

Hello Paul – thanks for your time on the phone this morning. I hope the following pages will help outline the main issues regarding our case. I have stitched together various pieces and hope it is not too repetitive or confusing for you. I have numbered the paragraphs for ease of future reference.

From our perspective there are several interconnected threads:

- (i) Our own family story; that of a decent, law-abiding family that tries to settle in rural Ireland but through no fault of our own, comes into conflict with a couple of 'well-placed' locals.
- (ii) The publication of a defamatory letter in June 2009 by these 'well-placed' locals, in an apparent attempt to ruin our lives and force us to leave the community.
- (iii) The subsequent civil case ('Def 1') won in Feb 2011, then appealed to the High Court (by the opposition) and eventually settled in our favour in Feb 2012, and the parallel 2-year campaign of criminal harassment and intimidation designed to force us to drop the civil case. (723 separate incidences recorded, resulting in 9 criminal investigations).
- (iv) The repeated false assertions by Gardai (both verbal and written) that 'criminal investigations were ongoing' (into the criminal attacks); that 'suspects had been arrested, detained and questioned'; and that files had been sent to the DPP.
- (v) The provable documented fact that Gardai had NOT conducted these investigations as stated, but were instead actively engaged in a series of cover-ups. The question is why?
- (vi) The subsequent proofs (digital recordings, faxes, letters and eyewitness statements) that certain Gardai were, at the very least, complicit in protecting the perpetrators of the criminal attacks – and that certain other Gardai were directly involved in conducting the attacks.
- (vii) The dozens of documents from the Garda Ombudsman that demonstrate that the GSOC is actively working against our interests and against the declared mandate of the GSOC, in an apparent effort to protect high-ranking Gardai and civil servants who are complicit in these cover-ups.
- (viii) The fact that Claire Loftus (current DPP) actively colluded with Gardai to deceive us into believing that criminal files were 'properly processed' – when in fact, no suspects were named in those files. This, on the back of two previous letters from the local Chief Superintendent to us, that went into considerable detail about the supposed 'arrest and detention' of apparently non-existent suspects.
- (ix) The increasing evidence of collusion and cover-ups involving the Gardai, the DPP, the Garda Ombudsman, the Chief State Solicitor's Office, and the apparent systematic attempts by these agencies to suppress evidence, protect criminals (who we believe we can demonstrate are serving or 'recently retired' Gardai), and deny us our rights under the Constitution.
- (x) The current civil case ('Def 3') that names three Gardai and a civilian for their parts in some of the 'anonymous' attacks against us, and the 'irregular' activities and decisions being made by the local Circuit Court with the apparent objective of shutting down our case at all costs before any of the evidence can be heard – and/or before any 'connected persons' can be exposed or embarrassed.
- (xi) The fact that no matter who we inform that we have solid documented and digital proofs of criminal activity and cover-ups amongst senior Gardai and civil servants, that no-one, not even the Taoiseach (our local TD) wants to deal with it.
- (xii) That after over three years of this, we no longer believe we can secure justice in these matters unless we have public support, and that had we not been so meticulous and attentive in keeping records, documents and making digital recordings, that certain Gardai would have almost certainly concocted and pressed false charges against me (we have evidence of these attempts as well).

1. Background: During a period of about 18 months (beginning June 2009) we were subjected to a campaign of mostly anonymous, internet-based harassment, intimidation, abuse and character assassination that was carried out using mobile phones, anonymous blogs, facebook profiles, hushmail, venompen, myspace, topix.com, gumtree.ie, foot.ie, and other internet forums and facilities where anonymous or pseudonymous posters placed highly abusive and defamatory materials.

2. The motivation behind these attacks was apparently two-fold: (i) To force us to withdraw the civil case for defamation ('Def 1'), and (ii) to intimidate us into withdrawing a proposed approach to 'higher authorities' (the GSOC) after discovering that local Gardai had deliberately and systematically deceived us as to the status of supposed 'ongoing criminal investigations' into these attacks for over a year.

3. We were eventually told by Gardai that none of these criminal sources were traceable, so we did our own research and managed to get confirmation from Eircom, Gumtree, Meteor, Vodafone, Facebook, and other independent sources (including UK cyber-crimes police) that records DID in fact exist that would identify the perpetrators. For some reason however, and no matter how many times we wrote to senior Gardai alerting them to the existence of these records, no-one followed up on them.

4. After the Garda Ombudsman too utterly failed to take any proper action, we launched a civil defamation case in October 2011 naming one layperson, a Chief Superintendent, a Superintendent and a Sergeant of Gardai for their parts in the online attacks ('Def 3'). As a normal citizen apparently, I can only initiate civil actions for *defamation* or *personal injuries*, whilst the criminal aspects of the attacks can only be dealt with by the Gardai and the DPP. The problem is that we have proof that the Gardai and the DPP are actively involved in a cover-up of the criminal acts, and are being directly or indirectly assisted by senior staff at the Garda Ombudsman, by staff at the DPP's Office and personnel at the Chief State Solicitor's Office.

5. We have since applied for Court Orders to get 'disclosure' from Eircom/Meteor, Facebook, Facebook Ireland, the UK Police (who have information from Facebook too), and a few other sources, only to be met with the most incredible and bewildering levels of resistance on ALL fronts. After initially confirming that the records were there for example, and that they would respect a Court Order demanding release of these records, some of these agencies have since withdrawn their cooperation without giving any proper explanations, and in the case of Eircom/Meteor (now the same company) – they have engaged Ireland's largest firm of solicitors (Arthur Cox) to 'independently' block our access to the data that would identify the perpetrators. The big question of course is 'why?' The fact that the two law firms in question are regularly employed by the DPP's Office and the CSSO to do work for them in the Courts, as well as Arthur Cox earning approximately €22,000.00 per day from the State since September 2008 should also raise a few eyebrows.

6. It is also interesting to note a few other 'co-incidences' here: Firstly, the Superintendent named in the second defamation case ('Def 3') 'hurriedly retired' in September 2011. Then, after the Ombudsman told us that he could now no longer be investigated by them, the Chief State Solicitor took up the defence of the civil case. We objected to this on constitutional grounds, but they completely ignored us and tried instead to swamp us with vexatious demands for documentation. In January 2012, the Chief State Prosecutor at the DPP (Eileen Creedon) was appointed to the position of Chief State Solicitor and immediately tried to ram through a Motion to strike out our case before any of the evidence could be heard. Interestingly, it was also in January 2011 that the new *Communications (Retention of Data) Act* was signed into law. Whether co-incidence or not, this would effectively ensure that most of the records we were seeking through disclosure (if they had not been 'preserved' due to the supposed Garda investigations) would now be automatically erased. They should have been preserved of course – but they haven't. This indicates no investigations were ever done.

7. Meanwhile, Ms Creedon's previous boss, Claire Loftus became the new DPP. Ms Loftus, in her previous role as Head of Directions at the DPP repeatedly obstructed and deceived us regarding non-existent Garda investigations. After the Garda Ombudsman tried to ignore / suppress our reports to them, we lodged a criminal complaint alleging 'conspiracy to pervert the course of justice' naming Claire Loftus, and the three Gardai. As I explained on the phone, the Garda Authorities apparently sat on that criminal complaint for a few months before forwarding it to the GSOC who then ruled it 'out of time' – despite the fact the GSOC had the exact same complaint already on their books from months earlier. That complaint still hasn't been address nearly two years later, and Mr O'Brien refuses to account for the inaction! I have letters from the Garda Commissioner, the GSOC Chairperson, the Minister for Justice and the Taoiseach that variously contradict each other as each of them attempts to avoid or ignore these issues. The evidence suggests there is a deliberate plan to shut down our case at all costs, before we can lay hands on the definitive records that expose the person(s) behind the attacks. All the proofs we have so far indicate that at least one senior Garda was involved, and that a good number of highly-placed civil servants have actively participated in the subsequent cover-up – probably due to the massive embarrassment that would ensue if we are ever allowed to present our evidence in open Court.

8. Brief (very incomplete) timeline: *The original time line runs to over 90 pages.*
- i. June 2009 – defamatory letter published by some ‘well-connected’ locals (*after 2.5 years, the case [‘Def 1’] was finally ‘settled’ in our favour.*)
  - ii. July 2009 – a campaign of vexatious complaints to Gardai; and anonymous online harassment and intimidation begins against us.
  - iii. July 2009 to March 2010 – Gardai take details of criminal attacks and assure us that criminal prosecutions will ensue.
  - iv. June 2010 – we contact local Supt for an update on what’s happening. He cannot produce any evidence that anything has been done, instead issues a ‘caution’ against me based on an uncorroborated complaint from the lead defendant in the civil case.
  - v. July 2010 – we approach the Chief Superintendent with our concerns. He puts us on a ‘long wait’ while he proceeds to cover up the evidence of Garda wrongdoing.
  - vi. Sept 2010 – We first contact the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission for advice. We later discover every ‘private’ conversation with them is relayed directly back to local Gardai.
  - vii. Sept 2010 – almost immediately, the Chief Supt writes to say ‘suspects have been arrested and files will go to DPP’ etc
  - viii. Nov 2010 – Circuit Court (Def 1) warns civil case defendants they will go to jail if they don’t disclose information to us – we had been waiting 18 months just for the postal addresses of the co-defendants.
  - ix. Nov 2010 – at the same time another campaign of intimidation and defamation starts online – using information only the Gardai had access to.
  - x. Nov 2010 – local Gardai engage in as-yet unexplained clandestine activities, including secretive ‘interviews’ with locals, seeking damaging information on me, who were then advised, *“Don’t tell anyone we were here”*.
  - xi. Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 – some of the worst attacks begin on Facebook / venompen / topix.com etc.. Amongst the lies and false accusations, certain private information is displayed that could only have come from Gardai.
  - xii. Nov – Dec 2010 – UK Police become involved because of the possibility that a UK resident may be involved in the online attacks. They secure information from Facebook that will identify the Irish-based attackers. We inform the local Garda Ch Supt that the evidence is waiting to be collected. Several months later, and again in late 2012, UK police confirm in writing that no contact has ever been received from Gardai.
  - xiii. Dec 2010 – formal written complaints submitted to GSOC. But they seem determined to ‘deem complaints inadmissible’. To date (Feb 2013) we have seen no evidence that any proper investigations were ever done by GSOC.
  - xiv. Jan 2011 – we write to DPP asking them to confirm they received files from Gardai. No responses from DPP for 3 months, and despite our repeated objections, all our ‘private & confidential’ letters are relayed back to local Gardai.
  - xv. Feb 2011 – we win civil case (Def 1) in front of a visiting Judge, with all costs and maximum damages, but defendants appeal. Everything reported in the media.
  - xvi. Mar 2011 – Chief Supt confirms several more suspects have been arrested and files have been sent to the DPP. We later discover these reports are lies. Meanwhile, the Chief Supt colludes with a Garda Sgt to avoid responding to Circuit and High Court subpoenas.
  - xvii. A flurry of activity at the DPP’s Office when our solicitor tells them we will subpoena basic information that they have refused to disclose (i.e. who is handling our criminal complaints at the DPP?). 3 criminal files are then supposedly ‘processed’ within 48hrs. We later discover none of those files contained any named suspects, despite Gardai saying suspects had been ‘arrested, questioned and detained’ etc.
  - xviii. Mar 2011 to date; we have written scores of letters and submitted digital and documented evidence, but no-one in authority will take any responsibility, answer our questions, or take any real, accountable action.
  - xix. June to Aug 2011 – we request meetings with Garda Commissioner Callinan, DPP James Hamilton and Alan Shatter Minister of Justice to discuss the situation, but all approaches are ignored, deferred or denied.
  - xx. Aug 2011 – We send complaint to Garda Ombudsman alleging conspiracy to pervert the course of justice against the 3 Gardai and senior staff at the DPP. They completely ignore the complaint.
  - xxi. Sept 2011 – we are informed that the DPP is not going to prosecute anyone in any of the nine supposed criminal investigations completed; the GSOC only intends to investigate one innocuous complaint; and that no-one is obliged to explain anything to us etc.. Each department states more-or-less, *“This concludes the matter as far as we are concerned, and we will not correspond further with you..”*
  - xxii. Throughout all this process the one glaring question remains; given the seriousness of the attacks against us; given all the evidence at hand; and given the seriousness of our complaints of Garda wrongdoing.. why doesn’t anyone want to see the evidence?

9. (Updated Aug 2012)

- i. 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011 – after many letters to ‘the authorities’ including to Min of Justice and the Taoiseach, after 13 months of obstructionism and delays, the GSOC eventually dispatches an Asst Commissioner, via the Garda Commissioner, to interview us. He retires 2 weeks later, putting the process back to square one again.
- ii. 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2011 - Civil defamation case (‘Def 3’) initiated against Collins and 3 Gardai. Chief State Solicitor (CSSO) David O’Hagan says he will defend Gardai at taxpayer’s expense. We object on Constitutional grounds. They ignore us and swamp us with vexatious requests for paperwork.
- iii. Jan 2012 – Chief Prosecuting Solicitor Eileen Creedon moves from DPP Office to CSSO. She immediately tries to have our ‘Def 3’ case struck out. We raise objections based on the constitution; her personal conflicts of interest; and the terms of service on the CSSO website. Those terms immediately get amended, and are then disingenuously quoted in their response. Ms Creedon ignores the other questions.
- iv. Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 2012 – ‘Def 1’ case is forced into ‘settlement’ by same local Judge who appoints himself to cover ‘Def 3’. Both cases handled very prejudicially by this Judge. Documents surface proving perjury by defendants and collusion between the Chief Supt and the Defendants in the ‘Def 1’ civil case (e.g. our private letters to Chief Supt are in their book of evidence!) Judge shows no interest in hearing our witnesses.
- v. Feb / March 2012 – we seek ‘voluntary disclosure’ from a number of sources in ‘Def 3’ including Facebook, telephone and internet companies. Some respond, others don’t. Most say they will need a Court Order. We apply for seven Court Orders. We have to let our solicitor go, due to lack of funds.
- vi. March 2012 – After the GSOC (Garda Ombudsman) utterly fails to acknowledge our formal complaints, we lodge a criminal complaint against Claire Loftus, DPP and the 3 Gardai for ‘conspiracy to pervert the course of justice’.
- vii. Between April and July 2012, a series of ‘highly questionable’ decisions are made in the Court by the same ‘local’ Judge (and County Registrar) who seem determined to facilitate the defence at every turn, and obstruct our ability to get the data we need to absolutely identify the perpetrators. These controversial decisions become the subject of a High Court Appeal.(See ‘x’ below).
- viii. May 2012 – we write to Chief Supt and the defence solicitors in Def 1 several times asking why our private letters to Ch Supt Curley were in their book of evidence? No response from solicitor, and the usual generic deferral from Gardai.
- ix. July 2012 – Further attempts by the Garda Commissioner, the GSOC, the DPP and the CSSO to suppress / ignore / deem ‘out of time’ our criminal complaints of conspiracy against Gardai and the DPP.
- x. July 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 – I approach the High Court in Dublin ‘ex parte’ and get ‘time to appeal’ against a series of unfathomable decisions being made in the Circuit Court – including allowing solicitors to present forged documents in Court, and conditionally striking out our case against the Gardai without any of our evidence being heard in Court! Meanwhile, top law firms (who are also employed by the State) are engaged as ‘counsel’ for Eircom-Meteor and Facebook Ireland, and set about doing everything they can, using trickery and deception, to block our access to the disclosure data.
- xi. As of August 21<sup>st</sup> 2012, Arthur Cox, solicitors for Eircom-Meteor refuse to answer our questions about apparent (and quite obvious) conflicts of interest, and declare that they are more-or-less ignoring the High Court Order giving us ‘time to appeal’...

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- xii. We are assigned a High Court Appeal Hearing date in Sligo on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 and make extensive preparations, including notifying all parties and subpoenaing a range of high-profile individuals. Upon arrival at Sligo we note that many of the individuals subpoenaed have not appeared, and we are ‘ambushed’ by several barristers who use an obscure clause in the 1936 Constitution to have the Hearing adjourned to Dublin. The Judge agrees it is a technicality but says ‘we have to abide by the rules’. He states he has no jurisdiction to issue any Orders on the day – not even to secure evidence.
- xiii. Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 2012, County Registrar issues a Circuit Court Order deferring our request to cross-examine the Defence regarding forged documentation *‘until matters have been dealt with by the High Court Appeal’*.
- xiv. Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 – a belated and highly controversial Order is issued by the same County Registrar regarding the Sligo Hearing that has the effect of setting back our Appeal several stages. We write in with our objections to numerous errors and inconsistencies in the alleged ‘Order’.
- xv. Dec 2012 – Feb 2013 – three attempts to secure a new Appeal Hearing date in Dublin have been blocked/obstructed/rejected by senior civil servants in the Courts service. Letters requesting explanations from them are either ignored or not properly responded to. We are still attempting to secure a new Appeal date.

10. So, as things stand at present Paul, we have this absurd situation whereby; (i) everyone accepts that some serious crimes were committed against us during 2009 - 2011; (ii) records existed on phone and internet databases that would identify the perpetrators; (iii) the Gardai have lied, deceived and covered-up the evidence for over three years now because (we can solidly demonstrate); (a) they were improperly colluding with the defence in the original civil case; (b) they lied about doing criminal investigations; and (c) because at least one senior Garda was implicated in some of the crimes themselves; (iv) the whole judicial / political system, with assistance from commercial companies and well-placed 'independent' law-firms as it seems, going out of their way to protect the perpetrators; and (v) no-one in authority seems willing or able to do anything whatsoever about it; and dare I say it, 'the media' (the local media at least) – seem scared to go anywhere near it.

11. It is hard to know what other information I should include here Paul, but we have thousands of documents, and hours of digital recordings, as well as credible independent eyewitnesses who will support all that's outlined here. In the meantime, it seems that the combined tactics of obstructionism, denials, circuitous referrals to other agencies, misuse of legal procedures, forged documents, and straight-forward lying are all being deployed against us in an effort to wear us down, empty our bank account, intimidate us into giving up, or otherwise make it impossible to continue. We have recently written again to Garda Commissioner Callinan and Deputy Commissioner Naice Rice for example, advising them that the UK police are STILL waiting for the Facebook evidence to be collected from them (since 2010), and that this evidence would of course have the immediate effect of clearing these three Gardai named in our civil and criminal complaints – that's IF they are not actually complicit of course. But again – there is no response. If nothing else, this issue alone should arouse the interest of any objective observer (see attached letter

12. It seems that the only avenue left open to us is to go public with what is going on, and hope that this will generate sufficient interest amongst the media so that these blatant abuses of our fundamental rights cannot be visited on another unsuspecting citizen, and that some of these highly-paid miscreants in the employ of the State are exposed for who and what they really are.

13. Hoping this gives you a general overview Paul. Please also take a few minutes to read the letters we sent to the Garda Commissioner on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 because that sums up the situation pretty well from a more personal viewpoint. Copies of that letter also went to the Minister of Justice Alan Shatter, previous DPP James Hamilton (no direct responses from him), and the Taoiseach (our local TD) who, like Mr Shatter, repeatedly excused himself from involvement on the grounds of the 'necessary independence' of the Gardai, the GSOC, the DPP etc... which we all now know is utter nonsense.

14. There are more aspects to the story being uncovered as we speak – such as evidence linking various 'important persons' to the perpetrators of the attacks against us, including behind-the-scenes political connections that would go a long way to explaining how a relatively straightforward defamation case mushroomed and snowballed into this horror story that we have been forced to live through. But we would be reluctant to put this evidence 'on record' until we are absolutely sure of the details.

So, that's the basis of the story so far Paul. I picked up on your personal reservations during our conversation of course, but I can assure you that every single fact listed in this summary is backed up by solid proofs, so please don't let the absence of attached evidence be the reason you do not follow through with this. I will stand fully behind everything – and more – that is stated herein. This is absolutely a matter of public interest and national importance, because if an innocent law-abiding citizen can be subjected to this level of unconstitutional abuse over such an extended period by persons in the employ of the State – without anyone being in any way held accountable – then what does that say of our 'parliamentary democracy' – and what does it say of the integrity of our national institutions?

Please let me know if you think this is a story you can report on, and I will make every effort to get whatever proofs you need to substantiate the facts and allegations herein – including visiting you in Dublin if necessary, so you can see the evidence for yourself, first-hand.

Thank you for your time and consideration Paul.

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*Mr Reynolds' incredible response was to threaten me with defamation. He displayed NO interest whatsoever in seeing ANY of the evidence. We would later discover that Mr Reynolds' father was a Garda Superintendent.*

*The catalogue of abuse, harassment and criminal acts of misfeasance and malfeasance by the authorities continues..*