Dear Brian,

## Re: Criminal Proceedings - Portsmouth Central Police Station

I write further to our meeting at the Portsmouth Central Police Station on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 where you were under investigation in relation to allegations of harassment by Mr Wesley Vincetti who lived at the same address as you did.

## Police Case Against You:

In brief the police alleged that they were in possession of numerous letters which had been sent by you to different people including the victim's employer and his father, who was a serving officer in the Kent Constabulary. There were other letters to people who used to live at the same address as you did and they all made comments regarding the fact that he was a 'weirdo' and had been guilty of a criminal offence of assaulting you and had only been cautioned by the police. There were other disparaging remarks made in the letters.

# **Your Instructions:**

You instructed me that this was a long standing dispute and you wished to complain about the Aggrieved harassing you. You were not satisfied with the fact that the policed cautioned him for an assault on you. You said you were going to put your side of the story in interview.

### **Advice**

You will recall that prior to your being interviewed I advised you that whilst you did not have to answer any police questions, should the case get to Court, any failure to inform the police of facts relied on in your defence at Court could undermine the strength of that defence.

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I was then able to discuss with you the disclosure that was provided by the Police Officers and in light of that disclosure I advised that you should answer all the police questions. You accepted and acted upon that advice. However at the end you had to admit that what you did in writing to his employer, which could cost him his job, writing to his father after you had received two letters from Kent Constabulary telling you not to write to them. You said you had not seen those letters but you had seen some letters at home addressed from Kent Constabulary. At the conclusion you realised that the police would offer you a Caution if you accepted the charges.

As discussed with you before, if you wish to pursue an allegation against Vincetti further you must make a formal complaint at the police station to an independent officer – the officer who dealt with you in interview cannot deal with the matter. You have now been assured by the officer that the man you allege was causing you a problem is no longer working near your house and therefore you should feel safe enough to return. This may be a case whoever where you choose to 'let sleeping dogs lie' and hope the matter is now concluded once and for all.

After the interview representations were made to the custody sergeant concerning charge and bail and you were issued with a caution for the offence.

The terms of the caution were explained to you by the Custody Sergeant at the time of your bail appointment, but in effect it simply means that you do not have a criminal conviction, but you do have a <u>Police record</u>. If you were to be arrested again in the future then it may not be possible for the Police to issue you with a further caution and if the Crown Prosecution Service considered there was sufficient evidence for a charge, you would be charged with any new offence to attend Court at a later date.

If you have any further queries concerning the terms of the Police Caution then please do not hesitate to contact me.

This now concludes this matter and I take this opportunity to thank you for your kind instructions and wish you well for the future.

Yours sincerely,



# **KEVIN GUDGEON**