

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

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v

IAN EDMONDSON

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— S. Bennett - Jarvis PC

NOTE FOR SENTENCING

*This note is prepared on the basis that Ian Edmondson intends to plead guilty to count 1 of the Weeting trial indictment (conspiracy unlawfully to intercept voicemail messages without lawful authority). It is not a complete expression of the prosecution case and does not set out all the evidence which will be relied upon by the prosecution in the event of a trial.*

1. Ian Edmondson will plead guilty to one count of conspiracy to intercept mobile phone voicemail messages without lawful authority (phone hacking). He committed this offence in his capacity as a senior journalist and, from 1/10/05 as News Editor of the News of the World.

**Background and co-conspirators**

2. He committed this offence with others: Glenn Mulcaire, a private investigator who was retained by the NOTW on an annually renewed contract to carry out "special investigations". Those special investigations were principally the unlawful obtaining of confidential information about people who were the target of the NOTW news desk's attentions and the use of that information to hack those individuals' mobile phone voicemail messages, and those of other people associated with NOTW's "target". Mulcaire carried out his hacking to order from the news desk editor and other senior journalists who worked on the NOTW news desk. Ian Edmondson regularly instructed Mulcaire to hack phones while he was employed at the NOTW.

3. Andrew Coulson was editor of the NOTW from January 2003 until January 2007, when he resigned in the wake of the sentencing of Glenn Mulcaire and Clive Goodman, the NOTW royal correspondent for phone hacking offences. Coulson was convicted after a trial. Two features stand out from Andrew Coulson's period as editor of the NOTW. There was an aggressive news gathering culture. The end justified the means to get results, to get the story, in an extremely competitive market. This culture existed against a background of pressure on the budget. There was a continual focus on reducing costs throughout Andrew Coulson's tenure.
4. Other senior news desk journalists at the NOTW who pleaded guilty to this conspiracy are Greg Miskiw, former news desk editor, who was responsible, from about 1999, for originally using Mulcaire to hack phones and also for putting the arrangement with Mulcaire on a more formal footing from 1/9/01, when he signed the contract with Mulcaire (who used the pseudonym Paul Williams) for a weekly retainer of £1769 per week. This was raised to £2019 per week in July 2003, shortly after Andrew Coulson became editor; Neville Thurlbeck, who was chief reporter under Coulson's editorship and tasked Mulcaire frequently to hack phones of those he was investigating; and James Weatherup, who was Edmondson's immediate predecessor as News Editor from 27/4/04 until 11/10/05 and used Mulcaire's services during his time on the NOTW news desk. Clive Goodman, the Royal correspondent also used Mulcaire's hacking services to investigate members of the royal family and their close advisors.
5. Mulcaire was not the only hacker at the News of the World. He provided on request, via Ian Edmondson, details of remote direct dial numbers and pin codes to enable Edmondson or other journalists at NOTW to hack directly. The available NOTW phone records show regular hacking calls to direct dial remote voicemail access numbers. In addition, Dan Evans, a journalist, hacked phones frequently, providing a similar service to the NOTW features desk which Mulcaire provided to the news desk.

6. **These defendants, including Ian Edmondson, who have all either pleaded guilty or been convicted, carried out systematic phone hacking of those who appeared in the newspapers and those people around them. This, of course included celebrities, politicians and members of the cabinet, and famous sportspeople. It also included people who were not used to the publicity and the limelight and did not seek it out.**

#### **Ian Edmondson's role at NOTW**

7. Ian Edmondson started work for the NOTW news desk on 1/11/04, taking up the post of associate news editor. He had worked at the NOTW previously between November 1996 and February 2000. When Edmondson returned in November 2004, Greg Miskiw by this time ran the NOTW Manchester office and James Weatherup was News editor. Andrew Coulson was, of course, editor. Edmondson was promoted to News Editor on 11/10/05. He was suspended from his job on 17/12/10 dismissed for gross misconduct related to phone hacking on 25/1/11.
8. The role of the news editor involved the direction and coordination of the efforts of reporters working to the news desk. This meant the managing of both short and long-term investigative stories to meet production deadlines, including supervision of copy proof reading, coordinating layout changes and adjustments. The Desk Editor would attend daily conferences with the Editor and other senior executives on the paper to report with progress on stories being pursued.

#### **Glenn Mulcaire's working method and the tasking of Glenn Mulcaire**

9. Glenn Mulcaire took his instructions from the news desk editors and from Clive Goodman. He took notes of those instructions and his work on them. The police recovered over 8,000 such notes in the course of the Operation Weeting investigation. The majority of them did not identify who had tasked Mulcaire on that particular task but a substantial minority did have the first name of the NOTW journalist requesting the work to be done, written by Mulcaire in

the top left corner of the note. Those with "Ian" written in the top left were tasks requested by Ian Edmondson. There were 334 of these notes, attributable to Edmondson. Greg Miskiwi tasked Mulcaire most frequently, on at least 1,525 occasions whilst Thurlbeck tasked Mulcaire 259 times and Weatherup tasked him 137 times.

10. Mulcaire's value to the NOTW was his ability to "blag" the necessary information required to hack a person's voicemails from the mobile phone companies and other sources, and then to carry out the hacking. During the period that Edmondson was at the NOTW Mulcaire operated through his company Nine Consultancy UK Ltd. Whilst the prosecution cannot exclude the possibility that Mulcaire carried out some lawful investigation work during the period that Edmondson was at the NOTW, there were other investigators available to the NOTW news desk to carry out tracing and surveillance. Mulcaire's bank accounts show no indication of any of the expenditure necessary to carry out such lawful investigation work. The vast bulk of his work for NOTW was blagging and hacking. That is why he was paid his retainer and that is why it was over £2,000 a week.
11. Ian Edmondson knew he was a phone hacker. When, on 22/11/05, he contacted him in writing by email with details for an investigation into Emily Symons he used the false name "Paul Williams". This was one of Mulcaire's pseudonyms being used by Edmondson. (Hard copy email found at Mulcaire's premises. Digital bundle doc 1418).
12. Mulcaire recorded a large number of his hacking calls onto tapes which were recovered by the police. They demonstrate the range and number of people who had their privacy compromised illegally by NOTW's phone hacking. It was not just those who owned the mobile phone phones who were the victims of this offence. Those who made calls to the targeted person were equally victims. Indeed, for particularly high profile targets such as the cabinet minister David Blunkett and the deputy prime minister Lord Prescott, it was not their mobile

phones which were targeted, but the phones of those who worked with them, precisely because NOTW's aim was to intercept the messages of these high profile targets which were left on other peoples' mobile phones.

### **The tasking of Glenn Mulcaire by Ian Edmondson**

13. The earliest of Mulcaire's notes with "Ian" entered in the top left corner which is dated, was in February 2005, but the tasking by Edmondson started in earnest in the second half of 2005. There are only three dated top lefts prior to July 2005. Before that period, and while Miskiw was still working for the NOTW in the Manchester office, Edmondson wanted to stop paying Mulcaire's retainer. He made email suggestions on costs to Stuart Kuttner, the managing editor, and to the editor Andrew Coulson when the management were looking at ways of cutting costs. On 10/2/05 he emailed saying, "Special investigation Payment: The £2,000 a week payment to Greg's investigation man has to stop. I have spoken out about this a million times and I don't think I need to say any more." (Digital bundle doc 675) James Morgan emailed Stuart Kuttner and others two weeks later on 25/2/05 telling him that he had been instructed by Ian Edmondson to "stop Nine Consultancy's weekly payments of £2019." (Digital bundle doc 678).
14. Greg's Miskiw investigation man was too valuable to NOTW to stop his payments and the retainer stayed in place, but on 30/6/05 Greg Miskiw left the NOTW. Edmondson took on the job of tasking Mulcaire with increasing enthusiasm after Miskiw's departure. In November 2005, the month after Edmondson took over the News desk editorship there are 21 instructions to Mulcaire with "Ian" in the top left of Mulcaire's notes.
15. The importance of Mulcaire to Edmondson, and the extent to which Edmondson came to rely on him, is illustrated by the extent of phone contact between them. The Edmondson-Mulcaire call schedule, which runs from 14/7/05 to 11/8/06 has approximately 900 calls or texts

between them. That is 80 calls or texts a month. This was a close working relationship. In March 2006, when Mulcaire was pressing for a confirmation of renewal of his annual contract with NOTW, Ian Edmondson emailed him in reply on 4/3/06: "This is to confirm that your contract will remain the same until 2007. Regards Ian Edmondson, News Editor. Happy now grumpy?" (Digital bundle doc 1611).

16. By April 2006 Mulcaire had too much work from NOTW for him to cope with. On 26/4/06 he sent Ian Edmondson an email: "Subject: Overload. No More Pls....." (Digital bundle doc 1698) A partial solution to this overload was to give Edmondson the information required to hack NOTW targets so that either Edmondson himself or a more junior news desk journalist on Edmondson's instruction could carry out the hacking.
17. Thus on 20/4/06 he sent Edmondson an email giving Tessa Jowell's mobile phone access details. Tessa Jowell was then a senior politician and the subject of NOTW attention. The email gave her mobile number, her direct dial remote voicemail access number and her PIN code. It also gave her husband's mobile phone number and added "substantial traffic both ways. Looks like she's selling up."
18. On 27/4/06 he sent Edmondson an email about Lord Frederick Windsor, telling him the mobile number, the remote voicemail access number (uvm) and the pin number, telling him to press star first.
19. On 28/4/06 he sent Edmondson details of Joan Hammell's mobile phone, similar details of how to access it, and added "(There is 45 messages)". Joan Hammell was then the special advisor to Lord Prescott, the deputy prime minister. Lord Prescott was the subject of attention from the NOTW and other papers at the time.

20. These three emails (DGH/001-3) came to light in December 2010. They resulted in Edmondson's dismissal from the NOTW for gross misconduct and, when made available by News International to the Metropolitan police, provided the impetus for the commencement of the Operation Weeting investigation into phone hacking at the NOTW.
21. The purpose in providing these emails to Edmondson was to keep him up to date with Mulcaire's hacking work, but also to permit Edmondson to carry out phone hacking himself or for Edmondson to instruct other NOTW journalists on the news desk to carry out the hacking. There were frequent hacking calls during this period from the NOTW numbers to the uvn numbers of people who had been targeted by the NOTW news desk. Mulcaire emailed Edmondson the necessary information to hack Lord Frederick Windsor's mobile phone on 27/4/06 at 15.25. The first hacking call of Lord Frederick Windsor's voicemail by a call from the NOTW (as opposed to a call from Mulcaire) was at 15.50, 15 minutes after the email was sent.
22. It is perhaps a distinction of limited importance as to whether in these circumstances Edmondson carried out the hack from the NOTW line himself or directed another journalist than himself to carry out the hacking. The call from a shared land line number from which the call was made does not, of course, identify the caller. The evidence, however, is that Edmondson did carry out phone hacking himself. This is clear from a conversation between Edmondson and his colleague on the NOTW, Matthew Nixon. Nixon taped the telephone conversation between himself and Ian Edmondson. It is undated but, from its content, must have taken place after Clive Goodman's arrest in August 2006. In this conversation Edmondson admitted to having hacked:-
- IE –... I've learnt so much over the last eight, ten weeks... last to ... The people who've ...got on with it. You know but....
- MN – Nev's just cool as a cucumber
- IE – He's .... very cool... with Nev technically caught on....
- MN – are they going after that though

IE - ...

MN - he's been quite down hasn't he? But no ones no ones

IE - ...really pushed him... I mean what ... saying...500 or more...

MN. ... But you know what the vital difference is you haven't done anything yourself or from her number. That is not what Clive's caught on, he's fucking done it himself ...

IE - Yea- I've done it myself... the call.

MN - mate, I don't don't tell me, I don't you know I

IE - So ... he's worried ...

MN - ... oh well well listen...yeah

23. Nixon's reaction was that he didn't want to be told this - he did not want to hear such a confession

#### Examples of Ian Edmondson's participation in the conspiracy

24. The prosecution have selected a number of examples of phone hacking to present a fuller evidential picture of the operation of this conspiracy. They are not exhaustive, but they do demonstrate Ian Edmondson's role in this conspiracy. In opening this evidence the prosecution will avoid, as far as possible, referring to the private lives of those who were targeted by NOTW for phone hacking.
25. **Gordon Taylor**, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association became the target of the NOTW in 2005. The NOTW pursuit of Gordon Taylor was supervised by Greg Miskiw and Neville Thurlbeck. Edmondson did not task Mulcaire in relation to Gordon Taylor. He was, however, copied in to transcripts of hacked calls of Gordon Taylor's mobile phone in May 2005 and must have known that these were voicemail phone hacks.
26. The NOTW committed considerable resources to the Gordon Taylor investigation. Shauna Corr [st p.W44] worked in the NOTW northern office. Part of her duties was to carry out secretarial and administrative duties for Greg Miskiw. Corr typed up and sent transcripts of typed voicemail messages by e mail. They were headed "Transcript" [23/2/05], "Transcript" [24/2/05] and "transcript all in one doc" [25/2/05] and she believes she was handed a mini

cassette by Greg Miskiw and asked to type it up. She then sent it back to Miskiw typed up. The typed up transcripts were e mailed to Mulcaire (at his email address shadowmenuk) on 13/4/05 and 21/4/05. On 9/5/05 Mulcaire sent the transcripts to Neville Thurlbeck who sent them to Weatherup and Edmondson on 11/5/05 with the message "This is a splash any day of the week! Get Derek on to it? We know its happening' " [DOC ID 1472]. Derek Webb was the private investigator who was instructed to carry out the surveillance work; Mulcaire having hacked the mobile phone.

27. This transcript was subsequently resent to Neville Thurlbeck on 29/6/05 by an NOTW journalist, Ross Hindley. He marked the email "For Neville". (Digital bundle doc 794).

28. Gordon Taylor originally gave a statement in Operation Caryatid and Glenn Mulcaire pleaded guilty to the unlawful interception of Gordon Taylor's voicemails. Mr Taylor reviewed 22 pages of Mulcaire's notes which contained details of his private address and mobile phone number supplied by the PFA, his mobile phone account number, the remote number for dialling voicemail for Orange phones and the entries "change PIN" and "reset PIN". There are clear excerpts of messages noted in Mulcaire's notes which Gordon Taylor identifies. Gordon Taylor listened to a number of voicemail messages obtained from Mulcaire's tapes and identified 76 voicemail messages.

29. Mulcaire's work on Gordon Taylor was worth additional money, £7,000, over and above his weekly retainer. The contract was signed off by Ian Edmondson on 24/6/05 (DOC ID 1504). Greg Miskiw on 4/2/05 had earlier agreed a contract was for a minimum payment of £7,000 in favour of "Paul Williams", payable on publication of a story on Gordon Taylor. On Friday 1 July 2005 Neville Thurlbeck sent an email to Ian Edmondson with the heading 'Taylor copy' with a draft news article he had written, the content of which reflected the information contained within the transcripts attached to the 'For Neville' email (AMH/11). The article was not

published as a result of both Mr Taylor's and Ms Armstrong's solicitors threatening to sue NOTW.

30. **Jude Law, Sienna Miller and Sadie Frost were**, because of their fame as actors, the subject of prolonged scrutiny by the NOTW. Much of that scrutiny involved phone hacking. Ian Edmondson was particularly involved in events of autumn 2005 around a childhood friend of Sienna Miller, Archie Keswick. Ian Edmondson gave two taskings to Glenn Mulcaire on 9/9/05 [DOC ID 680] and 22/11/05 [DOC ID 683]. These taskings were in relation to Archie Keswick and Sienna Miller. Archie Keswick's voicemail was accessed by Glenn Mulcaire. Ian Edmondson ran this investigation, and he used Mulcaire to do his hacking.

31. Archie Keswick and Sienna Miller are long term friends. Ian Edmondson tasked Mulcaire on 9/9/05 (DOC ID 8242) to get information on Archie Keswick. The details of Sienna Miller and Archie Keswick appear on the same page in a number of places in Mulcaire's notes. The notes record Archie Keswick's direct dial mobile number [giving remote access to his mobile voicemails] and his PIN for voice mail access. On sheets DOC ID 680 and 679 Sienna Miller's details appear on the same page as Archie Keswick. The further information on these notes includes the landline for Mr Keswick's then flat, his family address, the name of the corporation he works for, his parents' mobile phone number, the name of an ex-girlfriend and the nearest hospital to him. This page of the notes has "Ian" in the top left hand corner. On DOC ID 679 is his remote voicemail access number (uvm). Following the 9/9/05 tasking of Mulcaire by Edmondson there were 10 hacks of Archie Keswick's uvm between 14/9/05 and 20/9/05. (See timeline) Then on 21/9/05 Edmondson tasked Mulcaire again. There is a Mulcaire note of that date with "Ian" in the top left corner. This is focussed on Sienna Miller and had personal details and those of friends of hers. On the following page were a series of mobile phone numbers including her mobile number and a default PIN number. There were a further 9 hacks of Archie Keswick's mobile phone after this second tasking. Two of these hacks

were carried out from the NOTW on 11/10/05, 2 days after Ian Edmondson's first tasking of Glen Mulcaire. This suggests that the information obtained by Glenn Mulcaire as a result of Ian Edmondson's tasking on 9/9/05 had been passed back to the NOTW who were using the information to hack.

32. In 2006 there was an extensive NOTW operation to hack the nanny employed by Sadie Frost, Jade Schmidt. This was run by James Weatherup and there is no evidence that Ian Edmondson was directly involved in this episode, although he was News Editor at the time.
33. **David Blunkett and Sally Anderson:** David Blunkett had been a target of the NOTW whilst Home Secretary in 2004, in a story based on hacking and run by Neville Thurlbeck and Andrew Coulson. After David Blunkett became Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in May 2005, the NOTW became interested in Sally Anderson and her association with David Blunkett, on the wholly unfounded basis that they were thought to be having an affair. This was an unfounded allegation which, it turned out, had been encouraged by Sally Anderson who had herself contacted a rival newspaper.
34. Glenn Mulcaire's records confirm the fact that he was tasked by the NOTW to investigate Ms Anderson and access her voicemails. The success of this tasking is evidenced by tapes of voicemails seized from Glenn Mulcaire's premises which contain messages to Sally Anderson's voicemail. The available call records demonstrate calls in 2006 from Mulcaire's numbers to Sally Anderson's unique voicemail number ("UVN"), thus gaining access to her voicemails. (See Timeline).
35. Glenn Mulcaire was tasked by Ian Edmondson, who had recently been promoted to news editor. One Mulcaire note with "Ian" in the top left shows that Edmondson was seeking information about hacking. The note (Doc ID 636) is headed "Re: Sally Anderson V//M Updates" and has a note of a message left for Sally Anderson by a friend.

**36. Messages left on Sally Anderson's mobile phone by, amongst others, David Blunkett were identified on tapes seized from Mulcaire's premises on his arrest. Telephone records show that Mulcaire hacked Sally Anderson's mobile phone on a number of occasions from November 2005 to June 2006. (See timeline).**

**37. Tessa Jowell and David Mills:** There are three pages of Mulcaire notes for Tessa Jowell and David Mills with "Ian" entered in the top left corner. Two are undated, and one is dated. One of the undated pages (WAB 92 pages 38 (Doc ID 12261) and 41 (Doc ID12264) has Tessa Jowell's DDM and PIN, apparently wrongly noted. A further note (DOC ID 6898) has the entry in Mulcaire's notes "Selling Hse – Her". This information is what Mulcaire put into the email to Edmondson (DGH/3) on 20/4/14 "also looks like she selling up...end". Mulcaire hacked the phones of Tessa Jowell and David Mills on 30 occasions between March and July 2006. (See timeline). 29 of those hacks were of Tessa Jowell's mobile phone.

**38. Lord Frederick Windsor:** In April 2006 Lord Frederick Windsor was of interest to Ian Edmondson and he set about getting the necessary information to hack his phone. This included information about his current employment which was recorded by Mulcaire in his notes. (NSF4 p.36-7, Doc ID 796) An email from Clive Goodman to Edmondson gave some details about him. No doubt he was the first person to be asked because he was the Royal editor. Edmondson followed this up with an enquiry to Andy Gadd, the private investigator, on the same date. Gadd's speciality was tracing people. He provided Lord Frederick Windsor's home address and mobile phone number. That information was supplied to Edmondson at 12.57. After two calls between Ian Edmondson and Glenn Mulcaire, Mulcaire had identified and called Lord Frederick Windsor's uvn by 13.31. His mobile phone was hacked five times by Mulcaire on 26/4/06 and 4 times on 27/4/06 before Mulcaire sent Edmondson the email with Lord Frederick Windsor's details, effectively instructions for hacking. After the email there were two hacks of his mobile phone from the News of the World. Lord Frederick Windsor was

hacked 16 times between 26/4/06 and 31/5/06. Tapes of recordings of voicemails seized from Mulcaire's premises contained 8 voicemail messages from friends and acquaintances of Lord Frederick Windsor.

39. **Lord Prescott:** In April 2006 Ian Edmondson wanted information on Lord Prescott and tasked Mulcaire to hack his secretary Tracey Temple on 25-26/4/06. There are three top left "Ian" Mulcaire notes on those dates. On 27/4/06, by e-mail from the NOTW Whitehall editor (DOC ID 781) Edmondson learned of the mobile number for Joan Hammell, Lord Prescott's special adviser. Less than a minute later, he texted Mulcaire. Mulcaire created a note about Joan Hammell on 28/4/06. (DOC ID 6925). Mulcaire obtained the PIN and UVN and hacked her phone at 10:34 on 28/4/06, for 16 minutes and 28 seconds. This is because there are 45 messages to listen to. At 14:27 he sent the e-mail to Edmondson DGH/3 (DOC ID 780) which told Edmondson how to access the 45 messages to be found in the voicemail of Joan Hammell.
40. On the same day, 28/4/06, the evidence also demonstrates, through undated Mulcaire notes and the phone records, that Edmondson had got wind of an exclusive story on Lord Prescott to be published imminently in the Mail on Sunday. The undated Mulcaire Notes (DOC ID 6924, 7090, 7091, 6732) are headed "URGENT" and contain a full hacking narrative for two Mail on Sunday journalists, Dennis Rice and Sebastian Hamilton, who were working on the Prescott story and planning to run an exclusive on Sunday the 30/4/06. The journalists' mobile phones were repeatedly hacked on 28/4/06 and the next day by both Mulcaire and someone using the phone at NOTW. The telephone evidence also shows that Edmondson was in telephone contact with Mulcaire on both days during the course of the hacking. The reason the journalists were hacked is evident from Edmondson's email aim of the NOTW (DOC ID 4001, 29/4/06) sent to his team entitled 'updates' which refers to the "planned spoiler". The hacking of these journalists continued through May. There were 29 voicemails messages to these journalists which were identified on tapes recovered from Mulcaire's premises on his arrest.

When Edmondson regarded it as necessary to find out what competitor newspapers were going to print, he was prepared to find out by hacking the relevant journalists' mobile phones.

41. **Calum Best** is the son of George Best, the famous footballer, and Angie Best. He has been the subject of media attention. Ian Edmondson wished to obtain information on Calum Best and tasked Glenn Mulcaire to do this.
42. Lorna Hogan was paid by the NOTW to act as a honey trap, ie form attachments to celebrities and people of interest to the NOTW in order to provide information to the NOTW. Ms Hogan had a particular relationship with the NOTW, where she dealt with the journalist Chris Tate, who was regularly in contact with her in order to obtain stories.
43. In early 2006 she met Calum Best at a nightclub. On the second meeting she went home with him. They met on four occasions over a two month period, the last occasion being the night before his father's memorial service. They were in regular mobile phone contact usually by text. Ms Hogan became pregnant. Her view was that Calum Best was the father.
44. After becoming pregnant, Ms Hogan was introduced to Ian Edmondson by Chris Tate. She provided information for stories about her pregnancy and the fact that Calum Best was the father to the NOTW on an exclusive basis. The NOTW were particularly interested in whether the baby would be a boy or a girl, and told Ms Hogan that she would get more money if it was a boy. She fell out with them when Ian Edmondson refused to pay her £4,000 for a story, having, according to Ms Hogan, agreed to do so, and told her to go to another newspaper as the NOTW was no longer interested in her.
45. Ian Edmondson was concerned to get further information from Mulcaire about the affair between Lorna Hogan and Calum Best. He tasked Mulcaire to obtain call records for February and March 2006, which Mulcaire did and then faxed to Ian Edmondson.

46. At the same time a NOTW journalist who had close links with Calum Best, Rav Singh, was also being hacked by Mulcaire in February and March 2006. When, at a later stage Edmondson and Coulson became concerned that Calum Best may be getting information from a journalist about NOTW stories which were to be run on Best, it was Edmondson who was the recipient, on 11/5/06, of an email of Rav Singh's mobile phone records. He was trying to find out if Rav Singh was leaking stories.
47. On 24/3/06 a Mulcaire note, tasking by "Ian", had Calum Best's name, mobile number and service provider (O2). There is also the word "Fiji" and Mr Best explains that he appeared on "Celebrity Love Island" in 2005 and 2006. This was filmed in Fiji. The page also notes the company who manage Mr Best's mobile phone account, with his account number.
48. On 16/4/06 the NOTW published a story entitled "I'm having Calum Best's baby", on the basis of information provided by Lorna Hogan. A further story was published by the NOTW on 21/5/06, entitled "Best's first grandchild." Lorna Hogan showed Ian Edmondson and Chris Tate the scan picture of her child. She was again paid.
49. There was concern expressed prior to the publication of the article on 21/5/06 that someone at NOTW was leaking information to Calum Best. Lorna Hogan stated that she received a text from Calum Best which said "How can you be so low as to sell a picture of an unborn child". She relayed this to the journalist Chris Tate, who emailed this information to Ian Edmondson. Ian Edmondson and Andrew Coulson discussed by email whether a leak from the NOTW had alerted Calum Best to the fact that Lorna Hogan had made the scan of their unborn child available to the NOTW. Coulson: "You think Calum a leak?" Edmondson: "I know she is a nightmare but at the moment I'm looking at every little thing. Same thing happened before, Calum bragging I have close mates inside NOTW." Andrew Coulson replied "Do his phone". This was a clear instruction to hack Calum Best's phone.

50. **Sir Paul McCartney** has been the subject of close media attention throughout his career.

During the course of his divorce from Heather Mills the media attention reached a new pitch. Sir Paul and Heather Mills broke up in May 2006. [Mills st p.S5] There was intense media interest up to and including the divorce proceedings in 2008. The tasking of Mulcaire and accessing of people's voicemails associated with Sir Paul and Ms Mills reflects this heightened media interest. The NOTW published 9 articles about the couple between 7/5/05 and 21/5/06. (Ryall st. p.S29) Ian Edmondson wished, unsurprisingly, to get information on the marital break-up. He employed Mulcaire to do so. The evidence of his taskings and the hacking which was consequently carried out by Mulcaire demonstrates that Mulcaire was hacking to Edmondson's order.

51. An undated tasking by Ian Edmondson has Heather Mills' name, former address and her mobile phone number. 8792 was her Pin number. (Mills st p. S10) There is also reference to Alan Edwards with his mobile phone number and the word "Agent". Sir Paul confirms that Mr Edwards was the boss of a publicity company which he used to be with. (st. p.S2) Alan Edwards' mobile phone was hacked nine times from 17/5/06 to 19/5/06 by Mulcaire. (See timeline) His taped voicemails were recovered from Mulcaire's premises.

52. A Mulcaire note with the names Stuart Bell and Macca had "Ian" in the top left corner. Stuart Bell's mobile phone was hacked on 7 occasions by Mulcaire on 18/5/06. A further Mulcaire note, dated 24/5/06, with "Ian" in the top left corner had the details of Heather Mills and her sister Fiona Mills. Fiona Mills worked with her sister. From the same date, 24/5/06, Mulcaire hacked Fiona Mills' phone on 8 occasions. Tapes of intercepted voicemail messages from Fiona Mills' phone were recovered from Mulcaire's premises on his arrest.

53. **Kerry Katona** (sp. AD1) is known for being a member of the pop group Atomic Kitten has had a high media profile. There are entries within Mulcaire's notes which show a phone hacking narrative. Mulcaire was tasked by Ian Edmondson on dated top left notes on 21/1/06 and 30/5/06.

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#### **Interviews**

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