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**QB-2000-000001**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION**

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE DAME ELIZABETH BUTLER-SLOSS, PRESIDENT OF THE FAMILY DIVISION, sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London (and as amended by the Honourable Mr Justice Bean by orders dated 21 June 2010 and 23 July 2010; by the Honourable Mr Justice Poplewell by order dated 31 August 2012; by the Honourable Mr Justice Edis by order dated 7 February 2018; by the Right Honourable Lord Justice McFarlane by order dated 5 March 2019 and by the Honourable Mr Justice Nicklin by order dated 30 March 2021).

**JON VENABLES**

**First Claimant**

**ROBERT THOMPSON**

**Second Claimant**

**NEWS GROUP NEWSPAPERS LIMITED  
ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS LIMITED  
MGN LIMITED**

**Defendants**

**UPON HEARING** Leading and Junior Counsel for each the Claimants, for the Defendants, for the Attorney General as a friend of the Court and for the Official Solicitor as a friend of the Court, Counsel for the Secretary of State for the Home Department and Leading Counsel for Thus Plc.

**AND UPON** reading the Court Bundles filed herein

**AND FURTHER** to Orders made herein on 22 June 2001, 10 July 2001 and 4 December 2001

**IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. An injunction is hereby granted restraining until further order the Defendants and any person with notice of this order (whether by themselves or by their servants or agents or otherwise howsoever or in the case of a company whether by its directors or officers servants or agents or otherwise howsoever) from:
  - (1) publishing or causing to be published in any newspaper or broadcasting in any sound or television broadcast or by means of any cable or satellite programme service or public computer network:
    - (a) any depiction, image in any form, photograph, film or voice recording made or taken on or after 18 February 1993, which purports to be of the Claimants, Jon Venables or Robert Thompson (excluding police photographs of the Claimant, Robert Thompson, taken on 18 February 1993, or of Jon Venables taken on 20 February 1993) or any description which purports to be of their physical appearance, voices or accents at any time since that date;
    - (b) (in the event of either of the Claimants adopting a new name and other identifying particulars) any information purporting to identify any person as having formerly been known as the Claimants; or
    - (c) any information purporting to describe the past present or future whereabouts (including alleged residential or work addresses and telephone numbers) of the said Claimants or either of them since 18 February 1993, save that the establishments at which either of the Claimants has been held on detention during Her Majesty's pleasure may be identified no earlier than 12 months after the date announced by the Secretary of State for the Home Department as the date by which both Claimants have been released on licence. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this paragraph prevents the Secretary of State for Justice announcing whether or not Jon Venables is in custody;
  - (2) soliciting any information within paragraphs 1(1)(a) or (b) hereof at any time from any person; and/or
  - (3) soliciting any information within paragraph 1(1)(c) hereof from any current staff, carers, detainees or providers of therapy at any secure unit at which either of the Claimants has been held, earlier than 12 months after the date announced by the Secretary of State for the Home Department as that date by which both Claimants have been released on licence;

**PROVIDED THAT** nothing in this Order shall of itself prevent any person

- (i) publishing any particulars of information relating to any part of the proceedings before any court sitting in public except:
  - (a) any information identifying or purporting to identify the First Claimant or the Second Claimant since their release from prison in 2001;
  - (b) any information identifying or purporting to identify the whereabouts or previous whereabouts of the First or Second Claimant since their release from prison in 2001, other than (1) the fact that the First Claimant lived at an address in Cheshire immediately before his recall to prison in February 2010; (2) If referred to in open court proceedings after 8 December 2020 (a) the name of any County in which it is stated that the First or Second Claimant previously lived and is no longer living; (b) the name of any town visited or event attended by the First or Second Claimant after 8 December 2020 relevant to any offence committed by them; (c) If also

disclosed by the Home Secretary, the establishments in which the Claimants have previously been detained; and (d) the fact of whether or not either Claimant is in custody;

- (c) the purported location at which he the First Claimant has been or is currently held in custody since his release from prison in 2001; and/or
  - (d) Any information identifying or purporting to identify the appearance of the First or Second Claimant since 1993.
- (ii) publishing any information already in the public domain at the date of the original Order dated 8 January 2001 (save as referred to in paragraph 2 hereof); or
  - (iii) soliciting information in the course of or for the purpose of the exercise by the person soliciting such information of any duty or function authorised by statute or by any court of competent jurisdiction.

**PARAGRAPH (i) ABOVE SHALL APPLY SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PROVISIO** in relation to any internet service provider ('ISP'), its employees and agents:

- (a) an ISP shall not be in breach of this injunction unless it, or any of its employees or agents:
    - (i) knew that the material had been placed on its servers or could be accessed via its service; or
    - (ii) knew that the material was likely to be placed on its servers, or was likely to be accessed via its service; and in either case
    - (iii) failed to take all reasonable steps to prevent publication
  - (b) an employee or agent of an ISP shall not be in breach of the injunction unless he or it:
    - (i) knew that the material had been placed on its servers or could be accessed via its service; or
    - (ii) knew that the material was likely to be placed on its servers, or was likely to be accessed via its service; and in either case;
    - (iii) failed to take all reasonable steps to prevent the publication and to induce the ISP to prevent the publication;
  - (c) an ISP, employee or agent shall be considered to know anything which he or it would have known if he or it had taken reasonable steps to find out;
  - (d) "taking all reasonable steps to prevent the publication" includes the taking of all reasonable steps to remove the material from the ISP's servers or to block access to the material.
2. Proviso (ii) to paragraph 1 of this order shall not apply so as to permit the publication of material falling within paragraphs 1(1)(a) or (b) or (c) of this order merely on the ground that such material has at any time been published on the internet and/or outside England and Wales.
  3. For the avoidance of doubt, it is declared that:

- (a) the injunctive orders made in respect of the Claimants on 26 November 1993 by Mr Justice Morland and on 27 July 2000 by the President are of no further effect; and
  - (b) this order is not to be read as in any way restricting or otherwise derogating from the Claimant's rights to confidentiality in such matters as their detailed medical and therapeutic treatment.
4. Copies of this order endorsed with a penal notice be served by the First and Second Claimants' solicitors on:
- (a) such newspapers and sound or television broadcasting or cable or satellite programme services and public computer networks as they may think fit, in the case of a public computer network, by e-mail and in each other case by facsimile transmission or pre-paid first class post addressed to the Editor in the case of a newspaper, or Senior News Editor in the case of a broadcasting or cable or satellite programme service, or person responsible for any public computer network in the case of that network; and
  - (b) on such other persons as the First or Second Claimants' solicitors may think fit in each case by personal service.
5. Any person affected by the injunction set out at paragraph 1 above is at liberty to apply upon 24 hours' notice in writing to all parties.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2001

REDATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2010

REDATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2012

REDATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

REDATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020

REDATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021