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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

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JOHN C. DEPP, II,

Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant,

v.

AMBER LAURA HEARD,

Defendant/Counterclaim Plaintiff.

Civil Action No.: CL-2019-0002911

COUNTERCLAIMS

Counterclaim Plaintiff Amber Laura Heard ("Ms. Heard"), by counsel, hereby asserts the following against Counterclaim Defendant John C. Depp II ("Depp"):

Nature of Action

1. Before he was even married to Ms. Heard, Mr. Depp threatened to kill her and otherwise harm her in private messages to friends. These threats were realized in the form of the rampant physical violence and abuse Ms. Heard suffered at Mr. Depp's hands before and during their marriage. Once Ms. Heard escaped her marriage – only after obtaining a domestic violence Restraining Order from a California Court – Mr. Depp was not satisfied simply to allow Ms. Heard to move on with her life. Instead, he continued to victimize her by repeatedly telling friends in profanity-laced messages that he would destroy her, would never stop, and wanted her replaced on an upcoming film. This frivolous lawsuit Mr. Depp has filed against Ms. Heard continues that abuse and harassment. Not content to let a jury decide this lawsuit, Mr. Depp and/or his agents acting on his behalf have orchestrated a false and defamatory smear campaign against Ms. Heard that has included false and defamatory statements to reporters repeatedly accusing Ms. Heard of being a liar and a hoax artist and accusing Ms. Heard of the crime of perjury. This stream of false

and defamatory accusations against Ms. Heard is all in an attempt to ruin her life and career, simply because she was a victim of domestic abuse and violence at the hands of Mr. Depp, and had the audacity and temerity to finally come forward to end the abuse and violence. Ms. Heard has been the victim throughout this relationship and during these ensuing attacks by Mr. Depp. Through this Counterclaim, Ms. Heard is finally, after all these years, fighting back. Ms. Heard asks this Court to hold Mr. Depp fully and finally accountable for his conduct and to end Mr. Depp's abuse, lodged from a position of wealth and power.

Parties

2. Ms. Heard is a natural person who is domiciled in California.
3. Mr. Depp is a natural person who is domiciled in California.

Jurisdiction and Venue

4. This Court has previously determined that it has specific personal jurisdiction over the dispute between Heard and Depp, and Ms. Heard's Counterclaims herein arise out of the and relate to the same transactions or occurrences upon which the Depp's claim is based. *See, e.g.*, Va. Sup. Ct. R. 3:9; Va. Code Ann. § 8.01-277.1; *see* Va. Code Ann. § 8.01-233.

Facts

5. On May 27, 2016, Ms. Heard walked into California state court with bruises on her face to seek the protection of a domestic violence restraining order ("DVRO") against Depp. Compl. ¶ 2. Ms. Heard submitted photos and affidavits reflecting Depp's acts of domestic violence against her, and the court granted Ms. Heard a temporary restraining order on the strength of that showing.

6. Since that time, Mr. Depp has unlawfully targeted Ms. Heard in an ongoing harassment and online smear campaign in order to damages her both reputationally and financially.

In particular but without limitation, Mr. Depp has initiated, coordinated, overseen and/or supported and amplified two change.org petitions: one to remove Ms. Heard as an actress in the *Aquaman* movie franchise, and one to remove her as a spokeswoman for L'Oréal.

7. As early as 2016, Mr. Depp admitted his intention to destroy her career, stating, for example, that he “want[ed] her replaced on that WB [Warner Brothers] film,” referencing the blockbuster hit *Aquaman*.

8. To accomplish this task, he, individually and through his representatives and agents in Virginia, has created, coordinated, controlled, and/or manipulated social media accounts created specifically for the purpose of targeting Ms. Heard, computer-controlled social media accounts, and/or groups of inauthentic accounts controlled by a single agent to amplify content misleadingly. These accounts exhibit behavior which includes but is not limited to the following: they have high tweet-to-retweet ratios in numbers implausible for authentic human users; they are created, attack Ms. Heard, then are set to inactive to avoid suspension; they utilize common language, patterns, and timing indicating broad coordination; they often offer little or no personal information, suggesting computer-control or a single individual controlling more than one account at a time (and often many more); and they republicize the content of one another at rates and consistencies that bely authentic human control.

9. These accounts are designed to damage Ms. Heard and her livelihood without being directly traceable to Mr. Depp. For example, it appears that a significant number of the accounts signing the petition to remove Ms. Heard from the *Aquaman* franchise are conspicuously fake or highly suspicious. The use of fake signatures on these petitions is well outside the skill set of the average internet troll or disgruntled fan. They reflect a concerted effort to damage Ms. Heard. In

addition, the change.org petitions were modified to make it appear that far more people signed the petitions than actually did.

10. As part of his ongoing smear campaign, Mr. Depp and/or his agents acting on his behalf have directed both authentic and inauthentic social media accounts, and/or non-human controlled “bots,” to target Ms. Heard’s Twitter account and attempt to interfere with her contracts and/or business expectancies. In particular, many of these accounts both smear and harass Ms. Heard while simultaneously promoting and praising Mr. Depp’s agent and attorney, Adam Waldman. The talking points in these accounts are strikingly similar but use slightly different text and content to evade Twitter’s anti-spam and platform manipulation guideline, which bars harassing, abusive, and intimidating behavior *except* “when viewed in the context of a larger conversation.” A herd mentality helps mask predatory behavior.

11. There are a number of newly created foreign language accounts specifically or predominantly designed to damage Ms. Heard. Many of these accounts have Cyrillic signatures, reflecting Russian origin. Mr. Waldman, Mr. Depp’s agent and attorney, is publicly associated with Russian individuals with the capability to organize such attacks.

12. Two accounts, IFOD_NET and MY GRINDELWALD, are responsible for approximately 50% of the targeted attacks on Ms. Heard. The MYGRINDELWALD account uses its platform to amplify anti-Heard hashtags and false information being disseminated about Ms. Heard. It has also amplified the change.org petitions described above, repeating calls for Ms. Heard to lose contracts or business expectancies. And, as evidence of its origin, it routinely tweets the statements of Mr. Depp’s agent and attorney, Mr. Waldman, on a near-daily basis and often praises the otherwise unknown attorney, even going so far as to say “i love you waldman!!”

13. In total, there are at least dozens if not hundreds of inauthentic accounts that impugn Ms. Heard while praising Mr. Waldman. This messaging further evidences the origin of Mr. Depp's unlawful campaign and demonstrates that these inauthentic accounts are actively coordinating content to manipulate the Twitter platform and avoid detection.

14. As examples, these inauthentic accounts include the following: ReemDepp, MyGrindelwald, mderndarkwizard, pomta5426, depp_soldier, PerspectiveDepp, depphead_, RayRayDepp, Depplyours, ILoveGellert, Jackiedepp1963, JDeppS_girl. Investigation has revealed hundreds of others.

15. The above conduct via Twitter appears to be conducted in concert with a reporter named Catherine Armezin on behalf of a publication called the International Business Times. Ms. Armezin, an apparent freelance writer in the Philippines, published 30 negative articles about Ms. Heard in February alone. Notably, Ms. Armezin has almost no other identifiable publishing history outside of the International Business Times (which has been criticized for operating as a "content farm"), aside from a few articles about penis enhancement and erectile dysfunction.¹ Ms. Armezin's anti-Heard articles are a deliberate part of a strategy to generate content, which inauthentic accounts (including many of the above) then amplify, which further evidence a coordinated smear campaign against Ms. Heard by and through Mr. Depp and/or his agents.

16. Mr. Depp, through his agents and attorneys in Virginia, including specifically Waldman, have engaged in a campaign to harass and damages Ms. Heard through the use of computers and computer accessible vehicles.

¹ Catherine Armezin, Quora, <https://www.quora.com/profile/Catherine-Armezin/questions>.

17. This campaign of harassment is consistent with comments Mr. Depp made to friends regarding his intentions to ruin Ms. Heard's career, or worse. For example, in 2013, Mr. Depp texted his friend, actor Paul Bettany, the following: "Let's burn Amber." The same day, he texted Bettany again with plans to murder her: "Let's drown her before we burn her!!! I will f-k her burnt corpse afterwards to make sure she is dead."

18. Such vile comments from Mr. Depp continued, and laid the groundwork for the smear campaign he spearheads today, and reveal Mr. Depp's true personality, filled with anger, hatred and violence.

19. In 2016, Mr. Depp texted his friend Christian Carino (Ms. Heard's former agent and now Mr. Depp's agent) the following about Ms. Heard: "She's begging for total global humiliation . . . [] I have no mercy, no fear and not an ounce of emotion, or what I once thought was love for this gold digging, low level, dime a dozen, mushy, pointless dangling overused flappy fish market . . . I'm so fucking happy she wants to go to fight this out!!! She will hit the wall hard!!! And I cannot wait to have this waste of a cum guzzler out of my life!!! I met a fucking sublime little Russian here... Which made me realize the time I blew on that 50 cent stripper... I wouldn't touch her with a goddam glove. I can only hope that karma kicks in and takes the gift of breath from her... Sorry, man... But, NOW, I will stop at nothing !!!"

20. This is only the tip of the iceberg reflecting Mr. Depp's misogyny, deep inner anger and hatred of Ms. Heard, and his attendant "justification" in his mind, of his violence and abuse towards Ms. Hear.

21. In other texts over the years, Mr. Depp repeated threats to harm Ms. Heard. He told his nurse in 2019 that Ms. Heard was "gonna go down... Hard." He threatened that "i'm about to

take the lot of them down, once and for all!!!!!!” He called Ms. Heard the most horrendous of names, including “cunt,” an “inhuman scum filled suckfish,” a “disgusting pig,” and “whore.”

22. Mr. Depp threatened in early 2019 that “i am taking the fucking gloves off!!! this shit ends SOON!!!! there’s no way I’m gonna allow this cunt to continue her perverse hypocrisy any fucking longer!!!! I’ve really had it!!!!”

23. In 2018, before Ms. Heard published her op-ed, Mr. Depp stated that “But, when the boom gets lowered on Scam-ber(which is VERY soon), the world will receive the proper image of who i am and what i have had to stay silent about for 3 fucking years!!!!!!” He stated that “the only thing I feel for her now, at best, is pure disgust and hatred!!! She’s such a predictable, see through, disposable, sick fuckin’ whore!!! Truly a pig to me now!!! No better than any junkie hooker with bad intentions...”

24. Importantly, this lawsuit is the lynchpin in the scheme to destroy Ms. Heard’s career. As this Court well knows, a California court awarded Ms. Heard a Domestic Violence Restraining Order against Mr. Depp in 2016. Their contentious divorce generated extensive press coverage.

25. Indeed, it is part of Mr. Depp’s narrative that Ms. Heard “lied” about being abused by Mr. Depp, and that Ms. Heard referenced his abuse implicitly in her 2018 op-ed to somehow gain notoriety (never mind that public opinion has never rewarded a woman for telling her story of surviving domestic abuse or violence).

26. To keep the same story from growing stale after four years of coverage - an eternity in the celebrity news cycle - requires more than the errant leak. By filing this case (and his companion case against the Sun Newspaper in the UK), Mr. Depp gives this four-year old drama new legs. Every filing, every hearing, every piece of evidence leaked by his team not properly

produced in discovery, is another opportunity to remain relevant as his star otherwise wanes. This is not a characterization; Mr. Depp's team has freely admitted it on the record in this case.

27. Without this case, Mr. Depp's attempts to keep this matter in the press would amount to nothing more than a four-year old stale story that has been rehashed ad-nauseum. He would be wholly unable to generate any interest from the public, and thus without recourse to pursue his bitter obsession with destroying Ms. Heard. Movie studios and brands do not tend to care about issues they have no reason to think the public cares about. But if Mr. Depp can generate the impression that viewers and consumers *do* care – by fomenting a fantasy of online outrage and hatred for Ms. Heard, and its relevance animated by press coverage and “news” around this case – his fixation can continue to gain ground.

28. Mr. Depp's out of court use of this lawsuit as the basis for the conduct alleged herein is manifest. Rather than simply allow this lawsuit to be fairly tried within the bounds of the law and proper ethical and professional court procedures, Mr. Depp has elected through his agents to attack Ms. Heard about this lawsuit, and about the judicial actions she took against him for his domestic violence and abuse, with vulgar and profane threats and language in an attempt to damage her career. This conduct also has the potential effect of polluting the jury pool who will decide the actual issues in dispute in this lawsuit.

29. Mr. Depp, through his agents and attorneys, has also attempted to intimidate and threaten witnesses to attempt to influence their testimony in a manner adverse to Ms. Heard, claiming that they will have to spend significant sums for attorneys if they do not cooperate and sign declarations prepared by Waldman, suggesting that without their cooperation people will be arrested and charged with crimes, and the like.

30. Mr. Depp, through his agents and attorneys, has also prepared Declarations with the caption from this litigation, and released these to the press, suggesting that these were Declarations filed in this Court and used in these proceedings, in an attempt to manipulate the press and mislead the public.

31. Another step in Mr. Depp's plan to harass and intimidate Ms. Heard is evident in his recent joining of Instagram on or about April 17, 2020. Although a typical user, even a celebrity, typically builds up a follower base rather slowly, Mr. Depp reported that he had over 176,000 followers within 15 minutes and 3 million followers within 24 hours of joining Instagram.

32. Unsurprisingly, Mr. Depp's first video message on Instagram addressed Ms. Heard and this lawsuit. Again, while Mr. Depp's decision to join Instagram is not the basis for Ms. Heard's counterclaim, it is further evidence that his unlawful conduct described herein is part of a concerted effort to harm Ms. Heard, and his use of fake accounts to bolster his follower numbers is further evidence of the sophistication that Mr. Depp and his agents have employed to engage in the unlawful conduct described herein.

33. More than two years after Ms. Heard filed for a Protective Order, and a month before Ms. Heard's Op-Ed, in November 2018, Depp invited a *GQ* journalist, Jonathan Heath, to interview him to provide "the truth Johnny Depp wants you to hear" because, according to Mr. Heath, Depp was "angry – angry about a lot of things – and he's vengeful." Depp's interview with *GQ* was published in November 2018 and is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

34. In his *GQ* interview, Depp falsely alleged that he never injured Ms. Heard: "To harm someone you love? As some kind of bully? No, it didn't, it couldn't even sound like me." Ex. A at F1170. Depp further falsely alleged that there was "no truth to [Ms. Heard's judicial

statements of abuse] whatsoever” and alleged that Ms. Heard fabricated the bruising on her face and perjured herself in connection with the 2016 DVRO. *Id.* “Depp [was] emphatic about his version of events [alleging] ‘[Ms. Heard] was at a party the next day. Her eye wasn’t closed. She had her hair over her eye, but you could see the eye wasn’t shut. Twenty-five feet away from her, how the fuck am I going to hit her? Which, by the way, is the last thing I would’ve done.’” *Id.*

35. As Mr. Heath acknowledges in his article: “To suggest that a woman, a man or anyone might have made up such a serious allegation is a tremendously dangerous and damaging thing to do. If we as a global community are striving for equality and acceptance to run through every part of our lives, through all races, cultures and genders, then we need to believe those who stand up and claim to have been subjected to physical or verbal abuse.” *Id.*

36. Mr. Heath then disclaimed any attempt on his part to verify the accuracy of Depp’s false and defamatory allegations that he never injured Ms. Heard, that Ms. Heard committed perjury and that Ms. Heard fabricated evidence of bruising in 2016, stating: “Let me be clear: this is not a piece of investigative reporting.” *Id.* Mr. Heath was merely publishing the false and defamatory statements that Depp, angry and vengeful, wanted the public to hear and believe were true.

37. In December 2018, Ms. Heard published an op-ed in the *Washington Post* calling for “changes to laws and rules and social norms” so that “women who come forward to talk about violence receive more support.” She warned that such reform is necessary because powerful men who have been accused of violence will spare nothing to punish and harass their accusers.

38. Ms. Heard’s op-ed is true and accurate, and plainly relates to matters of public concern that are protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

39. Unlike Depp's *GQ* article, Ms. Heard's op-ed does not mention Depp at all. It said nothing about their relationship and made no claims about his conduct. Fundamentally—and contrary to the premise of Depp's defamation claim—the op-ed was not about Depp or his violent conduct against Ms. Heard. It was about Ms. Heard and what happened to her after she came forward. Based on her experiences as a woman who had reported a man for violence, the op-ed described how “institutions protect men accused of abuse”—and how society reacts wrathfully to “women who speak out.”

40. Months later, Depp proved Ms. Heard's point about powerful men accused of violence, sparing nothing to punish and harass their accusers when he filed his defamation lawsuit on March 1, 2019, alleging that Ms. Heard's op-ed in the *Washington Post* defames Depp. It does not.

41. Depp's defamation and harassment of Ms. Heard did not stop when he filed this lawsuit. In fact, it has continued through the present, as Depp has authorized and conspired with his attorney, Adam Waldman (acting on Depp's behalf), to attempt to destroy and defame Ms. Heard in the press, accusing her of being a serial liar who created the abuse she endured from Depp, which is not true.

42. On April 12, 2019, Depp, through Waldman, accused Ms. Heard of committing “defamation, perjury and filing and receiving a fraudulent temporary restraining order demand with the court” falsely accusing Ms. Heard of not being attacked by Depp. **Exhibit B.**

43. Depp, through Waldman, continued to defame Ms. Heard in June 2019, stating to Blast that “Ms. Heard continues to defraud her abused hoax victim Mr. Depp, the #metoo movement she masquerades as the leader of, and other real abuse victims worldwide.” **Exhibit C.**

44. On July 2, 2019, Depp, through Waldman, told Blast that Ms. Heard, “went to court with painted on ‘bruises’ to obtain a Temporary Restraining Order on May 27.” **Exhibit D.** The next day, Waldman continued Depp’s defamation of Ms. Heard when he stated to People magazine that “Ms. Heard’s ‘battered face’ was a hoax.” **Exhibit E.**

45. Depp, through Waldman, continued to claim that Ms. Heard was committing perjury to the Daily Mail, when he stated on April 8, 2020 that “Amber Heard and her friends in the media use fake sexual violence allegations as both a sword and shield, depending on their needs. They have selected some of her sexual violence hoax ‘facts’ as the sword, inflicting them on the public and Mr. Depp.” **Exhibit F.**

46. Then on April 27, 2020, Depp, through Waldman, again told the Daily Mail that “Quite simply this was an ambush, a hoax. They set Mr. Depp up by calling the cops but the first attempt didn’t do the trick. The officers came to the penthouses, thoroughly searched and interviewed, and left after seeing no damage to face or property. So Amber and her friends spilled a little wine and roughed the place up, got their stories straight under the direction of a lawyer and publicist, and then placed a second call to 911.” **Exhibit G.**

47. On June, 24, 2020, Depp, through Waldman, falsely accused Ms. Heard in the Daily Mail of committing an “abuse hoax” against Depp. **Exhibit H.**

48. On July 22, 2020, Depp, through Waldman, tweeted the following with a picture:

This photo was taken March 23, 2013 ONE DAY AFTER Ms. Heard alleges Johnny Depp backhanded her in the face with heavy rings on his fingers.

49. On July 26, 2020, Depp, through Waldman tweeted the following with the same pictures:

Nice Photo taken March 24, 2013 one day after she [Ms. Heard] claimed Johnny smashed her in the face with heavily ringed fingers. Confronted, Amber testified she sees swelling in the pic. Whitney then testified she sees swelling and a SPLIT LIP. Do you Believe[sic] them or your own lying eyes?

50. These tweets contained false and defamatory information, including the date of the picture.

51. This elaborate plan to defame Ms. Heard was willful and malicious.

52. Contrary to his allegations and efforts to rewrite history, Depp did in fact engage in acts of domestic violence and abuse against Ms. Heard, and Ms. Heard did not perjure herself, fabricate evidence, defraud, or create a hoax. Depp's statements and allegations, both through Depp and his agent Waldman (acting on Depp's behalf), are false and defamatory.

53. In this Counterclaim, Ms. Heard seeks a judicial declaration that her op-ed is not actionable, is protected by Virginia's Anti-SLAPP statute, Virginia Code § 8.01-233.2, and Ms. Heard is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs pursuant to Virginia Code § 8.01-233.2.

54. Ms. Heard further seeks to restore the balance of truth and fight back, as the victim of domestic abuse and violence, and take a stand against this continuing and unrelenting abuse. Ms. Heard seeks compensatory damages and punitive damages from Depp for his false and defamatory statements and for the harassment and abuse of computers and computer accessed media, as set forth in this Counterclaim.

**COUNT ONE -
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT UNDER VA CODE §§ 8.01-184, et seq.**

55. Ms. Heard repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth in the above, as if fully set forth herein.

56. There is an actual and immediate controversy between Depp and Ms. Heard, within the meaning of Virginia Code §§ 8.01-184, *et seq.*

57. This controversy is concrete and capable of judicial resolution.

58. Justiciable issues exist for which declaratory relief is appropriate under Virginia Code §§ 8.01-184, et seq., and all parties to the controversy are before this Court.

59. Ms. Heard requests that this Court, pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 8.01-184, *et seq.*, declare that she is immune from civil liability for Depp's claims in his Complaint and for her statements in her op-ed because Ms. Heard's op-ed is "regarding matters of public concern that would be protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution made by [Ms. Heard] that are communicated to a third party." *See* Virginia Code § 8.01-233.2(A)

60. Ms. Heard further requests and demands, consistent with a procedure set forth in Rule 3:25(d) of the Rules of the Virginia Supreme Court, her attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to Virginia Code § 8.01-233.2(B).

61. Mr. Heard further requests this Court declare the respective rights and legal relations of the parties as permitted by law.

**COUNT TWO -
DEFAMATION AND DEFAMATION *PER SE***

62. Ms. Heard repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth in the above, as if fully set forth herein.

63. The *GQ* Article contains the following false and defamatory statements and implications concerning Ms. Heard:

(a) Depp falsely alleged that Ms. Heard committed a crime by perjuring herself in connection with the 2016 DVRO proceeding stating there was "no truth to [Ms. Heard's judicial statements of abuse] whatsoever." **Exhibit A** at F1170.

(b) Depp further falsely alleged that Ms. Heard fabricated the bruising on her face and otherwise perjured herself in connection with the 2016 DVRO by stating, "Depp [was]

emphatic about his version of events “[Ms. Heard] was at a party the next day. Her eye wasn’t closed. She had her hair over her eye, but you could see the eye wasn’t shut. Twenty-five feet away from her, how the fuck am I going to hit her? Which, by the way, is the last thing I would’ve done.”” *Id.*

(c) Depp further bolstered his false claim of perjury by alleging that he never committed domestic violence against Ms. Heard: “To harm someone you love? As some kind of bully? No, it didn’t, it couldn’t even sound like me,” and “Twenty-five feet away from her, how the fuck am I going to hit her? Which, by the way, is the last thing I would’ve done.”” *Id.*

64. These allegations and implications in the *GQ* article are demonstrably false and constitute defamation in claiming, implying and insinuating that Ms. Heard lied, fabricated bruising, and falsified her claims of domestic violence and abuse, and that the accusations were a hoax.

65. Even the *GQ* journalist recognized the reputational harm and damage that would be caused by Depp’s allegations in his article stating: “To suggest that a woman ... might have made up such a serious allegation is a tremendously dangerous and damaging thing to do.” *Id.*

66. Depp also committed defamation through his agent, Adam Waldman, in a series of false and defamatory statements and implications concerning Ms. Heard statements from 2019 through the present:

(a) On April 12, 2019, Depp, through Waldman, is quoted by Page Six, accusing Ms. Heard of committing “defamation, perjury and filing and receiving a fraudulent temporary restraining order demand with the court” falsely accusing Ms. Heard of not being attacked by Depp.

(b) In June 2019, Depp, through Waldman, told the Blast that “Ms. Heard continues to defraud her abused hoax victim Mr. Depp, the #metoo movement she masquerades as the leader of, and other real abuse victims worldwide.”

(c) On July 2, 2019, Depp, through Waldman, told Blast that Ms. Heard, “went to court with painted on ‘bruises’ to obtain a Temporary Restraining Order on May 27.” The next day, Waldman continued Depp’s defamation of Ms. Heard when he stated to People magazine that “Ms. Heard’s ‘battered face’ was a hoax.”

(d) Depp, through Waldman, continued to claim that Ms. Heard was committing perjury to the Daily Mail, when he stated on April 8, 2020 that “Amber Heard and her friends in the media use fake sexual violence allegations as both a sword and shield, depending on their needs. They have selected some of her sexual violence hoax ‘facts’ as the sword, inflicting them on the public and Mr. Depp.”

(e) On April 27, 2020, Depp, through Waldman, again told the Daily Mail that “Quite simply this was an ambush, a hoax. They set Mr. Depp up by calling the cops but the first attempt didn’t do the trick. The officers came to the penthouses, thoroughly searched and interviewed, and left after seeing no damage to face or property. So Amber and her friends spilled a little wine and roughed the place up, got their stories straight under the direction of a lawyer and publicist, and then placed a second call to 911.”

(f) On June 24, 2020, Depp, through Waldman, falsely accused Ms. Heard in the Daily Mail of committing an “abuse hoax” against Depp.

67. Depp's statements and accusations of criminal conduct, including perjury and fraud, by Ms. Heard and defamatory and defamatory *per se* because they impute the commission of a crime for which, if true (and they are not), Ms. Heard could be indicted and punished. Ms. Heard, therefore, is entitled to have damages presumed.

68. Such statements are also defamatory and defamatory *per se* because the statements would tend to harm Ms. Heard's reputation as an actor, spokesperson and representative of entities and public interest groups, and lower her reputation in the estimation of the community and/or deter third persons from associating or dealing with her.

69. By publishing these false and defamatory statements, Depp caused, and intended to cause, harm to Ms. Heard's reputation.

70. At the time of publication, Depp (and Waldman acting on Depp's behalf) knew these statements were false.

71. As a direct and proximate result of Depp's false and defamatory statements, Ms. Heard has suffered damages including damages to her reputation, harm to her ability to work in her profession and as a spokesperson, pecuniary and non-pecuniary damages, embarrassment, humiliation, inconvenience, and emotional distress in an amount to be proven at trial and determined by a jury.

72. Mr. Depp's actions were willful, malicious and wanton and demonstrate a reckless and conscious disregard for the truth or falsity of his statements and of Ms. Heard's right to be free from statements that defame her and wrongfully impair her right to work in her profession, and further constituted actual malice.

**COUNT THREE -
VIOLATION OF THE VIRGINIA COMPUTER CRIMES ACT**

73. Ms. Heard repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth in the above, as if fully set forth herein.

74. The Virginia Computer Crimes Act, Virginia Code § 18.2-152.7:1, proscribes “Harassment by computer,” which occurs when any person “with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass,” uses a computer to communicate “obscene, vulgar, profane, lewd, lascivious, or indecent language, or make[s] any suggestion or proposal of an obscene nature, or threaten[s] any illegal or immoral act[.]”

75. Virginia Code 18.2-152.12 provides a private, civil right of action for violations of this statute.

76. Through the conduct describe above, Mr. Depp, either directly or through his agents including Waldman, acting on his behalf in Virginia, has launched a nationwide campaign, including from or through Virginia, using this Virginia litigation, to harass, abuse, and discredit Ms. Heard, and to cause harm to her economically. Mr. Depp, individually and through his agents, is attempting and threatening to defame Ms. Heard and to interfere with Ms. Heard’s reputation, career and livelihood, and cause financial damages, and he and his agents are doing so through this online smear campaign that he has organized and orchestrated. Thus, he has explicitly threatened an illegal act against Ms. Heard. An intentional and necessary result of his actions is the transmission of this information electronically in Virginia.

77. The comments attributable to those acting on the behalf of and at the direction of Mr. Depp and/or his agents are also, in many cases, vulgar, profane, lewd, and/or make suggestions or proposals of an obscene nature, and/or threaten Ms. Heard explicitly.

78. As a result of Mr. Depp's conduct, Ms. Heard has suffered pecuniary and non-pecuniary damages in an amount to be proven at trial and determined by a jury.

79. Mr. Depp's actions were willful, malicious and wanton and demonstrate a conscious disregard for the rights of Ms. Heard.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Ms. Heard prays that this Court enter an Order:

- a) Declaring that Ms. Heard is immune from civil liability for Depp's claims in his Complaint and for her statements in her op-ed because Ms. Heard's op-ed is "regarding matters of public concern that would be protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution made by [Ms. Heard] that are communicated to a third party," *see* Virginia Code § 8.01-233.2(A);
- b) Declaring that Ms. Heard is entitled to her attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to Virginia Code § 8.01-233.2(B);
- c) Awarding Ms. Heard compensatory damages of not more than one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000.00) (twice the amount Mr. Depp asserted against Ms. Heard), or in such amounts as proven at trial;
- d) Awarding Ms. Heard punitive damages to the maximum extent permitted by law and not less than three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000);
- e) Awarding costs, including attorneys' fees, of the trial of this claim and any appeal that are not otherwise awarded pursuant to Virginia Code § 8.01-233.2(B);
- f) For the issuance of a preliminary and permanent injunction order Mr. Depp, individually and through his agents, to cease and desist from taking any action in violation of Virginia Code § 18.2-152.7:1;

- g) Enjoin Mr. Depp permanently from continuing his harassment and relentless pursuit of Ms. Heard; and
- h) Awarding Ms. Heard such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Ms. Heard hereby demands a trial by jury on all matters for which a jury trial is permitted or allowed under applicable law.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: ***Case No. CL-2019-0002911 – John C. Depp, II v. Amber Laura Heard***

Dear Mr. Frey:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced matter, please find Defendant Amber Heard's Answer and Grounds of Defense, and Counterclaim, together with a check in the amount of \$321 as the filing fee for the Counterclaim.

Also enclosed are extra copies of the Answer and the Counterclaim, which we would appreciate being date-stamped and returned to us via the awaiting messenger.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,


Elaine Charlson Bredehoff

Enclosures
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JOHNNY DEPP WILL NOT BE BURIED

Hollywood divorce: where acrimony meets alimony somewhere on the highest, most exposed precipice. And when those disputes are embittered further by costly lawsuits against once-trusted advisors and accusations of domestic violence, the truth - as presented by either side - will take the fall. We don't know the truth. But following an invitation to spend time with the face of one multibillion-dollar franchise and a whole rogue's gallery of tender, oddball tales at the French village he once bought to share with another former partner, we now know his version of it. Aggrieved, aggressive and vulnerable, by turns it's all these things. He spoke, we listened and here, presented verbatim, is the truth Johnny Depp wants you to hear

Story by Jonathan Heaf

Photographs by Greg Williams



JOHNNY DEPP

'The truth will
come out in all of
this and I will
be standing on
the other side of
the roaring rapids.
I hope other
people will too'

Johnny Depp shot
by British GQ at Le
Hameau De Gassin,
France, 16 August

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The death metal begins at 2.43pm. It's loud. And it is coming from inside the church. The noise is a proud, ungovernable fury, like a prize bull being dragged to the slaughterhouse by its copper nose ring. The idyllic quiet of the southern French countryside, the soft rub of the *cigales* and the warm breeze rolling off the Mediterranean is torn down the spine by wailing, demonic vocals and pedal distortion. Everyone outside, some drinking small glasses of pastis de Marseille in the 37C heat, turn to look at the church door and then at one another.

Despite the rupture, the shattered tranquillity, it is a positive sign for those who want an audience with our host. The man rumoured to be sleeping inside the small, single-storey chapel – its original confessional area transformed into a closet, its cloister now used as an artist's studio with large, unfinished canvases leaning against the perimeter – must surely be awake. No one could sleep through what sounds like Satan's own alarm bell.

Two weeks ago there was an invitation, confirmed late yesterday, to come to Johnny Depp's villa and talk openly and without caveats. If you rise at 5am in North London, get the first Nice-bound British Airways flight out of Heathrow around 7.45am and then take a taxi for an hour due east along the scorched yellow coast, past Cannes, past Fréjus and not quite to Saint-Tropez, you will find yourself in the rural town of Le Hameau De Gassin, hemmed in by rows of young, short vines, forming tracks like nature's braids, their bruise-coloured fruit just beginning to swell and sag with new weight.

Depp's complex of around seven or eight small stone abodes sits above this quiet, unremarkable old town, with a view that stretches out over the rippling Ligurian Sea. On a clear day you can walk out to one of the several high, rocky outcrops on the estate, squint and see the island of Corsica and, beyond that, waters rich with fables and myth, where scholars believe Homer's Odysseus ordered his crew to tie him to his own mast to hear for himself the song of the Sirens.

Squint harder and you might catch Italy's west coast twinkling, with Pisa, Genoa and, beyond that, the beauty and corruption of Florence. Earlier, I arrived at the compound's gates, passing director Tim Burton and his family, who were off out on a boat trip with various children, sun-kissed and grinning. Burton has been staying with Depp these past weeks, enjoying the baked, private utopia.

Having been buzzed in, a golf cart driven

by a native named Daniele takes me up to the main set of buildings. Daniele – a man in his late sixties with an impressive whipped-cream moustache and a long, ivory ponytail who, it must be noted, looks astonishingly like Asterix from René Goscinny and Albert Uderzo's famous French comics – is the man from whom Depp bought the land and original 19th-century houses 20 years ago. It was purchased by Depp and Vanessa Paradis, his then partner, as a sanctuary, a place to escape with children, to play freely away from the full beams of Los Angeles and Paris.

When the estate was listed on the market in 2015 for \$63 million – a warning shot of the actor's financial problems – many of the news reports described the property as being a "village-like compound". As our tyres crunch their way up the wide gravel path towards the collection of stone buildings, it's easy to see why.

There is a modest main house with weathered blue shutters, almost entirely covered in rippling, bright-green foliage. There's a hidden pool, a gazebo, a stone terrace with wooden shade and a jumble of around

'That happened with Pirates. If the studio isn't worried then I'm not doing my job properly'

four or five bedrooms and bathrooms. The slanted, near-flat roof is terracotta tiled, while on the lower flank a heavy wooden door leads into a *cave à vin*, now converted into a cosy – if you find crypts cosy. The space is peppered with candle drippings and cowhide throws.

From here we turn hard right, pulling inside what feels like the estate's main courtyard, or village square, a place where the road widens and comes to a natural point of congregation, a patch of gravel with a small tree at its centre.

In front of us, 30 feet away, is the church, silent with its door locked, while to our left is what appears to be a quintessential French café, a building that was originally intended to be a garage. The café's brown fabric awning has a name across it in an art-nouveau period type, "Chez Marceline", which refers to Marceline Lenoir, Paradis' long-standing acting agent.

At a polished wooden table outside the café, two men are sitting sipping Evian. Their names are John Evans and Daniel Rolle and they are expecting us. Evans' and Rolle's looks are route-one Mayfair hedge on an off-site:

crisp, pale-blue shirts (tucked in), narrow but not-too-skinny indigo jeans, a woven belt at the hips and a vintage Rolex on the wrist. It's clean, tasteful and quietly refined, rather than anything ostentatious or flash.

Evans and Rolle have been the point men in regard to today's logistics. They work for a London-based company called Hawthorn, a public-relations firm that, among other things, specialises in dealing with crisis management for companies and high-net-worth individuals. Hawthorn advised on "strategic communications" for En+, for example, the Russian energy company owned by controversial oligarch Oleg Deripaska.

Deripaska was once worth \$14 billion, although that figure is now £2.6bn. One of Hawthorn's partner companies in the US has been consulting on the sale of The Weinstein Company, but it's worth mentioning that Evans himself advised against such a move, despite the "ludicrous fee" offered. Firms such as Hawthorn don't do minor skirmishes or call editors seeking corrections in the entertainment pages; they are a firm who exceptionally wealthy clients call if there's no one else to call. They are the Harvey Keitels of this world: wolf men, fixers, public-image adjustment specialists, polymath corporate strategists.

Ben Elliot, nephew of the Duchess Of Cornwall, is a cofounder and partner of Hawthorn. He also set up Quintessentially, the concierge service for the wealthy elite – think heli-skiing off Everest's Hillary Step or a balcony suite with a view of the Monaco Grand Prix. It was Elliot who made initial contact to ask whether GQ would be interested in meeting and talking to Depp.

Despite Depp being someone who has long underscored his disdain for the media – someone who once took on the paparazzi with a plank of wood outside a London restaurant – we were informed that he wanted to talk. Or, at least, he was advised that he should seem like he wanted to talk, that he wanted to set certain records straight, not least concerning his image in the press and the various battles on which he has been fighting of late.

It's about two months after the publication of a widely read *Rolling Stone* interview, entitled "The Trouble With Johnny Depp". It is an article that Depp will talk about later, addressing it as he does most topics, with a sort of vengeful nonchalance. This is a man, I will come to understand, who will happily spill his guts all over the table, yet remain flippant about cause and effect. This "coolness", one suspects, is his armour. >>



JOHNNY DEPP

Depp's tattoos speak to a history of turbulent relationships, with old partners' names written and then overwritten

'The Rolling Stone article was a sham. I was shafted. The guy walked in with absolutely one intention'

Music, says Depp, was always his first creative outlet. Acting, and the Pirates franchise in particular, has led him places he had never planned for

>> The actor refers to the *Rolling Stone* article as "a sham". In fact, he goes much further. "I was shafted. The guy [journalist Stephen Rodrick] walked in with absolutely one intention. And I could see it and I thought maybe I could help him understand, you know?"

"I trusted Jann Wenner [cofounder and publisher of *Rolling Stone*], as I knew him through Hunter [S Thompson, the late writer and a mentor of Depp]. I trusted what the magazine stood for, or what it used to stand for. I wanted Jann to see if he could write, to see if a piece could be written... to put things in perspective. That's all, just to put things in perspective."

Perspective can be a treacherous thing. It can be hoodwinked. It can be manipulated. Perspective, after all, is inherently subjective. Yet Depp was right to be belligerent: Anyone who didn't know any better would have read that *Rolling Stone* profile – together with a steadily accumulating digital silo of cuttings and clickbait about the star's life of late, his financial woes, his savage and hostile divorce from American actor Amber Heard, accusations of domestic violence and *that* videotape – and come away with a pretty bleak picture of the 55-year-old.

The article stated Depp was near to broke: having made \$650m on films that netted around \$3.6bn, yet "almost all of it is gone". Up until a few weeks ago Depp was suing his longtime business partner Joel Mandel and his brother Roger (and their firm, The Management Group [TMG]) for negligence, breach of fiduciary duty and fraud.

The suit claimed that under TMG's watch Depp had accumulated (and paid) nearly \$5.6m in late fees to the IRS, something that the star claimed he knew nothing about. Depp's suit also pointed at TMG's conflicts of interests, their alleged wrongful investment of the star's money in companies with which they had a relationship and their enabling of Depp's immediate family members to spend his fortune without proper authority or knowledge – not least his sister Christi. TMG counterclaimed against Depp for breach of contract and fraud, saying that it was the actor who was responsible for any financial turmoil in which he found himself.

By the time I reach Depp in his French villa the litigation has reached a settlement and, later this month, in August, he will win the first stage of a separate case against his longtime lawyer, Jake Bloom, regarding "handshake" agreements and contingency fee agreements, or lack thereof. The >>

'To find they were screwing me? These people used to come to my babies' birthday parties'



Among the buildings in Depp's private village is a 'quintessentially French' cafe.

>> latter appears to be a vindication of sorts for Depp, almost certainly having wider effects on the industry and how business is conducted between management and talent.

Sitting with the Hawthorn executives in Chez Marceline, waiting for Depp to emerge from his quaint, nondenominational lair, there is also continued talk of stories emerging about Heard and the pair's acrimonious split. Heard filed for divorce in May 2016, only 15 months after the couple got married in February 2015. Court records filed by Heard cited "irreconcilable differences", with a temporary restraining order granted against Depp, who Heard accused of domestic violence. A much-circulated leaked video claimed to show Depp "throwing a wine glass" at Heard and the 32-year-old's lawyers previously claimed that Depp "violently attacked" her.

The outrages then go from the disturbing to the downright bizarre. Although the couple's divorce settlement was reached in August 2016 – with Depp paying a reported \$7m and the restraining order lifted – even this morning, on my way to

Depp's compound, the most peculiar story yet emerged from their volatile relationship, that Heard allegedly defecated in the star's bed after a particularly nasty row in April 2016. Heard has come out with a statement last night claiming the incident was far from a dirty protest on her part, but rather blamed the deposit on her dog, Boo, who suffers bowel problems.

As I hear the satanic noise blare out from Depp's church in France, it makes one wonder: who, or what, am I about to encounter today, at his home, inside his sanctuary? An actor who is crippled by fame, money and excess? A relic of an old Hollywood star system that is broken and growing old disgracefully? Someone who simply doesn't fit into the brave new era, an era when scandal and stories can no longer be hidden away or buried under an avalanche of enforced NDAs?

Or is Johnny Depp simply a man who, for all his faults, has been wronged and harbours a genuine desire to set out to protect his name and his past work so that he can begin to bring himself back from what has been a period of his life he'd sooner forget?

Does he seek vengeance against an industry – and certain individuals – that he claims took advantage of his naivety and confessed contractual carelessness?

Is this a man who still believes in trying to be the outsider, an artist who desperately wants to be free of responsibility, something that might be mistaken for isolation and eccentricity but is actually something closer to a belief in romantic rebellion?

It's time. He's ready."

As I'm led towards the church where the demonic wall of noise has finally been silenced, I realise, perhaps for the first time, that I have no idea who, or what will appear, blinking into the hot white light. It feels like stepping inside the eye of everything that tornadoes around this one man and his astonishing life. As the church door opens and I hear a cough, I wonder: where does the myth of Johnny Depp end and the truth of who Johnny Depp really is begin?

"Are you a John or a Jonathan?"

"I'm Jonathan," I say. "You must be Johnny."

"Johnny, John... I'm a John. Is it Jon-a-than

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or Jon-a-thon? I'm John Christopher Depp II. I have a number after my name which makes me sound... I don't know, grander than I should be." Immediately there's that smile, one that hovers between charm and mischief, heroic and villainous. His eyes will remain behind an enormous pair of reflective aviator shades for the next four hours. "Shall we go and sit in the sun, talk, get heatstroke, vomit and die?" A pause. And then the head goes right back with the laugh. "Maybe later. Come on, Jonathan, there's a really cool little spot I want to show you..."

Depp has emerged from his slumber looking if not healthy then certainly healthier than I expected. Friends I had spoken to about my assignment voiced concerns over Depp's mental and physical state – most with little to no actual factual insight, it should be said – many referring to an image taken of the star recently while on tour round Europe with his band, Hollywood Vampires.

The photograph, taken by a fan, showed Depp gaunt, pallid and in need of some sleep – or at least a large green juice and once round the block on a SoulCycle. Not only that, but, perhaps even more disturbingly, his

'Shall we go and sit in the sun, talk, get heatstroke, vomit and die? Maybe later'

usual battered fedora had been replaced with a baseball cap, a baseball cap with the word "fugly" emblazoned on it. Johnny Depp? In a baseball cap?

Today, however, Depp's skin is clear and absent of bloat or puffiness. It must be added, however, that his clothes are less intact. He is wearing a baseball cap and his shirt in particular appears to have had its arms pulled off, as if it was once the property of an irate Bruce Banner pre-anger management classes. In fact, the shirt is like nothing I have ever seen before: part dress shirt, but with a mandarin collar, yet no sleeves. Over his shirt is a pinstripe blue waistcoat and around his neck are various chains, trinkets and talismans.

On the end of one necklace is a silver "gonzo

fist", the icon characterised by two thumbs and four fingers holding a peyote button originally used by Hunter S Thompson's 1970 campaign for sheriff of Pitkin County, Colorado. Through Thompson's prolific life and writing style, the fist has become a symbol of gonzo journalism as a whole. For Depp it is both a memento of his late friend, someone he once lived with in a basement in Owl Farm, Thompson's base camp in Aspen, Colorado, and a reminder of how one should work and live, with a strong sense of the individual and unhinged from corporate or fiscal systems. As Depp so often says, "Beat the system from the inside out."

The jeans are baggy and a patchwork of blues, holes that have been mended and stitched innumerable times. Depp's trouser-wearing history has always been, well, patchy, to say the least, always looking like he's just come from break-up sex with a werewolf. He was once taking a child to a birthday party in Los Angeles when he realised his jeans had a hole the size of a hubcap across the rear-end. Rather than change, which would have been the sensible thing, he grabbed a roll of silver gaffer tape and fashioned his own filler. >>

Depp's belt is something else. It's worn brown leather, but the buckle is attached to the side rather than the front. It's unusual, I note, as we walk towards a huge stone table where we will sit and talk in the shade for the afternoon. "This? Well, it's no Texas Belt Buckle. You know what Texas Belt Buckle is?" I have to confess I do not. "Well, a Texas Belt Buckle is where you have to pull your scrotum up over the top of your jeans without undoing them. All the way up and over. Oh, the horror of it all... You have to bring your cock back around and stick it through... Your cock has to go around the bend in a sort of semi fruit basket and then, well, then you're fucked. You pull your testicles out over the top and leave them just resting there. That's a Texas Belt Buckle. Then, of course, there's a Dirty Sanchez, which is something else entirely. 'Dirty Sanchez', which I managed to sneak into *Pirates*..."

For those in the dark about what a Dirty Sanchez might be, all you need to know is that it's a term that originated in the spit'n'grind of the LA porn industry, something that could occur when certain protruding members are stuck into certain orifices and then into certain other holes. I'll let your imagination run dark, but let's just say it's unfathomably gross and a term for an obscene sex act that couldn't be less suitable for inclusion in a \$300m Disney film about a pirate, itself based on a family-friendly theme park ride in Florida.

"Yeah, I [said] it in *Pirates* and they never caught it when it went out to the theatres," Depp chuckles as we take our seats opposite one another. "They caught it when it went to DVD: I did it because I wanted to see who would be the one at Disney to find it..." As to why Depp wanted to find out who would be the person to red flag such a thing is unclear, although the fact he is still proud to have got the obscene term included in that first blockbuster – albeit as a mumbled, near incoherent entry – and past corporate eyeballs (and ears) is not insignificant.

It serves to illustrate what has been, and what still is, at Depp's moral core, a conflict that boils and foams beneath the actor's surface: the tussle of being true to his artistic sensibilities while also being a willing participant in and figurehead of a billion-dollar franchise. It is the age-old problem faced by many successful creatives, that of art vs commerce.

Jack Sparrow was for Johnny Depp what Iron Man would eventually become for Robert Downey Jr: a global hit that pivoted the actor – or at least his image – from that of a young, somewhat surly indie misfit who >>





JOHNNY DEPP

In the cave à vin
beneath the master
building in Depp's
village compound

'There's a common
thread going through
my characters.
They're all judged in
a condescending
manner, in a bad way'

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>> had already illustrated a distaste for being a teenage pin-up (via *21 Jump Street*), wore oversized vintage leather jackets and smoked Marlboro Reds while smooching wild fashion cats such as Kate Moss, into a global megastar with his own merchandise line, including a 25cm-high pirate figurine with removable cutlass and leather booties.

It was the moment the man who played Ed Wood turned into Mickey Mouse, albeit Mickey Mouse with a fondness for a bottle of Château Calon Ségur (2014). "I was freaked out by it," he admits when he realised where acting was going to take him, rather than music, which had always been his main creative outlet. "I mean, at the beginning I genuinely didn't give a fuck about acting. But I began to enjoy it. I enjoyed creating those characters up there, being in the trenches and sparring with collaborators, actors, directors... The trouble with working with these big studios is they can get uncomfortable about certain creative decisions you make. That happened with *Pirates*. My view is if the studio isn't worried then I'm not doing my job properly."

Did Disney try to alter his *Pirates* performance? "Disney hated me. [They were] thinking of every way they could to get rid of me, to fire me. 'Oh, we're going to have to subtitle him.' 'We don't understand Captain Jack Sparrow. What's wrong with him?' 'What's wrong with his arms?' 'Is he drunk?' 'Is he mentally fucking stupefied?' 'Is he gay?'"

I ask Depp directly: did Disney ask if Jack Sparrow was being played as openly homosexual in *Pirates*? "They asked me, 'Is he gay?' and I answered the question over the phone. It was a lady called Nina Jacobson from Disney at the time [Jacobson is herself gay, it should be noted, and has long campaigned for greater diversity within the all-male club of old Hollywood boardrooms] and she asked me a couple of questions and then said, 'What is it, Johnny? Is he gay?' My tendency, of course, is to be irreverent so I said, 'Nina, didn't you know all my characters are gay?' That was a pretty abrupt end to the conversation. And I just continued shaping Jack the way I believed was best."

Was Depp angry at Disney for its lack of vision? Its lack of trust? "No. I told them, 'Look, you don't like what I'm doing, fire me. You hired me to do a job and play the character and this is what I want to do.' This is the work. I mean, hadn't they seen any of the work I'd done previously? You might want to take a look at that before you hire a motherfucker, you know?"

Did he feel vindicated once it was clear his treatment for Jack was going to

work, when audiences fell in love with him? "I knew I was right. Even the very first time when they came back to me saying, 'No, no, what is this?' it felt right. Even when the other actors were looking at me like I was an absolute menace, I stayed with it. I mean, the older actors were probably thinking, 'Jesus Christ, he's wrecked.' Because I would tear up the script on set. I'd go rogue. I'd fly for a little bit to see where things went. And not everyone appreciates this way of working. Oliver Stone didn't appreciate it when I changed all the lines he wrote for me in *Platoon* and that's no doubt probably why most of my stuff ended up on the cutting-room floor."

Depp and I are sitting under what can only be described as a tent or canopy of green vines. We are about 150 metres from the main house. Inside the tent is a huge, monolithic stone table and benches that resemble something dragged from the palaeolithic age, pockmarked and grooved from years of wear and deterioration. Depp bought it when they acquired the house. "I did a

'Spit out what you need to spit out and my attorneys will take care of the rest'

film with Roman Polanski [*The Ninth Gate*] in Paris with Vanessa. We were supposed to stay two months and we ended up staying ten years."

As we talk, Depp keeps his cap and his shades on. Occasionally he seems a little sleepy, stifling a yawn, although after a while he shakes off the sleep and is engaging, coherent and certain. He twists and moves rarely, maybe tucking his legs to one side or sitting cross-legged like a sort of skater/war vet/yogi. Otherwise, he is entirely still. He takes care with his answers, speaking at a steady pace, unafraid to be patient and wait until the right word arrives from his consciousness and escape into the ether.

A man, maybe a housekeeper, brings us refreshments in one of those light-blue plastic laundry baskets: sweet, bottle-green tea, Coca-Cola, water. No alcohol. Later I ask Depp if he believes he has a problem with alcohol: "Do I like a drink? Yes. Do I need a drink? No." The only visible vice is the rolling tobacco that he smokes in liquorice papers; he'll roll one up every 20 minutes or so and often not light it immediately. He lets it hang from his mouth, the paper sticking to his lower lip as he talks

and answers questions. He has all the tobacco warnings, all the images of blackened lungs, scribbled out by an assistant. His fingers are cluttered with rings and his arms are full of black ink.

The tattoos have been much discussed: the "Wino Forever" on the upper right bicep being perhaps the most infamous, an alteration of what originally was "Winona Forever", which Depp got when he was dating Winona Ryder, the pair having worked together on Tim Burton's *Edward Scissorhands* in 1990. A more recent tattoo read "Slim" in a gothic font, a letter on each of the proximal phalanges (the finger bones closest to the palm of the hand). Slim was the name Depp used to call his ex-wife Amber Heard. After the divorce he had it amended to "Scum" and more recently "Scam".

Before flying out here I was told that Depp categorically didn't want to discuss his recent divorce. But there's something about the torment of the past few years that, intentionally or not, shakes such spiky subjects – his break-up, his reputation, his financial problems – to the surface. Quite simply, they are in the air I can feel it. Depp can feel it. And without even being nudged, the topics fall onto the table and demand to be picked at.

Depp, one can tell, feels he has suffered, sounding at times like a wounded animal who has healed and is now ready to bite back. He is also, although he may deny it, angry – angry about a lot of things – and he's vengeful and absolutely, categorically certain of his position and his standing.

"The last three or four years has felt like a perverse situation that was inflicted on me. It hurts." How did the actor take the claims about his long-term managers eviscerating his trust, their relationship in that way? "I was with my business managers for 17 or 18 years, I think. To find they were screwing me up the arse? These people used to come to my two- and five-year-old babies' birthday parties."

"It is crass to speak about money but, I mean, when I found out the *Pirates 5* film had just been finished, right before the business manager started to go, 'Oh, you've got to sell the house in France! Oh, my god! Shit's hitting the fan!' Now, my front fee – I am even embarrassed to say it – for *Pirates 5* alone was £35m. And then I went on my honeymoon after that film and while I was on honeymoon that's when I got the call from the guy and I was like, 'What? I don't understand? How could this be?'"

TMG claimed that they did what they could to handle Depp's finances responsibly and repeatedly warned him that he >>



JOHNNY DEPP

Go to the former
choy. It now serves
as a bedroom

'An episode like
this takes time
to get over.
It's a mourning,
a betrayal'

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Chez Marceline, named after Vanessa Paradis' acting agent

>> was overspending, but he has a different perspective. "My belief was that I needed to not envelop myself in the notion of money, how much I was making, how much was there. I just knew that I was making enough money in salary and back-end that everything should be tickety-boo. Nothing should have gone as sideways as it did. And when I found out, that is when the war began. It was from every angle. The judge, you know, called them on all the petty personal allegations and said you are trying to decapitate this man in a public forum. That is not what you do."

Depp has a theory, however, about a wider conspiracy being fuelled by the troubles surrounding his finances and deteriorating marriage, a theory that points to the Hollywood industry itself, "this vile fucking circus", as the actor calls it. "But did it stop all the power mongers in Hollywood who were interested in shutting me up? Big money was being thrown about. People suing me at every opportunity. I mean, it's all so obvious. Listen, I know I was never going to be Cinderella - I know this and accept it. But it felt like within a very, very short

'If I catch you, I will eat your nose and swallow it in front of you. Then you'll think about it next time'

period of time that suddenly this version - for lack of a better word - of Cinderella had been immediately turned into the beast. He's Quasimodo.

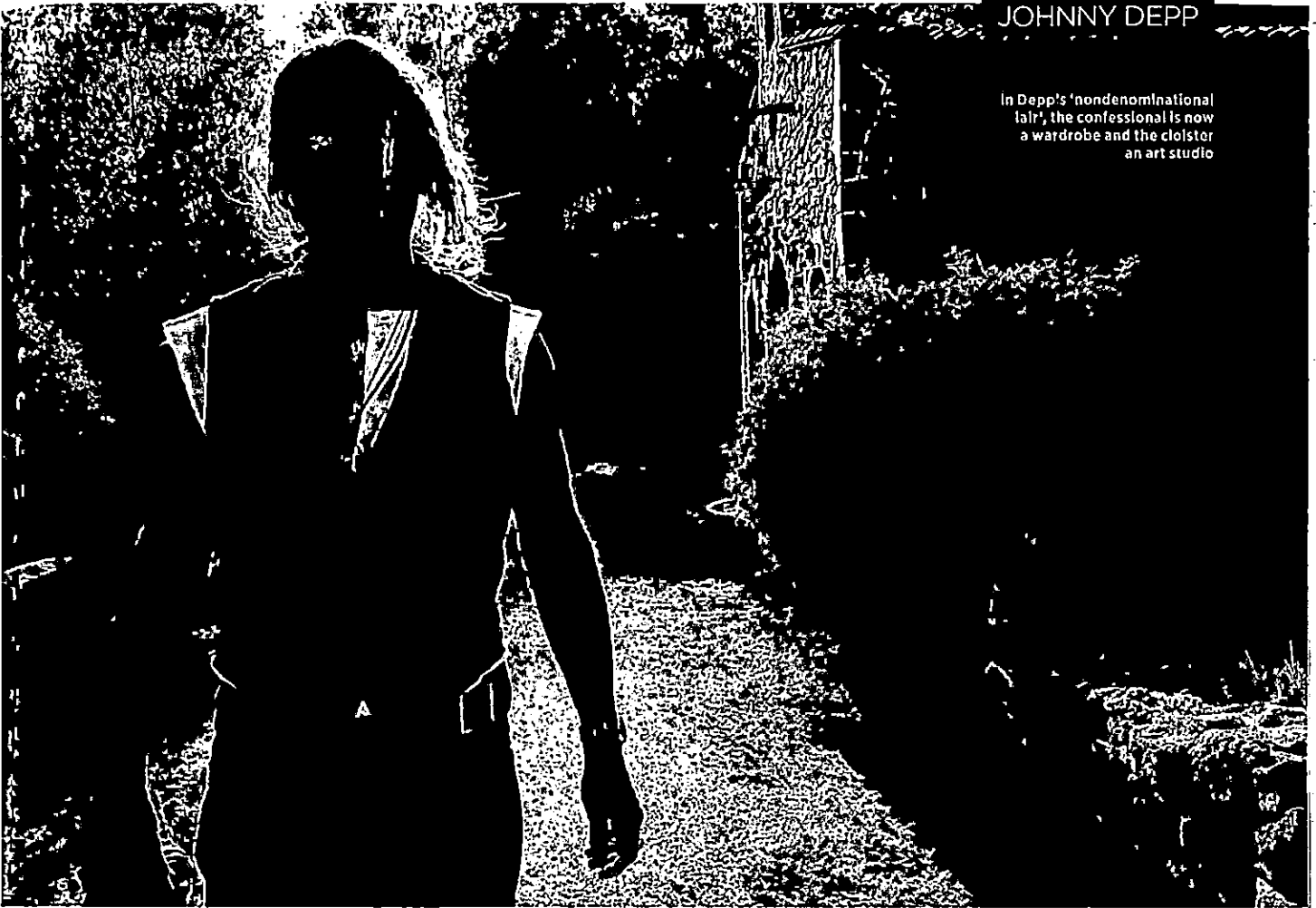
"I could feel people look at me differently, because of the accusations towards you. And then people start putting things in magazines: 'He's insane. He needs to take a sanity test...' You know, ludicrous stuff. But the only thing that I could do was know what I still know. Ultimately, the truth will come out in all of this and I will be standing on the right side of the roaring rapids. I hope other people will be too. I know the truth and if I had to walk away from all of it today, the job, the career, all of it, and go toodle-oo, then fine.

"I've got nothing to prove to anyone, because I've never been in competition with anyone. I don't buy into that shit. I'm not interested in receiving any spray-painted action figures. You know, maybe whatever this thing is, whatever I leave behind, you know, my legacy to my kids or the people, I haven't watched 98 per cent of that shit. It may be completely insane. It may be crap. It may be interesting. I don't fucking know what it is. But what I do know is that I did something, and I tried something different, for a period of years. Did it work? Who the fuck knows? But I did it and I'm fine to stop.

"I love the process of creating a character. I love the safety of, you know, being that character. I mean, there was great safety in being as open as you could possibly make yourself on *Edward Scissorhands* and to try to see things, mundane, normal things, as beautiful and new, you know? Captain Jack was a different animal, Ed Wood, a different animal, Mad Hatter [from *Alice In Wonderland*], Willy Wonka [*Charlie And The Chocolate Factory*]...

"Yet there's a common thread going through

In Depp's 'nondenominational lair', the confessional is now a wardrobe and the cloister an art studio



all these characters. There's a filament that connects them. Even though they're all very different, they're all very much the same, because it all has to come out of some sort of truth, you know? And the truth is they're all fucking misfits. They're all misfits and they're all misunderstood. And judged in a condescending manner, in a bad way."

The message is loud and clear as to what Depp believes went down with his long-term management and business partners. I wonder: does he worry about his reputation, his legacy, not least in regards to women? Is he concerned that so much of what has been put out in the press, so much of the scandal, has caused an irreversible erosion of his good name? Or does he simply not worry because, as he says, he never wanted to be put on some pedestal or claim to be a role model, a Cinderella figure?

"Do you know... I'll tell you..." The following pause is long. Depp and I sit in silence. The question hovers over us. Then, he seems to simply decide to talk.

"It's not about being a role model. No, it's not that at all. The tape that came out..." He stops and chuckles and repeats his words,

"The tape that came out, or the tape that someone made, that miraculously appeared on YouTube, taken from someone's phone. That was not Downtown [LA, where he lived with Amber Heard]. She [Heard] wanted to make like it was recent. It was an older video and [what happened in it] had to do with finding out that I had been ripped off for hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars."

The video in question, blurry, clandestine, shows Depp banging around an apartment, filling a large beaker with red wine and then grabbing Heard's phone after seeing she is recording. The video was "leaked" or released by showbiz gossip channel TMZ in the States, although compared to Heard's other allegations against Depp the video content seems unexceptional or certainly the least disturbing.

Although the pair have now settled out of court, what Heard alleges to have happened in April 2016 still reverberates throughout my meeting with Depp. Heard alleged that on Saturday 21 May, Depp attacked his wife and threw an iPhone at her face. Heard phoned the police, who found "no evidence

of any crime". However, Heard claims to have taken a selfie later that day showing bruising around her right eye and cheek. The following Wednesday she filed for divorce.

I feel like I have to broach the subject with Depp. Does the actor consider himself a violent man? An aggressive man? Can he lose his temper or is he prone to it if intoxicated? "The thing that hurt me is the treachery, the betrayal of being presented as something that you're really as far away from as you could possibly get, you know? I have freely admitted and it's known, yes, I have been arrested for assaulting a hotel room [worker] once and I smacked the location manager [on the set of a new, stalled project, *City Of Lies*, a film about the murder of Biggie Smalls] and he called the cops on me. I went to jail in New York. OK, great, fine.

"Then there was that time when the paparazzi were trying to take a photograph of Vanessa and she's pregnant with Lily-Rose and I was not going to let them make a circus out of it. So I did what I had to do. Got her in the car, they didn't get the picture, and I said, 'Take a fucking picture because then I'll stove your fucking head in. You've got your >>

>>cameras out. First one click. Let's go.' And that's just the truth. I would've. I've even said before, if a paparazzo gets a shot, they're far away and they get a shot of me and my kid, whatever, that's their thing. But if I catch you, I will eat your nose. I will eat your nose, chew it up and swallow it in front of you and then you'll fucking think about it next time. I fucking mean it. But to..."

Depp goes quiet again. It seems like he needs to take stock every so often, to recharge, to get back into a specific lane or mood every time the conversation veers into talking about the volatile relationship with Heard and the results of its breakdown. "To harm someone you love? As a kind of bully? No, it didn't, it couldn't even sound like me. So, initially, I just kept my mouth shut, you know? I knew it was going to stick on me and it would get weirder. Keep going, you know? Go nuts. I ain't going to get into a pissing contest with someone about it. Spit out what you need to spit out and, you know, my attorneys will take care of the rest. I never went out and spoke about the shit.

"But of course I care what my family and my kids think. I mean, you realise right away, essentially, that what is being done is the commencement of what they hope is to be your funeral. They want to ruin your life and to take away the opportunity ever to work again, and take away everything that you've built for the last 30 years." Depp is still talking at a measured pace, in his low, cool tones, but his words are just a little clipped at the ends. His vowels just a little firmer.

"And worse than that, to take away future earnings that are for my kids, you know? I do this shit for my kids, man. How could someone, anyone, come out with something like that against someone, when there's no truth to it whatsoever? I'm sure it wasn't easy for my 14-year-old boy to go to school, you know what I mean? With people going, 'Hey, look at this magazine, man. What, your dad beats up chicks or something?' Why did he have to go through that? Why did my daughter have to go through that?" I tell Depp I can see how that would anger him. "She didn't..." Depp is often all too aware that some of the intricacies of his and Heard's relationship need to be put in the third person. This is why, at times, he will start off using a subjective pronoun but switch to something more objective, swapping a "she" for "that person".

"Why didn't that person speak to the police?" continues Depp. "I mean, they spoke to the police, but the police saw nothing and they offered her an emergency medical technician. She said no. Police see nothing on her. Police see nothing broken in the place, no marks, and then they offer her an EMT to have a look at her and she says no and I

don't know if it was the next day or a couple of days later, but then there was a bruise. There was a red mark and then there was a brown bruise."

Depp suffered a catastrophic amount of physical abuse at the hands of his own mother when he was very young. The impact of an object on human flesh and bone is a physiology, a biology, he claims to know only too well. "I've been hit in the eye a bunch with fists and boots and anything else that anyone in my family could throw at me or beat me with," he tells me about his childhood. "I know bruises. They close up and they go purple and they go black and they go green and they go yellow and they go yellow-brown like a banana and then they start to fade away. And that process is probably about 12 days or two weeks."

A day after the alleged phone-throwing took place, Heard was seen at a party, specifically Amanda de Cadenet's 44th birthday party. De Cadenet posted a picture of herself, with Heard smiling brightly on her

'I've been hit in the eye a bunch with fists and boots and anything else. I know bruises'

right and model Amber Valletta to her left. Heard is tagged in the photo; her hair is brushed over her left eye and cheek. At some point, however, the image was deleted. Depp is emphatic about his version of events. "She was at a party the next day. Her eye wasn't closed. She had her hair over her eye, but you could see the eye wasn't shut. Twenty-five feet away from her, how the fuck am I going to hit her? Which, by the way, is the last thing I would've done. I might look stupid, but I ain't fucking stupid."

To suggest that a woman, a man or anyone might have made up such a serious allegation is a tremendously dangerous and damaging thing to do. If we as a global community are striving for equality and acceptance to run through every part of our lives, through all races, cultures and genders, then we need to believe those who stand up and claim to have been subjected to physical or verbal abuse.

Let me be clear: this is not a piece of investigative reporting. It is merely a snapshot, a chance to sit down and talk to a person of immense interest and talent, who has, it must be noted, brought joy to millions of film lovers all over the world, ever since he moved from Kentucky to LA and a friend,

Nicolas Cage, told him he should go and see his acting agent.

This isn't a piece claiming to know with any authority about what happened between Johnny Depp and Amber Heard in May 2016 or at any other time between the pair in private. All I wanted to do was come to Depp and ask him to give his side of the story, which up until now has not been properly heard. Before we met, it was agreed with his advisors at Hawthorn that both parties would go into this meeting with one simple aim: to record what happens candidly. From my side, this is what I saw and this is the conversation we had.

"We probably shouldn't be talking about this," continues Depp, "but I am worried. I worry about the people that bought it and I worry about her. It's just not right. I will never stop fighting. I'll never stop. They'd have to fucking shoot me. An episode like this takes time to get over. It's a mourning, a betrayal by someone you thought was..."

Again, a pause and quiet. All I can hear is the blood rushing about my skull, nitroed by adrenaline and the swirling white nicotine clouds.

The love of his life?

"Well, something. I did marry her somehow."

Is he single now?

"Yeah," he says, chuckling and sounding somewhat relieved.

Does that feel good?

"Yeah."

Does he think about wanting to find love ever again?

"No."

I need to take a leak. Depp tells me I can use his bathroom and that I'll find it back at the church. He gives me a set of instructions and directions, although with the electricity of the conversation we have just had still ping-pong about in my hot skull I nod and smile but when I actually arrive at the church I realise that I wasn't really paying attention. I walk in through the main door and that's when I realise I am standing slap bang in the middle of Johnny Depp's bedroom. Alone. With a full bladder.

Actually, I am not quite in his bedroom yet. I am in a small kitchenette. There's a sink and a box of tissues on a small table and beyond that a door that leads to the bedroom. I can see it's the bedroom because I can see the huge four-poster bed against the far wall. I venture further in, thinking that there must be an en suite somewhere and now I really am in the middle of Johnny Depp's bedroom, inside his church, which he had built in the compound he bought with his ex-partner 20 years ago. It makes one's head spin to be

alone in someone's private space. It's so intimate, like climbing inside their head or diary and riffling through their thoughts without telling them you're doing so.

I take a quick scan of the room. There's a jumble of family photographs, a guitar on a stand and clothes strewn about like a teenager just home from school. Down the far end, towards the main church door, which is blocked, two sofas face one another. On the sofa closest to me, down the right-hand side is the most intriguing object of all: a black vintage typewriter with round, silver keys.

To the left of the machine is a pile of notes and typed pages. I had heard a rumour that Depp was writing a memoir, a book of his life, and had been doing so for the past few years. It's a book about the abuse he suffered at the hands of his junkie, desperately violent late mother; about how, in anger, he used to take a baseball bat from the garage as a kid and just spend an hour wailing it against a palm tree in their yard; a book about the work, the films that never made it; about his relationships, his friendships; about when Allen Ginsberg called the actor as he was dying; about Bob Dylan, his friend; about *Edward Scissorhands*; about the industry, the circus; about the corruption, the excess and the sordid beautiful truth about it all.

There's a page spooled into the machine already. There are a handful of sentences typed, the black ink speckled and smudged on the grained, ivory paper. What is written is private. It's also eloquent. It reads like someone trying to write vividly, someone desperate to get it out, get it down, so he might hold it up and scream, "Look! This is what happened!" This feels like snooping. I make a swift exit and go back to the bathroom in the café. Eventually I wander back to Depp, the smoke signals from his cigarette indicating he is still where I left him.

"You know, on the road with the band, it's impossible to bring oil paints," explains Depp. "Mineral spirit stinks up the fucking place, you know? So I've just been doing watercolours and odd drawings. I've also been doing a lot of writing. I kind of started a book, a couple of months before I broke up with Amber."

Fiction? Memoir? A play?

"I've written around 300 pages. I have about 300 more pages more to go. I am halfway. They are more memories. And some of the beauty and the knowledge that I've been able to glean or sponge off of some of these magic fucking people I know, from Brando to Hunter to Patti Smith to Dylan to Ginsberg. I have been so lucky to have met all these folk. I don't have cards or make notes really. No structure is blocked out. I have reminders. I'll make a list of reminders."

Of events he wants to remember?

"Yes, but it's not written in any kind of linear form. It should be more like the unplanned telling of a story around the campfire."

I ask Depp if he finds it hard writing about some of the more painful memories.

"Sure. I mean my childhood was dark. My mum wouldn't edit. There was no editing. She would say what she meant, what she felt, in that instant. No matter how wrong it might have been even, or how hideously evil it was in the moment, she didn't edit. It came out: bleurgh! She was out of her mind, obviously, and she didn't know what the fuck she was doing. She got four kids and she hated the world. Was there fuck loads of verbal abuse? Yeah, man. Was there fuck loads of physical abuse? Yes. And never-ending, to the point that pain, physical pain, was just a given. But the last four, five years that I was involved, let's say... Well, that was quite a dark time too.

"I mean, you can write about those things and what's interesting is you write about

'At a certain point one must be able to say, "What else can any of you do to hurt me?"'

those things early on and once you've had a few years away from that chapter you go back and reread what you've done so far. And then you realise that you do feel the same way you did, but you're so far beyond it. It puts everything else into perspective. Because at a certain point one must be able to say, 'What the fuck else can any of you do now? What else can any of you do to hurt me?'

The patter has changed. He is still calm, still warm, but the emotions are right here on the table with us, right in our faces. Maybe it's just Depp's natural charisma, but the intensity of the conversation feels like lifting weights. Not because it's difficult to talk or that it isn't natural, but simply because of the rawness, the emotional density of the topics. We sit in silence. Depp doesn't move, not a single muscle flinches. It's like he's looked into the Gorgon Medusa's eyes to see for himself life's savage reality.

The cigarette hangs unlit, like a stogie to be chewed on or soaked with spit. "What was it that Dylan Thomas said, 'To begin at the beginning,' right? And Ernest Hemingway, 'All you have to do is write one

true sentence" – one of the hardest things in the world to do. And [Allen Ginsberg's] "First thought, best thought."

Depp has taken his writing lessons from brilliant yet often difficult men. He has strung them together like bunting: to begin at the beginning, all you have to do is write one true sentence: first thought, best thought... Much like Ginsberg, Depp has that ability to perform, to unspool himself and all his kinks. A drive into Depp's memories, one suspects, would be like trying to control a car on a winding mountain road with its brakes cut, thrilling yet perilous.

"And Hunter. Hunter! He was right in the centre of every story. And all those stories were true. I have all the tapes and the napkins. Hunter wanted me to buy his archives, but I'm its custodian. They belong to Hunter's grandson, Will. I think we are going to take it on the road, to show people, to show people the reality, the madness and the goddamn beauty of it all."

For the first time, Depp takes off his shades. He rubs his eyes, which aren't bloodshot or kohl-lined, but are clear, backlit and luminous. "I want the truth. That's really my biggest obsession in the world. It's just the fucking truth."

Yet to live on impulses, to put down all the raw facts unedited as they come out, well, that's a powerful type of storytelling. As Hunter himself warned of such precision reporting: "Absolute truth is a very rare and dangerous commodity."

The truth has no time for perspective. Or rather, truth is not about perspective as a point of view. But to see the whole truth? The whole story? Now, that sort of perspective will allow you to get the entire picture: the correct height, depth and position of all the facts in relation to one another, something that is absolute.

There is no doubt Depp is seeking the truth. That is his mission. One day, maybe he will find the right words, in a conversation or in a book, and when he does they will be simple. **GG**

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Warner Bros. 'freaking out' Depp suit will harm Harry Potter films

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Johnny Depp
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Warner Bros. is "freaking out" over its hit Harry Potter movie franchise's connection to Johnny Depp after Amber Heard's new court documents described in painstaking detail how he allegedly beat, choked and tormented her during their relationship, sources told The Post on Friday.

Depp — who denies abusing Heard — is slated to star in "Fantastic Beasts 3," the next installment of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter movies. The script has been completed, although filming, which was due to start this summer, has been delayed to the fall of next year.

"Executives at Warner Bros. are wondering how to deal with the backlash of the Depp matter on the Harry Potter franchise," a source said. "High-level female execs at the studio are extremely worried about working with Depp and the message it sends to the public, especially after the recent sordid departure of CEO Kevin Tsujihara," who last month announced he was leaving amid a casting couch scandal.

"This is yet another blow to the morale of female employees at the studio," the source said. "If Warner Bros. continues to stick by Depp, it would reveal a lot about the values the company holds."

While reps at Warner Bros. didn't respond to multiple requests for comment from The Post, insiders said executives are unsure how to proceed, since author J.K. Rowling came out strongly in support of Depp's casting in a previous Potter flick in 2017 after his marriage to Heard crumbled.

"Many at Warner Bros. wish that Rowling hadn't come out so strongly behind Depp, because having made her opinion so public boxes them into a corner," a source said.

Rowling broke her silence on the controversy surrounding Depp's casting as the villain Grindelwald when she wrote on her website in December 2017, "When Johnny Depp was cast as Grindelwald, I thought he'd be wonderful in the role. However, around the time of filming his cameo in the first movie, stories had appeared in the press that deeply concerned me and everyone most closely involved in the franchise.

"Harry Potter fans had legitimate questions and concerns about our choice to continue with Johnny Depp in the role. As David Yates, long-time Potter director, has already said, we naturally considered the possibility of recasting. I understand why some have been confused and angry about why that didn't happen."

Rowling added that while "the huge, mutually supportive community that has grown up around Harry Potter is one of the greatest joys of my life," she found it "difficult, frustrating and at times painful" to remain silent on the Depp issue.

Referring to Depp and Heard's divorce agreement, she added, "However, the agreements that have been put in place to protect the privacy of two people, both of whom have expressed a desire to get on with their lives, must be respected. Based on our understanding of the circumstances, the filmmakers and I are not only comfortable sticking with our original casting, but genuinely happy to have Johnny playing a major character in the movies."

Rowling concluded, "I accept that there will be those who are not satisfied with our choice of actor in the title role. However, conscience isn't governable by committee. Within the fictional world and outside it, we all have to do what we believe to be the right thing."

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"Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" starring Depp was released in November 2018 and grossed \$653 million worldwide, making it the 10th-highest-grossing movie of that year but the lowest in the Harry Potter franchise.

Depp's lawyer, Adam Waldman, has insisted to The Post that Heard's allegations against Depp are "a hoax" — and that the superstar intends to prove it.

Photos show Johnny Depp's alleged destruction of Amber Heard's closet

"Ms. Heard has a new problem besides defamation, perjury and filing and receiving a fraudulent temporary restraining order demand with the court: We are now interviewing other women who have come forward claiming they are victims of horrific acts of violence and other abuse at the hands of Amber Heard, in addition to Johnny Depp and Tasya van Rhee, the latter of whom Ms. Heard was previously arrested and incarcerated for assaulting," Waldman said in a statement.

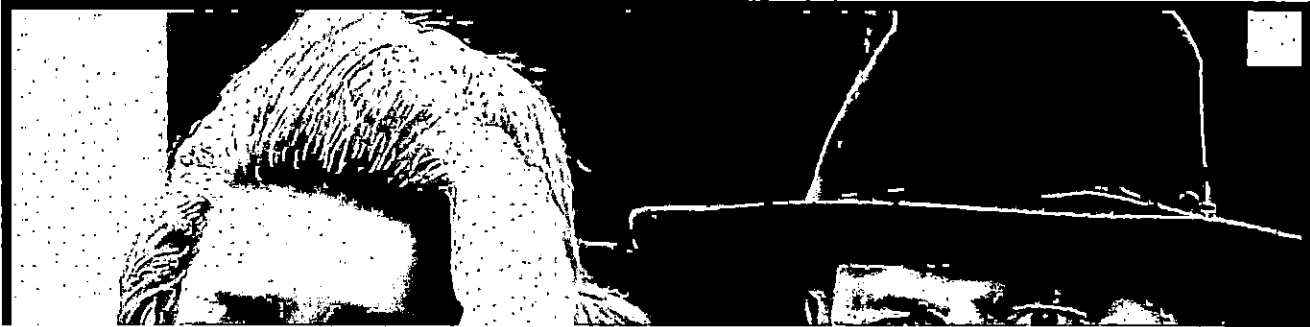
"We have now issued subpoenas to Amber Heard, her hoax assisting friends, Elon Musk and other witnesses to explain the avalanche of video, audio, photographic and testimonial evidence with which we intend to confront them."

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Amber Heard Accuses Johnny Depp of Lying About Police Calls On Night of Massive Fight



Amber Heard is responding to Johnny Depp in their million dollar defamation lawsuit, and the actress claims he is lying to the court about a very important moment that went down during their huge blowout argument.

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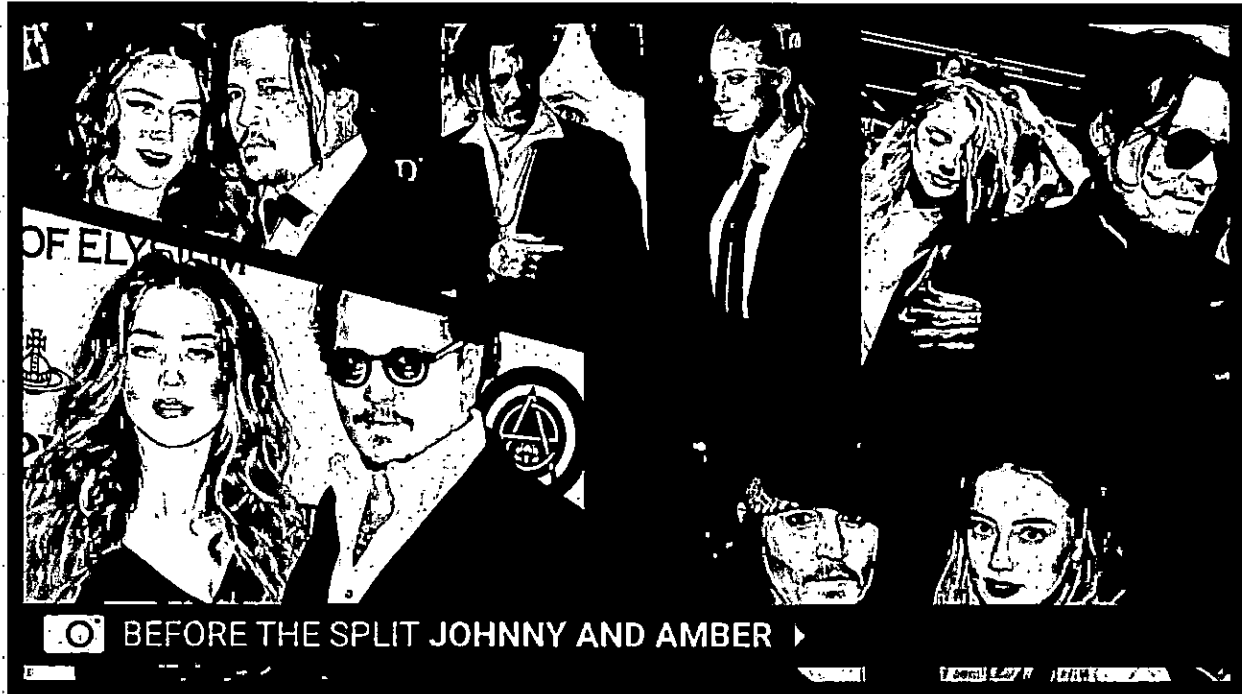
According to legal documents obtained by The Blast, Amber says that Johnny has "clearly perjured

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The filing by the "Aquaman" star's team states, "Readily obtainable public records of LAPD call logs from that evening show that iO Tillet Wright called 911 at 8:30 PM to report Mr. Depp's violent and destructive behavior that evening, confirming the eyewitness accounts of how iO heard that Mr. Depp was becoming violent toward Ms. Heard over the phone and then called 911."



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Heard disagrees with her ex-husband and filed LAPD incident logs of her own. According to the new documents, there does appear to be a call made during the time the argument between the two was going down.

According to Heard's records, a call was made at exactly 8:30 pm on the night of May, 21 2016. The log states, "received call fr victim friend "Amber", Assaulted by boyfriend, refused to give further."

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
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According to records, a second call was then made at 10:09 PM which reads, "female stated she was on phone with her friend and she began screaming at her husband, subj Amber Heard, Husband Johnny Heard."

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Interestingly in the records filed by Amber, one of the last logs published by LAPD claims officers, "met w/vict. chkd loc. verified husband left. loc vict advised verbal dispute and refused to give any further info. issue bus card."

Depp's legal team has pointed out that Amber told police the two were only engaged in a "verbal dispute," and have filed statements by LAPD officers on the call who claim they did not see any evidence of physical abuse suffered by Heard.

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With the filing of the new police logs, Heard wants Depp to be, "held responsible for submitting provably false and misleading, and in any event, irrelevant -statements in his declaration," adding, "These signal an intention by Mr. Depp to litigate in the court of public opinion."

She continues, "The true impetus of this lawsuit is not the alleged defamation but that three years after the fact, Mr. Depp found 'new evidence' he wanted to present to a court some 3,000 miles from where any evidence or witnesses are found."

Depp's attorney, Adam Waldman, tells The Blast, "Ms. Heard says she 'will not be silenced,' and then remains silent for months as her hoax is buried by the avalanche of evidence." He adds, "As for her hoax-assisting friends, willing to perjure themselves for her 3 years ago — where are they now?"

Waldman says, "Ms. Heard continues to defraud her abused hoax victim Mr. Depp, the #metoo movement she masquerades as the leader of, and other real abuse victims worldwide."

A judge will now make the decision on whether the case will remain in Virginia or be moved to California.

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Surveillance Video Shows James Franco With Amber Heard One Day After Blowout Fight With Johnny Depp

By Mike Walters

Johnny Depp is sending a subpoena to James Franco after surveillance video from the apartment Depp used to share with ex-wife Amber Heard allegedly shows Franco meeting up with Heard just 24 hours after the blowout fight that ended the couple's marriage.

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camera, and moves in close as she appears to be speaking with him while he keeps his head down.

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Franco and Heard exit the elevator together on the penthouse floor, where the Depp's apartment with Heard was located. Depp's legal team wants to question Franco to see if he and Heard discussed the blowout fight or if Franco saw whether or not Heard had injuries to her face from the previous night.

In the video, Franco is seen wearing a hat and shirt he was seen wearing during the same time period in 2016. The hat is from The Ace Hotel in downtown Los Angeles and it, along with his shirt, is seen in photographs taken at a book signing in the same area.

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Depp's legal team is calling James Franco a "witness" and plan to grill him under penalty of perjury

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As The Blast first reported, Telsa and Space X founder Elon Musk was also seen entering the building in the weeks following Heard's restraining order filing in Los Angeles.

We are told Depp will issue a civil subpoena to Franco to sit for a deposition in the \$50 million defamation lawsuit that Depp filed against Heard.

As far as why Franco and Heard would be together the night after the alleged violent incident with her husband, Heard's legal team claims Franco lived in the building at the time or prior to the incident. So it makes sense he would be riding up that specific elevator.

Heard's lawyer, Eric George, tells The Blast, "This bogus story is just another lame attempt by Johnny Depp and his team to spread deliberately misleading information through the media so that he can continue to attack and abuse his ex-wife."

George continues, "Amber Heard and James Franco once lived in the same apartment complex and were simply taking an elevator at the same time. Period."

He ends with a parting shot, "It's pathetic."

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Depp's lawyer disagrees, telling The Blast, "Surveillance footage and sworn witnesses place Mr. Musk and Mr. Franco separately sneaking into Johnny Depp's penthouse in the nights after Amber Heard's May 21 face beating claims. Ms. Heard's team has now admitted Mr. Franco is the man cuddling with a nightgown-clad, perfect-faced Ms. Heard and hiding from the elevator surveillance camera at 11:00 PM on May 22, the day after her face beating hoax. Lies beget lies. Ms. Heard's absurd pre-textual excuse for Mr. Franco's presence in the elevator to Mr. Depp's penthouse floor is that it was a chance encounter because James Franco 'lived in the building.'"

He continues, "That is a lie. Mr. Franco didn't and doesn't live in the building. Nor does he live in the hallway of Mr. Depp's private penthouse floor to which elevator 3 goes."

As The Blast previously reported, the judge in the defamation case set a trial date for next year. The judge estimates the trial will last 12 days.

In a restraining order she filed following the incident, Heard claims on the night of May 21, 2016, Depp threw a phone that hit the actress in the face.

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In her response to the defamation suit Depp filed, Heard claimed that Depp began to abuse drugs and alcohol about a year into their relationship. She claims he frequently went in and out of "alcohol dependency medical care" and claims the drug use made him "a totally different person" that she dubbed "the Monster."

Heard claims that the first time Depp hit her was in late 2012 or early 2013, saying she laughed at something he had said and he responded by slapping her across the face multiple times.

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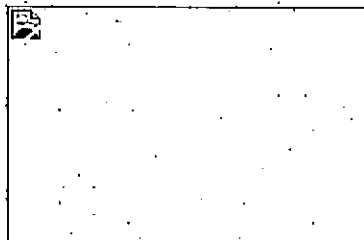
In the suit, Depp said, "I have denied Ms. Heard's allegations vehemently since she first made them in May 2016...when she walked into court to obtain a temporary restraining order with painted-on bruises that witnesses and surveillance footage show she did not possess each day of the preceding week. I will continue to deny them for the rest of my life. I never abused Ms. Heard or any other woman."

Depp says he decided to file the lawsuit "not only to clear my name and restore my reputation, but to attempt to bring clarity to the women and men whose lives have been harmed by abuse and who have been repeatedly lied to by Ms. Heard purporting to be their spokesperson."

It's unclear if Franco will answer any of the questions or fight the subpoena.

The Blast reached out to James Franco and his representatives, so far no comment.

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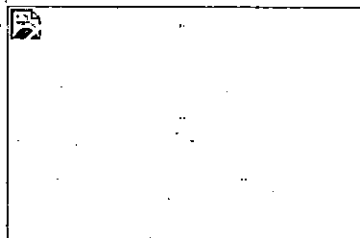
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Johnny Depp's ongoing litigation with ex Amber Heard is now involving James Franco

By **Alexia Fernandez**

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Johnny Depp's lawyer is interested in speaking to James Franco after the actor was seen in surveillance footage with Amber Heard and plans to issue a subpoena for Franco, 41, to give testimony in Depp's ongoing defamation lawsuit against his ex-wife.

Franco was seen stepping into an elevator with Heard, 33, from the apartment building the actress once shared with Depp, 56, according to surveillance footage obtained by The Blast.

The video was captured on May 22, 2016, and featured Heard and Franco speaking to each other in the elevator 24 hours after the actress and Depp had a fight that ended their marriage, according to the outlet. Depp is now suing Heard for defamation over her allegations that he was violent towards her, which Depp has denied.

The actor's attorney Adam Waldman confirmed to PEOPLE he plans to subpoena Franco and Elon Musk as "fact witnesses" on behalf of his client. "We already know from 87 surveillance videos and 31 eyewitnesses what Elon Musk and James Franco saw the week of May 21 — that Ms Heard's 'battered face' was a hoax," Waldman said.

A rep for Franco did not immediately respond to PEOPLE's request for comment.

Regarding the subpoena, Heard's attorney Eric George told PEOPLE, "This bogus story is just another lame attempt by Johnny Depp and his team to spread deliberately misleading information through the tabloid media so that he can continue to attack and abuse his ex-wife."

George continued, "Amber Heard and James Franco once lived in the same apartment complex and were simply taking an elevator at the same time. Period."

Johnny Depp and his team have been trying — and failing — to place a salacious story based on this irrelevant footage for weeks. It's pathetic."

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In March, Depp accused Heard of beginning a romantic relationship with Tesla founder Musk "no later than one month after" she and Depp married. The claims came from Depp's defamation lawsuit against Heard, in which he is seeking \$50 million in damages after the *Aquaman* actress wrote an op-ed characterizing herself as a domestic abuse victim. In the lawsuit obtained by PEOPLE, Depp claims Heard received "late night" visits from billionaire businessman at the L.A. penthouse.

A rep for Musk denied the entrepreneur was involved with Heard at the time of her split from Depp.

"Elon and Amber didn't start seeing each other until May 2016, and even then it was infrequent," the rep said in a statement to PEOPLE at the time. "Their relationship didn't become romantic until some time later."

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George previously denied Depp's allegations regarding Heard's accusations of physical abuse.

Heard and Depp married in 2015. In May 2016, she filed for a domestic violence restraining order against him, accusing him of abusing her. Depp denied the claims, and the former couple settled their divorce out of court in August 2016 for \$7 million, which she donated to charity. Both actors signed NDAs barring them from discussing their relationship publicly.

Depp sued her for defamation after she wrote an op-ed for the *Washington Post* in December 2018 in which she described being an alleged victim of domestic violence. While she never mentioned Depp by name, the actor's lawsuit called her allegations against him a "hoax."

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Amber Heard's 'sexual violence' evidence against Johnny Depp will be kept secret in his libel claim against The Sun despite him arguing claims should be made public

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The Pirates Of The Caribbean star is suing the tabloid's publisher, News Group Newspapers (NGN), and its executive editor Dan Wootton over an April 2018 article which referred to the 56-year-old as a 'wife-beater'.

A two-week trial was due to start in London on March 25 at which the actor, Ms Heard, 33, and a number of Hollywood figures would have had to give evidence, but it was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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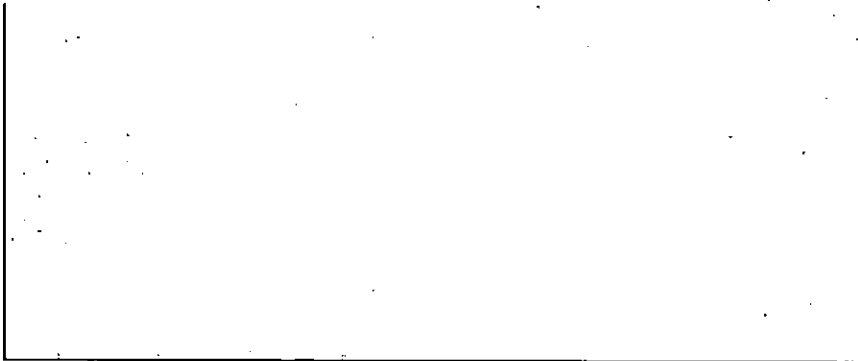
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He made his ruling following an application by lawyers for NGN, saying the orders sought by the publishers were 'necessary and proportionate'.

Mr Justice Nicol said: 'I stress that nothing in this judgment will pre-judge the issues that I will have to decide at trial. Neither party will be disadvantaged by the fact that part of the trial will take place in private.'

'Either in public, or in private, the claimant (Mr Depp) will have a full opportunity, so far as is proper, to challenge the evidence of Ms Heard by cross-examination.'

NGN's counsel Adam Wolanski QC told the court Ms Heard, who is a defence witness in the case, had said she found the prospect of having to give evidence in public on the confidential matters 'terrifying'.

He said: 'Your lordship will know this case has generated a great deal of publicity already and one of Ms Heard's concerns... is that she has been the subject of a great deal of vilification in the press, in particular on social media.'

'She is very concerned that the nature of these allegations is such that that would be the case if this confidential material is reported.'

David Sherborne, for Mr Depp, argued that allegations Ms Heard has made of both sexual and physical violence against her former husband - which Mr Depp vehemently denies - have been published previously and aired in open court.

He said Ms Heard was 'no ordinary witness', adding: 'She has consistently promoted herself as a victim... and characterised her allegations as being not just about physical abuse, but sexual violence.'

Mr Sherborne said Ms Heard has 'promoted herself as an activist' during an appearance before the United Nations General Assembly, which took place in 2019, and in an opinion article for the Washington Post, which is the subject of separate libel proceedings by Mr Depp in the US.

However, Mr Justice Nicol found the part of her evidence which will remain confidential was 'of a different order' to allegations already in the public domain.

The exact nature of the allegations was not disclosed to the press or public and remain unknown.

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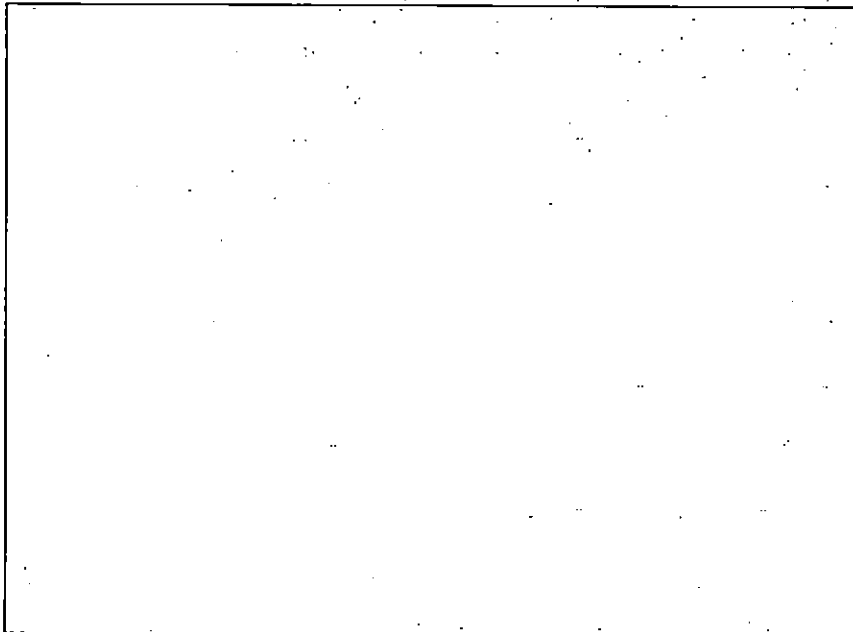
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Mr Depp (pictured leaving the Royal Courts of Justice in February) claims Ms Heard threw a glass bottle at him which smashed and fractured his finger before she 'put a cigarette out on the claimant's right cheek'



The Pirates Of The Caribbean star, 56, (pictured in February) is suing News Group Newspapers - the publishers of The Sun - and its executive editor Dan Wootton over an April 2018 article which alleged he was violent and abusive towards Ms Heard and referred to him as a 'wife-beater'

The libel claim against NGN and Mr Wootton arises out of publication of an article in The Sun in April 2018, under the headline 'Gone Potty - How can JK Rowling be 'genuinely happy' casting wife-beater Johnny Depp in the new Fantastic Beasts film?'

Mr Depp has brought separate libel proceedings against Ms Heard in the US, which the court has previously heard are 'ongoing'.

A spokeswoman for Ms Heard said: 'We welcome Mr Justice Nicol's decision to allow evidence relating to 'sexual violence' to be heard in closed court.

'There is simply no reason for such sensitive evidence to be exposed to the world's press.

'We are pleased that the court made this order despite Mr Depp's troubling

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Timeline of Amber Heard and Johnny Depp's relationship

February 3, 2015

Johnny Depp and Amber Heard marry in a private civil ceremony at their LA home, four years after they met as co-stars on the set of The Rum Diaries.

argument that Amber should not benefit from the right to privacy in relation to sexual violence, because of her public association with the #metoo movement and her advocacy for victims of sexual violence at the United Nations.'

The former couple met on the set of The Rum Diary in 2011, married four years later but split in May 2016 amid a slew of blood-curdling domestic violence allegations and tabloid headlines.

They looked to have put their feud behind them after agreeing to a \$7 million (£5.5 million) divorce settlement in 2017 until Ms Heard wrote her Washington Post article in December 2018 about being a domestic abuse victim.

The article did not mention Mr Depp by name but he filed a \$50 million (£40 million) defamation suit in Virginia in March 2019, saying it led to speculation that he was the abuser and caused him to lose the role of Captain Jack Sparrow.

'Ms. Heard is not a victim of domestic abuse; she is a perpetrator,' Mr Depp's US suit claimed.

'She hit, punched and kicked me. She also repeatedly and frequently threw objects into my body and head, including heavy bottles, soda cans, burning candles, television remote controls and paint thinner cans, which severely injured me.'

The American lawsuit is due to be heard in August.

Mr Depp has always argued that he was the victim of an 'elaborate hoax' instigated by his ex-wife, who 'faked' her injuries with makeup after a blowout May 2016 fight that finally ended their toxic marriage.

Ms Heard responded with a lurid 300-page filing of her own, cataloging the 'horrific' abuse she claims to have suffered at Mr Depp's hands, describing him as 'the monster' and recalling many of the allegations she made during their divorce.

The filing included photos of bruises and scars, clumps of hair apparently torn from Ms Heard's head and pictures of smashed up furniture to illustrate the

The couple celebrate with a lavish reception on an idyllic private island in the Bahamas that Depp bought in 2004 for \$3.6 million.

April 21, 2015

Heard breaches Australia's biosecurity laws after she and Depp fail to declare their two Yorkshire terriers when they arrive Down Under on a private jet for the filming of Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales. Charges of illegally importing animals are dropped but Heard admits falsifying quarantine documents and is placed on a \$1,000 one month good behavior bond.

May 23, 2016

Heard files for divorce after 15 months of marriage, citing irreconcilable differences. Four days later a judge issues a temporary restraining order against Depp over domestic violence allegations. Pictures of Heard's alleged injuries hit the tabloids but the LAPD finds no evidence of a crime.

August 16, 2016

Heard retracts her allegations as she and Depp reach a \$7 million divorce settlement. Their marriage was 'intensely passionate and at times volatile, but always bound by love,' the former actors say in a statement. 'There was never any intent of physical or emotional harm'.

December 18, 2018

The Washington Post publishes an op-ed by Heard, an ambassador for women's rights at for the American Civil Liberties Union, urging support for women who suffer domestic violence. 'Two years ago, I became a public figure representing domestic abuse, and I felt the full force of our culture's wrath for women who speak out,' Heard writes.

March 1, 2019

Despite not being named in the article, Depp files a \$50 million defamation suit in Fairfax Circuit Court, Virginia saying it insinuated he was an abuser and got him fired from the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise. Depp dismisses Heard's allegations as a 'hoax' and claims he was actually the victim of her violence.

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Heard files a motion to dismiss the complaint, cataloging more than a dozen instances of abuse between

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violence she was allegedly subjected to.

Ms Heard had a restraining order slapped on Mr Depp following an altercation on May 27, 2016, during which she claimed the actor threw a cellphone at her face at their downtown Los Angeles condominium.

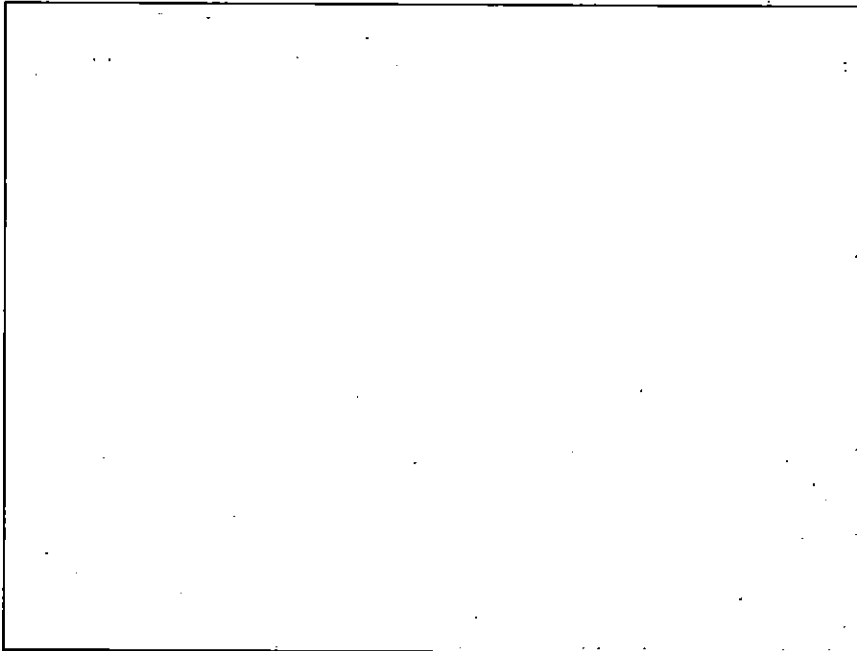
Ms Heard claimed police had evidence of the attack but two LAPD officers later said in a deposition that they found nothing to suggest a crime took place.

DailyMail.com obtained exclusive tape recordings which were made in 2015, around a year before the alleged fight, as the pair tried to talk through their caustic marriage problems.

Their heart-to-heart quickly descends into bickering as Ms Heard accuses Mr Depp of taking her for granted, behaving like a 'vacation husband' and 'splitting' every time they have an argument.

Mr Depp complains he's forced to leave when she becomes 'manic and angry', telling Ms Heard: 'I'm not going to be in a physical f**king altercation with you... you f**king hit me last night.'

He goes on to add: 'I'm not the one who throws pots and whatever the f**k else at me.'



The vodka bottle Ms Heard allegedly threw, exploded and tore off Mr Depp's finger (above after surgery). He said he had to undergo multiple surgeries and almost died after contracting MRSA three times

Ms Heard responds: 'That's different. That's different. One does not negate the other. That's irrelevant, that's a complete non sequitur.'

'Just because I've thrown pots and pans does not mean you cannot come and knock on my door.'

When Mr Depp cuts in to suggest he's also had vases hurled at him, she replies: 'Just because there are vases does not mean that you come and knock on the door.'

dozen instances of abuse between 2012, when she moved in with Depp, and the May 2016 bust up that preceded their divorce. She refers to him as 'the monster' in the 300-plus page filing.

May 20, 2019

Depp hits back against the motion to dismiss claiming Heard painted bruises on her face, scrubbed metadata and fabricated evidence against him. He denies ever abusing any woman and says of her allegations:

'I will continue to deny them for the rest of my life.'

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'Really, I should just let you throw?' Mr Depp replies, tailing off as they carry on sniping.

'The only time I ever threw anything at you was when you f**king threw the cans at me in Australia,' he admits.

Ms Heard asks: 'Why are you trying to justify who throws things based on whether or not you come knocking on the door? I don't get why one informs the other.'

Mr Depp says, raising his voice: 'Because that is a f**king irrational and violent f**king maneuver. So a man would want to get out of that area so that he doesn't get so f**king angry that he actually does pop the f**king wife.'

The exchange doesn't point to any specific event but it has a possible reference to the contentious and bloody incident in which Mr Depp suffered a severed finger one month into their marriage in Australia in March 2015.

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Details of that incident were ventilated at the High Court earlier this month, during which NGN's barrister Mr Wolanski QC said Mr Depp lost the top of his finger 'whilst in an alcohol and drug-addled rage against Ms Heard.'

He told the court Ms Heard alleges Mr Depp had 'shoved Ms Heard into a ping-pong table', grabbed her and then 'tore her nightgown' before he 'slammed her against the countertop and strangled her'.

She claims that during the attack, which left her 'scared for her life', Mr Depp 'severely injured his finger, cutting off the top' while he was smashing a telephone against a wall, Mr Wolanski said.

Mr Depp, however, claims Ms Heard threw a glass bottle at him which smashed and fractured his finger before she 'put a cigarette out on the claimant's right cheek'.

Mr Wolanski said there were 'diametrically opposed accounts of what happened' in Australia, and submitted that two 'highly damaging' text messages sent by Mr Depp to his personal doctor, Dr David Kipper, later in March 2015 undermined his account.

One message sent shortly after the incident read: 'I cut the top of my middle finger off... What should I do??? Except, of course, go to a hospital... I'm so embarrassed for jumping into anything with her... F*** THE WORLD!!! JD.'

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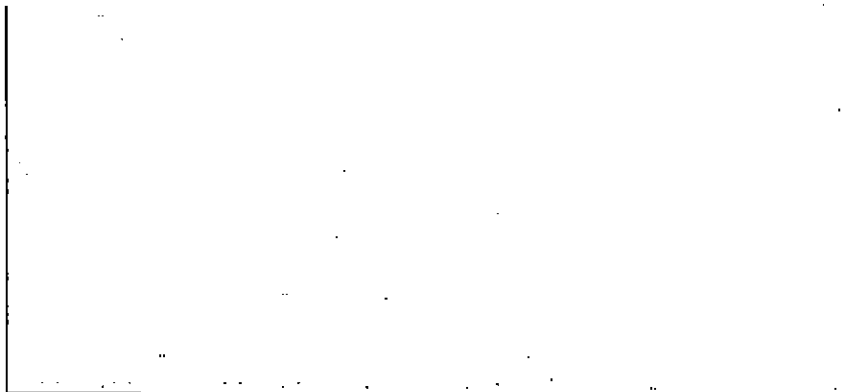
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Two 'diametrically opposed' accounts of how Johnny Depp lost the top of his middle finger in a heated row with ex-wife Amber Heard (pictured together in 2016) is at the centre of his libel battle against The Sun newspaper

A second message, sent around two weeks later, read: 'Thank you for everything. I have chopped off my left middle finger as a reminder that I should never cut my finger off again. I love you brother. Johnny.'

Mr Wolanski said the texts had been disclosed in a separate libel case between the pair in the US but had only recently been disclosed to NGN's lawyers, which he said demonstrated 'the claimant just cannot be trusted when it comes to disclosure'.

The barrister also said that after another alleged attack, Mr Depp had told Ms Heard 'it was as if there was another personality having done it', which he referred to as 'the monster'.

Mr Wolanski added that Ms Heard said: 'He would blame all his actions on a self-created third-party... he would speak about it as if it was another person or personality.'

He applied for further disclosure of Mr Depp's medical records from a psychiatrist and a relationship counsellor who treated him while he was in a relationship with Ms Heard and when, Mr Wolanski said, 'he was under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs and prescription drugs'.

He added Ms Heard's evidence was that Mr Depp would 'usually when under the influence of drugs and alcohol, but not always, flip and suddenly turn into 'the monster' and it was on those occasions that, she says, he lost control and attacked her'.

Mr Justice Nicol ordered Mr Depp to take further steps to secure evidence from consultations he had with the two doctors.

Adam Waldman, Depp's lawyer, said afterwards: 'Amber Heard and her friends in the media use fake sexual violence allegations as both a sword and shield, depending on their needs.'

'They have selected some of her sexual violence hoax 'facts' as the sword, inflicting them on the public and Mr. Depp:

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What Amber Heard told Johnny

Depp during 'informal' two-hour therapy session day after actress 'hit' Pirates of the Caribbean star

Johnny Depp: I'm not going be in a physical f**king altercation with you.

Amber Heard: Don't. Then don't.

JD: You f**king hit me last night. You f**king...

AH: What about all the other times you split? C'mon you cannot act like that's about that.

JD: Well on a plane, I can't split.

AH: No, and you hit back. So don't act like you don't f**king participate.

JD: I pushed you.

AH: I'm not going to get into the details of that fight. You and I both know that you split when there is no physical violence involved and that you do it... like at the very beginning of fights these days. And if you split and you go into a different room and you don't actually leave that house, it does nothing but perpetuate the fight and you don't actually do it respectfully.

JD: You were f**king screaming at me.

AH: I'm not going to validate my actions last night. I feel very bad about what I did.

JD: No, I'm talking about Toronto.

AH: I did not start screaming until you had f**king said all the s**t - you poke an animal enough, it is eventually, it doesn't matter how friendly it is, it's not cool.

JD: That's not true. It's the same for me, it's the same for me.

AH: I stayed cool for so long and you kicked and kicked and kicked.

JD: I need the same things but when you start flipping out, and I can't get a word in, and it's manic and angry, what the f**k Amber?

AH: I get angry. I'm human. This is the kind of situation when one gets angry.

JD: Just try. Let's both try. If there's anger, if there's something really, really poking us in the a** let's try not to f**king fight. Try to address it without jumping down each other's throats because all that's gonna do is build a mountain of f**king, uh, resentment, some species of f**king hatred.

AH: You take me for granted.

JD: It's not true. It's not true. I'm not the one who throws pots and whatever the f**king else at me.

AH: That's different. That's different. One does not negate the other. That's irrelevant. That's a complete non sequitur. Just because I've thrown pots and pans does not mean you cannot come and knock on my door.

JD: Vases and f**king...

AH: Just because there are vases does not mean that you come and knock on the door.

JD: Really, I should just let you throw?

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AH: No, I'm not saying that. You're saying that. You're putting words in my mouth.

JD: The only time I ever threw anything at you was when you fking threw the cans at me in Australia.**

AH: Why are you trying to justify who throws things based on whether or not you come knocking on the door? I don't get why one informs the other.

JD: Because that is a fking irrational and violent f**king maneuver. So a man would want to get out of that area so that he doesn't get so f**king angry that he actually does pop the f**king wife.**

JD: You're just afraid that the truth will come out.

AH: What truth?

JD: That you lied. No, I said to you, tell Travis what you just did, did you punch me in the fking jaw.**

AH: What are you fking talking about? I didn't f**king even have a f**king thing to lie about. What are you f**king talking to? Every f**king fight. There's a new thing that you've convinced yourself there's a lie.**

JD: No, I said to you, Amber, tell Travis what you just did. Did you just fking did you punch me in the f**king jaw? Did you f**king kick? Did you? Did you? And you wouldn't say a f**king, you said I don't know what you're talking about. I never f**king, it never f**king happened.**

AH: I see the lie. I see the lie. You should really run with this. In fact maybe you and Travis can like, go and like do a tell about a, you know an investigative study.

JD: Listen, I was not high. You lied your a off.**

AH: You're fking full of s**t.**

JD: You lied your a off.**

AH: What conversation did I have with Travis, big, big investigative study you've done. I'm not sitting here fighting with you about the fight that we had last night.

JD: No I was in a situation with you. After you physically fking got violent with me, I texted Travis, I said come up here, because I didn't want anything to happen.**

AH: I know, come and save me.

JD: Come and what, save me?

AH: No go ahead, continue, Travis to the rescue.

JD: No, that was the last one. You can go, ah, you can go. That was the last insult.

AH: Oh yeah, you called me a liar, and yet, yet...

JD: I watched you lie.

AH: You called me a liar.

JD: I watched you lie.

AH: You're full of st. You still haven't told me what lie it is.**

JD: We'll talk to Travis..

AH: You do this every single fking time**

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Am: You do this every single f**king time.

JD: We'll talk to Travis...

AH: I'm not fking talking to nobody. F**k that. You go f**king j**k, go j**k him off. I don't care. I really could care less. It's you every single f**king time, you latch onto some sort of thing. I already told you. I don't know what you're f**king talking about. You don't even know what you're talking about. You still haven't even told me what it is, but run with it. You run with it.**

JD: I have told you what it is.

AH: No you haven't.

JD: I said to Travis, I said, no, I said to you, hey tell Travis what just happened.

AH: Oh, you told me to do it. You told me to. You said 'go do that'

JD: I said tell no, tell him what just happened.

AH: And I lied!

JD: And that you that you punched me in the f**king thing.

AH: You're right! You figured it all out!

JD: In the face. And you said, no I f**king didn't. What the f**k are you talking about? And I watched you lie.

AH: I didn't punch you. I didn't punch you, by the way.

JD: You punched me.

AH: I'm sorry that I didn't, uh, uh, hit you across the face in a proper slap, but I was hitting you, it was not punching you. Babe, you're not punched.

JD: Don't tell me what it feels like to be punched!

AH: I know, you've been in a lot of fights, been around a long time. I know, I know. Yeah.

JD: No! When you have a f**king closed fist.

AH: You didn't get punched. You got hit. I'm sorry I hit you like this. But I did not punch you. I did not fking deck you. I f**king was hitting you.**

JD: You can't deck me.

AH: I don't know what the motion of my actual hand was, but you're fine, I did not hurt you, I did not punch you, I was hitting you.

JD: How are your toes?

AH: What am I supposed to do, do this?

JD: How are your toes?

AH: I'm not sitting here b*hing about it am I, you are.**

JD: Oh, your poor toes.

AH: That's the difference between me and you, you're a fking baby.**

JD: Because you start physical fights?

AH: You are such a baby! Grow the fk up Johnny!**

JD: Because you start physical fights?

AH: I did start a physical fight.

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JD: Yeah, you did. So I had to get the f**k out of there.

AH: Yes, you did, so you did the right thing. The big thing, the, you know what? You are admirable. Every single time, what, what's your excuse, when there's not a physical fight, what's your excuse then? You're still being admirable, right, by running away? And you can sit here and call me names, but you get called a name and what do you do - 'that's the last insult!' You're a baby. You're a hypocrite. You don't do anything that you actually do. You

expect from people what you can't give them. If they do something a taste of it to you, you f**king lose it. But yet you dish it out.

JD: I left last night. Honestly, I swear to you because I just couldn't take the idea of more physicality, more physical abuse on each other because I had, we continued it. It would have gotten f**king bad. And baby, I told you this once. I'm scared to death we are a f**king crime scene right now. If we don't get our s**t together by getting our s**t together, that might mean f**king a, we do this and we make it. That might mean Goddamn. You know, you say I've tried and done to Lou, but we've got to get our s**t together as individuals and as a couple. Because I love you and I do not want to leave you. I do not want to divorce, I do not want you out of my life. I just want peace.

JD: If things get physical, we have to separate. We have to be apart from one another. Whether it's for f**king an hour or 10 hours or f**king a day. We must, there can be no physical violence towards each other.

AH: I agree about the physical violence, but separating for a day, taking a night off from our marriage?

JD: All I'm saying is we need to take whatever time we need you. You need, I need, to kind of let things settle for a minute. So that we don't f**king kill each other or f**king worse, you know, f**king really kill each other or f**king break up or whatever.

JD: If the fight escalates to the point of where it's just insulting for both of us, uh, or if it gets to that physical f**king s**t, the violence, that's when we just said, look, let's go to our corners, man, you hang wherever you want, baby. I'm going in the office and I'm just gonna f**king sit there and try and de-jellify my f**king brain.

AH: I can't promise that it will all be perfect. I can't promise you I won't get physical again. God I f**king sometimes I get so mad I lose it. I can f**king promise you I will do everything to change. I promise you. I'm not going to throw around divorce I not say divorce unless I really mean it.

JD: I love you and I want you to be my wife. And I want to be your husband. And I wanna be a good husband. If I haven't been, I'll do everything I can to find out how to be a good husband.

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- DailyMail.com has obtained an anonymous 911 call made the night Johnny Depp and Amber Heard had the blowout fight that ended their 18-month marriage
- 'Hi, I need to report an assault right now happening at 849 Broadway at the Eastern building,' the caller says, referring to the couple's home in LA
- The recording was buried in legal files for nearly four years and it raises tantalizing new questions about the former couple's infamous clash around the time
- Timestamped 8:27pm on May 21, 2016, the call appears to have been made when Heard claims Depp hurled a cell phone at her face and tore out her hair
- Heard's attorney says phone records and police logs vindicate Heard's account of the final episode of domestic violence she endured before filing for divorce
- Depp's legal team say this recording does the precise opposite, by raising discrepancies in the various accounts Heard and her allies have given
- Depp, 56, maintains he never laid a finger on his 33-year-old ex-wife and has accused her of fabricating an 'abuse hoax' to boost her profile

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'Hi, I need to report an assault right now happening at 849 Broadway at the Eastern building, it's penthouse three,' the caller begins, referring to the luxurious home Depp and Heard formerly shared in downtown LA.



Refusing to give a name, the caller explains that a friend named Amber is being attacked by a man described merely as a 'boyfriend', saying: 'I happen to know that it's happening and I just need to remain anonymous.'

'So what did she say that this guy assaulted her or hit her?' the LAPD operator replies, explaining she needs more detail.

'Physically assaulting her, yeah,' replies the caller, becoming agitated. 'Send somebody up there please,' the caller adds, reiterating the location of the couple's lavish penthouse before the recording abruptly ends.

Timestamped 8:27:27pm on Saturday May 21, 2016, the call appears to have been placed around the time Heard claims Depp flew into a rage, hurled a cell phone at her face and tore out clumps of her hair.

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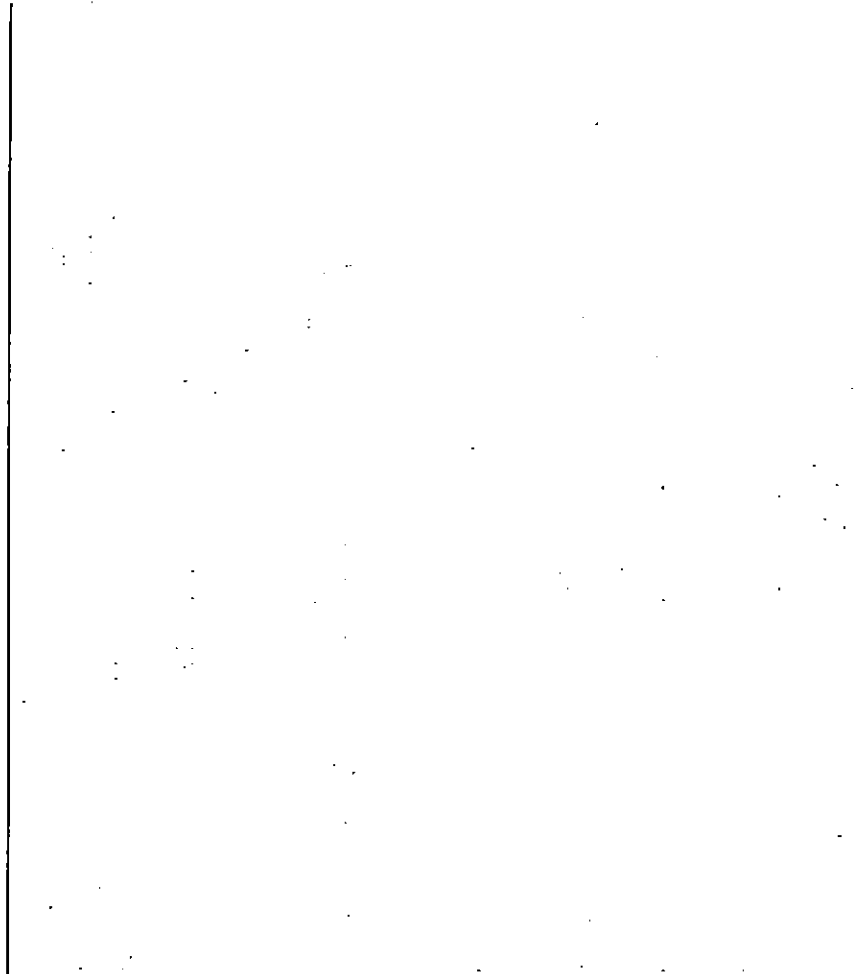
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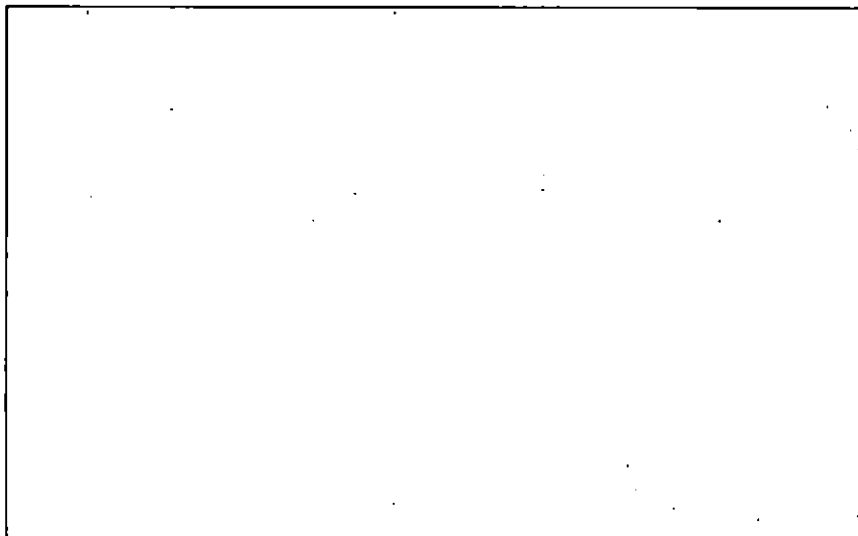
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An anonymous 911 call made the night Johnny Depp and Amber Heard had the blowout fight that ended their toxic 18-month marriage is published today for the first time. The recording was buried in legal files for nearly four years but now DailyMail.com can reveal both its explosive contents and the tantalizing new questions it raises about the couple's clash



Timestamped 8:27:27pm on Saturday May 21, 2016, the call appears to have been placed around the time Heard claims Depp flew into a rage, hurled a cell phone at her face and tore out clumps of her hair. Pictured: Heard leaving the Los Angeles Superior Court with her lawyers after filing a domestic violence restraining order against Depp on May 27, 2016



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Heard's attorney says phone records and police logs vindicate Heard's account of the final episode of domestic violence she endured before filing for divorce. Pictured: A clump of Heard's hair that she claims Depp ripped from her hair the night of the fight

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Depp's legal team say this recording does the precise opposite; however, by raising discrepancies in the various accounts Heard and her allies have given of the notorious dust up.

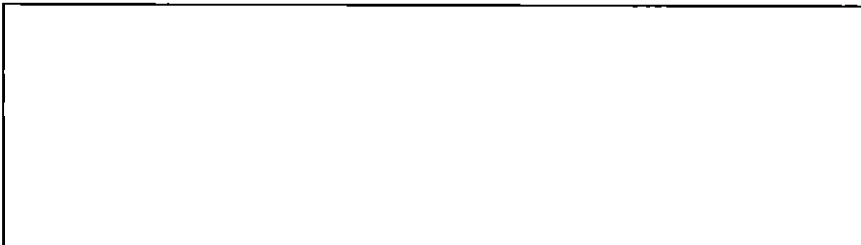
His attorney is also questioning the identity of the caller, pointing out the female voice on the clip does not belong to iO Tillett Wright, a trans activist and Heard confidante who has since gone on record to say he dialed 911.

Depp, 56, maintains he never laid a finger on his 33-year-old ex-wife and has accused her of fabricating an 'abuse hoax' to boost her profile.

The pair are currently battling it out in the courts after Heard penned a 2018 op-ed describing her experiences as a domestic violence survivor and the Pirates of the Caribbean actor responded by filing a \$50 million defamation suit.

Their rival accounts of the May 2016 fight, the bitter, final chapter of their troubled five-year relationship, will likely play a key role in deciding the case, which is due to go before a jury later this year.

Heard has claimed she was on the phone to Tillett Wright when Depp launched his alleged attack, grabbing the device and throwing it at her as she tried to talk to him about their marriage problems.



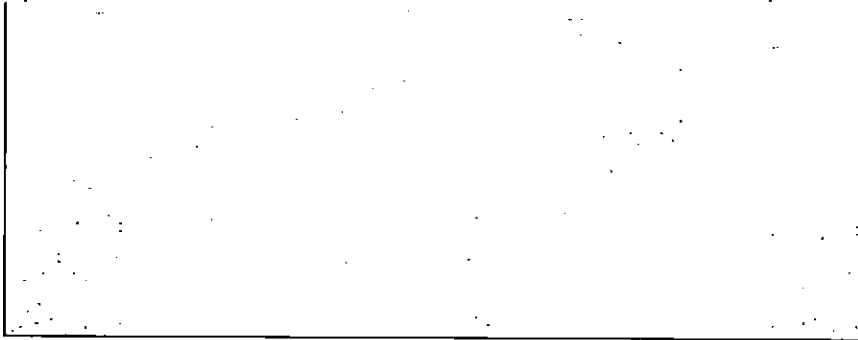
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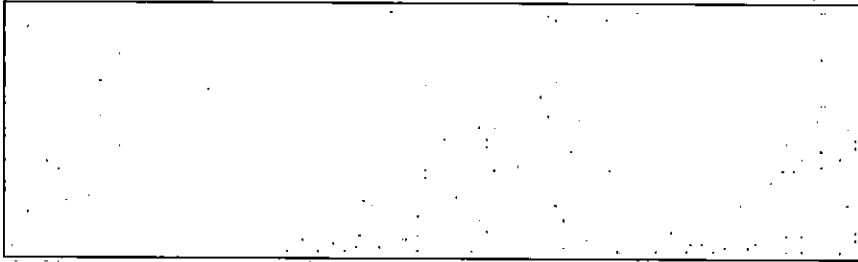
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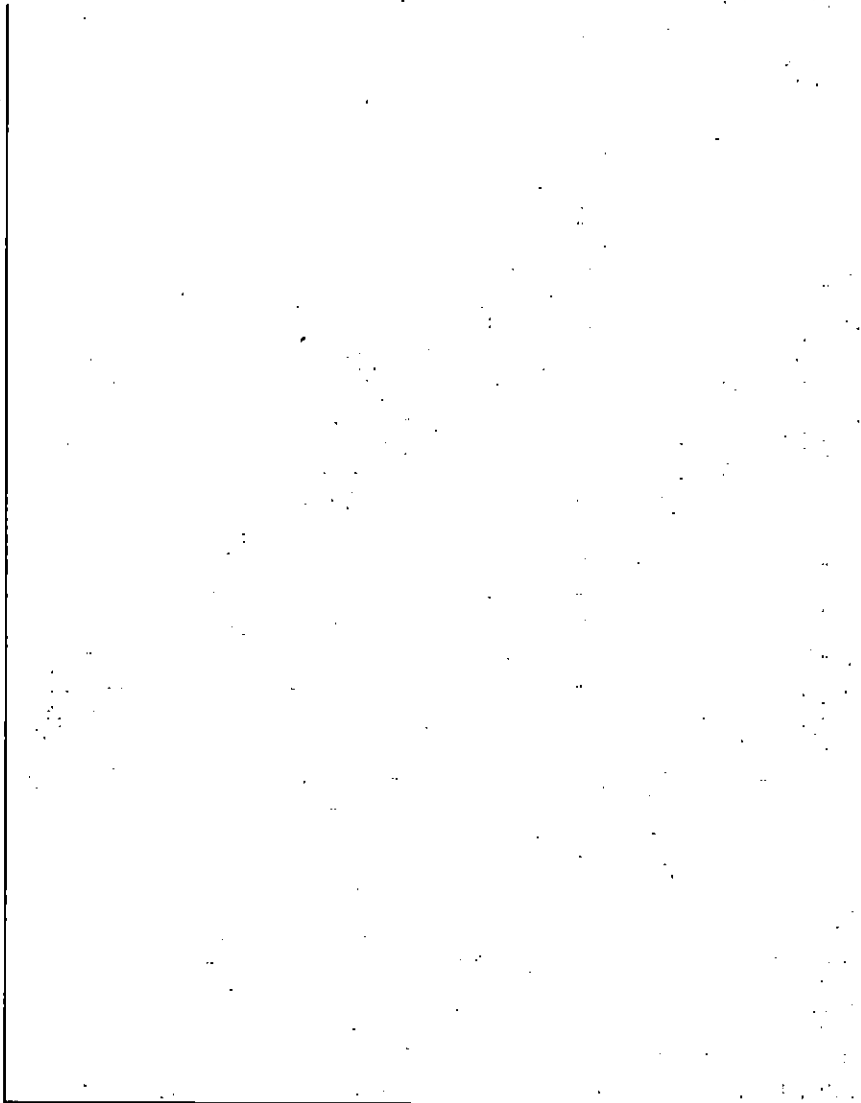
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'He is smacking my face, moving my face and he's got me by the hair and he's, it's hard to describe it's almost like yanking me from side to side with my hair,' she said in a videotaped deposition for their 2016 divorce case.

'He's still holding on to my head at this time and he said, I don't know if he's trying to grab my face but he's yelling at me, screaming, see how hard I hit you. I am screaming at the top of my lungs, help, help please help.'

That account was corroborated by Tillett Wright who issued a June 2016 declaration through Heard's attorneys saying he listened via speakerphone as Depp launched 'into a cruel and vicious rage'.

'I then heard Amber crying in fear and begging Johnny to stop his attack, thereafter I heard Amber scream out 'Call 911' before the call got disconnected. I called 911 to save Amber's life,' he said.

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'That's why, when it happened again, when I was on the phone with both of them and heard it drop, heard him say, 'What if I pulled your hair back?' and her scream for my help, I wondered like so many times before if I should break the code of silence that surrounds celebrities and invite the police into the situation, and in a split second decided that, yes, I was going to,' he wrote.

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However Depp's legal team point to an LAPD log that shows that Tillett Wright's call was not registered on their system until 10:09pm, around an hour and a half after the alleged attack.

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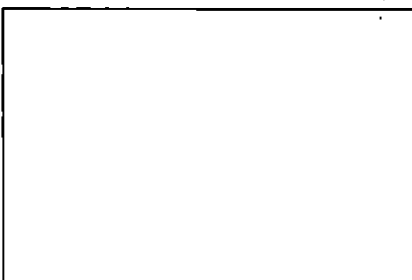
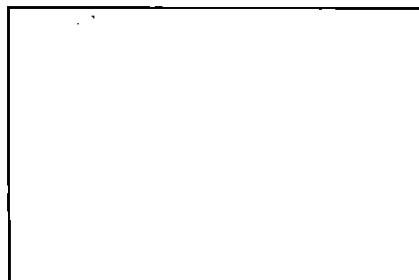
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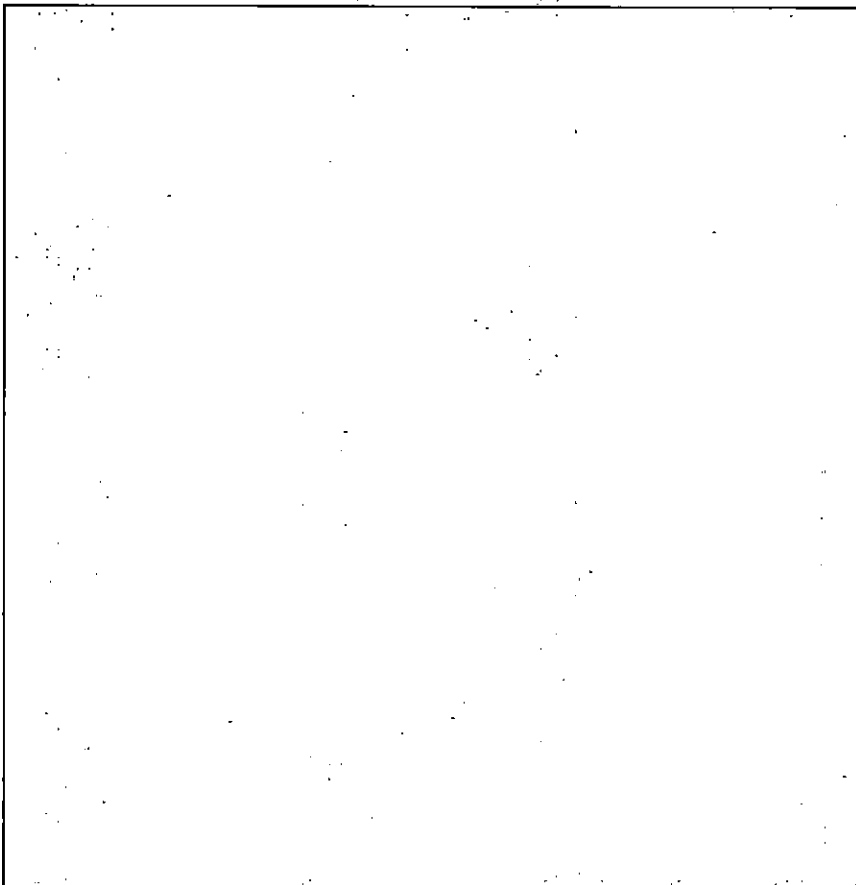
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Heard cataloged the 'horrific' abuse she claims to have suffered at Depp's hands, describing him as 'the monster' and recalling many of the allegations she made during their divorce. The filing included photos of bruises and scars (left and right)



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'Hi, I need to report an assault right now happening at 849 Broadway at the Eastern building, it's penthouse three,' the caller begins, referring to the luxurious home Depp and Heard formerly shared in downtown LA (pictured)

Pennington, one of the first people on the scene after the alleged assault, did not respond to a request for comment from DailyMail.com.

However she was specifically asked if she had dialed 911 in a July 2016 deposition.

'What steps did you take at any time from the moment you walked into the apartment until now to call the police she was asked, under oath.

Pennington replied: 'The police had already been called by IO.'

Depp's legal team say the Oscar nominee was seen on surveillance video leaving the apartment at 8:29pm and knew nothing about Heard's alleged injuries until she filed for a restraining order six days later and attended court with a bruised face.

responded to the 8:27pm call, Melissa Saenz and Tyler Hadden, said they never found any evidence of a crime.

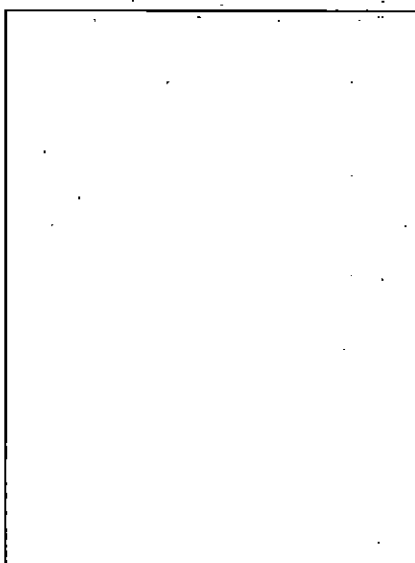
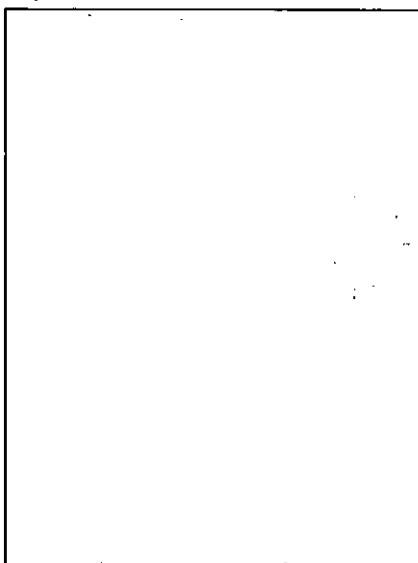
Officer Saenz said in a July 2016 deposition that the pair left behind a business card and didn't know until two weeks later the man involved was Johnny Depp.

Saenz said she also learned that a second patrol visited the penthouse later the same night.

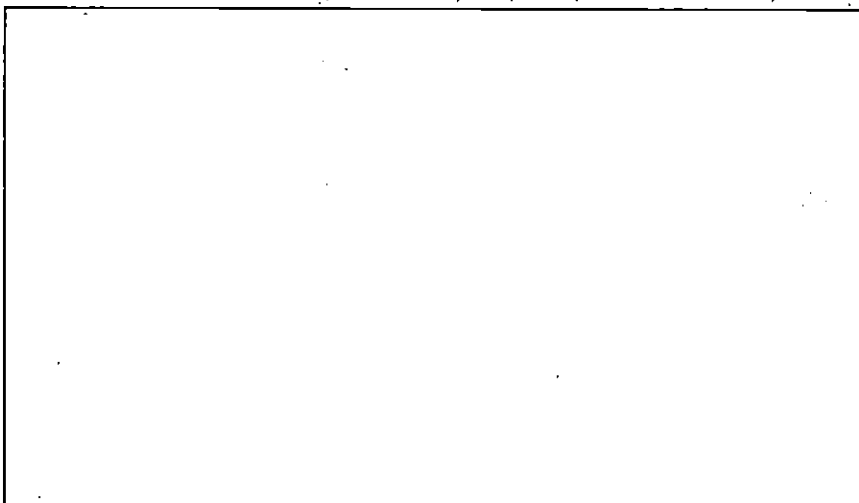
She didn't recall the names of the officers but said in her testimony: 'Their findings were the same as ours.'

Depp's lawyer Adam Waldman said the various discrepancies proved that nothing Heard and her friends said about the events of May 21, 2016 could be considered credible.

'Quite simply this was an ambush, a hoax. They set Mr Depp up by calling the cops but the first attempt didn't do the trick,' he told DailyMail.com.



Depp has always argued that he was the victim of an 'elaborate hoax' instigated by his ex-wife, who 'faked' her injuries with makeup and falsified accounts of abuse. He alleges in his suit: 'Ms. Heard is not a victim of domestic abuse; she is the perpetrator. She hit, punched and kicked me. She also repeatedly and frequently threw objects into my body and head, including heavy bottles, soda cans, burning candles, television remote controls and paint thinner cans, which severely injured me



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'The officers came to the penthouses, thoroughly searched and interviewed, and left after seeing no damage to face or property.

'So Amber and her friends spilled a little wine and roughed the place up, got their stories straight under the direction of a lawyer and publicist, and then placed a second call to 911.

'But even this didn't have the desired effect because two domestic abuse-trained LAPD police would later provide a pair of sworn depositions saying they saw no evidence of a crime.

'These lies about who made the calls and when are just the tip of the iceberg as the

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OPERATOR: 911 emergency operator two seven eight.

CALLER: Hi, I need to report an assault right now happening at 849 Broadway at the Eastern building, it's penthouse three.

OP: Okay. Are you there right now ma'am?

CL: No, I'm downstairs

when are just the tip of the iceberg as the evidence will show in court.'

Heard's legal team rejected those allegations as 'fantasies'.

'Mr Depp's representations about the 911 calls on the night of May 21, 2016 are false, and Mr Depp and his lawyers

should know better,' said her attorney, Roberta Kaplan.

'All of the evidence - including sworn testimony from multiple witnesses, phone records, and police department logs - are consistent with the truthful account given by Mr Tillet Wright.

'Despite Mr Depp's efforts to misrepresent the facts and to harass and intimidate Ms Heard and various witnesses, we still live in a world where certain things are truth and others are false.

'Here, there are the true facts of what happened and then there are Mr Depp's self-serving fantasies.'

Tillett Wright's attorney Lauren Schwartz told DailyMail.com that her client was in New York on May 21, 2016 and when he dialed 911 he reached the NYPD.

She says he is able to prove he made the call at 11:16pm eastern time - 8:16pm in LA - and that the hour and a half delay was simply the time it took the NYPD to formally hand the incident over to the LAPD.

Schwartz said Tillett Wright had indeed asked a friend living in LA to make a second call, fearing the two police forces would drag their heels while Heard was being assaulted.

She did not name the friend, nor confirm if it was Pennington.

'Mr. Wright stands by his truthful account of the May 21, 2016 events,' said Schwartz.

'Mr Depp's team, desperate to discredit this timeline, has mounted a calculated attack on Mr. Wright. Although they have access to records that corroborate Mr Wright, they are instead releasing only cherry-picked, misleading portions of the record.

'Mr. Depp's effort to paint Mr Wright as a

OP: Okay. And I'm sorry, you said 840 was it north or south Broadway?

CL: Err, I don't know, it's eastern building, downtown LA

OP: All right, hold on, 'cause it's coming up in different areas we have to be sure. Um, somebody was being physically assaulted?

CL: Yes

OP: Who?

CL: A woman

OP: Who was hurting her?

CL: A man

OP: Is that her boyfriend?

CL: A man, that's all I know

OP: Did you witness it?

CL: No, I happen to know that it's happening and I just need to remain anonymous

OP: Okay you can remain anonymous ma'am but I have to be certain what's going on: How do you know this is going on though?

CL: 'cause she called me

OP: Oh okay. So this is a friend of yours?

CL: Yes

OP: So what did she say that this guy assaulted her or hit her?

CL: Physically assaulting her? Yeah

OP: Okay. But this isn't the boyfriend or anything like that?

CL: Yes, it's, it could be, yes

OP: Okay is it her boyfriend, yes or no?

CL: Yes.

OP: Okay. All right, hold on. Are you between eighth and ninth street? Downtown?

CL: Yes, exactly

OP: Okay, and I'm sorry, what was the suite number?

CL: Penthouse three

OP: Penthouse three, okay. And you wanted to be anonymous, right?

CL: Yes please

OP: And, uh, your friend, did she relay this information to you via text or where you talking to her on the phone?

CL: Err

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hoaxer, or a liar is simply an effort to re-write history. The truth of Mr Wright's statements will be proven by documents and testimony when this case finally goes to trial.'

Depp and Heard met on the set of The Rum Diary back in 2011 and married four years later before their May 2016 fight proved the final nail in their chaotic relationship.

The estranged couple managed to agree to a \$7 million divorce settlement in August of that year however their feud reignited when Heard's op-ed was published in December 2018.

It didn't mention Depp by name but he nonetheless sued her the following March, saying it led to speculation that he was the abuser and caused him to lose the role of Captain Jack Sparrow.

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These included a blood-curdling account of how Depp cut off his own finger after a booze and ecstasy bender one month into their marriage, an accusation he denies.

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OP: What's her name?

CL: Her name is Amber. That's all I can tell you. I have to go

OP: Okay, well if that's all we have and we can't talk to her there's not much we can do, but we'll send somebody up

CL: What do you mean there's, send somebody up there please

OP: I'm going to send someone, send someone up ma'am, but, you know, if we get up there and she denies it or doesn't want to talk to us

CL: Okay, okay, okay

OP: Just so you know, Okay

CL: Right thank you

OP: So we're coming out to 840 Broadway and penthouse three, okay?

CL: 849

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- The former couple will square up again next January in Virginia where Depp is suing his ex-wife for defamation for \$50m

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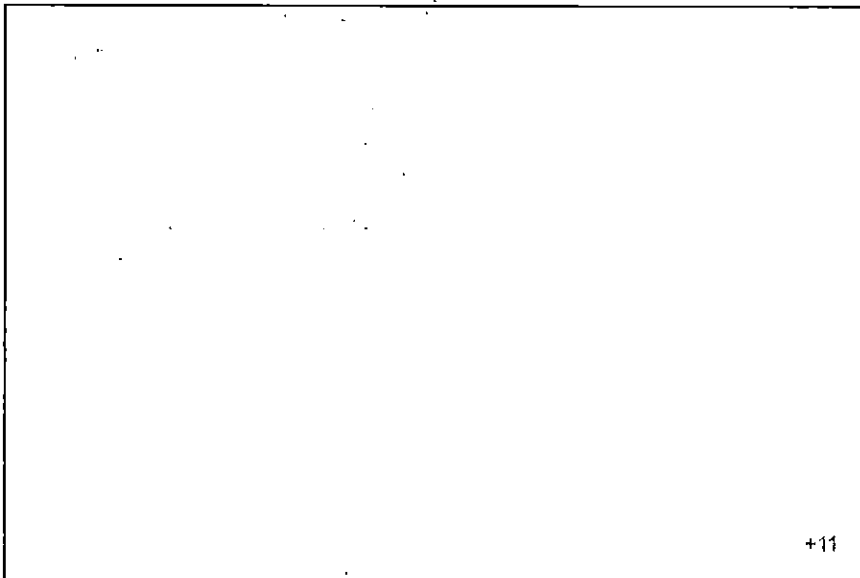
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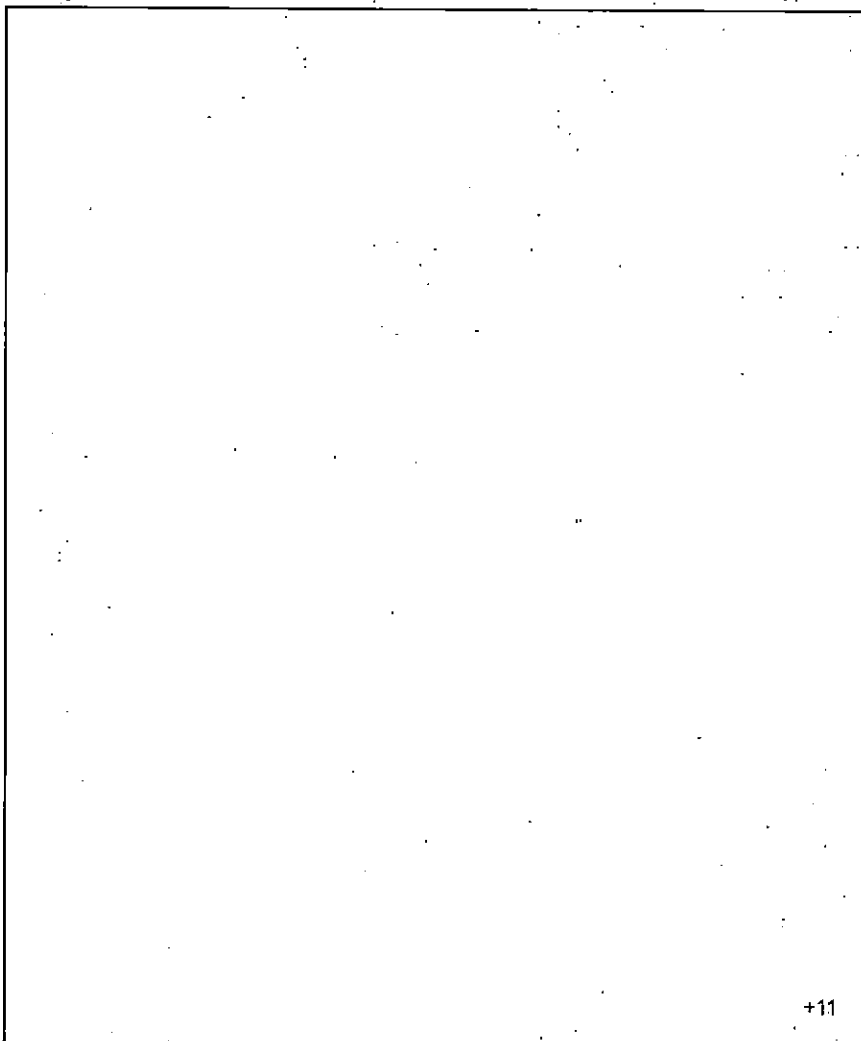
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'Amanda feels she was used and misled by Amber and hopes Amber receives the help she needs,' the source added.

'Amanda believes in the power of redemption and reconciliation and hopes both parties are able to achieve that.'

Heard's historical claims of domestic abuse will come under the microscope in defamation cases either side of the Atlantic, beginning next month when Depp takes the UK's Sun newspaper to court in London for calling him a 'wife-beater'.

The former lovebirds will square up again next January in Virginia where Depp is suing his ex-wife for \$50 million over an op-ed she wrote for the Washington Post about surviving domestic violence.

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The photographer and founder of non-binary digital jobs platform, Girlgaze, became a staunch ally, publicly indicating that she believed Heard's claims that she was abused and beaten by Depp.

'As a long time womxn's rights activist and survivor, it is my fundamental position to believe womxn who speak up about domestic or sexual assault,' de Cadenet states in her June 18 declaration, using an alternative spelling for women favored by some feminists and trans activists.

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'Historically womxn's rights in this area have been chronically undermined and womxn have had their voices silenced.

'This is one of the reasons why, when Amber told me her version of the conflict between her and Johnny, it was my inclination to believe her and support her.'

However de Cadenet, who divorced Duran Duran bassist John Taylor in 1997 and is now married to Strokes guitarist Nick Valensi, goes to reveal her abrupt change of heart.

'I recently acknowledged that I will not testifying (sic) in Johnny Depp's upcoming defamation case against the Sun. I also acknowledged that new facts have come to my attention which has changed my perspective on this matter,' she writes in her declaration, obtained exclusively by DailyMail.com.

'When the first audio tape was released, and I heard Amber being verbally abusive to Johnny, I was horrified,' she writes in the statement, obtained exclusively by DailyMail.com.

'I texted Robbie Kaplan, Amber's attorney, and let her know I needed to speak with her urgently. When we spoke, I told her I was appalled and shocked to hear how Amber was speaking to Johnny and that it was not ok with me.

'When I confronted Amber concerning the recording, she informed me it was edited by Johnny's team. I had hoped Amber would take accountability for her behavior but she did not.

'I have not spoken with Amber since this exchange and have come to the very painful realization that someone who I advocated for and believed so wholeheartedly, was not entirely forthcoming with me.'

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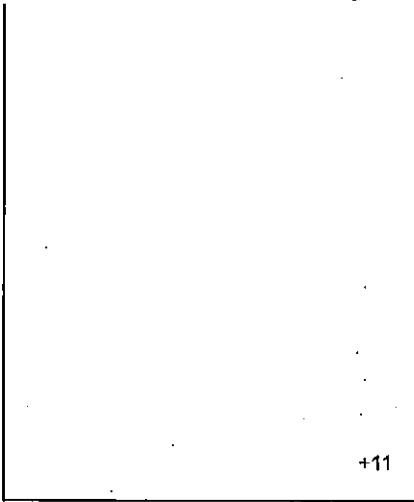
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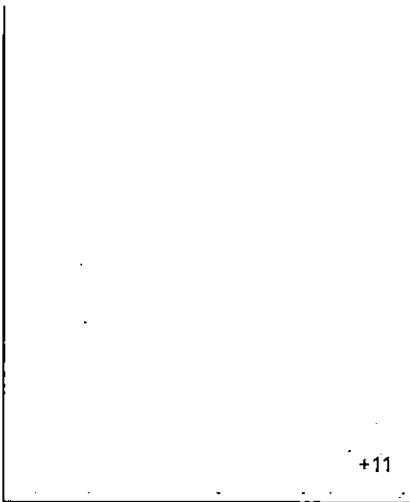
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Heard cataloged the 'horrific' abuse she claims to have suffered at Depp's hands, describing him as 'the monster' and recalling many of the allegations she made during their divorce. The filing included photos of bruises and scars (left and right)

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Amber Heard recalls altercation where she 'clocked' Depp in jaw



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LA-based de Cadenet adds: 'I want to emphasize that I have no further personal knowledge of what happened between Johnny and Amber, and no knowledge of the truth of her accusations against him.

'I have made this statement in support of due process and upholding the truth.'

Depp and Heard met on the set of The Rum Diary back in 2011 and married four years later before their May 2016 fight proved the final nail in their chaotic relationship.

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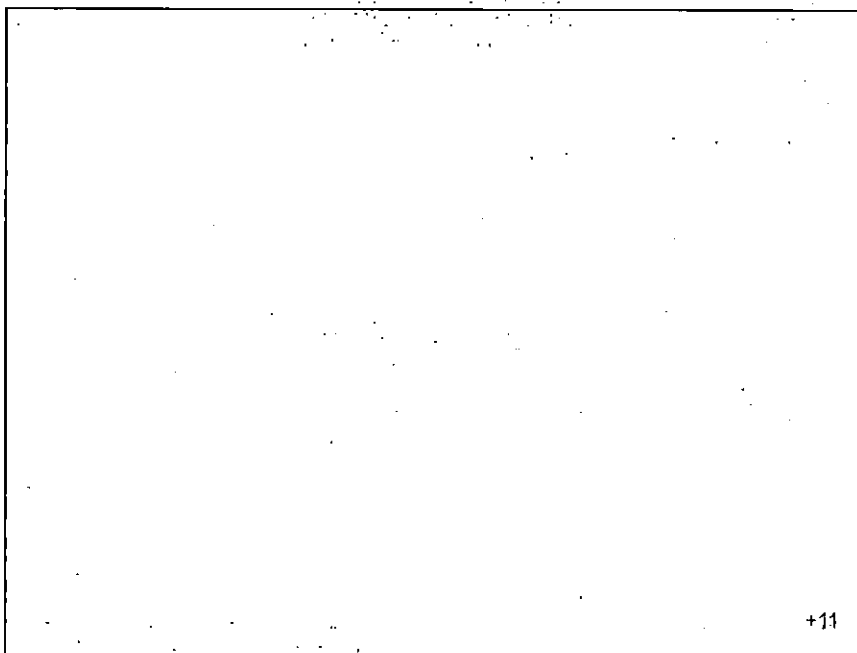
Depp has always argued he was the victim of an 'elaborate hoax' instigated by his ex-wife, who 'faked' her injuries with makeup and falsified accounts of abuse.

'Ms. Heard is not a victim of domestic abuse; she is the perpetrator,' his suit alleges.

'She hit, punched and kicked me. She also repeatedly and frequently threw objects into my body and head, including heavy bottles, soda cans, burning candles, television remote controls and paint thinner cans, which severely injured me.'

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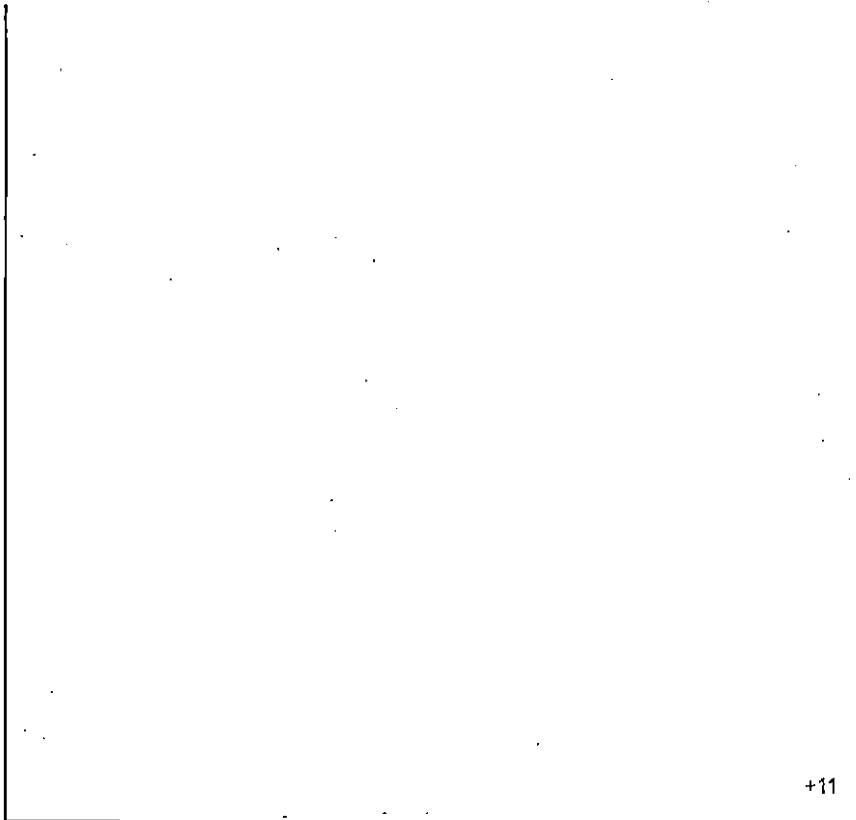
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The violent incident took place a month after the pair were married and while Depp was filming the fifth installment of the Pirates of Caribbean movie franchise in Australia. The Captain Jack Sparrow actor, 56, chuckles on camera as he reveals how he nicknamed the permanently-damaged digit 'Little Richard.' Pictured: Depp's finger after surgery

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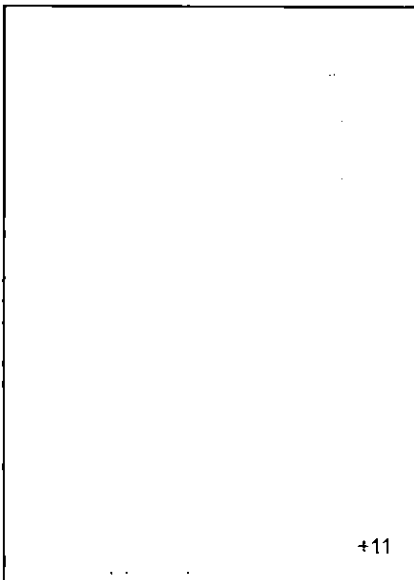
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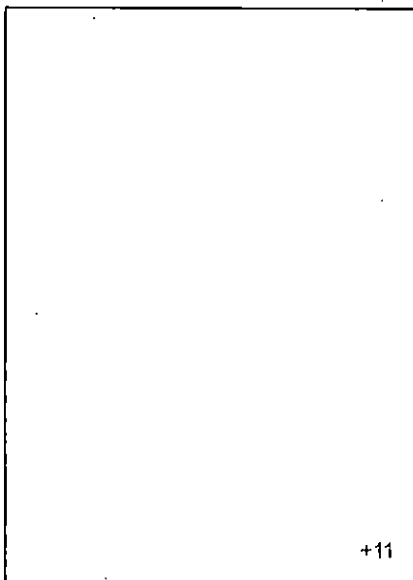
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As part of Depp's \$50m defamation case against Heard, he included images of his own bruised and battered face (pictured) following Heard's alleged attacks

DailyMail.com revealed in January that the couple had a habit of recording their arguments so they could listen back to them later as a form of DIY marriage guidance.

Depp's supporters say they amount to a series of bombshell confessions, with Heard admitting she hit the Pirates of Caribbean actor and telling him on tape: 'See how many people believe you.'

Kaplan, co-founder of the Time's Up Legal Defense Fund and Heard's attorney until two weeks ago, claimed the tapes had been 'doctored'.

She argued it was completely legitimate for victims of repeated physical and emotional abuse to defend themselves.

'We believe Amber and we believe in Amber,' Kaplan's firm insisted last week, despite announcing it was no longer representing her.

'In the strange and unexpected circumstances of today's world, as travel and logistics have become more costly in light of the pandemic, we understand the decision to move the case to local, Virginia-based trial counsel.'

Heard's rep declined to comment on the latest legal development.

Depp's attorney Adam Waldman said: 'When Amanda de Cadenet, Amber Heard's best friend and #MeToo activist recants her support for Ms Heard and testifies

against her, you know we have reached the beginning of the end of Ms. Heard's abuse hoax against Johnny Depp.

'But Ms Heard did not execute her hoax without help from her other powerful friends and the media; we will expose their various roles at the trial Mr Depp and I have arrived in the UK to prepare for.'

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