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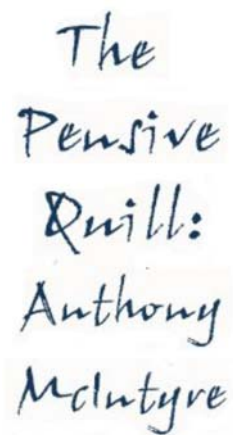


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4 September 2013

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Mr Anthony McIntyre
Drogheda
Co. Louth

Dear Sir,

RE: OUR CLIENT – ALLISON MORRIS

We have been instructed by Allison Morris, a leading and highly respected senior staff journalist with the Irish News in respect of false, defamatory, and harassing material which you have published on a website entitled "thepensivequill" which can be located at the following link ("the website"):

http://thepensivequill.am

The website contains grossly offensive material about our client which is fundamentally untrue, highly defamatory and motivated by malice. For example, you falsely state that our client behaved in an unprofessional and dishonest manner during her dealings with Dolours Price and allege that our client has been involved in unethical journalistic practices. You further outrageously infer that our client has links with the illegal dissident Republican group Oglai gh na hEireann. This blatant attempt to undermine our client's journalistic integrity is even more concerning given that you are aware that such reckless allegations could endanger her personal security.

Furthermore, it is clear that your website is being used by yourself and others as a platform for malicious, defamatory and highly personal attacks on our client. A series of extremely abusive and threatening posts, including, inter alia, those entitled, "What Price Justice", "The Weird World of an Irish News Journalist" "I Have A Right To Be Angry", and "Are You Being Gagged?" published on your website constitute a sustained campaign of harassment against our client.

As the author and publisher of these allegations you are liable, along with the Internet Service Provider, for the resulting damage to our client's reputation. Now that you are on

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There is no coming  
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## READING

Battle At Oldbridge,

notice of the defamatory and abusive material you are publishing, we require you to:

1. Immediately and permanently delete the defamatory and abusive content from your server, and effect the removal of any reference to our client on the website;
2. Immediately provide your undertaking in writing not to allow the same or similar allegations contained on the website to be cached or otherwise stored in any way.

Our client has no desire to become embroiled in litigation and would prefer if this matter could be resolved amicably. Indeed, our client's editor, Mr. Noel Doran, has contacted you on several occasions in an effort to resolve this matter without recourse to legal proceedings. Our client is disappointed to note that you have repeatedly refused to engage constructively with Mr. Doran's attempts to settle this matter.

In these circumstances, pending confirmation of the above, we reserve all of our client's rights, including the right to issue legal proceedings against you in support of a claim for substantial damages.

We look forward to hearing from you as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully,

**JOHNSONS**



## CORRESPONDENCE WITH IRISH NEWS EDITOR NOEL DORAN

*"Indeed, our client's editor, Mr. Noel Doran, has contacted you on several occasions in an effort to resolve this matter without recourse to legal proceedings. Our client is disappointed to note that you have repeatedly refused to engage constructively with Mr. Doran's attempts to settle this matter."*

From: Noel Doran  
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 10:06 AM  
To: Anthony McIntyre  
Subject: website

Anthony,

Having just returned to work after annual leave, I have had an opportunity to review the personal attacks on Allison Morris and the other derogatory references to The Irish News and myself which have been appearing on your website.

I can say with certainty that many of the claims you have published are either entirely misleading or completely false, and, as you are aware, no attempt has been made to check any of the background with me.

I am very concerned about these developments at a number of levels and I believe it is important that we should have a telephone



Former IRA volunteer and ex-prisoner, spent 18 years in Long Kesh, 4 years on the blanket and no-wash/no work protests which led to the hunger strikes of the 80s. Completed PhD at Queens upon release from prison. Left the Republican Movement at the endorsement of the Good Friday Agreement, and went on to become a journalist. Co-founder of *The Blanket*, an online magazine that critically analyzed the Irish peace process.

## COMMENTS

Beano Niblock

A Guide to the Silence of the Irish Other World, Sean Mac Eachaidh

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ELO

*a little of this,  
a little of that*



## FOLLOW

discussion without delay. I would be obliged if you could provide a contact number and a time when you would be available.

Noel Doran,  
The Irish News.

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From: Anthony McIntyre  
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2013 7:35 PM

To: Noel Doran  
Subject: Re: website

Noel,

If the purpose of you calling is to threaten legal action, or continue with your previous threat of legal action, I have not the slightest interest in talking with you. I am, however, happy to offer you a more magnanimous right of reply than I was afforded in your paper's coverage of my successful appeal against the baseless accusations of your reporter.

Anthony

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From: Noel Doran  
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2013 4:34 PM

To: Anthony McIntyre  
Subject: Re: website

Anthony,

The claims in your latest message are as misleading as those on your website are false. However, if you do not wish to discuss these matters either before or after publication, my options are limited. I believe that I have consistently set out to engage with you since we first spoke some seven years ago. As a considered position, perhaps you could confirm that you do not have 'the slightest interest' in my point of view ?

Noel Doran.

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From: Anthony McIntyre  
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2013 8:34 PM

To: Noel Doran  
Subject: Re: website

Noel:

I confirm nothing of the sort. I will indeed be very interested to read your reply. You continue to state that "many of the claims you have published are either entirely misleading or completely false" without any further explanation. As I stated I am more than happy to offer you a magnanimous right of reply, with as much space you would like, certainly more than I was afforded in your paper's coverage of my successful appeal against the baseless accusations of your reporter. Anything you send in shall be carried in full, and this gives you plenty of space to air your grievances, or correct the record.

[Ardoyne Republican wrote...](#)

Notice my name has been mentioned a few times on TPQ a few times in this debate/discussion a chairde....I don't wish to become involved in this...

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It is troubling that a major Northern newspaper is desperately trying to stifle reasoned scrutiny of the outrageous behaviour of one of its...

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Journalism, or what passes for it today enables the 'west' to tell the world black is white and to be amazed when people begin to see through...

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Mackers,It still must stick in your claw. All you have come through and been up against and you have to entertain this dribble. Depressing!

[AM wrote...](#)

Nuala, you can only be guided by what you believe in. And for you that has been a mainstay. Abuse goes with the turf.

[Fionnuala Pery wrote...](#)

Mackers,Sad to say I have to agree. But we are what we are and we will continue to be that inspite of the mud slingers from whichever circle.

[AM wrote...](#)

Nuala,the circle that can be ruled out is the circle we used to be in. That is more a circus.

[AM wrote...](#)

Fionnchú,small wonder they say Marxism is the opium of the Marxists. Some tend to be religious when it comes to god Karl. What put me off Marxism was...

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[AM wrote...](#)

STEW has left a new comment on your post "NOT CENSORED BY THE IRISH NEWS";Daniel/Fido, if there is an article to be published in the any of...

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[AM wrote...](#)

The next comment to follow has been slightly edited

[Fionnuala Pery wrote...](#)

Apologies for the typo should have said in Republican circles. Republican circles I'm starting to wonder what that even means anyone?

[AM wrote...](#)

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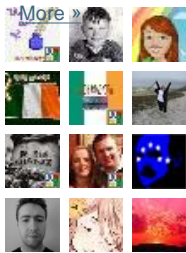
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In the wake of last night's anti internment rally some Belfast Felons Club Officials have taken to complaining about the fact that

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In our last conversation, which took place over a year ago, you immediately sought to censor me by threatening legal action against me on behalf of your reporter over The Pensive Quill's coverage of what I believe to be her unethical behaviour. You did not pause to engage in any exchange of views then, nor have you sought to debate this matter with me at any time since, so I have no faith that you are genuinely seeking any resolution now.

If you genuinely would like to speak to me on these issues I am and have always been available to discuss them, as my attendance at both NUJ hearings instigated by your reporter's complaint illustrates.

If the purpose of your speaking with me is to attempt further censorship - contrary to your public pronouncements on the value of free speech - or again to threaten legal action, you can speak directly to my lawyer.

Anthony

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From: Noel Doran  
Sent: Sunday, August 25, 2013 1:38 PM  
To: Anthony McIntyre  
Subject: Re: website

Anthony,

You say that I have not explained why a large section of the material you published was either misleading or false, but that was the whole point of my attempt to open some form of dialogue with you. This is also exactly what I also set out to do in my previous telephone call to you 15 months ago, which concerned the decision by an individual named Mark McGregor to withdraw a defamatory article from his personal blog which you had republished on your own website. Allowing an article to remain online which the author had already accepted that he could not stand over would have left you in an extremely vulnerable position, and I believed the best approach was to informally update you on the sequence of events. It is extraordinary that you should present my telephone call as a threat when it actually enabled you to avoid a legal action for which you had no possible defence. In my email to you of August 21, I said it was important that we should have a discussion about the latest derogatory references to Allison Morris, The Irish News and myself which have appeared on your website and I asked if you would be available to take a call from me. I did not introduce any preconditions and I never mentioned the involvement of solicitors - although I note that you have directed me to an unnamed lawyer in your message below. My suggestion of an informal telephone conversation remains on the table, and I would be obliged if you would provide a definitive response to this proposal.

Noel Doran.

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From: Anthony McIntyre  
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 3:20 PM  
To: Noel Doran  
Subject: Re: website

Noel,

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### No Choice But to Take It: RFE interview with Richard O'Rawe

TRANSCRIPT: Radio Free Éireann interview with Richard O'Rawe, author of Blanketmen

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Carrie Twomey with a piece she put together for Facebook venting her anger at what she considers unethical behaviour on the part of the Iri...



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For about a week now I have been nonchalantly anticipating two letters: one from the Ethics Council of the NUJ and the other from a c...

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Guest writer Mick Hall who blogs at Organized Rage with some thoughts on the Syrian conflict and the type of loyalties it engenders. I ...



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Recently I penned a piece about the evident institutional bias at the Irish News whose physical layout and positioning of a news item...



### Peace Processing the Memory of Conflict: Radio Foyle interview with Dixie Elliott

BBC Radio Foyle Breakfast Monday 19 August 2013 Programme Host Enda

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if it concerns you that much then please check your schedule and make arrangements to meet in Drogheda at your earliest convenience.

Anthony

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From: Noel Doran  
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 1:12 PM  
To: Anthony McIntyre  
Subject: Re: website

Anthony,

This is my fourth message to you in the space of a week, all making the same simple request that we should have a telephone conversation about what are plainly serious and urgent matters involving your website. There is no more a necessity for me to travel to Drogheda than there is for you to come to Belfast, and I do not understand why you have been unable to either accept or reject my suggestion. I would be grateful for a straightforward and final response indicating if or when you may be available to take my call.

Noel Doran.

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From: Anthony McIntyre  
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 7:21 PM  
To: Noel Doran  
Subject: Re: website

Noel,

You have my numbers. Nothing stopped you from calling me while your reporter was making baseless accusations against me to the NUJ and nothing is stopping you now. That you have not called me at any point along the way is not my doing. I certainly have not stopped you from picking up the phone.

I am and have always been available. Unlike your reporter I made the effort to attend both NUJ hearings even at great cost to myself and my family in order to facilitate dialogue on the issue; clearly I am willing to listen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. I have no football matches to attend that I am aware of on the horizon.

I welcome any genuine point of view but yet another vexatious threat on behalf of your unethical and truth-challenged reporter, in a futile attempt to censor me, is a waste of everyone's time.

I also will reiterate you have the option of a full right of reply, with plenty of space to air your grievances, or correct the record as you see it. You will certainly have much more space than your paper afforded me in the tiniest corner of page 10. Anything you send in shall be carried in full.

However, you have my numbers so I fail to understand why you need my permission to call me. I am also available for you to meet with in Drogheda, at any time depending on your schedule. Surely if the matters are as plainly serious and urgent as you describe you would have already called or made arrangements to see me by now, instead of bugging around with this inexplicable pretence of needing some sort of permission to ring.

You can also Skype me:

Anthony

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From: Noel Doran  
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2013 11:02 AM  
To: Anthony McIntyre  
Subject: Re: website

Anthony,

I do not have your telephone number. It is more than a year since I last spoke to you, and, other than an email address automatically stored in our system, I had no reason to retain your contact details. Asking for your number, in order to arrange a straightforward telephone conversation at a mutually convenient time, is a simple act of courtesy. I do not understand why you are instead raising football matches and NUJ hearings in which I had no involvement. What I need to do is have a telephone discussion with you about serious and urgent matters relating to your website. We have reached a stage, after five messages on my part over the last week, where a definitive and immediate response to my proposal is essential. If you feel unable to provide a telephone number and a time when you are available, I will draw my own conclusions.

Noel Doran.

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From: Anthony McIntyre  
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2013 12:17 PM  
To: Noel Doran  
Subject: Re: website

Noel,

and Bimpe doesn't have it either I suppose.

Football matches sometimes prove the worth of a person's character and reliability.

If you want you can call me this afternoon. I will be at 353 XX XXXX between 1 and 3pm. I will listen to what you want to say. That is the one guarantee you have.

Any attempt to censor or the vaguest hint at a legal threat just put the phone down before I do

Anthony

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From: Noel Doran  
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 5:02 PM  
To: Anthony McIntyre  
Subject: Re: website

Anthony,

As I indicated during our telephone conversation on Wednesday, it is essential that the issues arising from the material on your website in relation to Allison Morris, The Irish News and myself are addressed immediately. I do not intend to go through again all the aspects which are either misleading, false or dangerous, but the article you published under the name of Paul Campbell sums up my overall concerns.

Although you spoke of a commitment to the ethics of journalism, you readily agreed that the by-line of Paul Campbell was invented and no contact had been made with those who were the subject of the allegations in the article in advance of publication. As a result, your website has carried a completely misleading account of the dealings between our paper and Dolours Price which falsely stated that separate threats to the life of Allison Morris were 'seemingly made up,' 'baseless' and 'laughable'.

I can state with certainty that serious threats have been made against Allison Morris by both loyalist and republican sources. Over a number of years, and again more recently, I personally dealt with the police and other groups in relation to these matters. I know the gravity of the cases which were investigated and I am appalled that your website should put forward such reckless and totally untrue claims.

Similar points could be made about most of the other articles referring to The Irish News on your website, and the only appropriate course of action for you is to withdraw all the material in question at once.

I noted your views on the National Union of Journalists, The Sunday Life and the website of Ted Folkman, but it should be obvious that none of these could be remotely considered to be under my jurisdiction. I would be prepared to consider further dialogue about your opinions on the content of The Irish News, but only after you have confirmed the removal of all the unacceptable material you have published about our paper. The false claims on your website have already been reflected on outlets linked to loyalist extremists, adding further to my deep sense of alarm for our staff. I look forward to hearing from you without delay.

Noel Doran.

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From: Anthony McIntyre  
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2013 18:22 PM  
To: Noel Doran  
Subject: Re: website

Noel,

We listened to you for over an hour on Wednesday and have studied your email. We have endeavoured to find substance in your discourse that would give us grounds to reconsider our position. In neither your phone contact nor email have you persuasively demonstrated that it is essential that we bow to your demands.

You have failed utterly to show that any of the published material was 'misleading, false or dangerous.'

We did not 'readily' agree that the by-line by Paul Campbell was an invention. We stated no definitive position on it, opting to allow you to



draw whatever conclusions you wished, right or wrong.

The items in the piece that you say concerned you were already in the public domain and you have put your position in respect of them into the public domain also. There was no compelling reason why you needed to be contacted when your response was a matter of public record. We do not accept that our 'website has carried a completely misleading account of the dealings between (your) paper and Dolours Price'. We believe we have the evidence to show that the challenge to your account of the meeting can be substantiated. This does not mean that you are falsifying the account, merely that we have a version of what happened which is totally at odds with your own. Our account has been put in the public domain elsewhere including via sworn affidavit. You also engaged in a public exchange with Ed Moloney in respect of the account in which you presented your side of the argument.

We see no evidence in your perspective that would substantively challenge the view of Paul Campbell that the threat Allison Morris claimed she faced as a result of Mark McGregor's piece in her complaint to the NUJ was 'seemingly made up,' 'baseless' and 'laughable'. You, when challenged on Wednesday, could produce nothing to show that there was any threat to Allison Morris's life that resulted from anything that appeared on our website. You refer to your dialogue with the police but at no point have you been able, when invited, to demonstrate that any matters pertaining to our site formed part of that dialogue. You seem to have taken refuge behind general assertions and avoided dealing with the specificities that are essential if you are to impress upon us a serious concern on your part.

Were Allison Morris under threat that resulted from material on our website I believe the police would have alerted me. I fail to see why they would not. I would be open to any suggestion from any quarter that material be withdrawn if it endangered the life of any person. That would apply as every bit as much to a member of the PSNI as it would to a journalist. All have equal right not to be under threat. I have consistently spoken out against the use of political violence. In your own paper in October 2000 I made the point that republicans should never again use force in pursuit of their goals. It is a position that I have never once had cause to resile from.

You 'state with certainty that serious threats have been made against Allison Morris by both loyalist and republican sources.'

Again, this is the broad brush with which you hope to sweep aside all narratives that you find unacceptable. Paul Campbell has constructed such a narrative. Unlike your generalisations Campbell's narrative is specifically linked to claims made by Allison Morris to the NUJ that she was under threat as a result of material that appeared on our website. Campbell has called into serious question in a strongly cogent fashion the suggestion that Allison Morrison is under any threat in the context I have outlined. You have failed to come up with even a modicum of evidence that Paul Campbell made 'reckless and totally untrue claims.'

I am as concerned as anyone else that a person might face threat. I am even more concerned if the threat was to be result of anything that I have been responsible for. But it is all too easy to censor the freedom to write on the basis of an alleged threat for which no evidence has been forthcoming.

Indeed, during Wednesday's call you reminded me that I had actually written to you supporting Allison Morris when you office was picketed by republicans opposed to what she was writing. Because we find ourselves on the opposite side of the argument from a person does not mean we would ever wish to see them harmed. Writing you in opposition to picketing is not consistent with someone who would approve threats.



You want all material in relation to the Irish News withdrawn from the website. This in my view is simply an attempt by you to censor us and by extension have questions raised about your paper hushed up. I don't find this in any way acceptable and I am deeply disappointed that a paper with a record of facilitating the freedom to write in an environment that was not always conducive to it should be making this sort of demand of one of its critics.

For us to yield to your demand that we remove all the material you find unacceptable would be to acquiesce in a censor's charter. It is a power we will never confer onto you. While we hold to the maxim that we can write what we like, what we like shall continue to be informed, shaped, and constrained by wider considerations foremost of which remains the question of harm that may arise as a result of what is written. We seek to see no one harmed but it is not our role to protect people from the offence that may accrue from an opinion they might find 'unacceptable.'

I genuinely regret that we have been unable to reach a satisfactory resolution of this matter given the very positive relationship we have had with your paper over the years. But your demand that we basically shut up and then talk to you offline once we do is totally unreasonable.

What we shall do again is offer you or any of your staff the unfettered ability to respond in full to any issues raised on the blog. In addition to being speedily facilitated you will have unlimited space to make your case as often and as strongly as you wish. That seems a much healthier way of addressing a clash of perspectives between rival narratives than the gagging of one by the other.

In conclusion I ask you to confirm whether you wish to avail of our offer of right of reply, and if that will finally resolve the matter for the benefit of all parties.

Anthony

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From: Noel Doran  
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 11:01 AM  
To: Anthony McIntyre  
Subject: website

Anthony,

I was saddened by the tone of your response. Your evasiveness after being caught inventing a by-line for your personal attacks was particularly telling, and follows your consistent failure to check a range of false allegations in advance of publication. You were given every opportunity to voluntarily withdraw the tainted material, in the interests of an agreed resolution, and your refusal has been duly noted.

Noel Doran.

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**Robert** says:

12:07 PM, September 06, 2013

Anthony,

We have been instructed by Allison Morris, a leading and highly respected senior staff journalist with the Irish News in respect of false, defamatory, and harassing material which you have published on a website entitled "thepensivequill"

Indeed Fernando Murphy's remarks were exactly that!

Reply

**Snowtorch** says:

12:21 PM, September 06, 2013

I'm always dubious of the motives of people who would rather discuss by phone than put in email or writing ;o)

Reply

**AM** says:

4:10 PM, September 06, 2013

Robert,

indeed.

Snowtorch,

I'm always dubious of what Frank Furedi calls debatephobia. We gave them every opportunity to make their case and because they had no case to make they hired a censor lawyer. As you can see that has got me panicking and running around in a real tizzy. So intimidated am I by censors and their threats that I took the dog to the vet for her shots, dandered around town, browsed through a second hand bookshop and am now sitting winding up my son about his non-existent Latvian girl friend. And now I am going to browse through a novel. And tonight a glass of bourbon! Terrible times.

Reply

**eddie** says:

5:02 PM, September 06, 2013

Reply

They, Alison and Irish News, are thinking about taking the matter to Court....  
now they can not be serious, are they? seriously even they cant think they  
have a credible case?  
Jesus, who's next...? me...? for commenting here...? Where's the fucks that  
delete button when you need it....

**Daniel McArdle** says:

5:26 PM, September 06, 2013

Anthony nice to see you brushed up on your writing skills.  
" you supporting Allison Morris when you office was picketed by  
republicans"ha ha telling me off when you write like a retard.  
Why did you censor your phone number? Is it just in case an editor needs to  
contact you and think that your so important that they should have your  
number. That one makes me think that you wallow in your own importance.  
You look like you were dragged through a second hand clothing shop never  
mind a bookshop, with Blue Peter sticky back plastic attached to all your  
body.

Reply

**Dixie** says:

5:35 PM, September 06, 2013

Reminds me of school yard fights...

Johnny beats Jimmy so Jimmy brings Big Brother.

This is clearly what has happened on this occasion Mackers, you published  
their every comment no matter how scurrilous and each time they came off  
2nd best.

The fact that you allowed them the right of reply in that regard would  
weaken any case they might claim to have against you.

Reply

**Tain Bo** says:

5:44 PM, September 06, 2013

The battle of the Blogside continues this should have been done with when  
they both refused to show and make their case.  
It appears the Irish News is digging one hole and throwing the dirt in another  
and then wondering why the other is filled with dirt.  
Reading the not for publication exchange although it is not funny it does  
present some laughable imagery.  
Doran sounds less convincing in his attempt at arbitration and even less  
convincing in his desire to defend Morris.  
I didn't get the image of a take charge sort of bloke even his attempt at  
sounding flexible comes across as very phony.  
With his we are the Irish News and you are a Blog we have deeper pockets  
but we don't want to file a lawsuit but we will if you do not comply with our  
demands repartee reads the opposite.  
He sounds unsure and he comes across as a mental midget looking up at  
Anthony and the blog in a very weak manner squeaking in his underhanded  
tone almost wishing Anthony would pull the articles so to end Doran's  
headache of Morris and her blundering.

As for legal action I can only wish the prolific Irish News the very best of luck  
as it would be interesting to see what Google would think of setting a  
precedent of shutting down a blog because some journalists got their  
feelings hurt.

Mr. Doran I can respect your position on the matter I also expected a little  
more integrity I shall leave you with some words of wisdom from one much  
wiser than I.

“I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure  
Reply ing and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the

oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

Elie Wiesel (1928 -)

**James** says:

5:47 PM, September 06, 2013

Anthony,

You done right and by the book there. What were they thinking you were stupid making informal phone calls.

Again, breathless by the attempts of censorship. I am.

Reply

**gerard hodgins** says:

6:55 PM, September 06, 2013

Daniel McArdle says:

5:26 PM, September 06, 2013 Reply

Anthony nice to see you brushed up on your writing skills.  
" you supporting Allison Morris when you office was picketed by republicans"ha ha telling me off when you write like a retard.

daniel a chara

could you tell me what a retard is?

Reply

**AM** says:

7:04 PM, September 06, 2013

**STEW has left a new comment on your post "NOT CENSORED BY THE IRISH NEWS"**

Daniel Mc Ardle aka Fido, please let it go, Allison doesn't give a flying fcuk about you as she tells every person that'll listen, so why should you get yourself involved in this debacle she's created herself, and putting all over Facebook that Anthony is the one giving stories to the Sunday papers?

Have you not noticed from your time on the Quill that Anthony writes what he wants and publishes what others write without worrying about what nasty little comments from weasels like yourself come back with? Why don't you ask Allison to XXXX trying to get the next story and take up the offer AM has given her of a platform to tell her story uncensored? Sure what has she got to lose, certainly not her credibility, that's long gone lol.

Reply

**AM** says:

7:10 PM, September 06, 2013

**itsjustmacker has left a new comment on your post "NOT CENSORED BY THE IRISH NEWS"**

Seems the big guns are out to destroy you and the TPQ , without going to look for the obvious evidence which is in the public domain.

Reply the piece on Dolours , the reporter was told to stop, she failed to do so, knowing Dolours was on very high calming prescription drugs.

As for the football match, the photograph says it all, when she should have been at your hearing as the accuser and you the accused, but thought it best to attend a football match, which she gave preference to as being more important.

What evidence does Noel Doran need? He is an Editor, is he not?

I am beginning to wonder who has got those unknown named posters to type vile accusations against your good self and Carrie. I could type a name or two, but maybe that would give some people another chance to log your posters comments as evidence. The Price family have all the evidence when the Irish News reporter was told to stop the interview and leave. That reporter is stated by the family to have refused the family wishes and continued until that reporter had no choice but to leave. There then followed some concoction with another reporter regarding the Belfast project tapes which are held at Boston College.

What evidence do the "Irish News" need? They don't have a leg to stand on. I'm sure the family of the late Dolours would not hesitate to go to court to give evidence.

**Dixie** says:

7:33 PM, September 06, 2013

Exhibit A Me Lord!

Morrissey song on You Tube posted by one Allison Morris...

The fact is if the Irish News wants to sue The Pensive Quill then it'll have to include all of us who've commented on it, regarding Morris, as well.

Reply

**AM** says:

7:39 PM, September 06, 2013

who gives a fuck what she sues?

Reply

**Daniel McArdle** says:

8:49 PM, September 06, 2013

Hodgins- Paul Campbell its made up oh its not made up.

What about you I mean ur (your) writing skills Anthony? You were quick to jump on me, young kid still going through education Mr Professor! You think your Seamus Heaney your now going to jeopardise financially your home and family being a pretentious old fool- who I am actually feeling sorry for right now and have been having a banter with you on this because #you merry band of followers have amused me.

I hope you don't loose your livelihood its not right seeing you have a family but read through the emails to and from the irish news boy without blinkers ffs who's your lawyer?? Sack him! #howtolooseurhousein5mins can be a channel four show could make some money on that idea- its all yours. Enjoyed the craic guys. Keep the head up and enjoy the football.

Reply

**itsjustmacker** says:

9:05 PM, September 06, 2013

Daniel (Fido) whatever you want to call yourself.

Reply st sitting watching the match myself.

But , your not going to see much of it.  
Must have taken you minimum of thirty minutes to type that crap out. lol.  
Get a life, some on here have done life , if you get my drift.

**frankie** says:

9:17 PM, September 06, 2013

Noel, Fido, Alison & what ever lawyer is watching..Personally you are fighting with the wrong man. The guy is a Doctor for fcuk sake (makes him better educated than most of us)..Add into the mix he (AM) went to jail for what he believed was right, came through the dirty protest (and all that entails)...

Basically Noel you are fighting a losing battle..

Ask Alison why she could afford a night to two in Glasgow but not afford a night in London (trust me Noel Crashing a night in any major city on this rock is free...)

Fido..grow a pair of balls and take back your remarks..

Reply

**Maitiu Connel** says:

9:31 PM, September 06, 2013

I would agree that discussion via phone is rather dubious. I hope all works out good for you Anthony.

Reply

**AM** says:

9:34 PM, September 06, 2013

Frankie, Noel has no intention of asking anything. He knows but doesn't want to know. He has hitched his reputation to a wagon with dodgy wheels and is going nowhere fast in it. In my view it is a complete abdication of editorial responsibility and if he thinks he is up against something as docile as the NUJ chapel at the paper he manages he will soon learn the difference.

Meanwhile the doctor (I admit laughing at that now)is sitting in front of the TV, watching the game with my son, and merrily consuming a bottle of wine graciously given to us with the words 'fuck the Irish News.' That probably makes it all the sweeter! That will earn us another letter from the censor lawyer. But as Johnny Rotten would sing 'we don't care.'

Reply

**AM** says:

9:55 PM, September 06, 2013

Maitiu,

he only used the phone to try and spook us. It was never about anything other than laying the ground for a legal action. Was he so obtuse as to think we would buckle? The bottom line is he can't censor us. We will simply play whackamole with him. If he closes down here, we pop up elsewhere. Injunctions, superinjunctions, fines, jail or whatever, none of it matters. We will continue to report on the failings of his outfit. There is no power in the world can censor the person absolutely determined not to be censored. We have been in the trenches for about 15 years fighting this type of battle. We are more used to it than he is. So what, if he lobs a shell or a genuine Katyusha (admittedly something his paper wouldn't recognise if it was handed in at the reception)? We merely shake ourselves down and come back. What does he do?

Reply

**michaelhenry** says:

9:59 PM, September 06, 2013

The complaints of Doran Grey by Allison Wilde is a novel well worth a read where terrible threats and rage is made against a scribbler of tales by the tallest news paper that advertised for the invading army of the peoples of their fair land-but the people forgive the paper- but now the people cant write their own views or the law will be used as well as the quasi legal Fido units at attempts at black op jobs-who will survive-

part two is out soon-

Reply

**Daniel McArdle** says:

10:21 PM, September 06, 2013

Now now Anthony don't get into a strap about Fido! I think he had his say and he had probably been warned not to entertain this by Allison seeing the court case pending. My numbers is 078xxxxxxx if you want to confirm or go look at my twitter or facebook that you have already done.

Anthony I have a life don't loose yours over being an idiot, you have went too far in my opinion.

Be proud of yourself murdering in a drive by. I know no other person who has said that he got life or went to jail and boasted about it online, you have let your family down Anthony and your cheap joke at my writing skills have come back and bit me on the bum. I only came on to have a look at the website now its descended into a farce.

If Morris has the beef with you why two foot her and do this- its social media suicide. I'm trying to really trying to say this nicely- what the fuck were u doing and thinking? The band of crazies only fuel your ego and they aren't going to be on the receiving end when this all finishes you and your family are and it won't be much happy for you. Take a breather ffs

Reply

**AM** says:

10:22 PM, September 06, 2013

Michaelhenry,

and people sometimes ask my why I like you! You make me laugh.

Reply

**Daniel McArdle** says:

10:29 PM, September 06, 2013

Sorry for writing without your response but just heard another Anthony McIntyre story at our meeting here- do you still fly the American flag outside your house? The socialist that you are! I know ur partner is an uncle sam but that is laughable in republican circles.

Reply

**AM** says:

10:35 PM, September 06, 2013

Utopia is about to come on so I am off to watch it. You see it yet Michaelhenry? It might appeal to you. I think it is great.

Reply

**michaelhenry** says:

Reply PM, September 06, 2013



AM-

No I have not seen Utopia yet but I seen that last comment about the American flag flying outside your house-[don't know or care if its true or not]but I have attended some Republicans funerals over the years in which the Stars and Stripes and the Irish National flag was on top of the coffin-one of those funerals was Volunteer Liam Ryan RIP-who was shot dead by pro-british forces in 1989-has Daniel McArdle no respect for our fallen now-and he says it was brought up at a meeting-scary-not-

**itsjustmacker** says:

11:59 PM, September 06, 2013

Daniel (fido) or whatever you want to call yourself , I'm sure Martin Og would distance himself from you even mentioning his name and accusing Anthony of such a thing , If you have proof of such an accusation against Anthony Re Hugh Jordan , put it on here. I think you are bordering on the!!! which can lead to serious mental health problems. As for the Stars and Stripes, there are those of us who could not have done anything without the help of Irish who live under that same flag , and please Remember, I was a very good friend of Martin Og's Father at the start of the war, an Ardoyne Legend Martin Meehan (R.I.P.), I would be very careful of those accusations if I were you. I think you must have been watching the Norn Iron Match and got a few to many realising you were watching the wrong match.

Reply

**Fionnuala Perry** says:

12:13 AM, September 07, 2013

Daniel.  
Laughing in Republican circles! I can't imagine anyone laughing on close proximity to you.  
What you have brought to this thread has been quite disgraceful and I would find it deeply worrying to think someone like you is being entertained in Republican circles.

Reply

**STEW** says:

12:17 AM, September 07, 2013

Daniel/fido put the bottle down son your drinking yourself into a stumor and writing absolute nonsense, go on home and wait on the other half coming home,id leave a key under the mat though as shes always out working late, really dedicated to the job she is hahahaha cant believe youve actually dragged yourself into this as the whole of your own area know fine well your the eyes and ears of the PSNI/RUC and you have the cheek to attack republicans on this night night wee son, dont wait up

Reply

**Daniel McArdle** says:

12:33 AM, September 07, 2013

Anthony are you the last to know that Martin Og is Fido's bro in law? Please say you aren't? It would insult you very low intelligence! There is an email knocking about Republicans now in Belfast about yourself from Sunday world naming you as the Sunday World source on ONH! I don't have a hard copy but I will try to get it online.

Reply

**AM** says:

0:24 AM, September 07, 2013

Reply

Michaelhenry,

if you want to read any more of him you need to go over to Bates & Wilkes Central. It is reserved for the trolls and others! We don't advise you to debate there on the simple principle outlined by Mark Twain: Never argue with a fool onlookers may not be able to tell the difference.

That was interesting - I was unaware of the US flag being on the coffin of Volunteer Liam Ryan.

**STEW** says:

9:22 AM, September 07, 2013

Just wondering if a certain person i know got his injunction order lifted to be anywhere near his partners home, i hope he did, snakes should lie together lol dont know why she put it on him in the 1st place, oops maybe i do, he turned into a stalker after getting ditched, ahh that poor poor guy, now he wants to be her superman lol

Reply

**AM** says:

10:03 AM, September 07, 2013

TPQ reserves the right to edit comments if they are deemed personally abusive. The attempt by the Irish News to bully TPQ into silence gives rise to strong emotions. We understand that no one likes a bully but that is not a licence for commenters to heap personal abuse or bile onto anyone at the paper. People's personal lives, relationships, family, are of absolutely no concern to us. TPQ is a political blog that permits a full range of opinion but it is going to draw the line at personal abuse. Feel free to criticise Allison Morris all you want on the issues at hand. But the line will be drawn when it comes to sheer abuse.

Reply

**Fionnuala Perry** says:

10:05 AM, September 07, 2013

Apologies for the typo should have said in Republican circles.  
Republican circles I'm starting to wonder what that even means anyone?

Reply

**AM** says:

10:05 AM, September 07, 2013

The next comment to follow has been slightly edited

Reply

**AM** says:

10:11 AM, September 07, 2013

**STEW has left a new comment on your post "NOT CENSORED BY THE IRISH NEWS":**

Daniel/Fido, if there is an article to be published in the any of the Sunday papers entertaining your speculation that AM is giving stories to the Sunday World/life (I actually laugh out loud at this notion everytime) then my friend it just goes to show your partner up XXX she is again. She has been offered a platform on the quill to say what she has to say yet she won't take up this offer. But she's right and quick going to other so called journalists and asking them to carry stories for her, what a despicable human being that wee girl is, did it every cross your mind why these idiots i.e. Ciaran Barnes and co run with her diatribe? She must be a good a people pleaser XXXX. Poor Fido if you weren't such a fool we would probably like you here on the quill. Slán for now

Reply

**AM** says:

10:19 AM, September 07, 2013

Nuala,

the circle that can be ruled out is the circle we used to be in. That is more a circus.

Reply

**Fionnuala Perry** says:

10:28 AM, September 07, 2013

Mackers,

Sad to say I have to agree. But we are what we are and we will continue to be that inspite of the mud slingers from whichever circle.

Reply

**AM** says:

10:38 AM, September 07, 2013

Nuala,

you can only be guided by what you believe in. And for you that has been a mainstay. Abuse goes with the turf.

Reply

**Fionnuala Perry** says:

10:56 AM, September 07, 2013

Mackers,

It still must stick in your claw. All you have came through and been up against and you have to entertain this dribble. Depressing!

Reply

**larry hughes** says:

11:04 AM, September 07, 2013

Journalism, or what passes for it today enables the 'west' to tell the world black is white and to be amazed when people begin to see through it after decades of blind acceptance. A profession largely on a par with bankers.

Republicanism it seems to me on this thread has been reduced to those who feed off corpses or other peoples reputations, OR BOTH. On Another Man's Wound or the Croppy Boys 'cousin' seem to the calibre that infests the

Reply al landscape.

Chin up Mackers, nothing for you to fret about these days. But continually having to scrape this shite off your shoes must leave you wearisome!

**Alfie Gallagher** says:

12:36 PM, September 07, 2013

It is troubling that a major Northern newspaper is desperately trying to stifle reasoned scrutiny of the outrageous behaviour of one of its journalists. In my view, the following line from the solicitor's letter is telling:

*"Our client has no desire to become embroiled in litigation and would prefer if this matter could be resolved amicably."*

In other words, they just want to sweep this whole thing quietly under the rug, hoping the threat of "a claim for substantial damages" will help them to do just that.

Typical bullies.

Reply

**Ardoyne Republican** says:

3:08 PM, September 07, 2013

Notice my name has been mentioned a few times on TPQ a few times in this debate/discussion a chairde....

I don't wish to become involved in this particular debate as everyone has the right to air their views in a fair manner. I have always been treated fairly well by Mackers and TPQ. Likewise, I am related through marriage to Fernando...

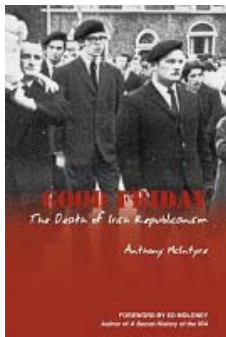
Given those facts, it would be wrong of me to comment further. Suffice to say, I hope that matters are resolved properly.

Adh Mhor.

Reply

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