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FREEDOM OF SPEECH ON TRIAL

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The recent naming of Ryan Giggs as the footballer at the centre of the Super Injunctions row has opened up a public debate as to the legality of using Twitter, Facebook and the host of available social networking sites for free speech. However, in what has been described as one of the most bizarre criminal cases in British legal history, the prosecution of Ian Puddick, the plumber who exposed his wife's affair with a leading City Finance boss over the internet, demonstrates that the law is already moving behind the scenes to curtail free speech by the use of new media.

BACKGROUND

When Ian Puddick discovered that a board member of the world's largest reinsurance company Guy Carpenter was having an affair with his wife, he went online and exposed the affair on his blog. Guy Carpenter's employed the services of Kroll, a private security company to contain the matter and within a short period of time, Ian's home and offices were raided by City of London's Counter Terrorism Police. All PC's mobile phones, Sat Navs, Digital Cameras etc were confiscated and Ian found himself in court accused of harassment - a charge that was subsequently dropped.

Outraged as to how a powerful City firm could harness the support and resources of the City of London Police in what was essentially a civil matter, Ian Puddick created the website, www.ianpuddick.com again exposing the affair and the Police operation and tactics. He was subsequently rearrested and charged with, creating a website which discredits a person personally & professionally.

Ian Puddick will be appearing in court on:
15th June 2011, City of Westminster Court, London, 10am

For further information regarding the case of Ian Puddick
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