist, antisemitic or misogynist).

2. Under paragraph 11(a) of this Order the Second Defendant is prohibited from publishing further words that bear the following meanings, or similar defamatory meanings:

(1) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple specific sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.

(ii) This campaign includes many examples of material that is illegal (including examples relating to hate crimes, drugs, terrorism or violence) or offensive (including examples which are misogynistic, racist or homophobic).

(iii) The Claimant uses crack cocaine and posts online while under its influence.

(2) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple specific sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.

(ii) This campaign includes many examples of material that is illegal (including examples relating to hate crimes, drugs or violence) or offensive (including examples which are misogynistic, racist or paedophilic).

(3) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple specific sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.

(ii) This campaign includes many examples of material that is illegal (including examples relating to hate crimes, drugs or violence), or offensive (including examples which are racist or antisemitic).

(4) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple specific sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.

(ii) This campaign includes many examples of material that is offensive (including examples which are antisemitic, misogynistic, homophobic, transphobic or sexually incontinent).

(5) (i) The Claimant is responsible, including by operating multiple sockpuppet accounts, for an online campaign of threats, abuse and harassment.

(ii) This campaign includes examples of material that constitutes hate crimes or is antisemitic.

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SCHEDULE B TO THE ORDER
DATED 4 DECEMBER 2025

1. Under paragraph 11(b) of this Order the First Defendant shall remove the following webpages that are available at the following URLs:

No	Date (on or around)	URL
1	4 August 2023	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/04/gnu-and-linux-mole/
2	11 August 2023 08:06 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/11/another-campaign-of-mass-defamation-by-matthew-j-garrett/
4	11 August 2023 11:52 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/11/garrett-crimes-since-last-year/
5	11 August 2023 13:03 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/11/matthew-j-garrett-tor/
6	18 August 2023 17:59 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/18/the-axe-man/
8	18 August 2023 16:46 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/18/guest-post-matthew-j-garrett-online-abuse/
9	20 August 2023 10:13 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/20/better-than-code-of-conduct/
11	21 August 2023 00:43 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/20/third-guest-blog-post-by-rienne/

No	Date (on or around)	URL
12	22 August 2023 14:21 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/22/tor-project-leadership-in-doubt/
13	22 August 2023 15:21 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/22/mjg-weeks-without-running-water/
15	27 August 2023 16:49 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/27/guest-post-on-mjg-attacking-women/
16	27 August 2023 18:48 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/27/unmasked-tarred-and-feathered/
18	29 August 2023 22:05 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/29/hate-speech-by-brandon-britney-lozza/
19	30 August 2023 08:48 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/30/mjg59-slapp/
20	7 September 2023 08:23 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/09/05/the-tor-network-becomes-less-of-a-nuisance-to-us-after-complaints-of-misuse-connected-to-tor-staff/
21	7 September 2023 07:24 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/09/07/operation-mole-failing/
23	16 January 2024	https://techrights.org/n/2024/01/16/SFC_a_Splinter_Group_Not_a_Conservancy_Uses_Man_and_Baby_to_Fin.shtml
24	~7 September 2023	https://techrights.org/wiki/Matthew_J_Garrett/
25	20 June 2023 11:58 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/06/20/code-of-conduct-is-censorship/
26	28 July 2023 02:20 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/07/27/fake-anti-racists/
27	30 July 2023 09:08 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/07/30/secure-boot-made-by-crackhead/
28	31 July 2023 00:51 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/07/30/extreme-misogyny-mjg/
29	31 July 2023 12:23 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/07/31/meme-social-justice-warriors-dont-behave-this-way/
30	1 August 2023 14:23 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/01/codes-of-conduct-promoted-by-bigots/
31	3 August 2023 00:53 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/02/lying-with-sincerity/
32	4 August 2023 18:59 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/04/split-personality/
33	7 August 2023 08:37 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/07/social-justice-warrior/
34	10 August 2023 16:58 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/10/mjg-shirt-lies/
35	11 August 2023 05:25 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/11/cyberterrorism/
36	18 August 2023 17:09 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/18/matthew-j-garrett-incel-inside/
37	19 August 2023 04:28 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/18/mjg-muppet-show/
38	21 August 2023 07:53 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/20/cocaine-matt/

No	Date (on or around)	URL
39	21 August 2023 08:15 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/21/poor-shaming-by-mjg/
40	22 August 2023 08:34 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/22/matthew-j-garrett-antisemitism/
41	22 August 2023 08:54 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/22/cannot-abuse-irc/
42	27 August 2023 01:35 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/26/homepages-like-mjg/
43	29 August 2023 15:49 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/08/29/american-psycho-axe-spray/
45	7 September 2023 08:54 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/09/07/microsoft-lunatics-on-the-run/
46	11 September 2023 06:00 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2023/09/11/meme-draxe-and-drknife/
47	28 September 2023	https://techrights.org/n/2023/09/28/Techrights_Will_Tell_the_Story_Until_Next_Year_of_How_Since_202.shtml
48	30 September 2022 18:21 UTC	https://techrights.org/o/2022/09/30/matthew-garrett-transphobic/
49	~16 January 2024	https://techrights.org/wiki/Free_Software-Hostile_Militants/

2. Under paragraph 11(b) of this Order the Second Defendant shall remove the webpages that are available at the following URLs:

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3	11 August 2023	https://news.tuxmachines.org/n/2023/08/11/Garrett_Committing_Crimes_Since_Last_Year.shtml
7	18 August 2023	https://news.tuxmachines.org/n/2023/08/18/Matthew_J_Garrett_Article_Number_Two.shtml
10	21 August 2023	https://news.tuxmachines.org/n/2023/08/21/another_blog_post_by_rianne.shtml
14	27 August 2023	https://news.tuxmachines.org/n/2023/08/27/Matthew_J_Garrett_the_Serial_Liar_Who_Keeps_Abusing_Me_Online.shtml
22	18 September 2023	https://news.tuxmachines.org/n/2023/09/18/The_Seventh_Blog_Post_by_Rianne_Schestowitz.shtml
44	7 September 2023	https://news.tuxmachines.org/n/2023/09/07/Sixth_blog_post_from_Rianne.shtml

