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**Re: Submission of Complaints regarding articles published by the Media24 Group (Email 1 of 5)**

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23 August 2024

Dear sir/madam

**Re formal complaint about highly defamatory articles, the content of which is entirely fabricated.**

I hope you are well

Can I please ask if my complaint has been received and if any further information is needed or whether any part of my submission needs to be amended

I appreciate that there is a significant amount of reading material, but as there are circa 80 untrue statements across the many articles, the volume and extreme nature of the inaccuracies inevitably generate a similarly large volume of evidence to prove the inaccuracies. And I am unsure how much proof is required per false statement

As mentioned "the matter has become pressing due in part to my mother's lung cancer diagnosis and illness, and the need to tackle these articles which are impacting every aspect of my life, including complicating the normalisation of visa status (in particular so I can visit my mother in the UK) and obstructing my attempts to ensure those responsible for the criminal campaign are brought to justice, as well as the fear my mother will pass before these highly defamatory, extremely damaging and very distressing articles are removed and corrected. "

I look forward to hearing from you and would be delighted to assist in any way necessary.

Any help, advice or guidance that you may be able to give would be very much appreciated

Thank you very much for your time and attention

Yours sincerely

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22 August 2024

Dear sir/madam

**Re formal complaint about highly defamatory articles, the content of which is entirely fabricated.**

I would like to file a formal complaint against the Media24 Group, including News24, Rapport and Netwerk24 regarding several articles they published.

The complaint, as well as the specific breaches of the code, are listed in the attached document.

Included are the reasons for the complaint, as well as the timing, the remedies sought and the information that supports my complaints.

I would welcome speaking with someone to properly understand the remedies available

I had started to fill in the online complaint form, but it seems to be set up more for less complex complaints and ones in regard to single articles.

I apologize if I have omitted anything which may be needed, as I have prepared the documents without the assistance of an attorney and I was unaware of the process until this week, until a journalist recommended this as a route to address the defamatory and inaccurate articles.

If I need to amend anything or provide any additional information or documentation I am very happy to do so

the matter has become pressing due in part to my mother's lung cancer diagnosis and illness, and the need to tackle these articles which are impacting every aspect of my life, including complicating the normalisation of visa status (in particular so I can visit my mother in the UK) and obstructing my attempts to ensure those responsible for the criminal campaign are brought to justice, as well as the fear my mother will pass before these highly defamatory, extremely damaging and very distressing articles are removed and corrected.

I apologise also for having to send five emails, but due to size restrictions per email, it has been necessary to split the files into sections.

I look forward to hearing from you and would be delighted to assist in any way necessary.

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#### **EMAIL ONE OF FIVE**

##### **1. Complaint to the Press Council Re Media24 News24 Regards Multiple Articles Published. Docs 1-5.**

The Complaint

The Breaches of The Code of Ethics and Conduct

#### **EMAIL TWO OF FIVE**

##### **2. Complaint to the Press Council Re Media24 News24. Docs 6-20.pdf**

Media24 and their refusal to engage included copy correspondence.

The articles and a detailed analysis of the content

The allegations

Addressing the specific fabrications

Media24 News24 Addendum^

News24 Articles. Selection Of. English & Africans (Compressed)

WDS Dossier. Post December Arrest Dossier. Cases Listed

Wouter De Swardt Online Reviews

Wouter De Swardt's (WDS) Dossier Used in Civil and Criminal Proceedings Analysis of The Submissions Of Wouter De Swardt His Clients And Saps [U...

Case No. 7902.22 Application to Hear Oral Evidence and Affidavit Darren Russell IPID 6 August 2024. Chasing Report of Corruption and Criminality. Including File Index ...

L003. Representations Re Vis (Full Length) To the Ssp. On Behalf of My Client 29.6.2023...

National Prosecuting Authority 15 Aug 24

The Abhorrent Post-Arrest Plan to Create Victims. Saps WDS His Clients.

The Real Victims, Villains, Winners, & Losers. Chapter 11. WDS, Saps

Wouter De Swardt (WDS) Of Fox Forensics. The Man His Methods and His Criminality

#### **EMAIL THREE OF FIVE**

##### **3. Summary of the R200 Million Campaign (Inc Index). Docs 21-22.pdf**

The main documents bringing the various component parts of the campaign into one file.

#### **EMAIL FOUR OF FIVE**

##### **4. Leirmans Road. Before and after the Transformation. Doc 23.pdf**

Images of the property before and after, tackling many of the fabrications included in the articles.

#### **EMAIL FIVE OF FIVE**

##### **5. Corruption and Criminality. SAPS, State, Mr de Swardt, Consortium, Keith Inge Broad. Doc 24**

Document of the extensive criminality and corruption of the campaign by Mr de Swardt, the original author and motivator