

his wife is a very private person. The extent of media intrusion during the period 2002 to 2003 was upsetting to him and his family. He feels extremely angry, violated and distressed that his private information was obtained by MGN journalists, particularly considering the deeply private matters to which MGN's journalists would have become privy as a result of accessing his voicemail messages.

6. The Defendant has admitted that it was responsible, through the unauthorized acts of certain of its employees, for the unlawful interception of Grant Stott's voicemail messages. It has admitted that the extent of the unlawful activities concerning Grant Stott will never be fully known and that private investigators carried out research into him. Furthermore, it has admitted that at least one landline call was made in October 2002 and two mobile telephone calls were made in July and September 2003 from MGN to the Claimant's mobile phone.
7. On 21 October 2016 MGN offered to pay Grant Stott damages as well as his reasonable legal costs. MGN also offered an undertaking not to intercept or attempt to intercept Grant Stott's voicemail messages in the future. Grant Stott accepted this offer.
8. Given this, I can say on behalf of Grant Stott that he has now achieved everything which he has set out to achieve through the pursuit of these proceedings. He is therefore prepared to resolve his claim against MGN on these terms.

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9. My Lord, MGN accepts that the methods which were used to obtain private information about Grant Stott through the unlawful accessing of his voicemails and the obtaining of his personal information should never have been employed.
10. MGN is here today through me to offer its sincere apologies to Grant Stott for the damage and distress caused to him by accessing his voicemail messages and by obtaining private information about him.

11. In addition to paying Grant Stott damages and his reasonable costs, MGN has agreed to give him an undertaking, which he has accepted, that it will not in future intercept or attempt to intercept the Claimant's voicemail messages.

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