

Claim No.: QB-2018-006323

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

B E T W E E N

JOHN CHRISTOPHER DEPP II

Claimant

and

**(1) NEWS GROUP NEWSPAPERS LTD
(2) DAN WOTTON**

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF WINONA RYDER

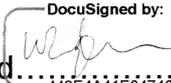
I, **WINONA RYDER** of [REDACTED] Los Angeles, CA, 90028, USA, will say as follows:

1. I work as an actor under the professional name of Winona Ryder.
2. I confirm that save where otherwise appears the facts stated in this witness statement are within my own knowledge and that those facts are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Where facts are not within my own knowledge, I confirm that they are true to the best of my information and belief and the source of that information is set out.
3. I make this witness statement in support of the Claimant's claim in these proceedings.
4. I do not know the full details of the Claimant's claims against the Defendants in these proceedings.

5. I am aware of the violence allegations that have been made publicly for the last few years by Johnny Depp's ex-wife Amber Heard.
6. I knew Johnny very well years ago. We were together as a couple for four years, and I counted him as my best friend, and as close to me as family. I count our relationship as one of the more significant relationships of my life.
7. I understand that it is very important that I speak from my own experience, as I obviously was not there during his marriage to Amber, but, from my experience, which was so wildly different, I was absolutely shocked, confused and upset when I heard the accusations against him. The idea that he is an incredibly violent person is the farthest thing from the Johnny I knew and loved. I cannot wrap my head around these accusations. He was never, never violent towards me. He was never, never abusive at all towards me. He has never been violent or abusive towards anybody I have seen. I truly and honestly only know him as a really good man- an incredibly loving, extremely caring guy who was so very protective of me and the people that he loves, and I felt so very, very safe with him.
8. I do not want to call anyone a liar but from my experience of Johnny, it is impossible to believe that such horrific allegations are true. I find it extremely upsetting knowing him as I do.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

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WINONA RYDER

Dated: 8 March 2020

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