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Division: General

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Defendants

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Outline of Evidence of Emma Roberts-Smith

No. NSD 1485 of 2018

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Ben Roberts-Smith

Applicant

Fairfax Media Publication Pty Limited ACN 003 357 720

First Respondent

Nick McKenzie

Second Respondent

Chris Masters

Third Respondent

David Wroe

Fourth Respondent

- My full name is Emma Lea Roberts-Smith.
- I married my husband, Ben in 2003. We have twin daughters, Eve and Elizabeth, who are 8
 years of age. I am a full-time housewife.

Articles published on 8 - 10 June 2018 - Fairfax

- I am aware that Ben has instituted proceedings for defamation over articles by Nick McKenzie, Chris Masters and/or David Wroe published on 8 – 9 June 2018 (the First Article), 10 June 2018 (the Second Article) and 10 – 11 August 2018 (the Third Article).
- I am also aware that Ben has instituted proceedings for defamation over articles published by the Straits Times on 6 September 2018 (the Straits Times article).

First Article - articles published on 8 - 9 June 2018

 On the morning of Saturday, 9 June 2018 as a result of Ben having received a number of messages I read the online version of the First Article on my mobile telephone.

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- 6. My initial reaction was one of shock the First ArtIcle made allegations that an SASR solider named "Leonidas" had engaged in war crimes. I immediately took the reference to "Leonidas" to be about Ben because the article referred to "Leonidas" being part of an SASR patrol that involved tattoos, and Ben had a tattoo on his stomach. I also took the reference to "Leonidas" to be about Ben because the article stated:
 - a. that "Leonidas" was deployed repeatedly to Afghanistan, and I knew that Ben had been deployed to Afghanistan six times;
 - that "Leonidas" had formed "impeccable connections up the chain of command", and I
 knew that since having been awarded the Victoria Cross, that Ben had regular contact
 with senior officers of the Army;
 - c. that two SASR soldlers had been awarded the Victoria Cross medal, with Ben having been awarded the Victoria Cross on 23 January 2011.
- 7. I could not believe what had been written about Ben, and my heart sunk for him. I observed that Ben was extremely angry and upset about what had been written, and I tried to calm him down. I recall that he said to me words to the following effect:

"We have sacrificed so much for this country as a family, and this is what we get in return."

"I can't believe that they have written this."

"Where did they get this from?"

 During the day, a large number of friends telephoned or messaged me about the article saying words to the following effect:

"Leonidas is Ben."

"How could they have written that about Ben."

"I can't believe what they have written about Ben."

In particular, I recall the following conversations:

a. my mother and stepfather telephoned me and said to me words to the following effect:

My mother: We've read the article, Are they saying "Leonidas" is Ben?

My stepfather: They can't be talking about Ben, can they?

 my best friend Danielle Scott telephoned me, and asked me in words to the following effect:

"Is Ben Leonidas?"

c. Debbie Rolfe telephoned me and said words to the following effect:

"Surely they are not saying that Ben has committed war crimes?"

I also received a text message from Debbie and a copy of the messages passing between us is annexed and marked "A".

9. Later that day, Ben had to speak as a keynote speaker at a corporate event. I observed that Ben became extremely anxious and stressed at having to attend. Upon his return, we then had to fly to Perth as Ben had to attend a meeting for Channel Seven on the Monday. The flight with Ben was horrendous, with Ben being extremely anxious and paranoid.

Second Article - articles published on 10 June 2018

- During the night of 9 June 2018 we stayed in a hotel in Perth and neither Ben nor I could sleep, with Ben waking up wet with night sweats and his sheets soaked. At some stage during the night, Ben checked his mobile telephone and saw that the Second Article had been published. After reading it, he then showed it to me and I also read it. The article again said that an SASR soldier given the name of "Leonidas" had committed war crimes. As the name "Leonidas" had again been used, I took the reference to "Leonidas" to be about Ben. I could see that the allegations again shocked Ben and neither of us could sleep for the rest of the night.
- 11. On Sunday, 10 June 2018 I continued to receive phone calls and messages from friends and acquaintances who said to me words to the following effect:

"Leonidas is Ben."

"How could they have written that about Ben."

"I can't believe what they have written about Ben."

- Over that weekend, including whilst we were in Perth, I observed that Ben had become completely consumed by what had been written about him, he was angry, dumbfounded, and completely and utterly shocked.
- We returned to Brisbane on the Monday and Ben was again was extremely anxious and paranoid during the flight.
- 14. During the week following publication of the articles:
 - a. I was at our childrens' school when a mother of one of the children at the school said to me words to the following effect:

"Is Ben meant to be 'Leonidas'?"

I told Ben about the conversation, and to my observation he became very upset.

b. Diane Young, our housekeeper (and who had seen Ben walk around our house with his shirt off and his tattoos) said to me words to the following effect:

"Are they saying Ben is Leonidas?"

15. I recall that shortly after the publication of the first two articles that Ben had become more distant from our children, and our daughter Eve said to me words to the following effect:

"Why does dad not smile anymore?"

Neither she (nor her sister) had ever said anything similar to me before.

 Copies of other messages I received from friends relating to the articles are annexed and marked "B".

Third article - articles published on 10 - 11 August 2018

- 17. On the morning of 10 August 2018, Ben was not at home as he was staying overnight in a hotel because of work. Early that morning, I recall that I received a text message from our friend Debbie Rolfe a copy of which is annexed and marked "C".
- 18. I then checked online and found the Third Article. I read the article and was completely numb and upset. I telephoned Ben and I said to him words to the following effect:

"You have been named in the news again. It is about our personal life. You need to read it and then call me back. I don't know how I will get through today as I have a school excursion for the girls that I have to go to."

Shortly thereafter, Ben telephoned me back and we had a conversation in words to the following effect:

Ben: I can't believe that they have stooped so low. It is completely false. You need

to go home.

Myself: I can't. I have committed with a teacher to go on the excursion.

19. No-one at our childrens' school had known that Ben and I had been separated. That morning, I had a conversation with our daughter Eve's teacher in words to the following effect:

Teacher: Is everything okay?

Myself: No. Ben has just been accused of domestic violence.

Teacher: Over you?

Myself: No. It's complicated.

- 20. Ben and I had difficulty coping with what had been written. We had previously separated, with Ben having moved out of our home in about October 2017 to about April 2018, when we reconciled and he moved back in. I was aware that Ben had a relationship with another woman. The article had brought back the issues that led to our separation which we had been working on, and it was emotional, stressful, and hurtful for us both.
- 21 Ben was extremely distressed at what had been published about him, and I recall that he said to me words to the following effect:

"Not only does it say that I engage in domestic violence but also that I am a war criminal."

22. I recall that at some stage I said words to the following effect to Ben:

"I can't believe this. They are saying you had an affair without me knowing about it. I feel humiliated. How can I go out in public when everyone will be talking about us."

23. I recall that Ben became very hurt and upset as we had tried to keep our separation private and now the issue had been raised publicly for all to read about. I recall Ben said to me words to the following effect:

"It's completely false. Fairfax are using her to ruin my reputation."

24. I also received messages from friends and acquaintances and annexed hereto and marked "D" are copies of a number of them. I also received an email of support from our childrens' school Principal and primary school Principal, copies of which are annexed and marked "E". I showed the email to Ben and he said to me words to the following effect:

"I appreciate their help but it's terrible that it has gone throughout the school."

25. I recall that I received many telephone calls from friends and acquaintances on the Friday and weekend following publication of the Third Article who said to me words to the following effect:

"You must be devastated."

"I can't believe that this has happened."

"I can't believe this has been written."

"We are here for you."

I recall that Ben said to me words to the following effect:

"People will think that I beat women up."

- 26. I never thought for one second that Ben had hit the woman as alleged. I have never been threatened by Ben, and he has never done or said anything to me which would suggest to me that he could have hit a woman as alleged.
- 27. On the Sunday following publication of the article, I travelled to Sydney with our children to attend a concert for their birthdays. I was worried and concerned about Ben being on his own, and telephoned Ben to make sure he was fine. I also telephoned Ben's friend Jed Wheeler and we had a telephone call in words to the following effect:

Myself: I'm concerned about Ben being on his own.

Jed: I've already spoken with him as I was also worried. I can go and see him if need be.

28. As Ben and I were anxious about the safety of our children, we also went to see Stuart Meade, the headmaster of our childrens' school shortly after publication to discuss the article and safety issues regarding our children.

Straits Times Article

29. On about 6 September 2018, Ben telephoned me and we had a conversation in words to the following effect:

Ben: There's another article about me, this time in the Straits Time from

Singapore. They are just relentless.

Myself: Why are they writing about you in Singapore. I think I received an email about the same article from Kate, I will send it to you.

A copy of the email that I sent to Ben is annexed and marked "F". The email I sent to Ben was from one of my close friends, Kate Mathias, who resides in Canberra.

30. On 12 October 2018, Ben and I received an email from the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association in London which referred to the "horrible time with the press" that we were facing. A copy of the email is annexed and marked "G".

The Articles

- 31. Since publication of the articles:
 - a. Ben has expressed to me his fear that our daughters may find out about the allegations that have been made about him, and I recall him saying words to the following effect to me:

"It terrifies me that our children will read about this or may get teased about if"

- A number of parents from our childrens' school with whom we were friendly have stopped contacting us;
- c. Ben no longer sleeps well and often wakes up wet as a result of night sweats. He now takes Melatonin, which is a natural herb, to help him sleep. I recall that I often had to change sheets of our bed daily because of night sweats, especially following publication of each of the First, Second and Third Articles;
- d. Ben has lost weight I have observed that if Ben is very stressed, he doesn't eat as much as he otherwise would;
- e. Ben has become paranoid and anxious that people will think that he is a war criminal. For example, I recall that Ben has said to me words to the following effect on a number of occasions when we are in public areas such as shopping centres, airports and elsewhere:

"I feel that when people look at me they think that I am a war criminal"

"I don't want to go. People think that I beat up women"

f. Ben has been reluctant to go to a number of our children's school events, and has said to me words to the following effect:

"I hate going because they will think that I am a war criminal"

g. Ben sits on a number of boards of organisations that seek to assist veterans. I recall that I had a conversation with Ben in words to the following effect when the topic of him attending a board meeting had been raised:

"I am not sure if I will be able to go. They will all think that I am a war criminal."

32. Prior to the articles being published, my husband Ben was a confident role model, active community member and attentive family man. Since publication of the articles, he now finds it difficult to attend public events and be the role model he used to be, for his family and within the community. Ben's self esteem is low, his anxiety high and has paranoia that people think it true that he is a war criminal and a person who hits women. Life with him at home as a father and husband will never be the same.

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3:12 pm



Deb

Far out Em, just read today's story you guys must be so stressed, so awful and destructive cxx

Morning Deb, thanks for your message A it's exhausting and they're relentless! There is absolutely no truth in it and tience why they are referring to bis as a ridiculous alias the has to fly to Perth this afternoon I feel bad that I'm not going perhaps I should. It's definitely taking its toll on him xxx

Oh gosh, you poor things. I know it might be tough but if you can go with him it might be good for him? Have a chat and see how he sounds? Xxx

I'm sure Ben will be ok over in Perth, might be better for you to stay with the girls? I just can't imagine what you're going through axx









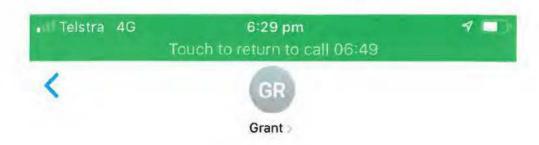












iMessage Fri, 8 Jun, 7:22 am



May find interesting? No names

Yeh thanks grant, we knew this was coming! Pretty disappointing for veterans! They knew the what would come if they put brs name to it

Delivered

l agree!



Hope your hanging in there chick...... just focus on what an amazing life you guys have created..... it's just not possible for anyone to take that away from two super strong, honest, loyal and connected bitches They can try but you guys WIN that's just what you do. The C***s will learn the hard way!! Xxx sending love and strength

Sun 10 days 10 was sure

Hey mate thanks for the message. Forgot how much Perth sucks balls!! Been a big day. looking forward to getting home! Hope you had a good weekend xx

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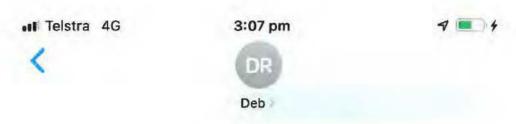












Fri, 10 Aug, 7 04 am

Omg Em, just saw the article today, you guys must be devastated, we are thinking of you, call me any time to vent!!!!

Fri, 10 Aug, 10 39 am

Hi Em, no need to call back, was just checking you are ok *xxx

Hey Deb, I'm devastated!! I'm just trying to hold myself together. I'm on a school tour with the girls (which is the last place I'd rather be!!) and Ben is currently dealing with the lawyers. We are going to release a statement and have started deformation proceedings this morning against Fairfax! Xxx

Gosh, you poor thing!! RR and I are thinking of you guys constantly, whatever we can do to help, we're here for you!!!!!! Xxx





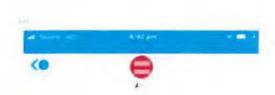
true - the rest is just half truths and opinion. We're thinking of you all and sending hugs and kisses. 19 10



Always! Hope today is better for 1004

Hill Just thought fd check in and see how things are going? I hope stuff has settled a bit for you this week. I bet you're counting hours until your holiday ax



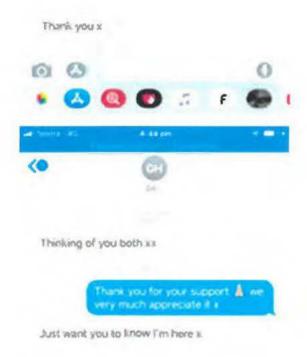


Hey my love, Thinking of you. I'm here if you want to chat/calch up Lots of love of All

There you be your support & two

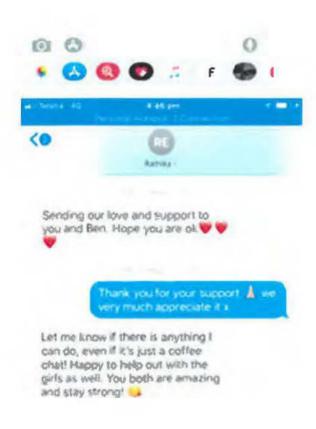




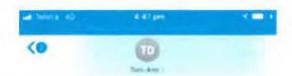


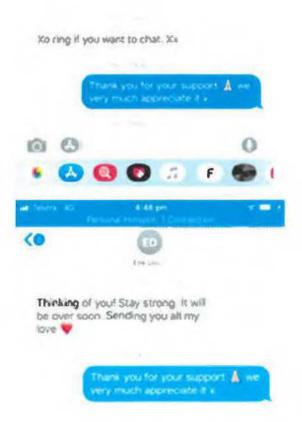








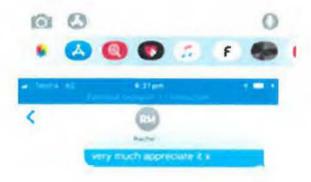




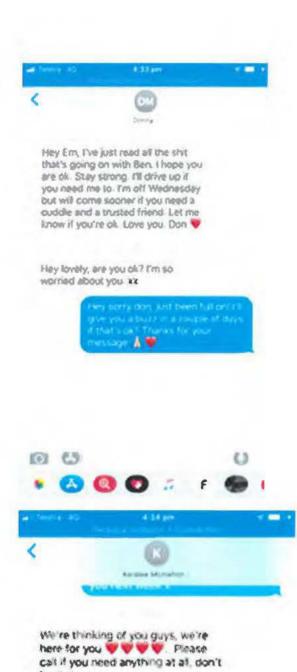




just saw some things come up on my abc news feed and wanted to send you a message to say that I'm thinking of you and the fam and that the media can be right royal shits sometimes. You and Ben have been incredible friends, supporters and mentors to both Curt and I in so many difficult times. I'm really fucked off that you have to deal with this shit. You're both bloody awesome and are two of the best people I know. If you have time to catch up for a chat at any time let me know and I'll drive up and say helio or always have time for you on the phone and there's always two spare rooms in Bulleigh for both you and the girls to come down and hang out too if you want to come stay! We have a bottle of RWT wine waiting to be drunk with you! Hope to see up soon and sending you lots of love and big fuck you army mojo









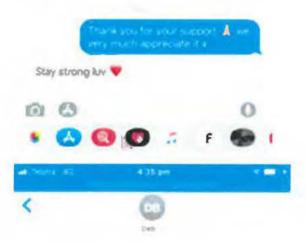
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W knratee & mark xx



Hey Mate, Just reaching out hoping you guys are ok. I can't imagine it is a easy time for Ben or you and the family, and personally I don't believe it. Unfortunately there is always someone in the wings to try and pull you down, and I hope that it isn't too rough on you both As I know you have tried to keep your private life private and this will be difficult. Always here in your corner and love to you all I realize you will be getting messages left right and centre, so I don't need a reply, just letting you

know we are thinking of you) xx



Darling, I'm here if you need me. I wish I was closer so I could give you a hug. I've argued with myself all day about whether to call, or text or just have you alone but I know if I were

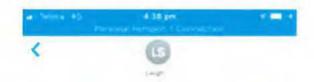
about whether to call, or tent or just leave you alone but I know if I were in your shoes despite having many others reaching out to lend a hand, or offer a shoulder there are certain people who it just means that little bit more from I hope I am that for you, and I hope you know I genuinely wish I could take some of the hurt your family is going through away.

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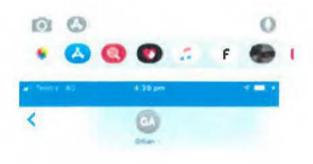




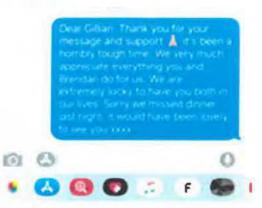




Hey hun. Just wanted to send you some love and let you know that you guys have our support. No need to reply (((Big hugs))) Leigh & Brett x

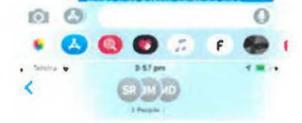


Hi Em
We caught up with Richard and Deb
last night and missed not seeing
you and Ben but completely
understand. Just wanted you to
know that we are thinking of you
and you have our full support
Please let me know if there is
anything we can do. Know that
there are many, many people who
love you both and are believe in you
both. Xxxx





Morning snazze, jodes and missy. I wanted to touch base with you all before I see you tomorrow and in perticular talk to you about a desply personal issue. Last year Ben and I separated for a short white. We kept this estimately private I it's now been made very public iffort page of the australian) and as you can imagine we're both devastated! In that time Ben saw someone else who has leaked damaging. Talse and slanderous accusations to the press. We have now conscienced against Fartax (and in turn hers Fam desperately trying to hold myself together and very conscious that we are travelling tomorrow. My biggest hear is not turning the time for the girls who are so excited and of tour seryou sustains. I will probably not be active to talk whous it in person. I do not want to looke



Oh my beautiful friend W My heart goes out to both of you in this F***ing terribly hard time. We are here as you mates to offer an ear or shoulder to cry, help wherever possible, and most importantly distract you from this very hard chapter of your life. Thank you for opening up to us chick, you know we are always here and will never cast judgement or speak a word to anyone, no amount of money is worth loosing a true mate. Shit none of us are perfect and we have far from perfect relationships (Unfortunately yours is public). You WILL get through this with the help of family and true mates. So tomorrow we wit focus on the vibrant positives in your life (you gorgeous girls) and do what true mates do _ make you brugh. You are a strong bitch and we love ya 💗 🛡 👠 🥾 Sydney has come at the partect time for you my friend? Xxxxx in 10 years time we will look





vibrant positives in your life (you gorgeous piris) and do what true mates do make you laugh. You are a strong bitch and we lose ya are a strong bitch and may friend!

Xxxxx in 10 years time we will look back with a vino and remember this shitty time and many other shitty chapters we will all have to go through.... It will be well in the past. See you tomorrow sexy lady x

Em, of course we will be there for you and your beautiful girls, they will have a wonderful time and hopefully we can be a support for you without needing to talk About it! You Will beat these stupid journos!

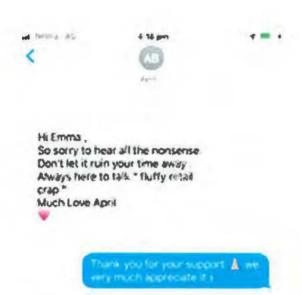


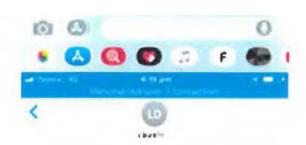
Aust sending love to you both from both of us **

Thank you for your support A me very much appreciate if a

Hi sust thinking about you and wanted to know which is the best email for you? Big hugs marylouix.







Hi Emma. Can't believe the trash you hear, all about bringing a tall poppy down. Ben is such a lovely person, and you are a beautiful family - hold your heads high and continue on as you always do. Lots of feve to you all, God will look over you and get you through this rough patch which is all gutter trash. The media can be. So cruel Love you guys.

Thanks for your missage Laurele

A we very much soprecate your support. I hope you're home and feeling better? ***

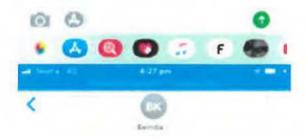




Hey Emma. I'm sorry to hear of all the shit you are being put through. Its a disgrace, but not really surprising. This is how the grubby media and bureaucrats gradually wear down the good people in the world. I hope you guys sue the shit out of everyone involved. Toddy

eley toddy. Thanks so much for your message. A it's been very difficult! Yes, we are soing and have started a deformation care-against Fairfus median. We've been dignified and low it's time to fight for the truth!

Stick it to them, you will have the support of the majority of sensible Australians who don't like having missry heroes and their families trashed good to see the former PMs providing some sensible context.



I was very sorry to read that shit on news.com.au this morning. If you need anything just let me know xx.

Thanks for your message **Å** we appreciate the support x

I hope it was ok to send. I couldn't not reach out - thinking of you both and sending love xx.





I'm good darling but was SO worred about you I'm sure you're probably used to these things but I wanted to go FULL IPSWICH on someone's ASSI I'm so glad to hear you had a great time. The pics looked sensationall We're all good here too xx



Hey mate, just wanted to reach out to say g'day to you guys and see how you're travelling. Obviously a lot of shit going on at the moment but if you ever want some company, a chat and of course sneaky wine? beer for us tinous. Take care to you all and chat soon. At our wishes Marcus and Hayley.

Thank you for your support 🛔 we very much appreciate it a

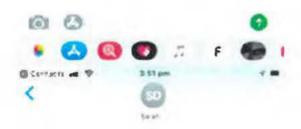




Hi gorgeous, seen the news about ben I can't believe it. I'm still in shoot. I believe ben has given an interview in the australian so going out to get a copy I'm hare for you all especially you darling as I can only image what you are going thruit you need me iff be on the first plane our to you. We are family em and families stick together even when we are 1000s miles away. I'm sanding you a huge hug wish I was there to give it to you. Sending oots if fove sharon saxx

Thank you far your support. A we say much appropriate if a life of the best family and fin so there has

Yes we do xx



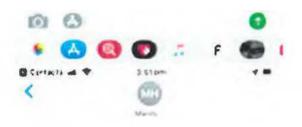
Hi hunni, I've just seen Ben's name in a few press articles today. How are you holding up? Thinking of you and the girls and sending you all my love xxx





This I is a very hard time for you both. You have many friends and colleagues that are with you on a journey you weren't expecting. Our love and support are with you Need anything you know what to do. Xxxx

Thanks dilugy and carst A it's a solution white term right now, but we very much appreciate your support as



Hi Em... It's us from the Wild West!
Aust wanted you to know that we are thinking of you heaps and hoping that you will be ok. If there's anything we can do for you even if it's just to have a listen... don't hesitate to call. Mandy and Greg xxx.

Thank you folly our support ${\bf k}$ we very much appreciate it is





Hey beautiful. Have just been talling to Carmel and wanted to say see live you all. Be strong and know that we are thinking of you.

Let us know if you need anything. All out love Gerry, John and the boys.

OK should read love you all

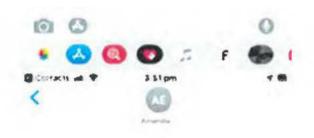


Evening Emma. I've been thinking of you these last few days.
Unfortunately I know too well whith it's like to have some of your private life made public (just last week, there was a cartoon of Andy and me in the Australian which was so lame). I hope you're getting the love and support you need from family and friends (along with a bit of wine:)). Good on you both for taking a stand too - you're both incredible people! Cheers, Kallie





Hey Em, just wanted to send my love to you and then fam, sorry to see you're going through this, you don't deserve any of it, love you and miss you all heaps! Xxx Pip

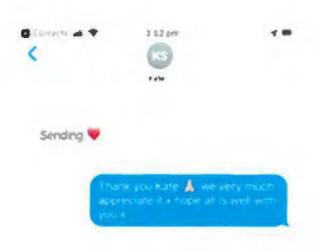


Hey Emma, thinking of you it hope you guys are ok. Let me know if you need any help or support ***

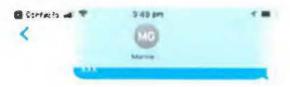
Thanks for your message Amanda A we very much appreciate it a

Most welcome. Take care. Xxx









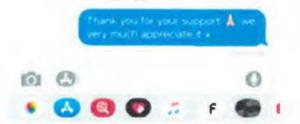
Hi Emma. I'm home now, in a jestag haze. Fil be in touch when I get myself together. In the meantime I'm sending love. My goodness honey, you must be under enormous stress. Thope you are taking care of yourself. Xx

Hey Marnie, welcome home
hope the jet lig passes quickly? Yes, the stress has been truge, it's incredibly tough, and wouldn't wish it on anyone! Thank you for your message and I do hope to catch up soon, much love akk are in the goldy? Krx



Hey Em, we couldn't miss the media stuff it must be real tough at the moment for you guys. Beck and I just want you to know that we are here if you guys need a cup of sugar, a cup of tea or some one safe to talk to or just vent. What-ever you need, let us know how we can help.

Tony and beck.





if you need anything at all professional advice a safe house, a drinking buddy or a sounding board - yet out!
I'm here mate, and good in a shit storm.
Take care and much love Dirie

Think you for your support 1 we very his on appreciate it is



From: Stuart Meade <smeade@mfac.edu.au>

Subject: Support

Date: 10 August 2018 3:12:30 PM AEST

To: Emma and Ben Roberts-Smith <ers@rsgroupaustralia.com>

Good afternoon Ben and Emma

I have read the article in the Sydney Morning Herald today. I simply want to say you have my support and if the girls need any moral support or anything else that we can provide at the school, please do not hesitate to let us know.

The more I read the report, the angrier I became. We have spoken of the tall poppy syndrome in this country before, well, here it is in spades.

I know you will do what is required to clear this slur.

The photo you gave to me all those years ago at Hale, remains firmly on my wall! I am proud to know you and support all you stand for.

regards Stuart



From: Trudi Edwards < tedwards@mfac.edu.au>

Subject: Evie and Lizzie

Date: 11 August 2018 2:58:54 PM AEST To: Emma <emma@rsgroupaustralia.com>

Hi Emma,

I expect you and Ben have had a rough couple of days.

Just touching base to let you know to please be in touch if the girls are experiencing any difficulties - we are here to support them!

I'm in Sydney at a conference until Wednesday, but please don't hesitate to email and I can follow up and get either Chris or Alec involved if the girls need a wingman at any time.

Take care.

Cheers

Trudi



From: Em <groomyrs@hotmail.com>

Date: 12 September 2018 at 9:44:17 am AEST

To: Ben Roberts-Smith < ben@rsgroupaustralia.com>

Subject: Fwd: Aussie war hero accused of misconduct and abuse, Australia/NZ News & Top Stories

- The Straits Times

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kate Mathias < kate.m.mathias@gmail.com > Date: 8 September 2018 at 11:03:00 am AEST

To: Emma Roberts-smith <groomyrs@hotmail.com>

Subject: Fwd: Aussie war hero accused of misconduct and abuse, Australia/NZ

News & Top Stories - The Straits Times

Hey babe,

Thanks for having me last week, it was so good to see all of you. The girls are just gorgeous, Em.

After catching up I couldn't help myself, occupational hazard of 20 years in PR, I googled BRS this morning and found this. It would seem Nick McKenzie is recruiting his mates to give the story oxygen offshore weeks after it broke here, the below is a bad cut paste job...surely that has to be the definition of malice?

I cannot imagine how you are dealing with the relentless onslaught from the media boys' club. Back in the day when I was wrangling media they actually had some integrity, it's sad to see the profession resort to personal vendettas to justify the rubbish they write to sell papers.

Hang in there, the truth always prevails.

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https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/australianz/aussie-war-heroaccused-of-misconduct-and-abuse

Aussie war hero accused of misconduct and abuse

During a hard-fought battle in a small village in Afghanistan in 2010, Australian corporal Ben Roberts-Smith cemented his reputation as a war hero after ignoring a volley of bullets to distract enemy machine gunners and rescue a patrol that was under heavy fire.

For his remarkable gallantry, Mr Roberts-Smith, who was a member of Australia's elite Special Air Service (SAS) Regiment, became a rare recipient of the nation's highest military honour, the Victoria Cross, making him one of the nation's best-known and most decorated soldiers.

The citation for the honour said that he showed "a total disregard for his own safety" and "his valour was an inspiration".

But his reputation has come under question after he was accused of misconduct and breaches of ethics in a scandal that has prompted debate about the nation's veneration of its soldiers.

In a series of explosive investigative reports by Fairfax Media, Mr Roberts-Smith, 39, was accused of criminal misconduct on the battlefield, including violence against Afghan prisoners and bullying fellow Australian soldiers.

The allegations were reportedly leaked from an inquiry into Australia's elite forces, which have been accused of widespread misconduct that included unlawfully killing detainees in Afghanistan.

According to a Fairfax Media report on Aug 11, dozens of veterans, officials, witnesses and soldiers who served with Mr Roberts-Smith accused him of misconduct towards his fellow soldiers and detainees.

The claims included "bullying, intimidation and his involvement in small SAS teams suspected of the abuse of unarmed civilians and the use of force that goes well beyond what is acceptable in the theatre of war". This followed a series of reports which began to emerge last year raising questions about the conduct of Mr Roberts-Smith, who is married with children.

Mr Roberts-Smith has denied all allegations and launched defamation proceedings against Fairfax Media in the Federal Court. He has also requested that the Australian Federal Police investigate whether there has been illegal leaking of evidence.

He told The Australian on Aug 18 that the allegations arose from a smear campaign by jealous and disgruntled former elite soldiers.

The allegations against Mr Roberts-Smith came as a shock and received widespread coverage, partly because he has attracted a high profile since receiving his decoration. He left full-time army duties in 2013 and is a general manager of the Seven Network television station in Queensland.

The attack on his service record and reputation prompted fierce debate over the treatment of Australian war heroes.

Some figures leapt to the defence of Mr Roberts-Smith, including former defence minister Brendan Nelson, now director of the Australian War Memorial. "War is a messy business," he told 2GB Radio on Aug 15.

"Ben Roberts-Smith is, by any standard, one of the greatest Australians in terms of heroism the country has produced. His reputation is being traduced by elements of the media that, in my opinion, diminish the

respect that we have for them and the job that they should be doing."

But some historians criticised Dr Nelson's approach, saying it was important to ask difficult questions about the military's conduct in war.

"A democratic society requires a media that's capable of asking difficult questions, as well as historians asking similar questions," Australian National University Professor Frank Bongiorno told Fairfax Media on Aug 17.

"The idea there are no-go areas or areas that belong to the sacred, that journalists, historians and other academics shouldn't encroach on is dangerous for a democracy."

A similar debate previously arose over the veneration of the Australian soldiers who fought at the famous Gallipoli campaign in World War I.

Some commentators have urged the nation to take a more critical approach to the role of its troops, saying myth-making does not do justice to the reality of the war and can sometimes be misused to promote nationalism or patriotism.

For now, this debate has spilt into the courts, which will decide whether Mr Roberts-Smith's reputation was unfairly maligned.

Sent from my IPhone

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From: VC and GC Association <secretary@vcandgc.org>

Subject: Christmas Cards

Date: 12 October 2018 2:27:25 AM AEST

To: Ben Roberts-Smith VC < ben@rsgroupaustralia.com >, RS

Group Admin <admin@rsgroupaustralia.com>

Dear Ben and Emma,

First of all I'm so sorry you have been having such a horrible time with the Press and the touble-makers / people full of negative jealousies. You have been on all of our minds this side of the world and I hope things have calmed down. If there is anything at all that I can do please let me know. I know Didy is in touch with you and I don't want to interfere in any way but if there is anything that I can help with, please, please just shout.

Also - being boringly practical, I sent out the attached form to everyone a couple of weeks ago and not having heard back from you am wondering whether you received it. I remember that you ordered some last year so I thought I would email again. Just let me know how many cards you would like, if you'd like any, and I will stick them in the post to you.

With best wishes to you both and the girls, Becca

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Outline of Evidence - Person 17



Ben Roberts-Smith

Applicant

Fairfax Media Publications Pty Limited and another

Respondents

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The Respondents anticipate that at trial Person 17 will give evidence in substance in accordance with this outline of evidence. Where this outline of evidence refers to words spoken by a person the outline refers to the substance or effect of the words spoken.

1.	Pers	on 17 is a qualified lawyer who previously practised as a solicitor			
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2.	In lat	e January 2017 Person 17 found out that in 2016 her husband had had an affair with another			
	woman. From that time there were problems in Person 17's marriage.				
3.	On 13 October 2017 Person 17 met the Applicant at a charity event called the				
	, at the The Applicant and				
	Person 17 had sex that night in the Applicant's hotel room at				
	. During the night the Applicant said to Person 17 that he was married. The Applicant told				
	Person 17 that he was not happy in his marriage but felt he could not leave. The Applicant said to				
	Person 17 that he loved and cared for his wife but that he was not in love with her anymore.				
4.	Following that night the Applicant and Person 17 engaged in an intimate sexual relationship which				
	continued until 6 April 2018.				
5.	During the course of that relationship Person 17 spent time with the Applicant on the following				
	dates in the following locations:				
	(a)	29 - 30 October 2017: Cairns, where they stayed at The Hilton;			
	(b)	9 - 10 November 2017: Brisbane, where they stayed at The Milton;			
	(c)	19 -21 November 2017; Sydney, where they stayed at The Hyatt Regency;			
	(d)	21 November 2017: where they stayed at			
	(e)	22 - 23 November 2017: Townsville, where they stayed at the Grand Hotel and			
		Apartments;			
	(f)	7 – 9 December 2017: Brisbane, where they stayed at The Milton;			
	(g)	13 - 14 December 2017: Brisbane, where they stayed at The Oaks Casino Towers;			

14 - 15 December 2017: Brisbane, where they stayed at The Milton;

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- (i) 15 16 December 2017: Brisbane, where they stayed at The Oaks Casino Towers;
- (j) 18 19 December 2017: Brisbane, where they stayed at The Milton;
- (k) 19 21 December 2017: Gold Coast, where they stayed at The Star;
- (I) 27 28 February 2018: Brisbane, where they stayed at The Milton;
- (m) 6-7 March 2018: Brisbane, where they stayed at The Milton;
- (n) 13 14 March 2018: Brisbane, where they stayed at The Sofitel;
- (o) 25 26 March 2018: Brisbane, where they stayed at The Milton;
- (p) 26 29 March 2018: Canberra, where they stayed at The Realm; and
- (q) 5 6 April 2018: Brisbane, where they stayed at The Novotel, Brisbane Airport.
- 6. In addition to the meetings referred to in the preceding paragraph during the course of the relationship Person 17 and the Applicant communicated via voice and video calls and text messages, including using the messaging services WhatsApp and Telegram. The telephone numbers and identifiers that the Applicant used to communicate with Person 17 from time to time during the course of the relationship included:
 - (a) From about 18 October 2017 to 16 November 2017: mobile phone number +62 822 471 24182 (an Indonesian number);
 - (b) From 16 November 2017 to 26 December 2017: mobile phone number +61 467 832 139 and linked WhatsApp with username 'Echo 21';
 - (c) From 20 December 2017 to 6 April 2018: mobile phone number +61 400 790 377 and linked Telegram account.
- 7. When Person 17 and the Applicant were in Sydney between 19-21 November 2017 the Applicant told Person 17 that he loved her and stated that it felt like they were meant to meet and be together. The Applicant said that he wanted to move to the US and asked Person 17 if she would go with him. He said that he had wanted to leave Australia for some time but his boss, Kerry Stokes, said it would look like he was "running away".
- 8. On 20 November 2017 the Applicant and Person 17 went, amongst other places, to the Orient Hotel for drinks. During the time the Applicant and Person 17 were at the Orient the Applicant told his wife that he was "out to dinner with an old Army friend".
- 9. Towards the end of the night at the Orient Person 17 observed someone at a nearby table holding their phone up in the air and looking at the screen. This made Person 17 believe that the person was taking photos of or filming the Applicant and Person 17.

- 10. When they returned to the hotel the Applicant told Person 17 that he had lost his phone at the Orient, being the Applicant's main business/work phone, not the one he used to communicate with Person 17. The Applicant told Person 17 that he was going back to the Orient to try to find his phone and left the hotel room for about 45 minutes.
- 11. On 6 December 2017 the Applicant called Person 17 and told her that when his wife had collected the mail that morning there had been a letter addressed to him from someone claiming to know that he had been with another woman in Sydney and urging him to end the affair and save his marriage. The Applicant told Person 17 that his wife had opened the letter and been upset by it, but that he had convinced her that there was no substance to it. The Applicant told Person 17 that 6 December was the date of his wedding anniversary.
- 12. On 9 December 2017, the Applicant told Person 17 that his wife's brother worked for the Australian Federal Police (Person 17 now understands that the Applicant's wife's brother works or worked for the Queensland Police Service). The Applicant called Person 17 from a wedding reception that evening that he was attending with his wife. He said to Person 17 that he wished Person 17 was there with him and that he was finding it very hard to be away from her and to keep pretending that he was in love with his wife.
- 13. In mid-2017 it was planned that Person 17 would spend time in London on a family holiday from January to March 2018. It was also planned that the Applicant would spend time in late January 2018 on a family holiday in Singapore.
- 14. During the time Person 17 and the Applicant spent together in Brisbane in early-mid December 2017, Person 17 and the Applicant discussed the future of their relationship and how they planned to be together long-term. The Applicant told Person 17 that he was worried that if their affair was known to either Person 17's husband or the Applicant's wife, it would make life more difficult for everybody after they both divorced, because their spouses would be angry and bitter about the affair. The Applicant said that it would be better, both privately and publicly, if it appeared that the relationship only began after they had both left their marriages. The Applicant told Person 17 that he would start marriage counselling in January 2018, but he didn't intend for it to work out and that by the time Person 17 returned from London at the end of March he would have moved out of home and set himself up in an apartment in either Maroochydore or Brisbane. The Applicant and Person 17 further discussed going on holidays together in May 2018 to London (for the Applicant's bi-annual VC functions) and Spain, but that this would have to be kept very low profile. The Applicant told Person 17 that he intended to see out the majority of his contract with Channel 7 which was due to end in April 2019 and look to move to the US either at the end of 2018 or in mid-2019. The Applicant and Person 17 discussed that they would tell people they had met in Brisbane, after they had both separated, and that the Applicant and Person 17 would get married as soon as possible, so that Person 17 and one of her daughters would be able to go with him to live. The Applicant told Person 17 that he was going to buy her a pink Argyle diamond engagement ring while she was in London.

- 15. On 20 December 2017 the Applicant had drinks with a friend named James Harvey in the bar at the Star. Though the Applicant and Person 17 were staying at the Star together, the Applicant told Person 17 to meet him at the bar shortly after so that it would look like they had run into each other coincidentally. After Person 17 arrived the Applicant, Person 17 and Mr Harvey had drinks together. The Applicant introduced Person 17 to Mr Harvey as an in-house lawyer for Channel 7. After the drinks with Mr Harvey the Applicant attended a work Christmas function. Later that evening the Applicant said to Person 17 that he thought Person 17 had been flirting with Mr Harvey and that if he was going to leave his wife for Person 17, he needed to know that she was serious about him and their future together. The Applicant was intoxicated and aggressive and accusatory in this conversation. Person 17 responded that she did not think she had done anything wrong and that she loved the Applicant.
- On 21 December 2017 Person 17 and the Applicant drove from the Gold Coast to Brisbane airport. During the drive The Applicant received a phone call from his wife, which he took on speaker. Person 17 heard, amongst other things, the Applicant's wife say that she was grocery shopping at the IGA and asking the Applicant what he wanted for dinner that night. During the course of the relationship the Applicant often participated in telephone calls and exchanged messages with his wife in Person 17's presence.
- 17. In about the period 19-21 December 2017 the Applicant told Person 17 to set up a Gmail account that they could each have access to for the purpose of leaving messages to each other in the 'Drafts' folder so that they could communicate whilst they were both overseas without leaving a trail through email servers. On 22 December 2017 Person 17 set up the account rmrs2018@gmail.com and messaged the Applicant the account details.
- 18. On Saturday 23 December 2017 the Applicant messaged Person 17 from his main/work phone (+61 400 790 377) and told her to download the app Telegram and use that to message him on that number. At about that time he told her that he had been asked about the other phone and might have to "get rid of it".
- 19. From 26 December 2017 Person 17's husband was aware of her affair with the Applicant.
- During the time Person 17 was in London Person 17 and the Applicant continued to be in contact by telephone. During those conversations the Applicant told Person 17 that he wasn't sure what to do, because he felt he couldn't leave his family no matter how much he wanted to be with her. During these conversations the Applicant told Person 17 that he was struggling with the guilt of being "that guy" that has a girlfriend on the side and is lying to his wife. He said that he came home every day worried that his wife had found out about the affair and that he had come to terms with the fact that she eventually would. During these conversations the Applicant also told Person 17 that there were other things from his "old life" that would collide with the Applicant and Person 17 if they were together and that he didn't want Person 17 to have to deal with that.

- 21. On 7 February 2018 Person 17 found out she was pregnant as a result of a positive home pregnancy test. Person 17's husband had previously had a vasectomy. Person 17 had not had sexual intercourse with anyone other than the Applicant in the months prior to the positive result.
- 22. On 9 February 2018 after a phone call with the Applicant Person 17 was very distressed and left the apartment (in London) and did not return until the next morning. During the night her husband was worried and contacted the Applicant.
- 23. On 15 February 2018 Person 17 told the Applicant about the positive pregnancy test. The Applicant did not believe her and demanded that she prove it.
- 24. On 25 February 2018 Person 17 and the Applicant had a telephone conversation. During the conversation the Applicant stated that he was stressed about a number of things. Person 17 told the Applicant that one of the reasons her husband had given her for the affair he had had the previous year was stress about work issues and needing an escape. The Applicant responded "work issues, we're talking about fucking war crimes".
- 25. On 27 February 2018 Person 17 and the Applicant met in Brisbane. During that time the Applicant told Person 17 that he could not afford for his marriage to end, no matter how he felt about Person 17. The Applicant and Person 17 agreed that she would need to terminate the pregnancy.
- 26. Over the next few days Person 17 was having second thoughts about terminating the pregnancy. In telephone conversations about this the Applicant got angry and frustrated with Person 17 about the pregnancy and Person 17's indecision and stated that if she had the baby he would not stick around long term. Person 17 told the Applicant that she would travel to Brisbane to have a termination on the morning of 6 March 2018.
- 27. In early March 2018 Person 17 miscarried the baby.
- 28. On the afternoon of 6 March 2018 Person 17 met the Applicant in Brisbane. The Applicant was confrontational, angry and ranting when Person 17 arrived and they went into their hotel room. He asked Person 17 whether she had been lying to him about the pregnancy and which flight she had been on that day. The Applicant told Person 17 that he knew she had not been in Brisbane to have a termination that morning as he knew which flight she arrived on because he had access to the Virgin flight manifest, and that he had people following her (Person 17 had caught a flight that arrived at about lunchtime). The Applicant showed Person 17 video footage of her on his phone in which she was wearing the dress she had been wearing that day. Person 17 felt frightened and intimidated. The Applicant made Person 17 do a pregnancy test in front of him, which showed a positive result (in that hCG was still detectable in Person 17's system notwithstanding the miscarriage). Person 17 told the Applicant about the miscarriage. After the Applicant saw the positive result and was told about the miscarriage he calmed down.

- 29. During dinner that night the Applicant told Person 17 that he was "a good friend to have", and that he was not someone she would want to get on the wrong side of. The Applicant did not use a threatening tone when he said this, but was assertive. The Applicant also told Person 17 a story about an Army friend whose wife 'Chantelle' had left him and had ended up with a (false) AVO taken out against her. He told Person 17 that if he wanted to he could get into her bank accounts. During dinner the Applicant asked Person 17 when she last checked her Telegram messages. Also during dinner the Applicant asked Person 17 if she ever thought about telling his wife about the affair, and told Person 17 that it would be dangerous for her to do that.
- 30. When Person 17 returned to the hotel room and checked her phone (which she had left in the room during dinner), she saw that the message chat thread between the Applicant and Person 17 had been deleted. Person 17 does not know how the Applicant managed to do this as he did not have direct access to her phone.
- 31. After this meeting Person 17 felt shaken and was worried about what the Applicant was capable of.
- 32. On about 13 March 2018 Person 17 met with an old friend of hers named Sue Newton who was a senior Queensland Police Officer as Person 17 was concerned by the Applicant's intimidating behaviour. Person 17 told Ms Newton about the state of her marriage and her relationship with the Applicant, and about the events of the previous week, referred to in paragraphs 28 to 30 above. Ms Newton advised Person 17 that she should stop seeing the Applicant.
- 33. In about March 2018 the Applicant told Person 17 that he had needed to "lose" the phone referred to in paragraph 7 above and needed Person 17 to be a witness to it being lost, even if that meant revealing the affair.
- 34. In about March 2018 the Applicant told Person 17 that on 9 February 2018 when Person 17 left the apartment in London (referred to in paragraph 22 above) he had accessed her phone to "check the geodata" to locate her, but by the time he did she was back at the apartment.
- 35. On 27 March 2018 the Applicant told Person 17 that he was considering job opportunities in the US, in the Napa Valley and Utah, and in Singapore. He asked Person 17 if she would travel with him when he went for final discussions/interviews, and if she would come and be with him in Singapore if he took a 6-month contract on offer there. The Applicant also asked Person 17 to travel to Hong Kong with him in July.
- 36. On the morning of 28 March 2018 Person 17 accompanied the Applicant to the Australian War Memorial where he gave an interview. After the interview Person 17 and the Applican t had lunch at Pialligo Estate Winery.
- 37. That evening Person 17 accompanied the Applicant as his guest to a dinner for the Prime Minister's Veterans Employment Awards which was held in the Great Hall at Parliament House.

- The Applicant was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The Applicant introduced Person 17 to people that evening as a client from Channel 7.
- 38. Throughout the night Person 17 was drinking and became intoxicated. At one point she dropped a half full glass of champagne as she went to put it down. The Applicant looked unhappy with Person 17 that night. During the night Person 17 spoke to various people including a private conversation with Vice-Admiral Ray Griggs. The Applicant was watching Person 17 as she spoke to the Vice-Admiral and did not look happy. The Applicant told Person 17 the following morning that that he had tried to leave the function several times, indicating to Person 17 to follow him out of the venue, but that Person 17 had not noticed.
- 39. As she was leaving the venue Person 17 asked a man to help her find the Applicant and indicated that she was supposed to be getting a lift back to her hotel with him. The man directed and accompanied Person 17 towards the car park.
- 40. The underground carpark, where the Applicant was waiting, was down a set of fire stairs. The steps comprised of two sets of concrete steps of about 8 steps each which turned back on themselves with a landing in between, and a railing. When Person 17 was about half way down the first set of steps she turned to look over her left shoulder to speak to the man behind her and slipped and fell. Person 17 fell down about 2-3 steps onto the landing. As she fell Person 17 hit her left thigh against the edge of a step and bumped the left side of her forehead against the adjacent concrete wall or stair railing. Person 17 did not suffer any cuts or bleeding to her head but her forehead hurt. The Applicant told Person 17 she had a lump on her forehead.
- 41. The Applicant and Person 17 were driven back to the hotel in a CommCar. During the trip there was discussion about whether Person 17 should be taken to a doctor or hospital. Person 17 was crying and hysterical and thought that she should. Person 17's father had fallen backwards from a height of only 2 steps onto concrete in March 2017. He fractured his skull in several places and suffered from bleeding on the brain, which badly affected him for many months. Person 17 was very worried about the effect of any form of head injury. The Applicant said that he didn't think Person 17 needed medical attention and instructed the driver to take them from Parliament House straight to the Realm Hotel.
- 42. When Person 17 and the Applicant arrived at their hotel room the Applicant became confrontational. While they were standing in the entrance area to the room the Applicant stood close to Person 17, grabbed her shoulders and shook her and said "Fuck [Person 17], what the fuck have you done". The Applicant was irate and appeared very stressed. The Applicant then started pacing around the room in the area between the entrance and the small dining table. The Applicant and Person 17 had an argument about Person 17's behaviour that evening. The Applicant was not shouting or yelling but his voice and tone was aggressive, direct, menacing and stern. The Applicant said to Person 17 that he had trusted her and let her into his world and that Person 17 had embarrassed him and treated the event "like a high school formal". The Applicant

- said to Person 17 that she was "all over" the other men at the dinner and that they would all know they were having an affair. The Applicant told Person 17 that he wished he had just left her at the venue and that it was not good for him to be seen leaving with her at all, especially after she had embarrassed them both by falling down the stairs and causing a scene.
- 43. Person 17 said to the Applicant multiple times that she was sorry. Person 17 was standing in front of the Applicant and holding both of his hands trying to steady herself and trying to get him to calm down and come to bed. They were moving further into the room. Person 17 and the Applicant were both still fully dressed.
- As they were standing close to the base of the bed and Person 17 was holding both of the Applicant's hands she said to him that her head was hurting. The Applicant replied "it's going to fucking hurt more" or "I'll show you what fucking hurt is". The Applicant then withdrew his right hand from Person 17's hold and punched Person 17 on her left temple with a clenched right fist. It hurt Person 17 a lot. Person 17 staggered back towards the bed, and fell back on to a bench/ottoman along the end of the bed and ended up lying on the bed. She felt an immense, blinding, dull pain in her head. Person 17 felt shocked and emotional. She lay still as she didn't know what the Applicant was going to do next and she thought that he might hit her again. The Applicant did not say anything further, he walked around the bed and went into the bathroom. Person 17 then blacked out.
- 45. During the night Person 17 woke up. She was naked. She got up to go to the bathroom and the Applicant stood at the door watching her as she was dazed and unsteady on her feet. Person 17 said to the Applicant that her head was hurting and that she wanted to go to the hospital. The Applicant told Person 17 that she would be ok and that he would look after her. At some point during the night the Applicant initiated sex with Person 17. After sex the Applicant lay beside Person 17 in the bed and held her. Person 17 told the Applicant multiple times that she was sorry and that she loved him. He responded that he loved her too and that it was all going to be ok.
- 46. The Applicant woke Person 17 early the next morning as they were booked on a flight at about 7am. Person 17 struggled to open her left eye. When she looked in the mirror she saw that it was swollen and black. The left side of her forehead was enlarged. Her head was very sore, more sore than it had been after the fall and before the punch.
- 47. The Applicant had made Person 17 a coffee. He had packed all of her things and had laid out some clothes for her to wear. He had also charged her iPhone. Person 17 was worried about what the Applicant may have done to/with her phone while she was asleep. The Applicant showed Person 17 photos on his iPhone that he had taken of her lying in the bed naked and with what appeared to be a green Chux dishwashing cloth on her head. The Applicant told Person 17 that he had sat up all night putting ice on her head and checking her vital signs. The Applicant asked Person 17 if he needed to keep those photos with the time and date stamp on them. Person 17 didn't respond.

- 48. At the airport the Applicant bought Person 17 some painkillers. The Applicant and Person 17 did not talk much at the airport or on the flight as they did not sit next to each other.
- 49. When Person 17 and the Applicant arrived in Brisbane the Applicant and Person 17 spoke in the airport and then went to continue their conversation in his car. The Applicant was driving home from Brisbane and Person 17 had a connecting flight to which was not for a few hours.
- 50. When they were in the car the Applicant said to Person 17 "What happens now for us will depend on you and what you say to [Person 17's husband] about how you got the black eye". The Applicant asked Person 17 "Do you remember what happened last night in the room?" Person 17 responded "No". Person 17 was too afraid to say otherwise. The Applicant then said "Good girl. You hurt yourself when you fell over." The Applicant also said "If you want there to be any hope for us to continue seeing each other you should do what I say. Tell [Person 17's husband] that you were drinking alone in your hotel room in Brisbane, that you were sad and emotional about the marriage breakdown, that you had taken a sleeping tablet to help you sleep, then when you went out to get food later in the night you were unsteady and fell down some stairs. If [Person 17's husband] asks tell him that I wasn't with you". The Applicant did not apologise to Person 17 for punching her or explicitly refer to it. It was implicit in the conversation that this was what they were talking about.
- 51. A photo Person 17 took of her eye on the morning of 29 March 2018 is annexed and marked A.
- 52. An exchange of Telegram messages between the Applicant and Person 17 on 29 March 2018 is annexed and marked **B**.
- On the afternoon of 29 March 2018 Person 17 saw a doctor about her facial injuries. Her usual GP was not available so she saw another doctor. The doctor asked her how she got the injuries and asked if someone had hit her. She told the doctor that she fell down the stairs after a drunken night out.
- 54. A photo Person 17 took of her eye on 31 March 2018 is annexed and marked **C**.
- 55. Between about 31 March 2018 and 2 April 2018 Person 17 told her husband that the Applicant had assaulted her.
- On the morning of 3 April 2018 Person 17 was approached by a man whilst she was walking on the beach near her house. The man showed Person 17 two sexually explicit photographs of the Applicant and Person 17 in what appeared to be a room at The Milton hotel. The man told Person 17 to tell the Applicant's wife about the affair otherwise he would make the photographs public.
- 57. On 3 April 2018 the Applicant telephoned Person 17 and said that they needed to end the relationship and that it had become dangerous and unhealthy for both of them, and they couldn't trust each other anymore. Person 17 knew this was right but was upset, and asked the Applicant if she could see him one last time so that things didn't end on a sour note.

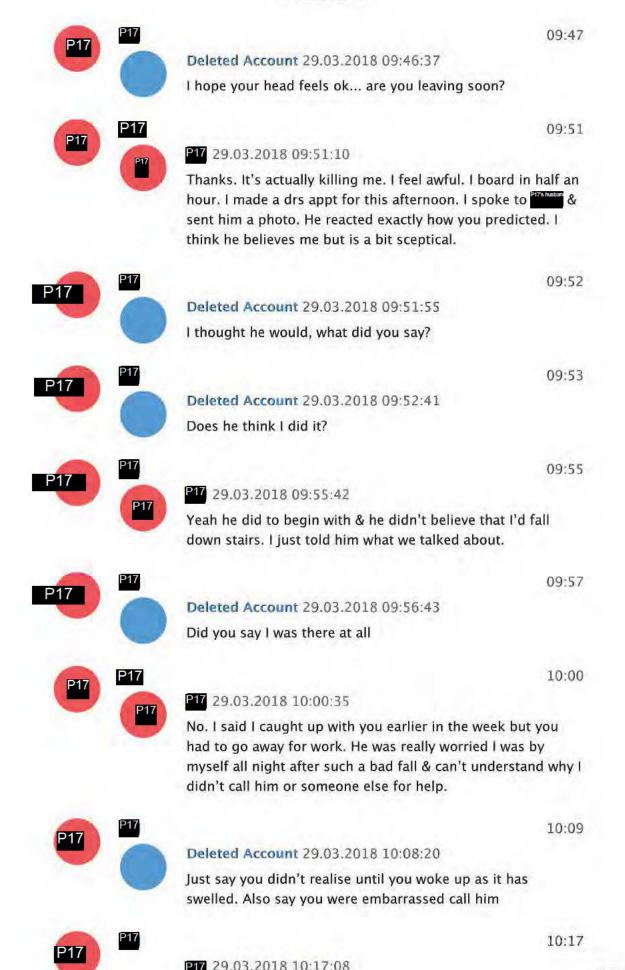
- 58. On 5 April 2018 Person 17 met the Applicant at the Novotel, Brisbane Airport. During the time they were together the Applicant and Person 17 discussed the end of the relationship. The Applicant said "it is for the best" and "it needs to happen". Person 17 replied "I agree". The Applicant said to Person 17 "You are like crack and I am going to find it very hard to give you up." Person 17 said "I feel the same way." The Applicant and Person 17 discussed meeting up again in June to see where they were both at in their lives and respective marriages and how they both felt about each other then.
- 59. At dinner the Applicant said to Person 17 that he had been through her handbag on 28 March 2018, and showed her photographs of the contents of her handbag. The Applicant said to Person 17 "as long as we are on the same page all I will ever do is protect you. If you don't do anything stupid you will be fine. But I will burn your house down if you turn on me, and it might not be you who gets hurt but people that you love". The Applicant said these things as a matter of fact, and not in an aggressive way. Person 17 was very affronted by what the Applicant said and felt the threats were very real.
- 60. On 6 April 2018 Person 17 travelled to the Applicant's house to disclose the affair to the Applicant's wife. Person 17believed that it was necessary to bring the affair into the open with the Applicant's wife so that the affair could end permanently.
- 61. The Applicant's wife was initially not home but Person 17 asked the lady she spoke to, who appeared to be a cleaner or housekeeper, if she would call the Applicant's wife on the phone and ask her to come home, which she did. Person 17 spoke to the Applicant's mother in law whilst she was there. The Applicant's mother in law asked Person 17 how she got the black eye, and whether the Applicant had hit her. When the Applicant's wife arrived back home, she also asked Person 17 whether the Applicant had caused the black eye. Person 17 did not tell the Applicant's mother in law or wife that the Applicant had punched her. She was scared that if she did she would be in greater danger from the Applicant than she already was for disclosing the affair. As Person 17 was preparing to leave, the Applicant's father-in-law joined the group conversation which was taking place and the Applicant's wife introduced Person 17 as "Ben's affair".
- On 8 and 20 April 2018 Person 17 attended police station in an attempt to report the assault and the Applicant's threats. Person 17 asked to speak to someone senior. Person 17 was concerned not to name the Applicant to just anyone due to his public profile and the connections she believed he had with the AFP, Queensland Police Service and military personnel. Person 17 was not able to speak to anyone senior so did not report the Applicant's conduct at these times.
- 63. In mid-April 2018 Person 17's husband told her that he heard there was a big news story coming out about the Applicant. Person 17 was concerned the story was about the affair and attempted to get in contact with the Applicant, including by giving the Applicant's personal assistant a new password for the Gmail account as the Applicant had changed his mobile number.

- On or around 21 April, Person 17 looked at the 'recent activity' on the Gmail account and noticed that somebody had accessed the Gmail account and was googling Person 17's home address.
- On 22 April 2018 Person 17 received an email on the Gmail account from a person purportedly named 'Danielle Kennedy'. Person 17 engaged in an email exchange with this person. Person 17 considered that 'Danielle Kennedy' was acting on the Applicant's behalf in an attempt to intimidate Person 17 and to prevent Person 17 from contacting people close to the Applicant about the domestic violence incident.
- 66. On 30 May 2018 Person 17 met with Federal Agent Carol Hugi and Federal Agent Stephen Cato from the AFP and reported the Applicant's conduct toward her. Person 17 told the officers that she was not seeking for them to bring charges against the Applicant but she wanted to report it as she was fearful for her safety and of retribution by the Applicant.
- On 5 June 2018 Person 17 spoke with Detective Superintendent Scott Moller from the AFP.

 Person 17 told him that she was very worried about the consequences of making a formal complaint against the Applicant and that she did not know if she wanted to become involved in a criminal trial as a witness. On 7 June 2018 Person 17 telephoned Superintendent Moller and told him that she did not want charges to be brought against the Applicant.
- 68. The police investigation was referred to ACT Police. On 7 June 2018 Person 17 spoke with Detective Sergeant Matt Innes of ACT Police and repeated her concerns as outlined in paragraph 67 above.
- 69. On 14 and 15 June 2018 Person 17 met with Detective Sergeant Innes and Blake McClintock. Person 17 told the police officers that her position in relation to making a formal complaint had not changed. They replied that they would continue to investigate.
- 70. On 13 August 2018 Person 17 received a call from Detective Sergeant Innes. He said to her that she needed to confirm whether or not she was prepared to formalise the complaint against the Applicant because they could not proceed with charges in the absence of a formal statement and her willingness to then testify against the Applicant.
- 71. On 24 August 2018 Person 17 emailed Detective Sergeant Innes and told him that she had decided not to formalise the complaint.

Photograph of Person 17

29 March 2018





Yeah I said that last night I thought it was only a bit swollen up where I'd knocked it so I put some ice on it & fell asleep not realising until this morning how serious it was. I've some other bruises – including a massive one on my thigh on the same side of my body – which will hopefully make the falling story more believable. I think having my period will also work in my favour in terms of convincing him I wasn't with you.



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Ok, well hopefully he believes you and is sympathetic... try and get another sleep on the plane.

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I hope so too. I'm boarding now. My head is still so sore & I'm feeling it in my body now too. I'm starting to worry a bit actually.



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Just get to the doc but it's ok, it's natural for you to get sorer over the next 24...



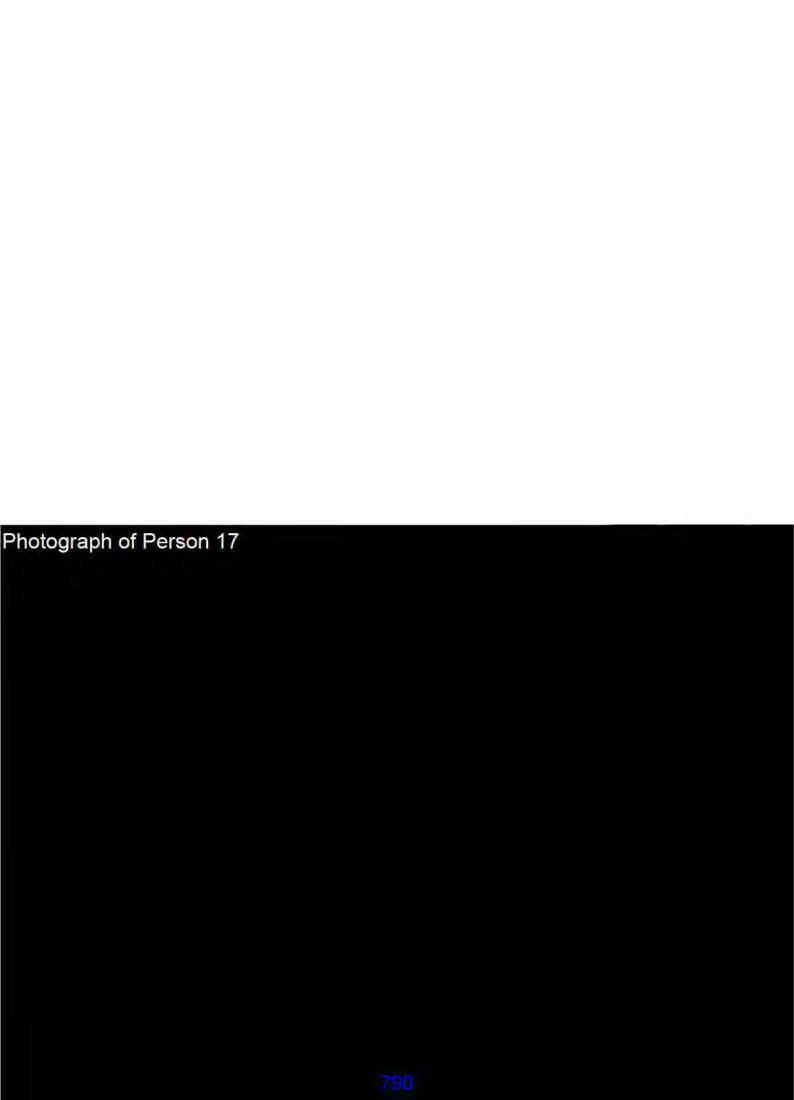
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I just finished at the doctor. He said the black eye will be around for 3-4 weeks & will likely get worse & spread further down my face! Otherwise all ok. If I go backwards in the next couple of days he'll do a scan but that's very unlikely.



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I'm really glad to hear that your injuries are not worse and that you'll be better soon. I was legitimately worried last night which is why I stayed up but I'm sure that ice helped to some degree. I'm not going to bullshit you par your behaviour has given me real cause to think and I'm a little in shock myself. Apart putting yourself in a dangerous situation I found it really disrespectful and inappropriate. In saying that however I acknowledge you have apologised and I accept your apology.



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Outline of Evidence of Emma Roberts-Smith

No. NSD 1485 of 2018

Federal Court of Australia

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Division: General

Ben Roberts-Smith

Applicant

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First Respondent

Nick McKenzie

Second Respondent

Chris Masters

Third Respondent

David Wroe

Fourth Respondent

Background

- 1. As noted in my previous outline, Ben and I have been married since 2003. We have twin daughters, Eve and Elizabeth.
- 2. Our housekeeper, Diane Young, comes once a week on a Friday to help. I always try to make sure our twin girls are out of the house for at least part of the time Diane is there. Diane has been working for Ben and me for about five years.
- 3. In October 2017, Ben and I separated. I knew from conversations that I had had with Ben since we separated that he had been seeing someone by that name. Although Ben had moved out of the house during our separation, I continued to manage his

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public speaking engagements, he regularly came for dinner to see the girls and he would sometimes stay over at the house in the spare room. We also went on a family holiday to Singapore together in January 2018.

Events of 6 April 2018

- 4. On 6 April 2018, I left home at around 8:45am to take the girls to an art class.
- 5. At around 9.30am I received a call from Diane's phone. I said "Hi Disey". A woman who was not Diane said to me in substance: "I'm a friend of your husband's, I would like to speak with you." I said: "Who are you?" She responded: "My name is **** ******. I told her in substance: "I know who you are. Tell me what you need to tell me". Person 17 said: "No, I want to see you in person". I replied: "I'm coming home now". I am aware that this person is to be referred to as "Person 17" in these proceedings.
- 6. I immediately telephoned Ben and said to him "Person 17 is at our house". Ben asked: "Who is there? Where are the girls?" I said: "Di is there I have to go."
- 7. I then rang Diane on her mobile and said in substance: "It's her. I am on my way. I don't want her in our house". Diane responded: "Don't worry. She is in the garden."
- 8. I arrived home about 15 minutes later. Diane, my mother and my stepfather were all at the house. My mum and stepfather had previously arranged to come over to help me do some gardening. I could see Person 17 sitting on a chair in the front garden. I walked into the courtyard and I stood in front of her. I observed that she was wearing dark sunglasses.
- 9. I did not introduce Person 17 to my stepfather as "Ben's affair" as alleged in paragraph 61 of her Outline of Evidence. I was the last person to arrive at the house. It did not occur to me to introduce Person 17 to anyone. Person 17 and I had a conversation to the following effect:

Me: What do you want to tell me? Just tell me what you have to say and never come here again.

Person 17: I wanted to see you.

Me: Can you take your sunglasses off. I want to look you in the eye.

Person 17 took her sunglasses off and I observed that she had a black eye.

Me: What happened to your face?

Person 17: I fell down some stairs when I was drunk.

Me: What stairs?

Person 17: At Parliament House. At the Prime Minister's Veterans Employment

Awards.

Me: When?

Person 17: Last week. I have a massive bruise on my hip too.

Me: How did you find our address?

Person 17: I tried to Google you.

Me: Well that's not how you found us – we have a suppressed address.

Person 17: I needed to see Ben one more time. I got it off his driver's licence

while he was in the shower.

Me: Why have you come here?

Person 17 did not answer. She was crying.

Me: Have you come for money?

Person 17: No. I'm not a prostitute.

Me: Have you come to tell me you are going to the press?

Person 17 did not answer. I observed that Person 17 kept touching

her bruised eye.

Person 17: It's because of this he doesn't want to see me anymore.

Me: Because of what?

Person 17: Because I got so drunk and embarrassed him when I fell down the

stairs. He doesn't want to see me anymore.

Me: Aren't you married?

Person 17: Yes. But my husband had an affair, so I had a "hall pass".

Me: So, your husband knows?

Person 17: Yes, I told him the day after I met Ben.

10. I noticed that Person 17 had two mobile phones with her. On one phone I could see that she was receiving text messages from Ben. Each time she received a message from Ben, I observed that she "screenshot" the message. Our conversation continued as follows:

Me: Why are you doing that?

Person 17: I've kept all his messages.

Me: Does he know?

Person 17: No, he thinks they're all deleted. But I've kept everything.

- 11. Person 17 then handed me the mobile phone to show me the messages that she had screenshot and saved over the course of her relationship with Ben. When I told Person 17 that I did not want to see any more of the messages, she proceeded to read some of the messages Ben had sent to her out to me. I said to Person 17 again: You are going to go to the media, aren't you? Person 17 responded in substance: "If the media find out it won't be my fault".
- 12. Over the next two and a half hours Person 17 proceeded to tell me details of her relationship with Ben, details about her unhappy marriage and her issues with her children and her husband. She repeated on several occasions during our conversation the fact that Ben did not want anything more to do with her because she had embarrassed him when she fell down the stairs drunk at Parliament House. Person 17 was very emotional and at times appeared almost hysterical.
- 13. I did not say the words attributed to me in paragraph 61 of her Outline of Evidence. At no point during our discussion did I ask Person 17 whether Ben had given her the black eye. It never even occurred to me that that was a possibility. I have been in a relationship with Ben for 21 years. During those 21 years Ben has never raised or gone to raise a hand to me or made me feel in any way physically intimidated or threatened.

14. At or about 12:30pm I said to Person 17: "I have to go and pick up my children. You need to leave. Don't ever come back to this house." I opened the front gate and then walked over to the veranda where my mother and Diane were standing. Person 17 continued to sit in the garden for a few minutes before getting up and leaving.

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Outline of Evidence - Emma Roberts



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No.

Ben Roberts-Smith

Applicant

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Respondents

The Respondents anticipate that at trial Emma Roberts will give evidence about the following matters:

- Emma Roberts was formerly known as Emma Roberts-Smith and was married to the Applicant until they separated in early 2020.
- On 6 April 2018 Ms Roberts became aware that the Applicant had been having an affair with Person 17.
- After that time the Applicant asked Ms Roberts to lie and say that they were separated at the time
 of the affair to protect him if the matter became public.
- 4. Ms Roberts is subject to a confidentiality agreement with the Applicant which prevents her from disclosing the evidence she will give at trial other than under compulsion. The Respondents anticipate that Ms Roberts will give evidence at trial in relation to the following topics:
 - (a) The Applicant's affair with Person 17 and the events of 6 April 2018 when Person 17 arrived at the Applicant's and Ms Roberts' home in Ilkley Rd on the Sunshine Coast (Ilkley home) to disclose the affair.
 - (b) The circumstances relating to the Applicant's request to Ms Roberts to lie about whether the Applicant and Ms Roberts were separated between October 2017 and April 2018, including in the outline of evidence for Ms Roberts filed by the Applicant in these proceedings.
 - (c) The Applicant's concealment of evidence, including by emailing documents to her in August 2018 and burying USBs in the backyard of the Ilkley home.
 - (d) Steps taken by the Applicant to communicate covertly with witnesses including Person 5, 11, 29 and 35.
 - (e) Steps taken by the Applicant in relation to witnesses against his interests, including Person 18.

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Outline of Evidence - Danielle Scott



No. NSD1485 of 2018

Ben Roberts-Smith

Applicant

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Respondents

The Respondents anticipate that at trial Danielle Scott will give evidence in substance in accordance with this outline of evidence.

Background

- Ms Scott is the best friend of Ms Emma Roberts (formerly known as Emma Roberts-Smith), who
 was married to the Applicant for 22 years. Ms Scott and Ms Roberts have been friends for 45
 years.
- Throughout their friendship Ms Scott and Ms Roberts have communicated very regularly via telephone and text message. Throughout the friendship, and particularly since late 2017, Ms Roberts has confided in Ms Scott.

The Applicant's affair with Person 17

- To the best of Ms Scott's knowledge, the Applicant and Ms Roberts did not separate at any time prior to January 2020. Ms Scott believes that if the Applicant and Ms Roberts separated at any time earlier, Ms Roberts would have told her.
- 4. Between about October 2017 and April 2018, Ms Roberts regularly expressed concern to Ms Scott that the Applicant was having an affair.
- 5. On 6 April 2018 Ms Scott saw that she had a number of missed calls from Ms Roberts on her mobile phone. She called Ms Roberts back and they had a conversation in words to the following effect:
 - S: "Is everything ok?"
 - R: "Are you sitting down?"
 - S: "Do I need to be?"
 - R: "Yes, I'm standing on my verandah and I'm looking at Ben's girlfriend (referring to Person 17)."
- 6. During the conversation with Ms Roberts they had a conversation in words to the following effect:
 - R: "She has a big black eye."
 - S: "How did she get that?"
 - R: "I asked her the same thing, she said she down the stairs at parliament house".
- 7. Ms Scott stayed on the phone for some time. In the background she could hear voices she recognised as Christine Bradley (Ms Roberts' mother), Paul Bradley (Ms Roberts' step-father) and Diane Young (Ms Roberts' house keeper). The phone was passed around and she spoke from time to time to those other people. During the phone call Ms Scott had a conversation with Ms Bradley during which Ms Bradley said to Ms Scott words to the effect "I asked her if Ben gave her the black eye and she said no."
- 8. On 8 April 2018 Ms Scott engaged in a text message exchange with Ms Roberts, a copy of which is attached to this statement and marked **A**.

- 9. On about 20 April 2018, Ms Scott received a call from the Applicant and Ms Roberts. The Applicant and Ms Roberts were driving home from the Gabba in Brisbane, where the Applicant had spoken earlier in the day, and Ms Scott was on speaker phone. The Applicant and Ms Roberts informed Ms Scott that earlier that day Person 17 had contacted the Applicant's personal assistant, Ms Leonie Atkinson, asking the Applicant to log into the joint secret email account he maintained with Person 17. Ms Roberts and the Applicant asked Ms Scott to log into the email account and see what was there. Ms Scott did so and saw that there was a draft email in the account which suggested that Person 17 may have be in trouble and needed help.
- 10. Ms Scott spoke to the Applicant and said words to the effect "do you need me to call her?" The Applicant asked Ms Scott to try to contact Person 17. Ms Scott tried to call Person 17 at least twice that day and again the next day, from a private number. Person 17 did not answer.
- 11. On 22 April 2018 the Applicant sent Ms Scott the text of an email for her to send Person 17. A copy of that email is attachment **B.** Ms Scott set up a Gmail account using the name "Danielle Kennedy" (Kennedy being Ms Scott's mother's maiden name) and sent the email to Person 17.
- 12. On 24 April 2018 the Applicant sent Ms Scott the text of a further email to send to Person 17. A copy of that email is attachment **C.** Ms Scott sent the email to Person 17.
- 13. On 27 April 2018 Ms Scott engaged in a text message exchange with Ms Roberts, a copy of which is attached to this statement and marked **D**.
- 14. At about this time the Applicant said to Ms Scott that he had a video of Person 17 that he said proved she lied about having an abortion.
- 15. In about October 2018 Ms Roberts said to Ms Scott words to the effect "Ben asked if you could contact John McLeod and ask for a copy of the video of [Person 17]." Ms Roberts had previously told Ms Scott that the Applicant had fallout with Mr McLeod. Ms Scott contacted Mr McLeod and asked him for the file. On 22 October 2018 Mr McLeod sent the video to Ms Scott. A copy of a message from Mr McLeod to Ms Scott is attached and marked **E.** Ms Scott provided the video to the Applicant.
- 16. In about July 2019 Ms Roberts told Scott that she lied in her outline of evidence about being separated with the Applicant during his affair with Person 17 because the Applicant pressured her to do so on the basis that if she didn't, she would lose everything.

Conferring with witnesses and phones and SIM cards

- 17. On 9 May 2018 Ms Scott engaged in a text message exchange with Ms Roberts, a copy of which is attached to this statement and marked **F.**
- 18. On or around 9 June 2018, the Applicant asked Ms Scott to purchase him 2 x Telstra pre-paid sim cards and 2 x iPhones. The Applicant said to Ms Scott words to the effect "I want to be able to contact the guys in the unit without our phones being tapped".
- 19. On or around 9 June 2018, Ms Scott purchased 2 x Telstra sim cards and 2 x iPhones in cash from Officeworks and provided them to the Applicant.
- 20. Ms Scott set up the two iPhones using an Apple ID in her name and activated the sim cards (one in her name and one in her husband's).
- 21. On 28 June 2018, the Applicant's company transferred \$914 to Ms Scott as reimbursement for purchasing the sim cards and the iPhone.
- 22. From that time the Applicant and Ms Scott referred to the phones using the code names "handbag 1" and "handbag 2".
- 23. From time to time the Applicant asked Ms Scott to top up the credit on the sim cards and they would reimburse her for doing so.
- 24. In December 2018, the Applicant asked Ms Scott to purchase further sim cards. At about this time Ms Scott purchased a further 2 x Optus sim cards and provided them to the Applicant.
- 25. In January 2019 Ms Scott bought her son an iPhone which she activated using the same Apple ID as that used to activate the iPhones she gave to the Applicant in June 2018. When Ms Scott went

into the contacts on the phone to add her and her husband's contact details to her son's iPhone she noticed that there were five contacts already stored in the phone using the initials of those individuals. Ms Scott checked the number for one of the initials saved against the phone number for Person 11 which she had stored in her own phone (as she had previously been in contact with Person 11 in relation to arranging babysitting in Bali), and the phone numbers matched. Ms Scott asked Ms Roberts about the other initials and Ms Roberts said they were for Persons 35, 29, 5 and 56.

Documents

- 26. From about October 2017 Ms Roberts started forwarding documents to Ms Scott from time to time for safe-keeping. Ms Roberts said to Ms Scott words to the effect "Dan can you keep these for me"
- 27. On 17 August 2018 Ms Roberts sent to Ms Scott four emails. Copies of those emails, and their attachments, are attached and marked **G** to **J**.

Buried USBs

- 28. In or about late 2018, but prior to November 2018, Ms Scott had a telephone conversation with the Applicant and Ms Roberts (who were both on loud speaker). During that conversation the Applicant said words to the effect "the boys are sending me photos".
- 29. At some time prior to 15 March 2020 Ms Roberts told Ms Scott that she suspected that the Applicant had buried something in the backyard.
- 30. On about 16 March 2020 Ms Scott was visiting Ms Roberts and they looked in the backyard to see if they could find what had been buried. They noticed a rock on the ground under a hose reel and dug under it using a pitchfork. About 10-15cm down they found a lunchbox which contained six USBs that had been placed in a plastic snap lock bag. Ms Scott copied the contents of the USBs onto her computer. Ms Scott and Ms Roberts placed the USBs back in the bag and the lunchbox and re-buried it. Ms Scott was contacted by the AFP and she provided a copy of the contents of the USBs to them.
- 31. On 5 June 2020 just before 2pm, Ms Roberts and Ms Scott were on the phone. Ms Roberts told Ms Scott words to the effect "Ben is coming over to collect some documents". During that call they discussed that the Applicant may be coming to retrieve the USBs. Ms Roberts ended the call so she could go and take photos of the area where the lunchbox was buried.
- 32. After the call Ms Roberts sent Ms Scott four photos of the area where the lunchbox had been buried. Those photos are attached and marked **K**. The first two photos were taken at about 2:06pm and the second two were taken at about 2:32pm.
- 33. Screenshots of the file names of the documents Ms Scott copied off the USB are attached and marked **L.**

Enquiries regarding stamps and John McLeod

- 34. Ms Scott used to work at Australia Post. In the period prior to about June 2018 the Applicant contacted Ms Scott and ask her questions about how stamps and franking works, and whether letters could be traced based on the stamps or barcodes.
- 35. In or about February 2020 Ms Scott asked Ms Roberts in effect what happened between the Applicant and Mr McLeod. Ms Roberts replied words to the effect: "Ben got John to send the threatening letters that were referenced in the Fairfax articles in June 2018 and once John realised that Ben had used him to send those letters, John approached Ben about it and they had a falling out."



Dylan Dexter

From: Ben Roberts-Smith <b.robertssmith@icloud.com>

Sent: Sunday 22 April 2018 04:35 PM

To: dscottfl@bigpond.com

Subject: Gmail



My name is Danielle Kennedy and I represent Mr and Mrs Roberts-Smith. I am aware of all details pertaining to your particular situation and have been instructed to contact you using the gmail account details you supplied to Mr Roberts-Smith's office.

I have now try to call your mobile on multiple occasions on Friday 20 April and Saturday 21 April. I have also been corresponding with you via your gmail account and have tried to ascertain a suitable time to speak with you in person. Due to you not providing me an appropriate time to call I am now sending this email.

I will highlight that at no stage has Mr Roberts-Smith, his family, or any associates tried to communicated with you post Friday 06 April 2018 when you arrived without invitation and unannounced to the Roberts-Smith's private residence and were asked to leave.

Due to you calling Mr Roberts-Smith's place of employment and leaving a panicked message that included you stating you have been "threatened" by a 3rd party we feel an obligation to offer you assistance and as such recommend that if you have or are being threatened you should engage the Qld Police. If you require our assistance with that process we are able to connect you with the relevant people.

As Mr Roberts-Smith has made clear to you now on several occasions he does not wish to personally communicate with you through any means. Given the disturbing nature of your last message to Mr Roberts-Smith's office he has requested I assist you where and if required.

I can be contacted through my gmail account as attached. You can expect further correspondence shortly to follow up.

Sincerely

Danielle

Regards

BRS

Attachment C

Dylan Dexter

From: Ben Roberts-Smith <b.robertssmith@icloud.com>

Sent: Tuesday 24 April 2018 04:45 PM

To: dscottfl@bigpond.com

Subject: 2nd Letter

Hi Dan,

As discussed;

P17.

In regard to your letter of reply on the 22nd April.

We have offered you assistance as you requested and as was recorded through Mr Roberts-Smith's personal assistant on the 20 April at 12:57pm where you stated that you were being threatened and required Mr Roberts-Smith's help.

We now acknowledge that you have since changed your position and no longer require any assistance or help. As this is the case you can expect all communication from myself to cease immediately.

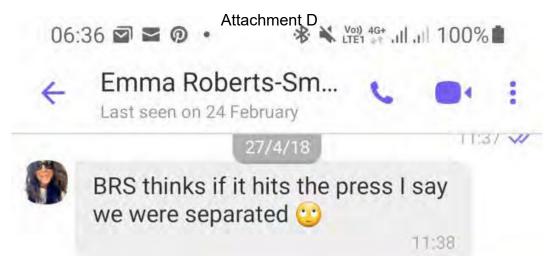
I will reiterate that Mr and Mrs Roberts-Smith have asked you to refrain from attempting to communicate with them, their family, all associates and places of employment.

Sincerely

Danielle Kennedy.

Happy for you to amend if required.

BRS



Oooooh are you ok with that?



Not really 11:38

He thinks that will stop a story lingering

11:39

No I didn't think so ...

But I can see his thinking around this because he thinks it might be the only way that the both of you survive this

11:39 🗸



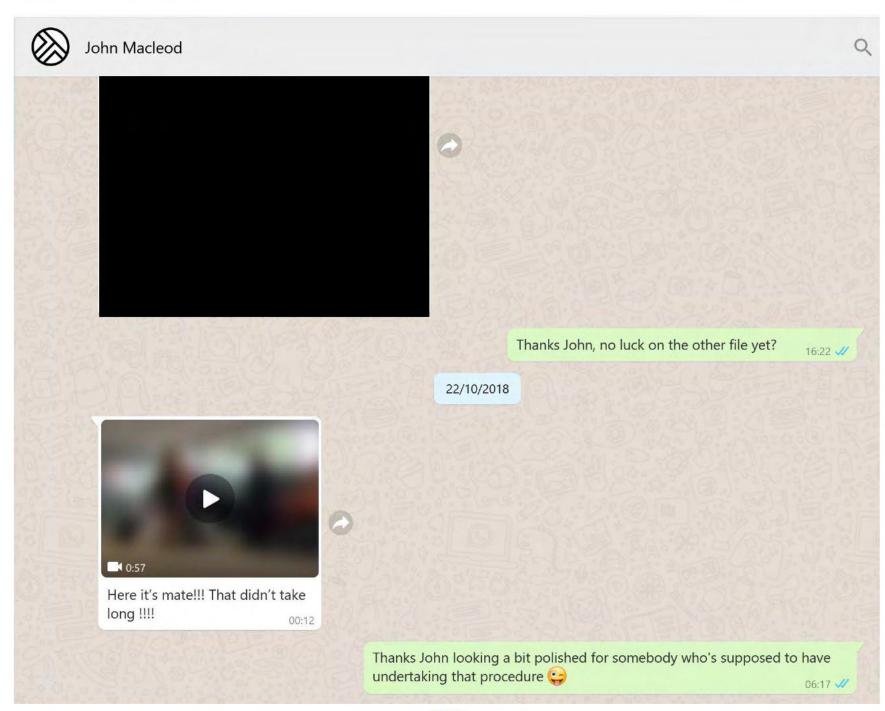
He thinks the press will go oh so what no story and the girls won't actually know when they're older

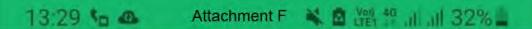
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Type a message...

GIF

O







Emma Roberts-Sm...







Last seen 10 min ago

9/5/18



Hey mate, yeh and brs late he was drilled for hours! Lots of questions about Ben and even to the point of questioning his VC action hence to say he didn't get much sleep! was free to leave for the US with 5 hrs until his flight!!

5:41

Fark 6:04 W

So if they let go ... that's gotta be a good sign right?

6:11 W



Yeh 6:13

It's obvious that someone has said a hell of a lot about Ben

5:13

But they also have to be able to prove it



6:14

Type a message...

















Attachment G

Subject: Fwd: Image 1

Date: Friday, 17 August 2018 at 2:06:56 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time

From: Emma

To: dscottfl@bigpond.com

Attachments: IMG_0399.jpg

Sent from my iPhone

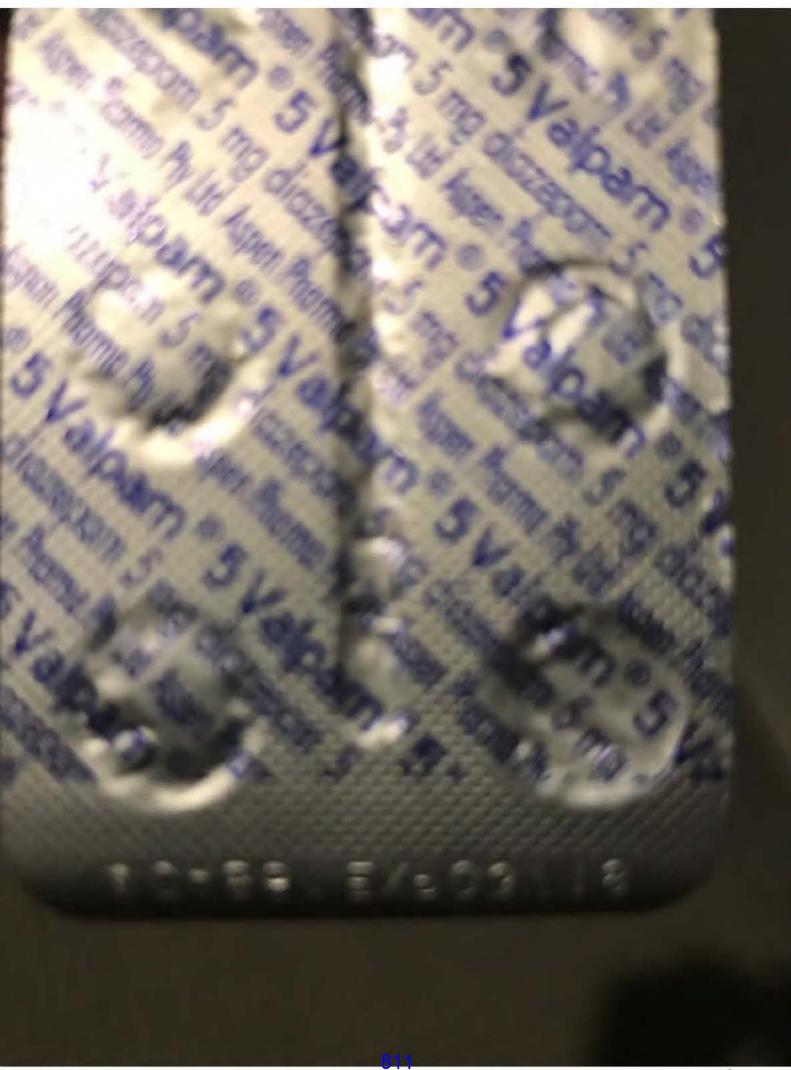
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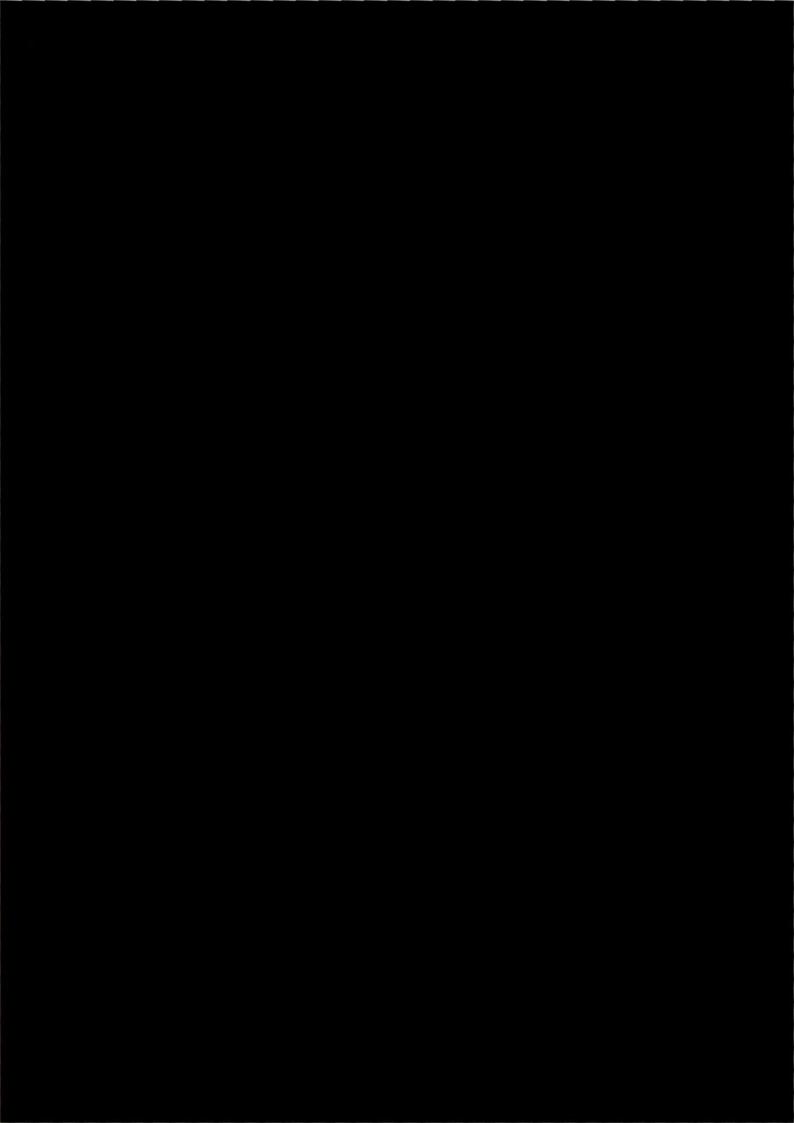
Date: 17 August 2018 at 1:56:30 pm AEST

To: Emma Roberts-Smith < emma@rsgroupaustralia.com>

Subject: Image 1











Attachment J

Subject: Fwd: Copy

Date: Friday, 17 August 2018 at 2:07:17 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time

From: Emma

To: dscottfl@bigpond.com

Attachments: IMG_0444.jpg, IMG_0445.jpg

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ben Roberts-Smith < b.robertssmith@me.com >

Date: 17 August 2018 at 1:58:46 pm AEST

To: Emma Roberts-Smith < emma@rsgroupaustralia.com>

Subject: Copy



Jenny Hosey · typing



April 6

No. It most certainly is not blackmail. I'm not asking for or expecting anything from you. 17:51

Please don't waste your time with intimidation or payback either. The benefit of seeing what you were capable of a few weeks back & knowing the threats you've made to me since is that I immediately put in place "insurance" in the event that anything should happen to me or my family. I know you will blame me but I hope you'll also remember that we're in this position because of what we've BOTH done.

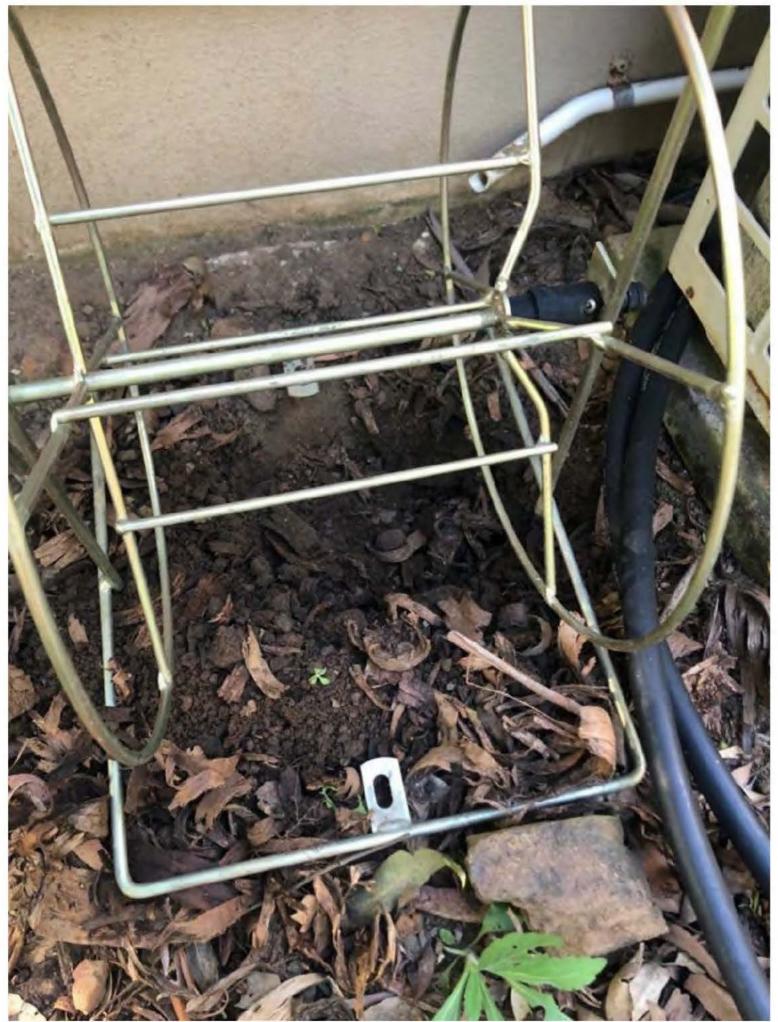
What I did today wasn't planned & it's not something I ever thought I would do but I believe I made the right decision. I know you're angry but I did it for your own good. Some day I hope you'll see that & be thankful. If you love Emma & genuinely want to fix your marriage then it needed to come out. She deserves the truth & she was never going to get it from you. You've been lying to everybody & it's time to stop. To quote your message to me from this morning - I know you will be ok & you will work though it. Your marriage is strong &

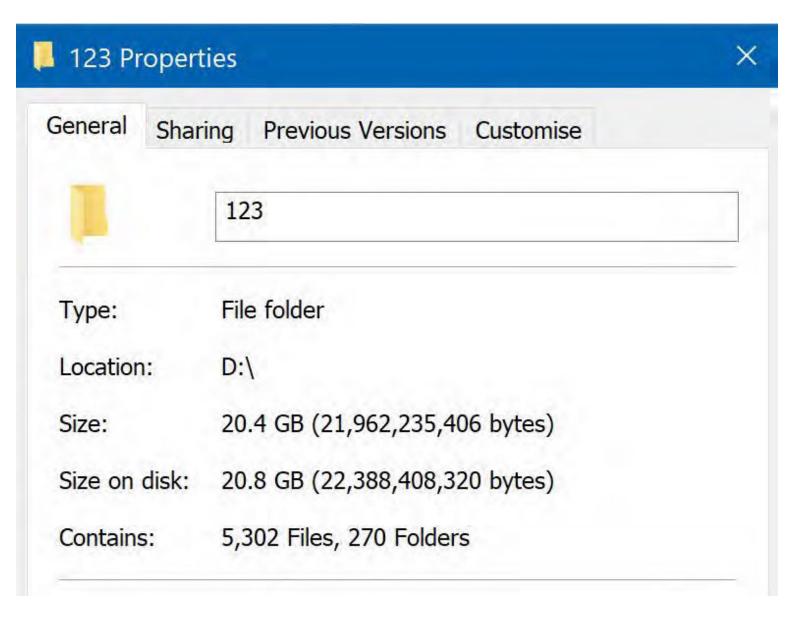


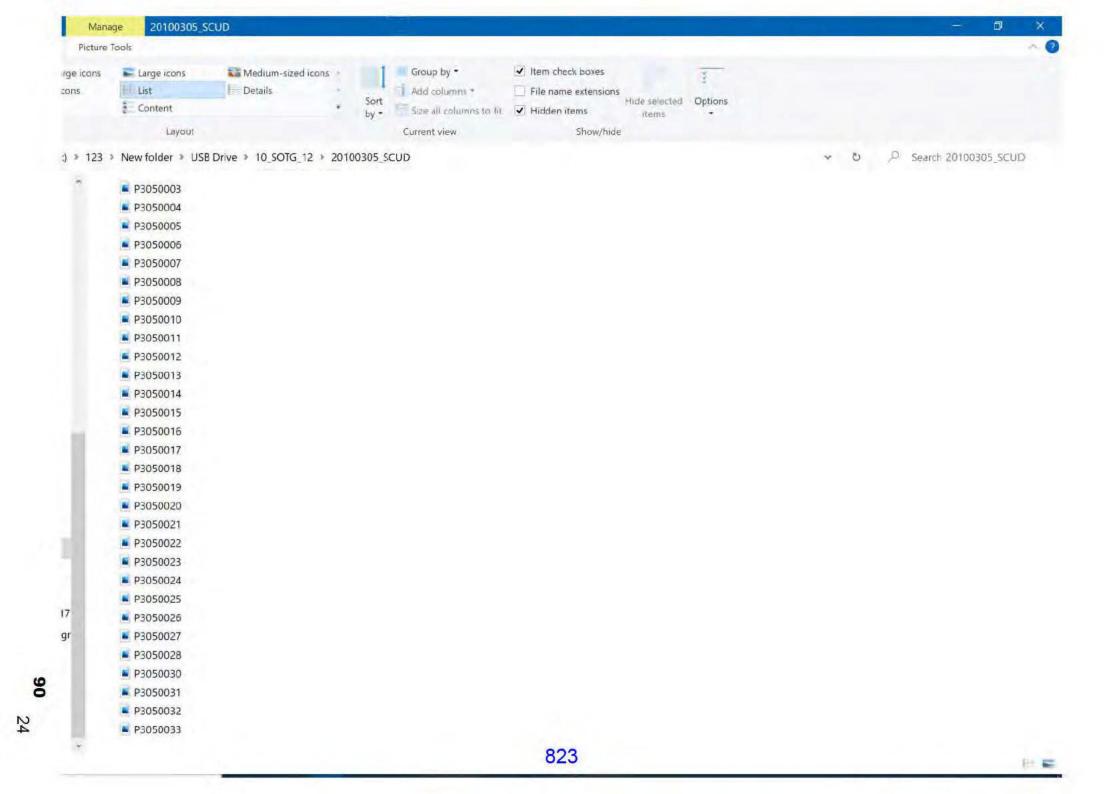


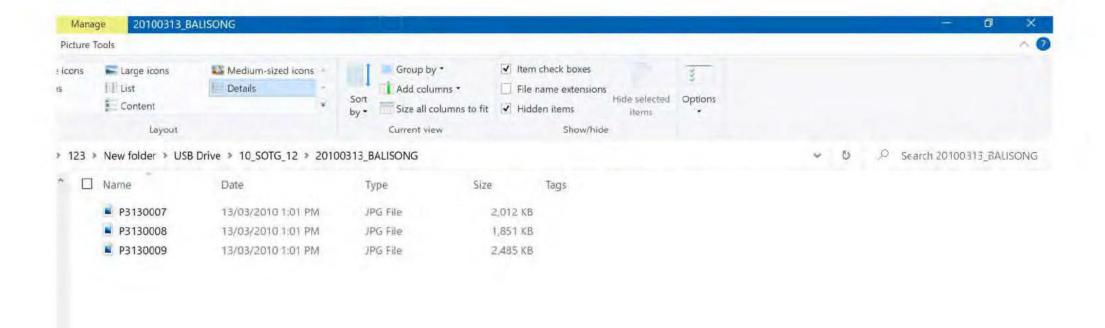


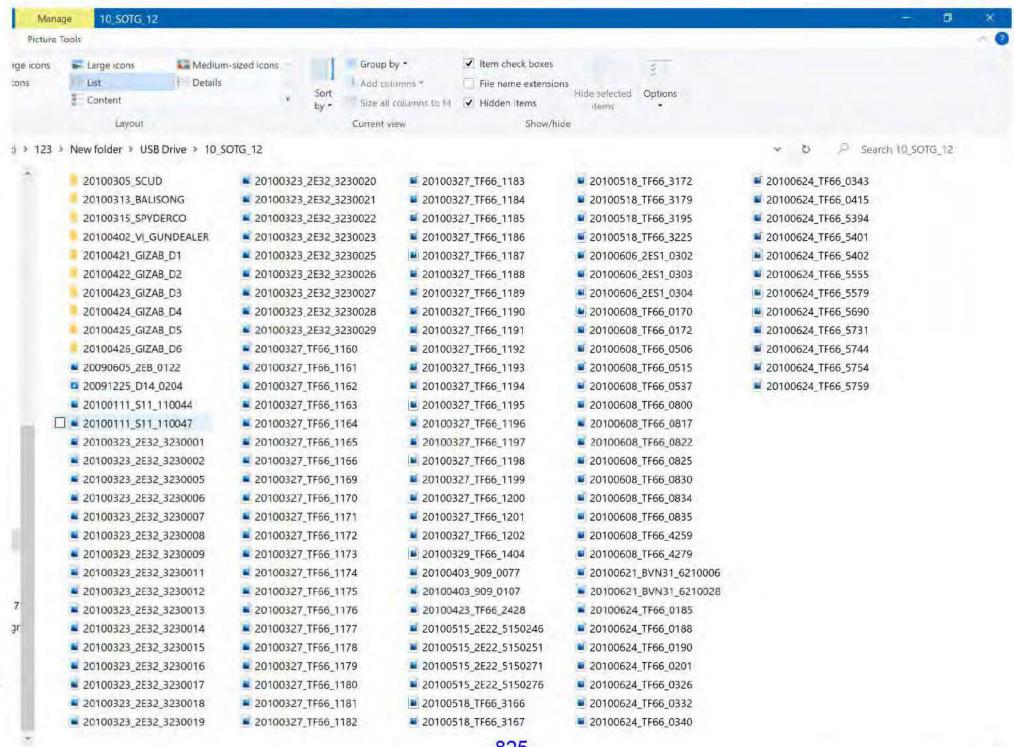


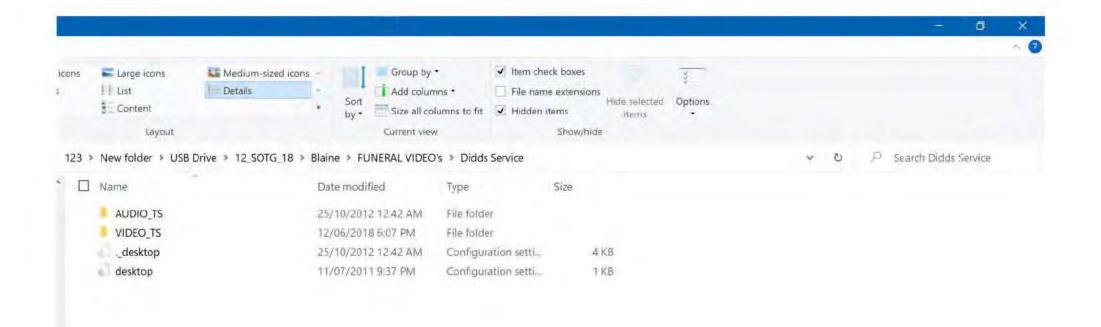


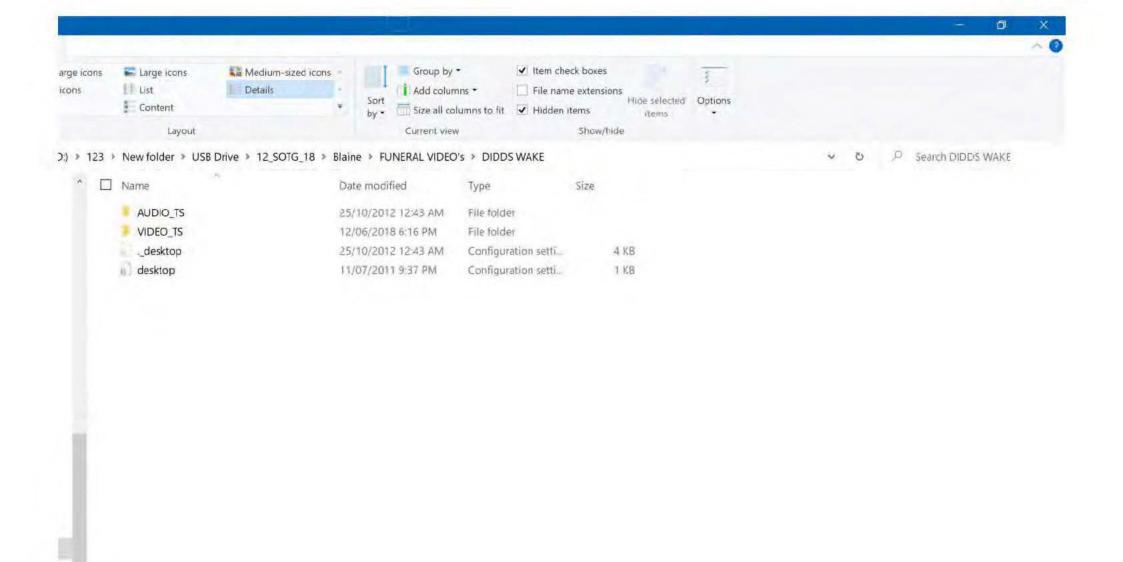






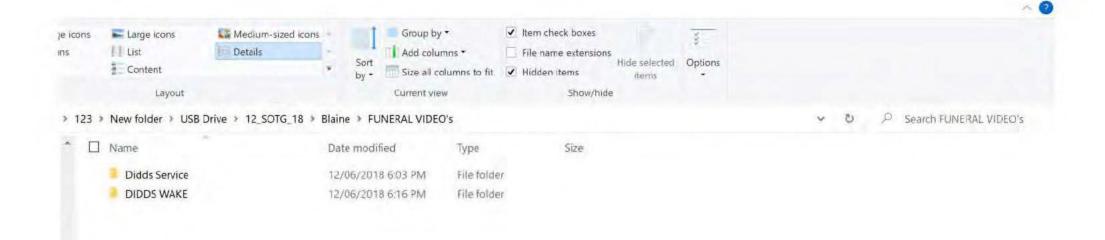


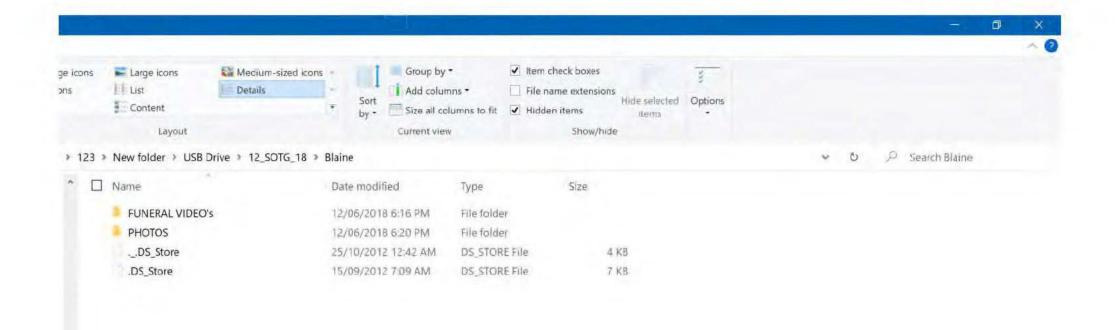


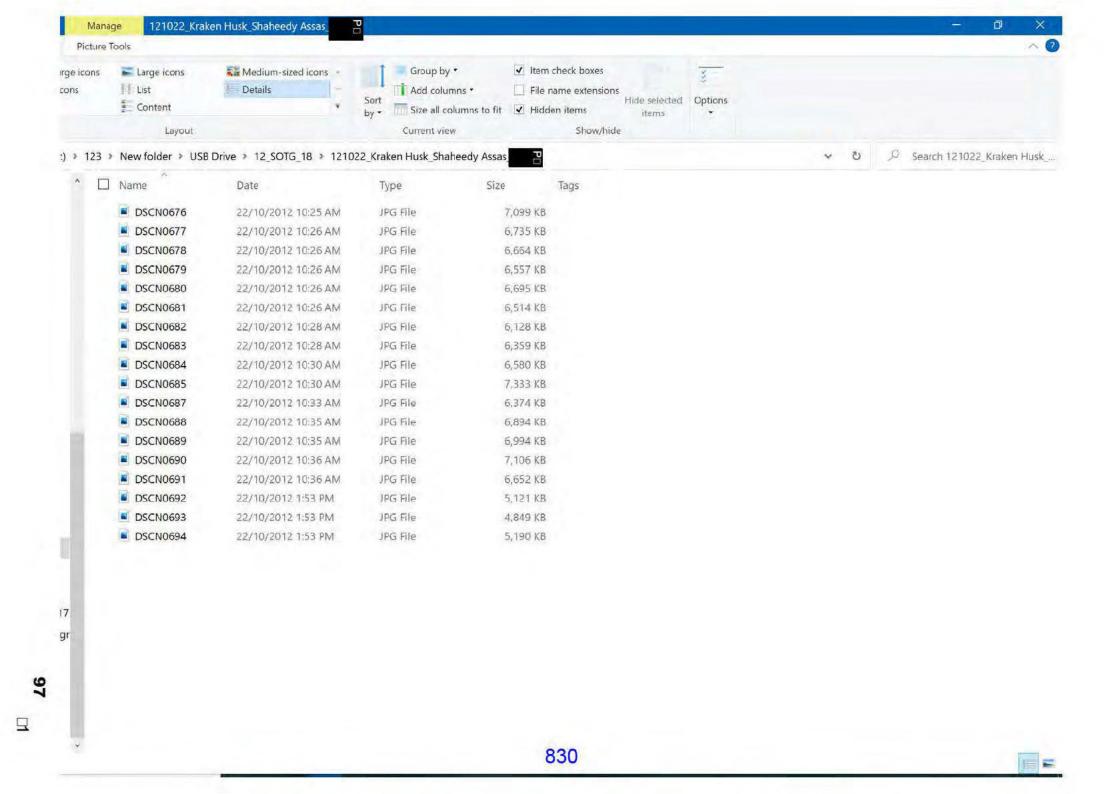


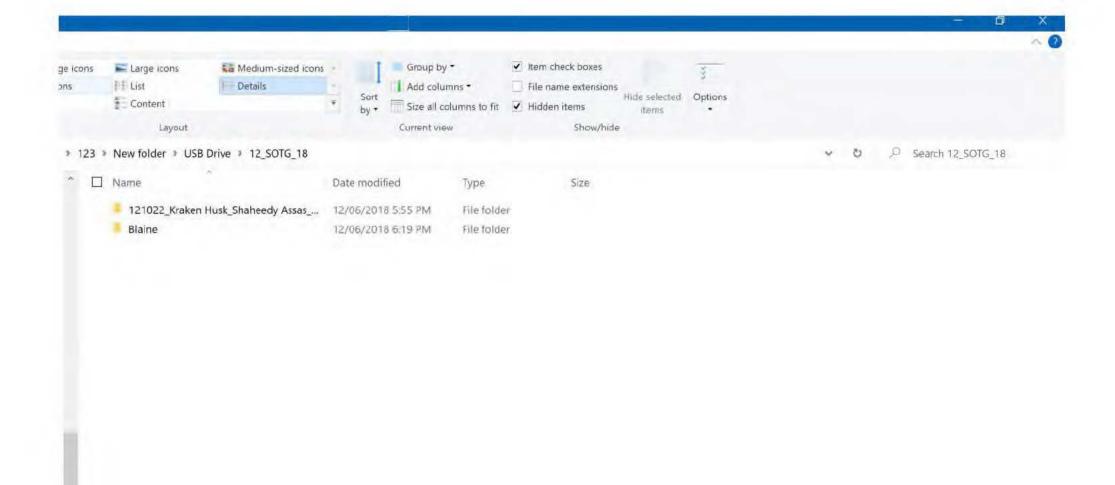
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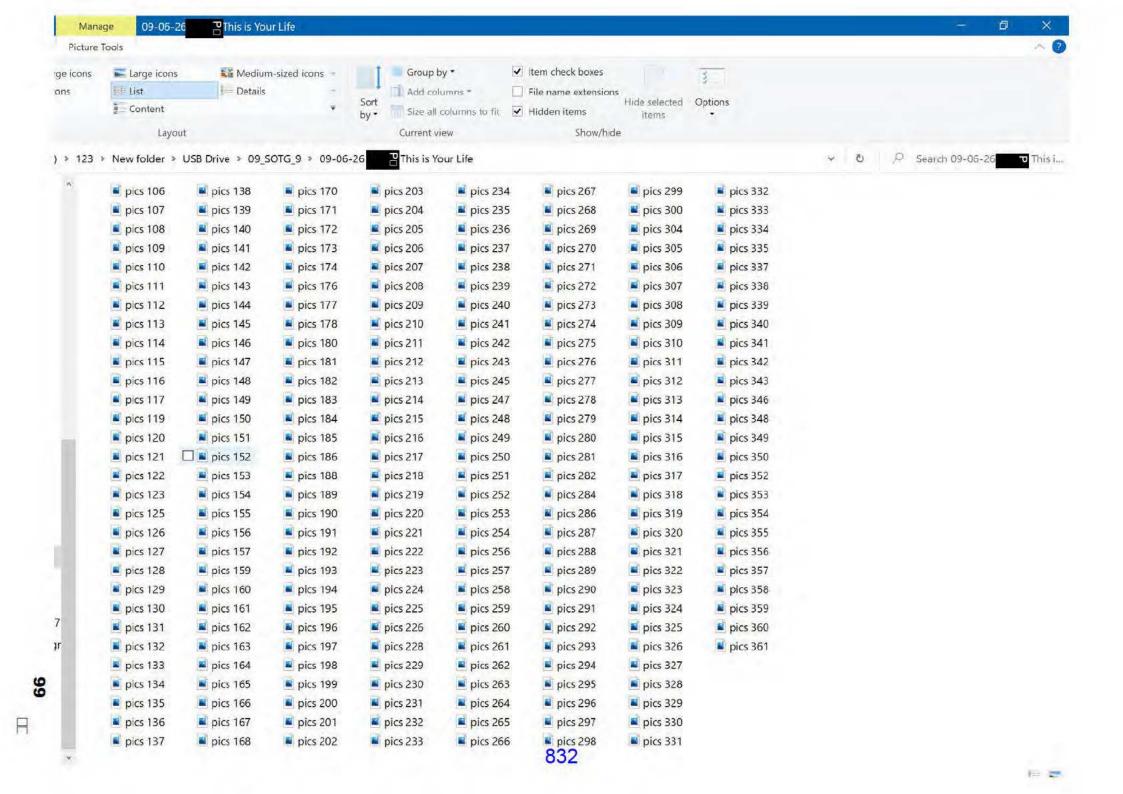


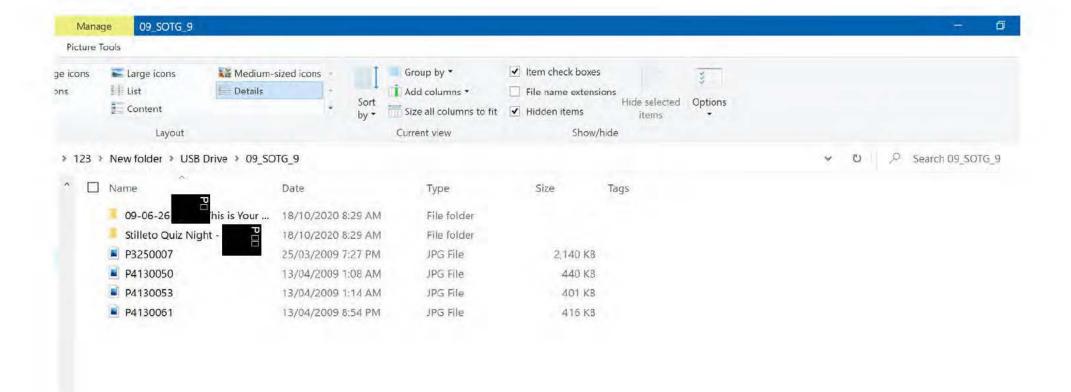


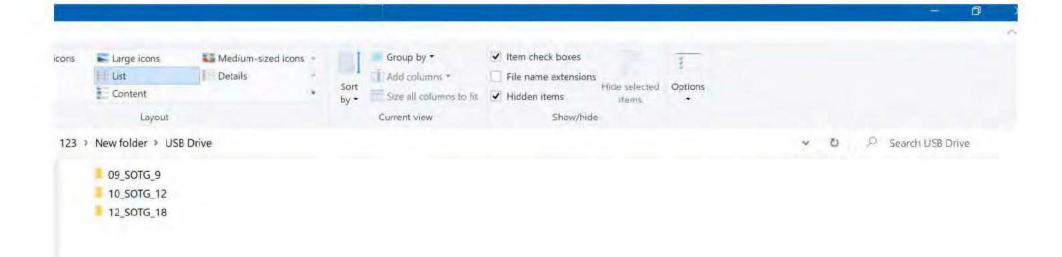


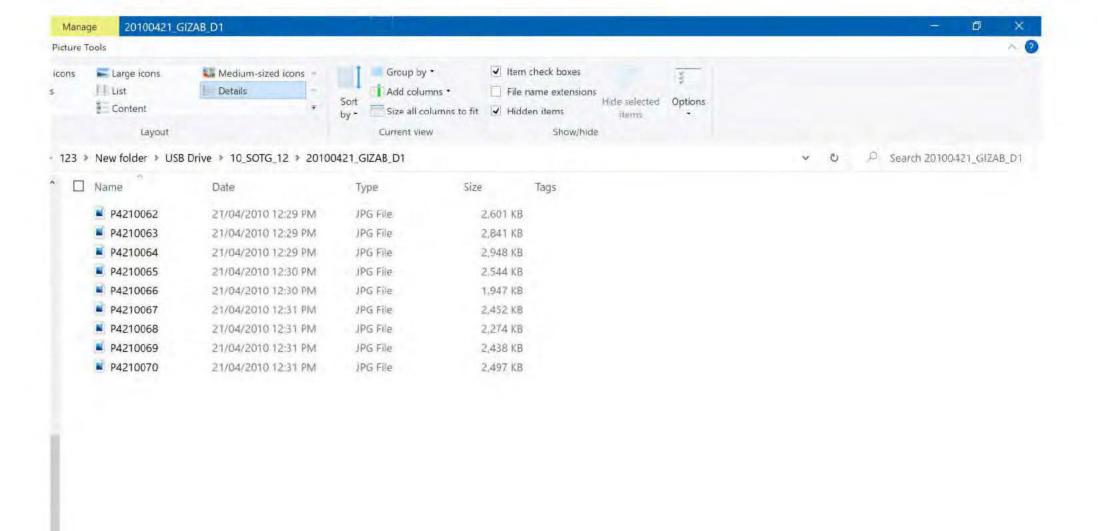


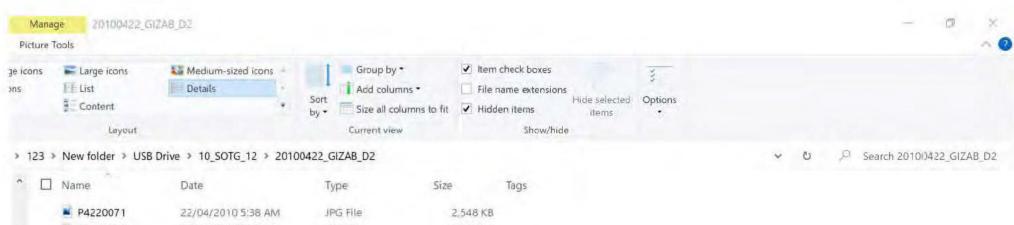






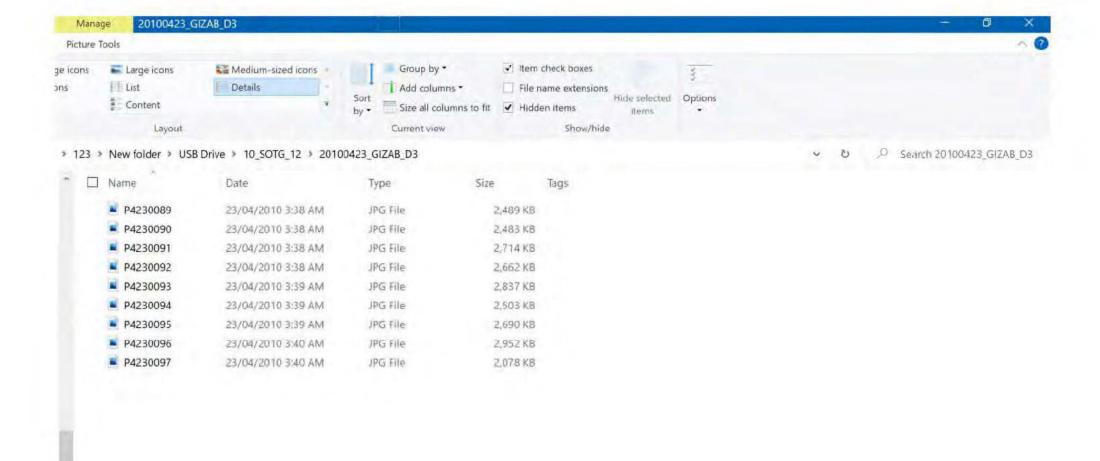




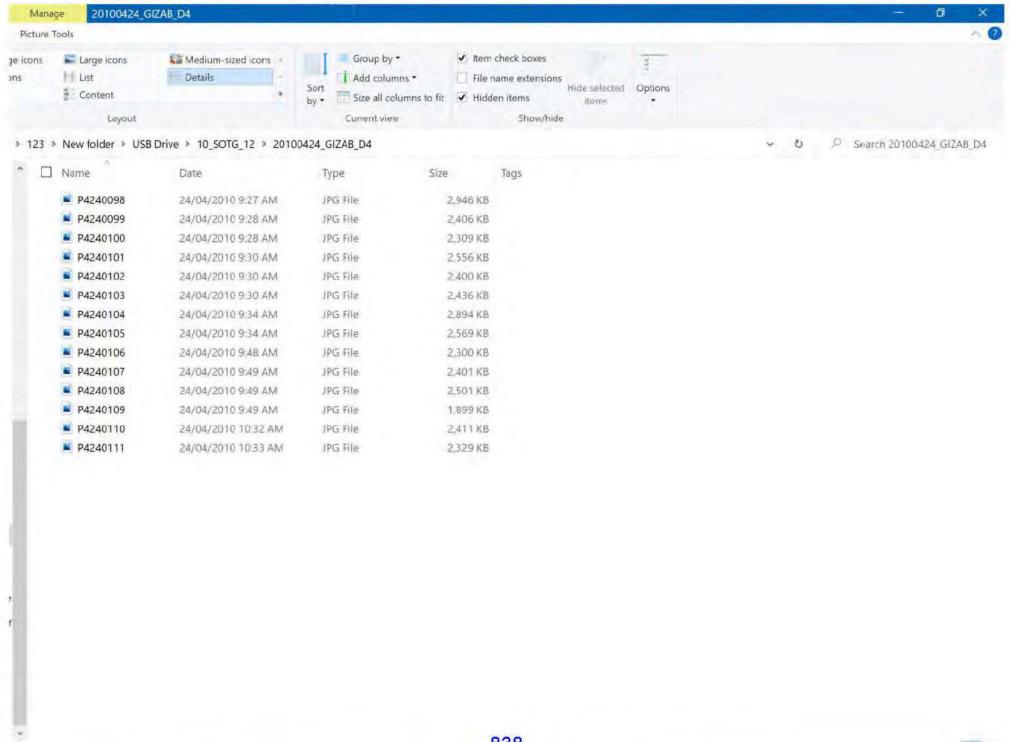


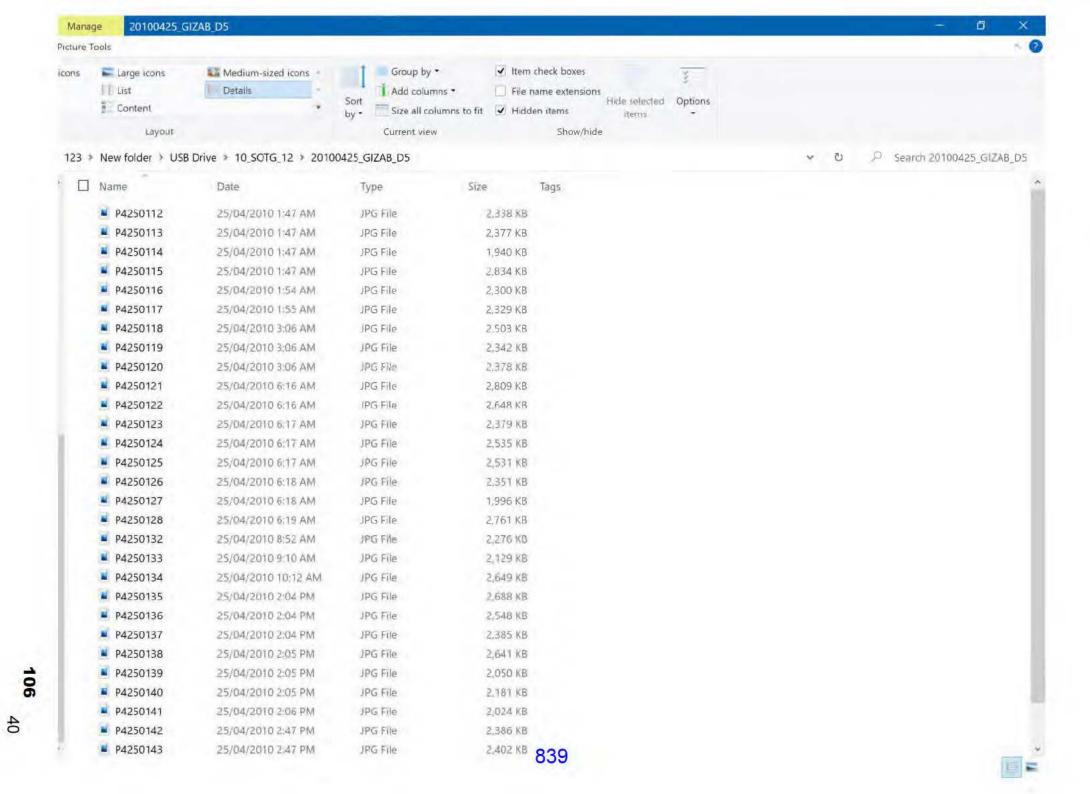
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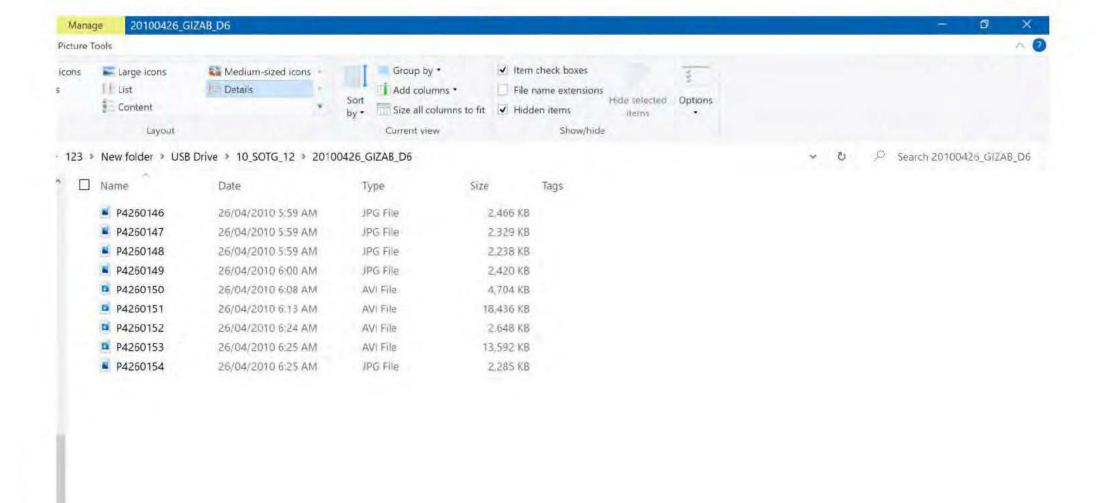


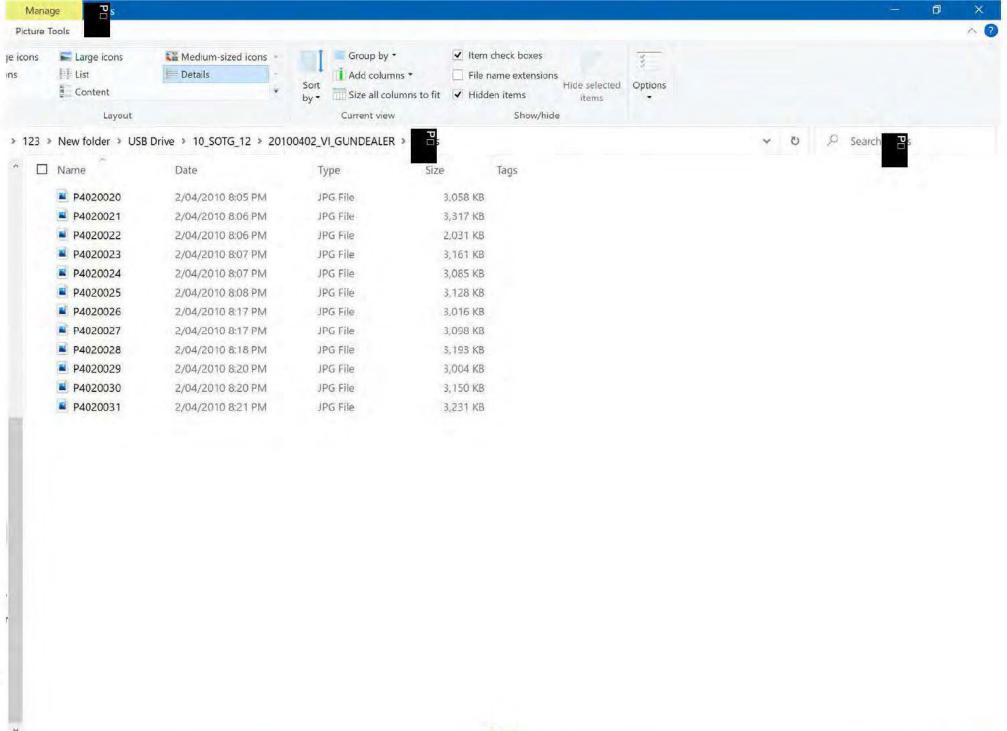


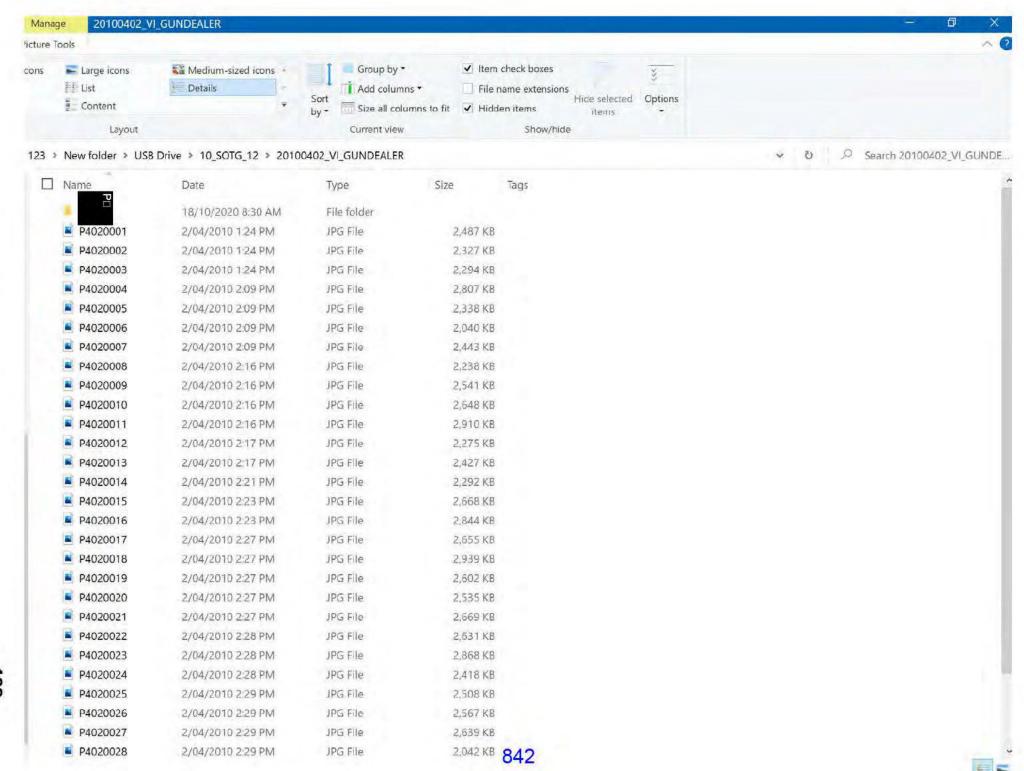


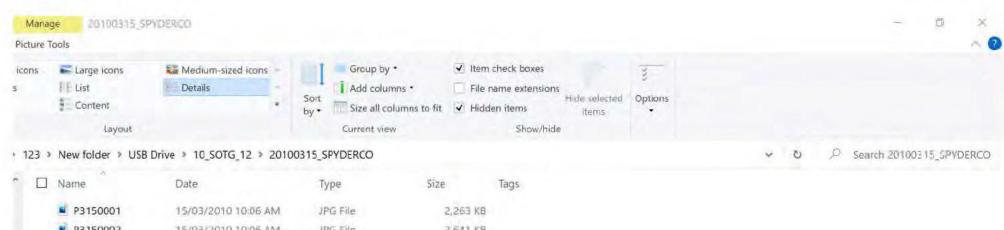




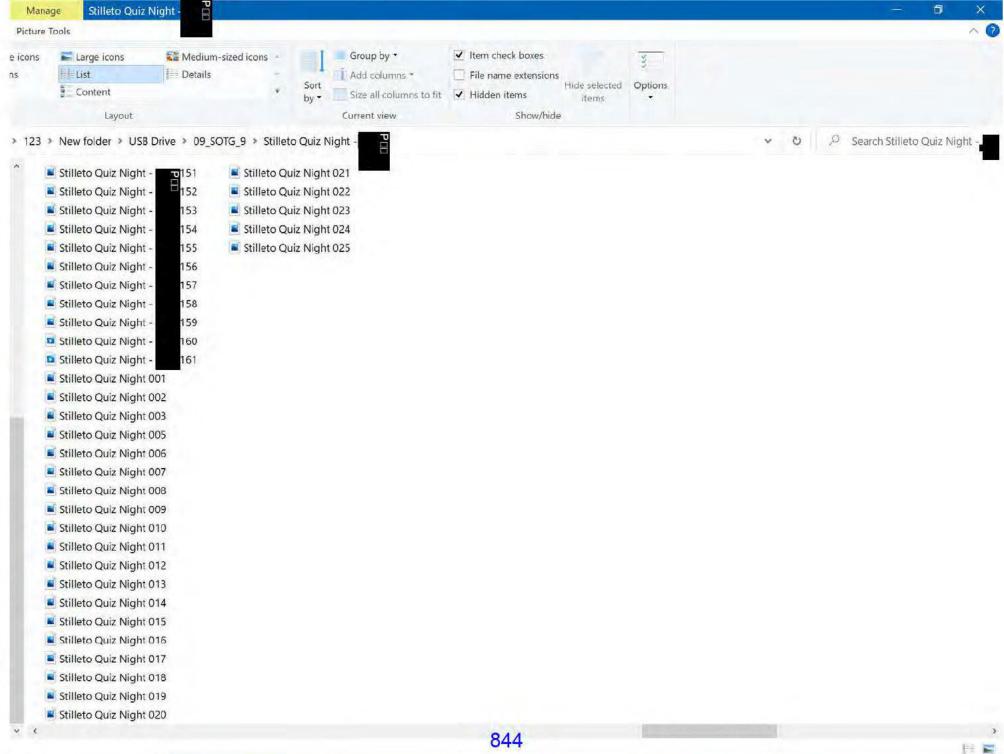




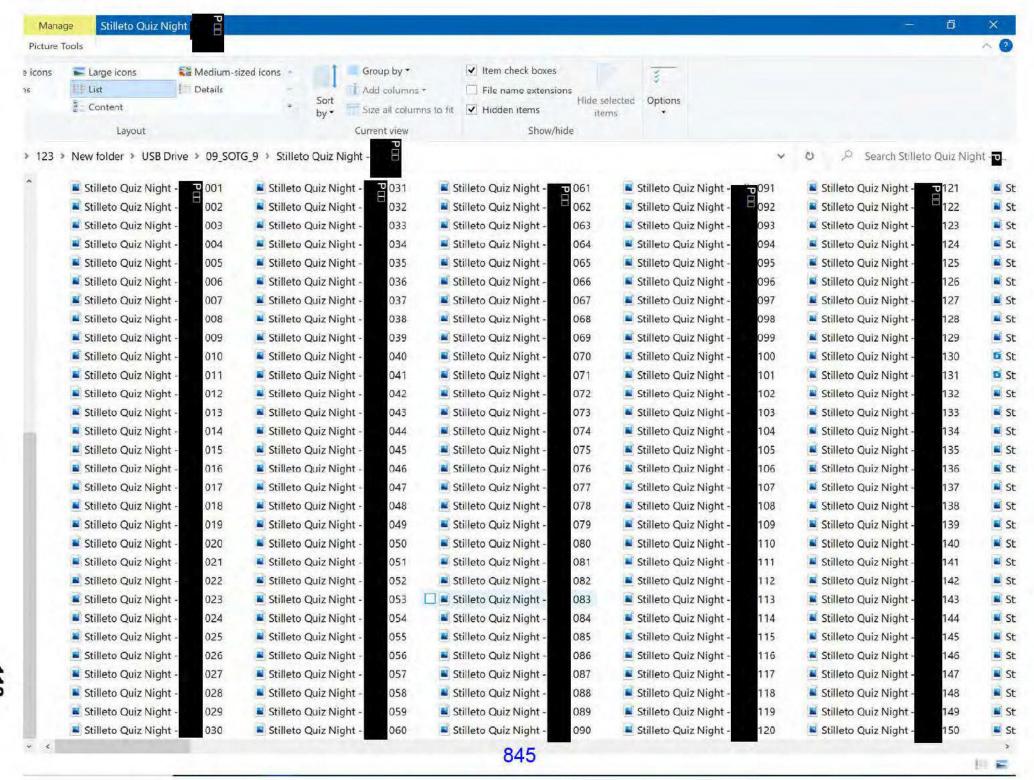




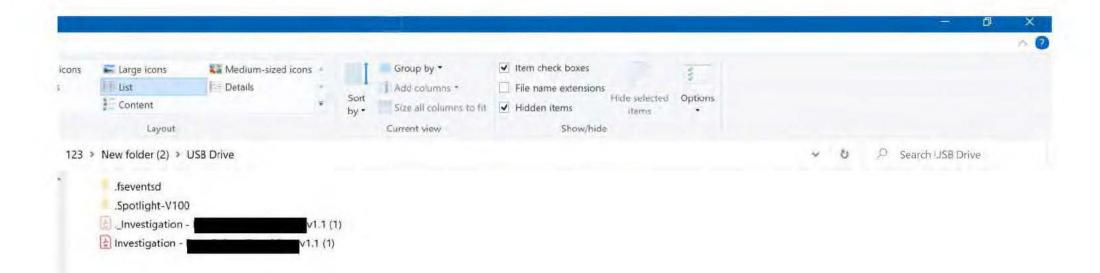
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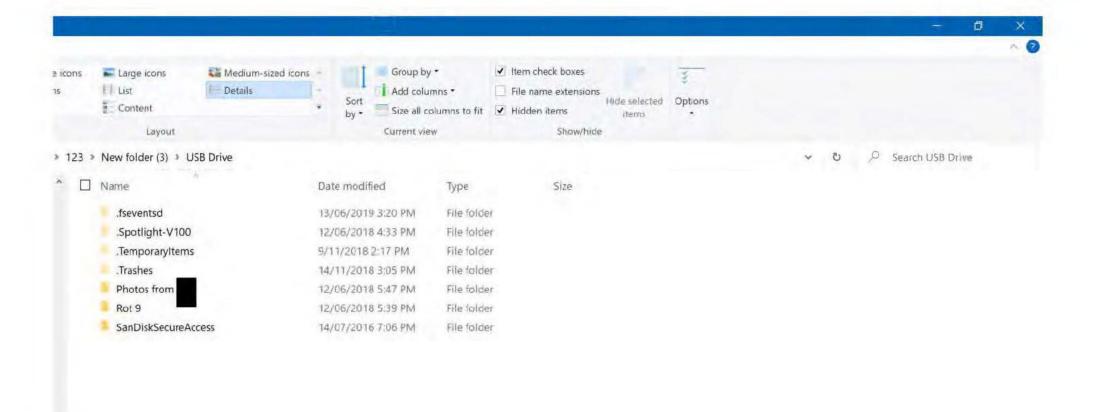


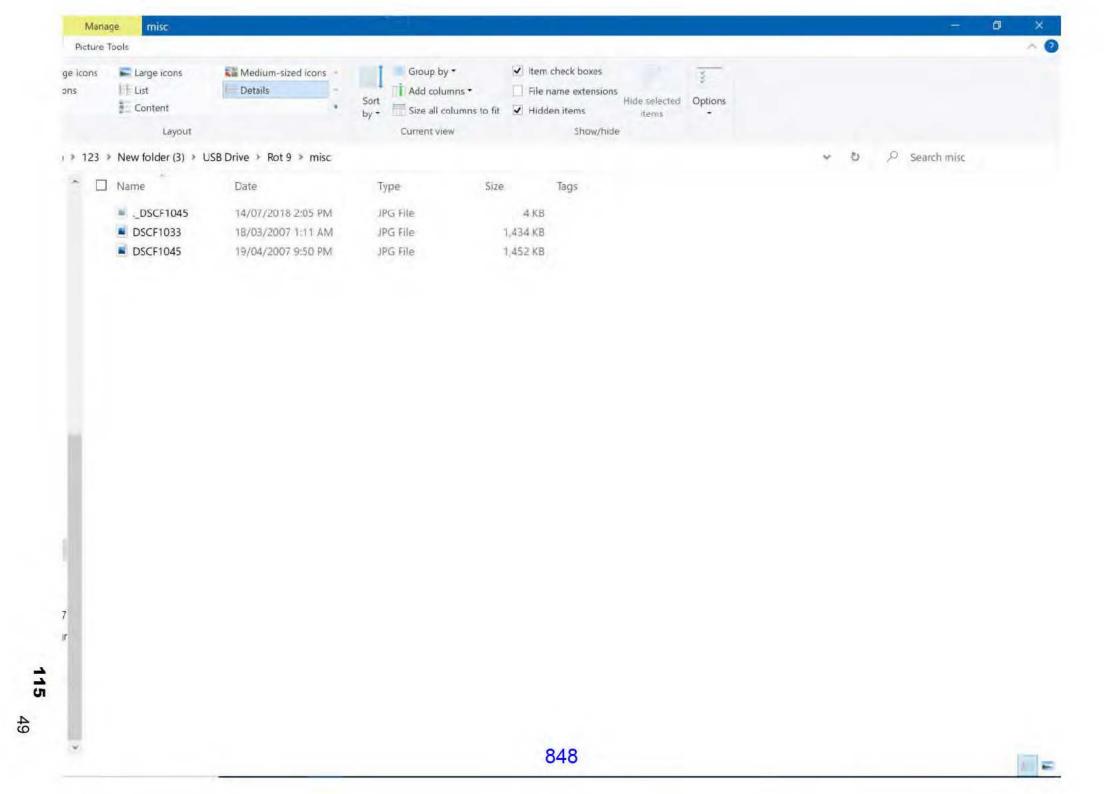
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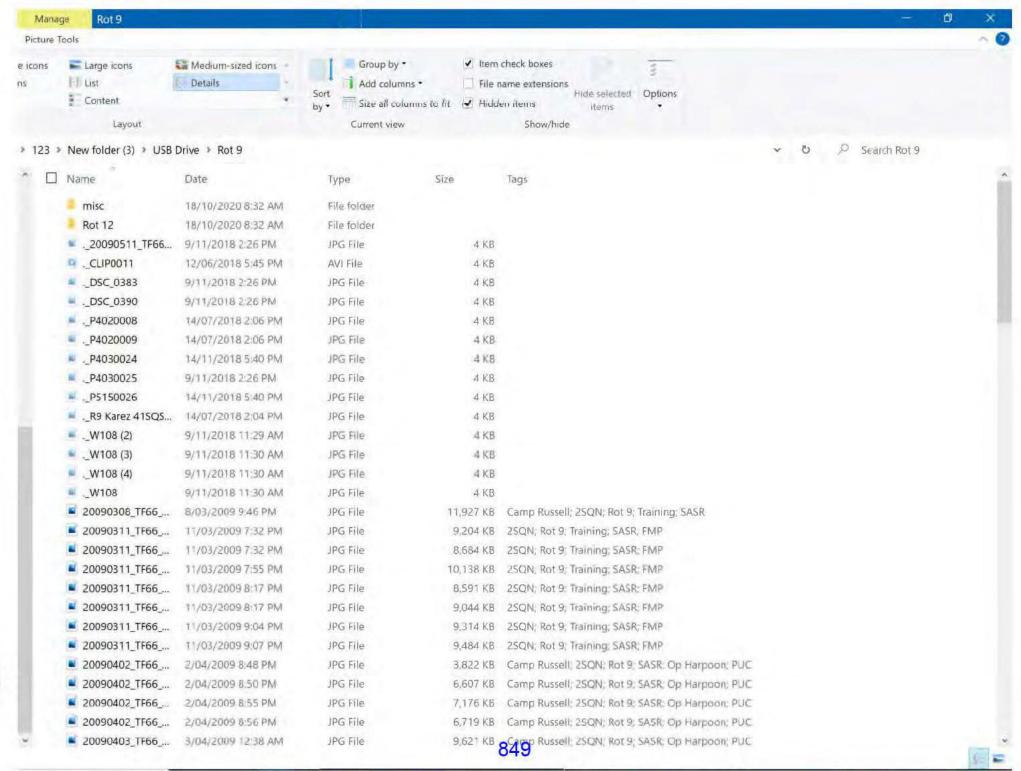


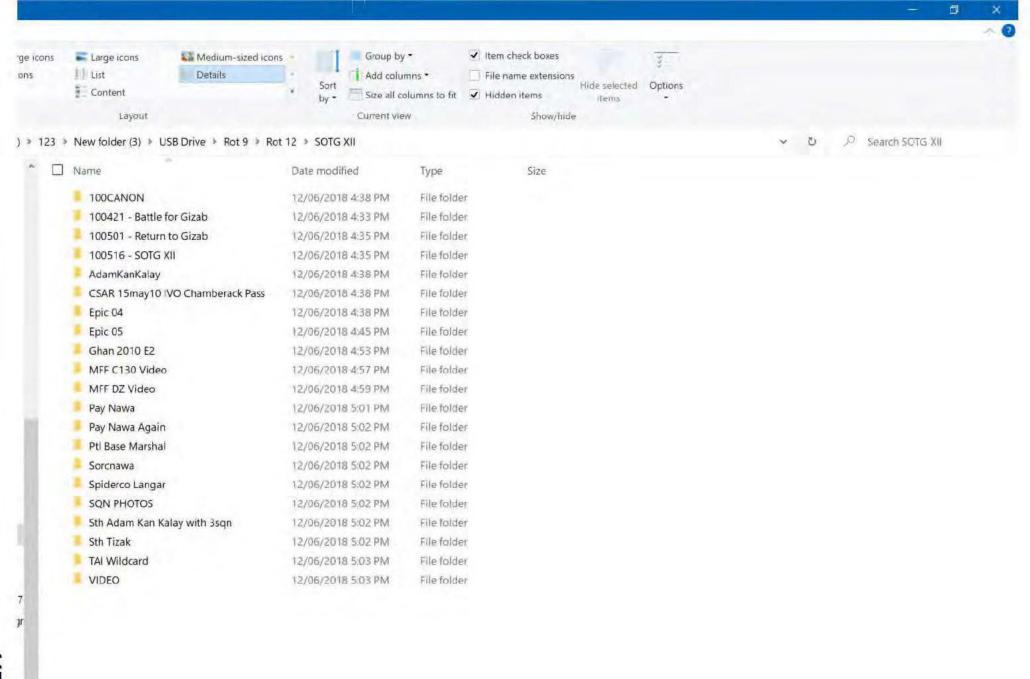
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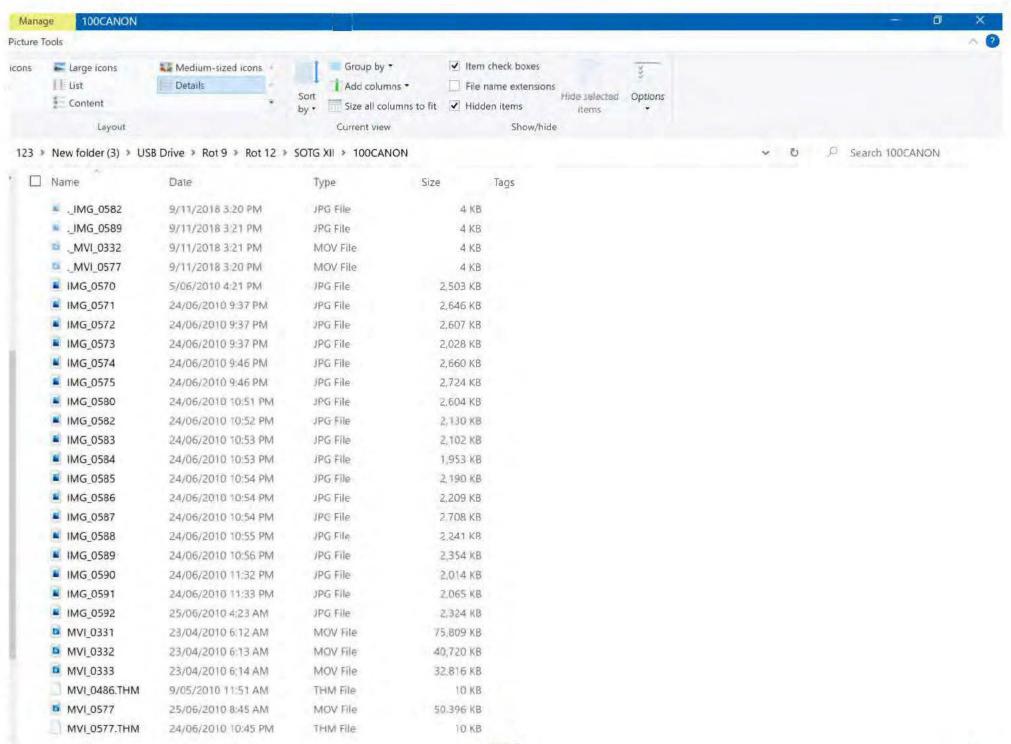


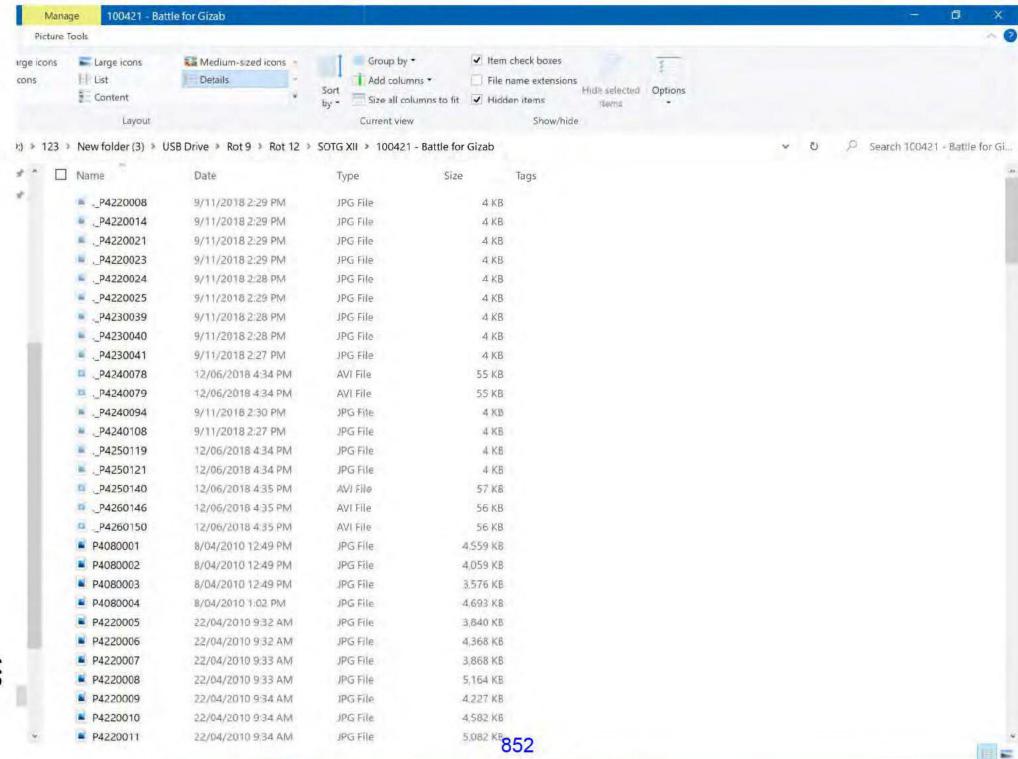


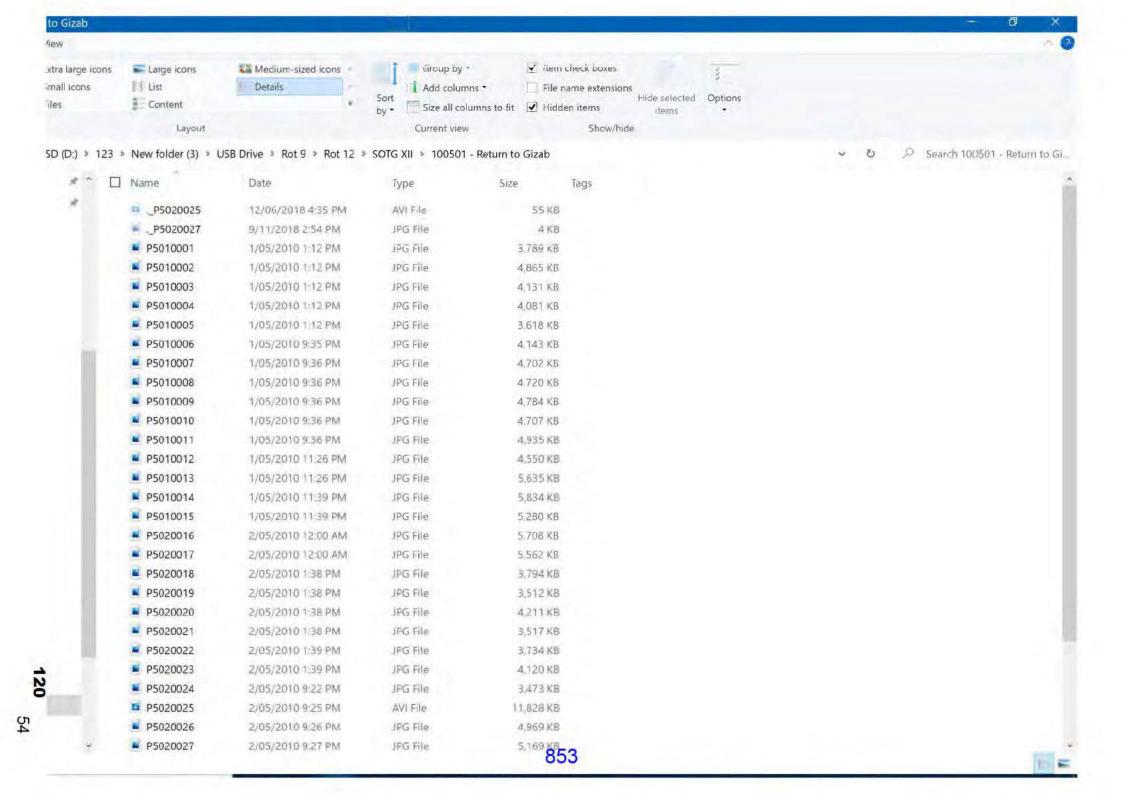


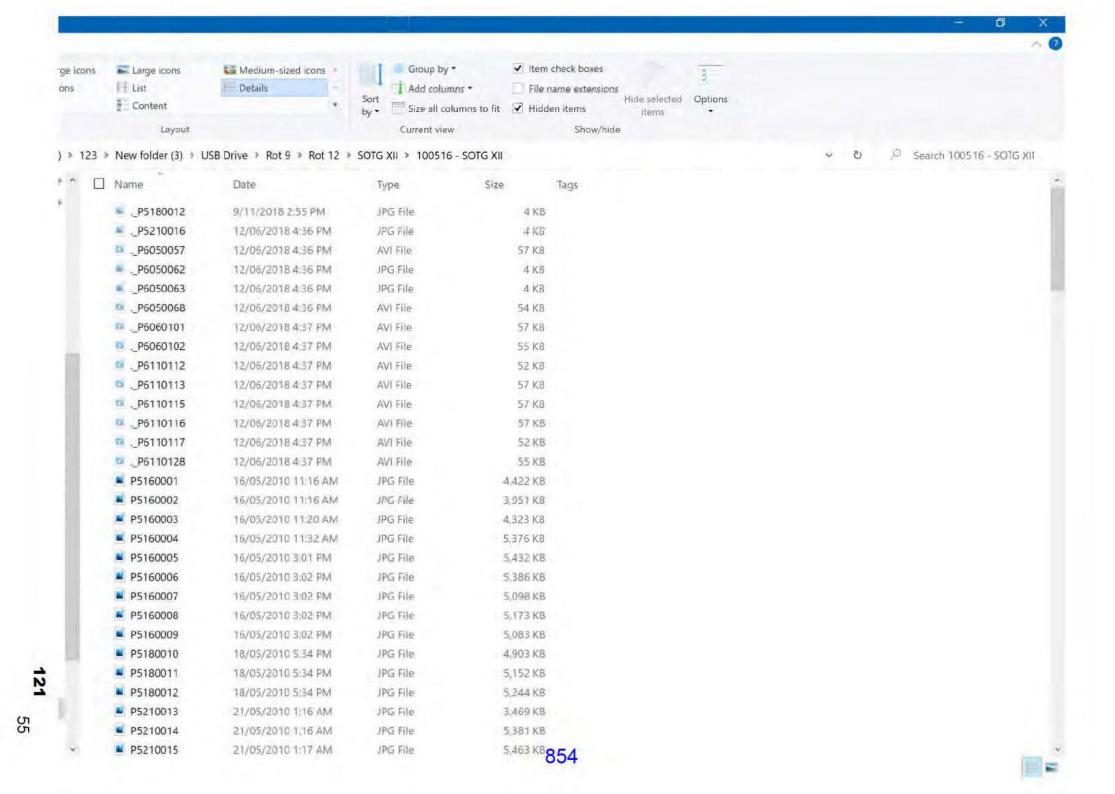


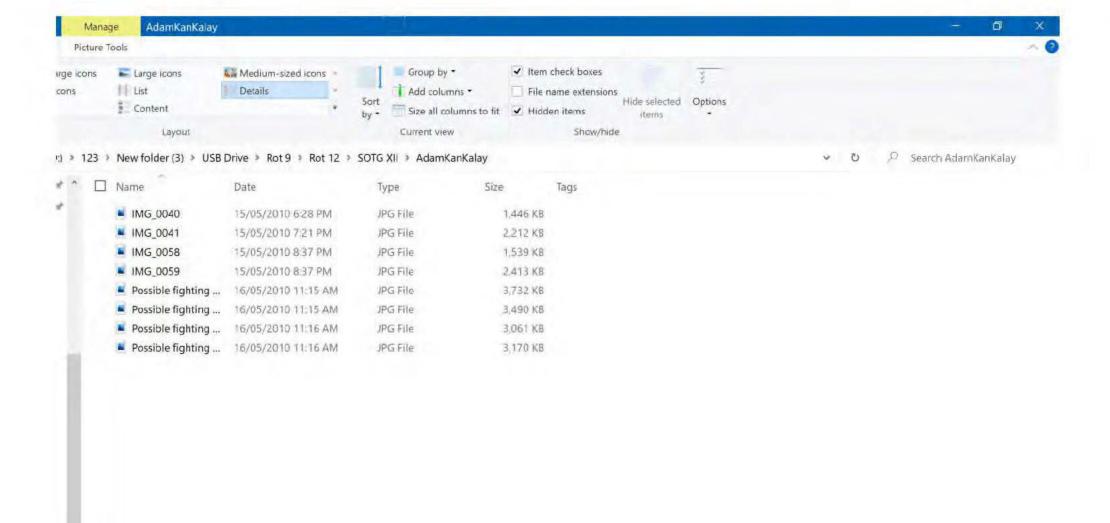


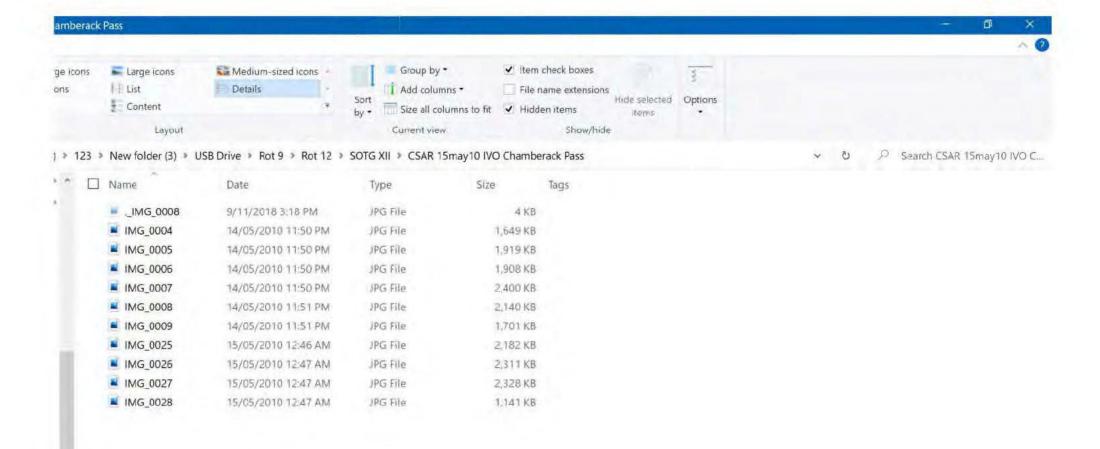




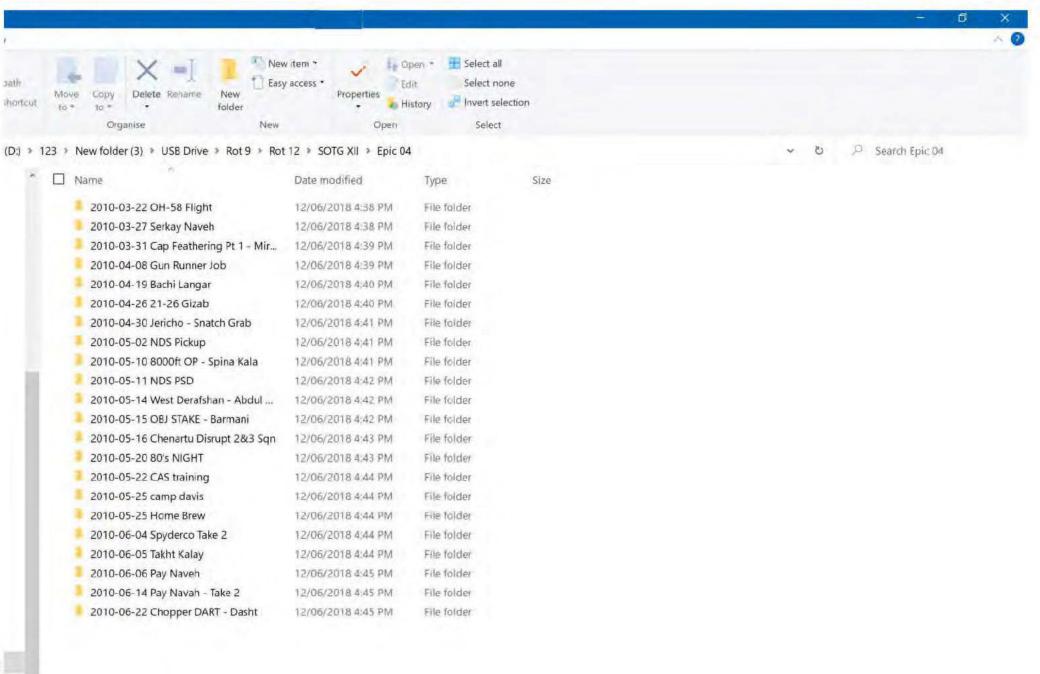








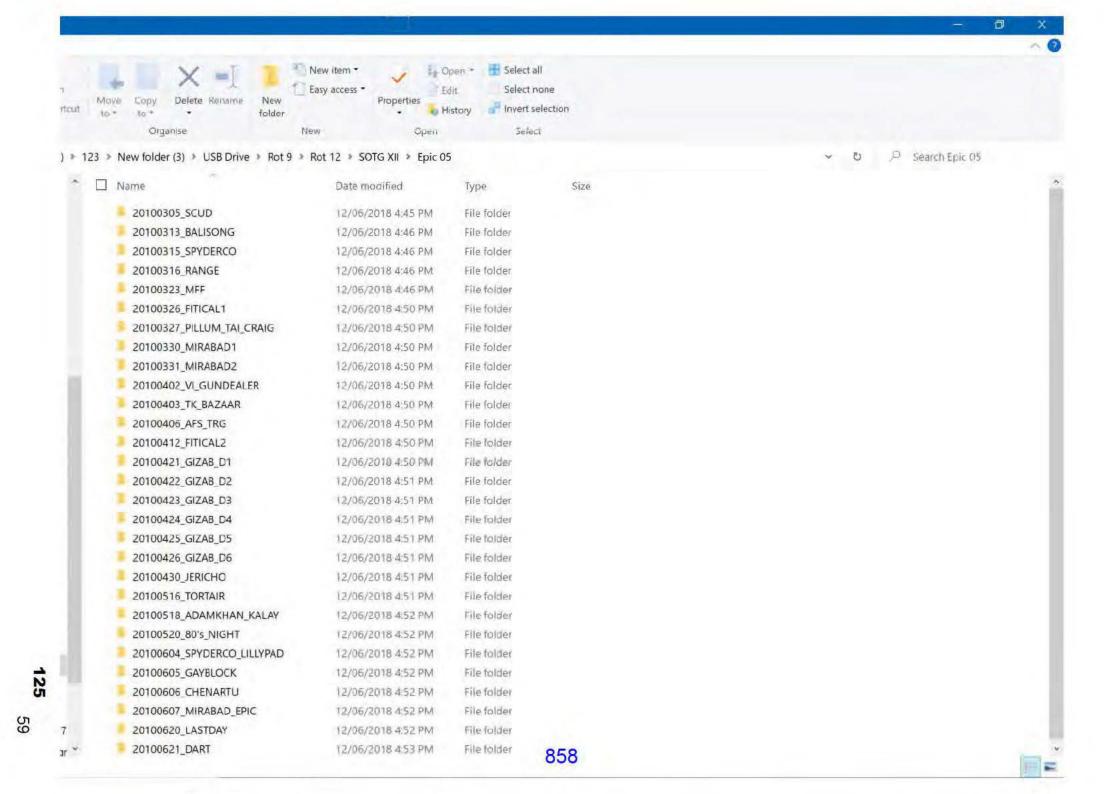


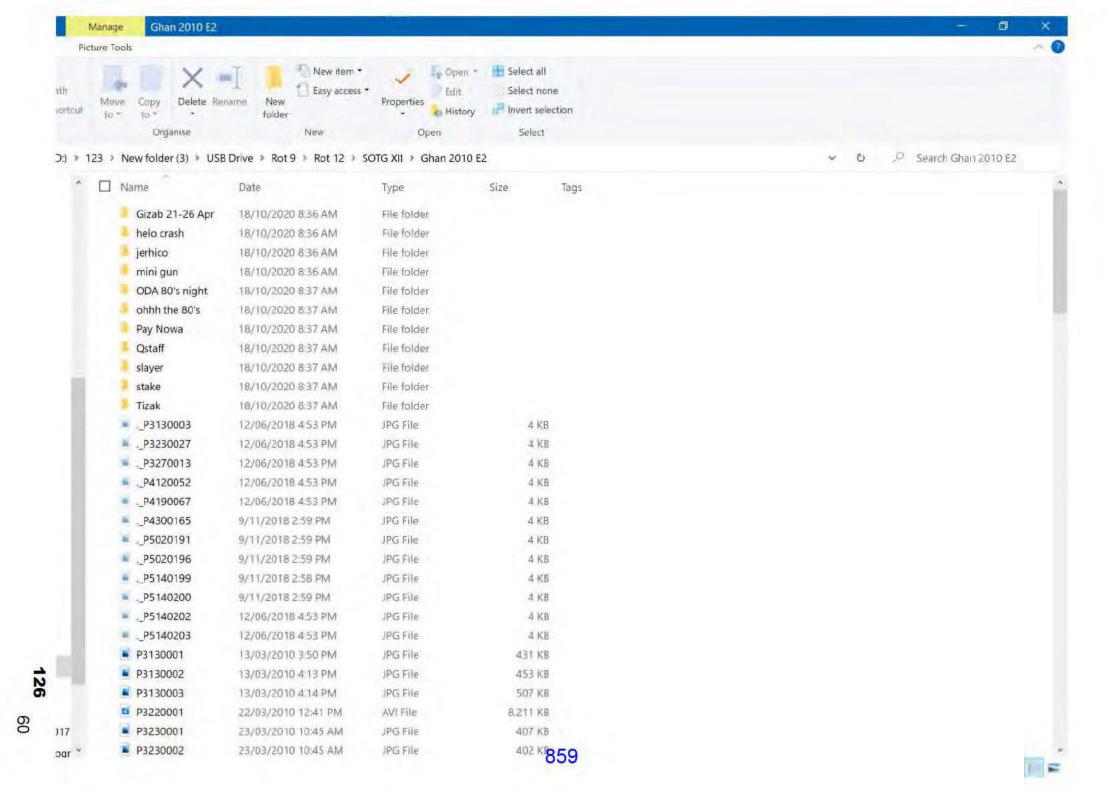


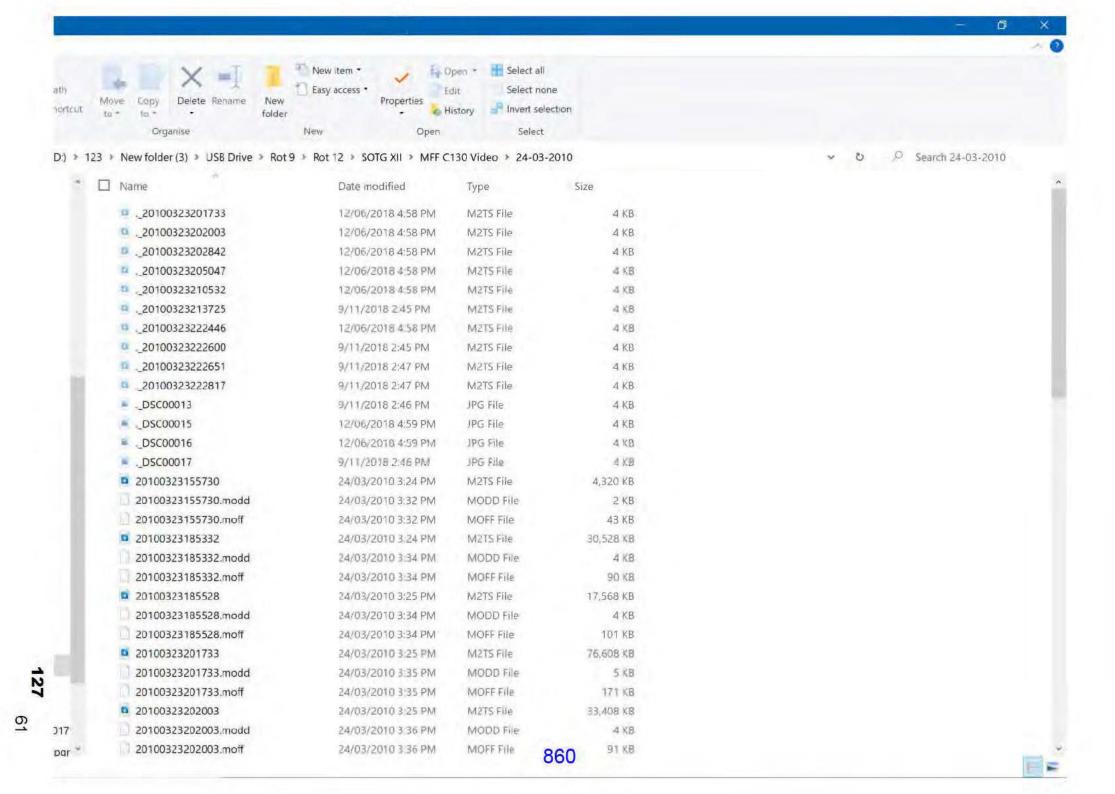
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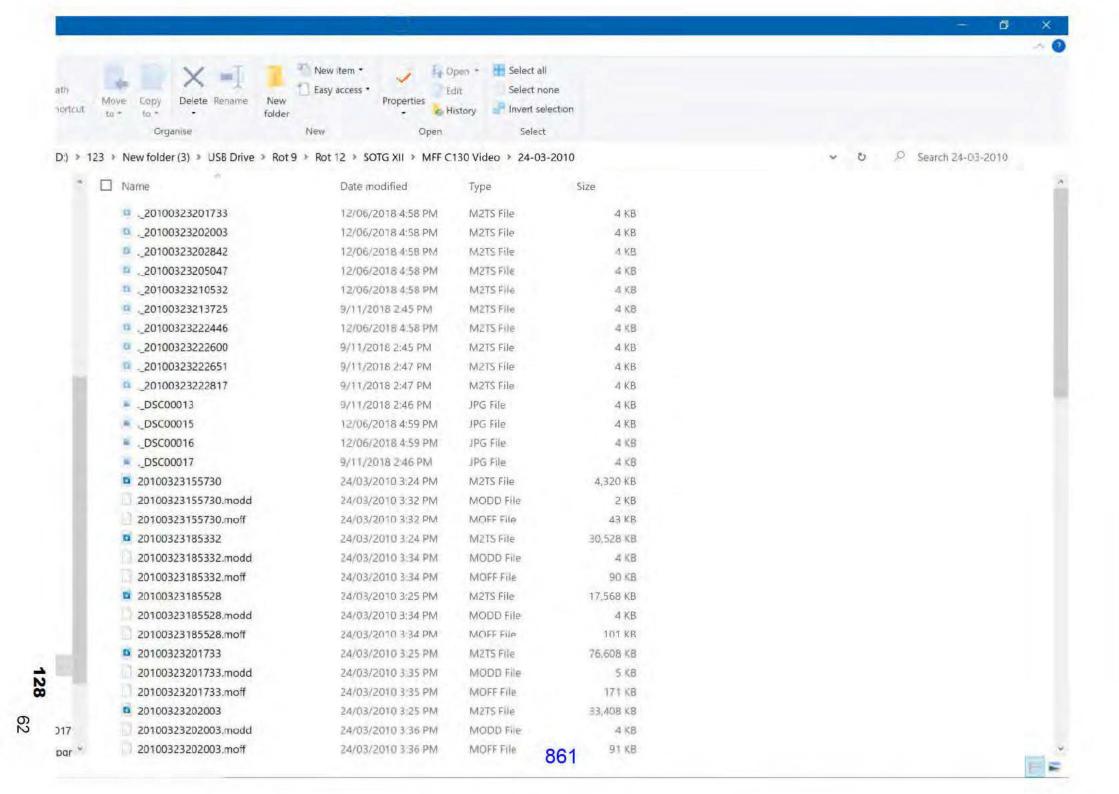
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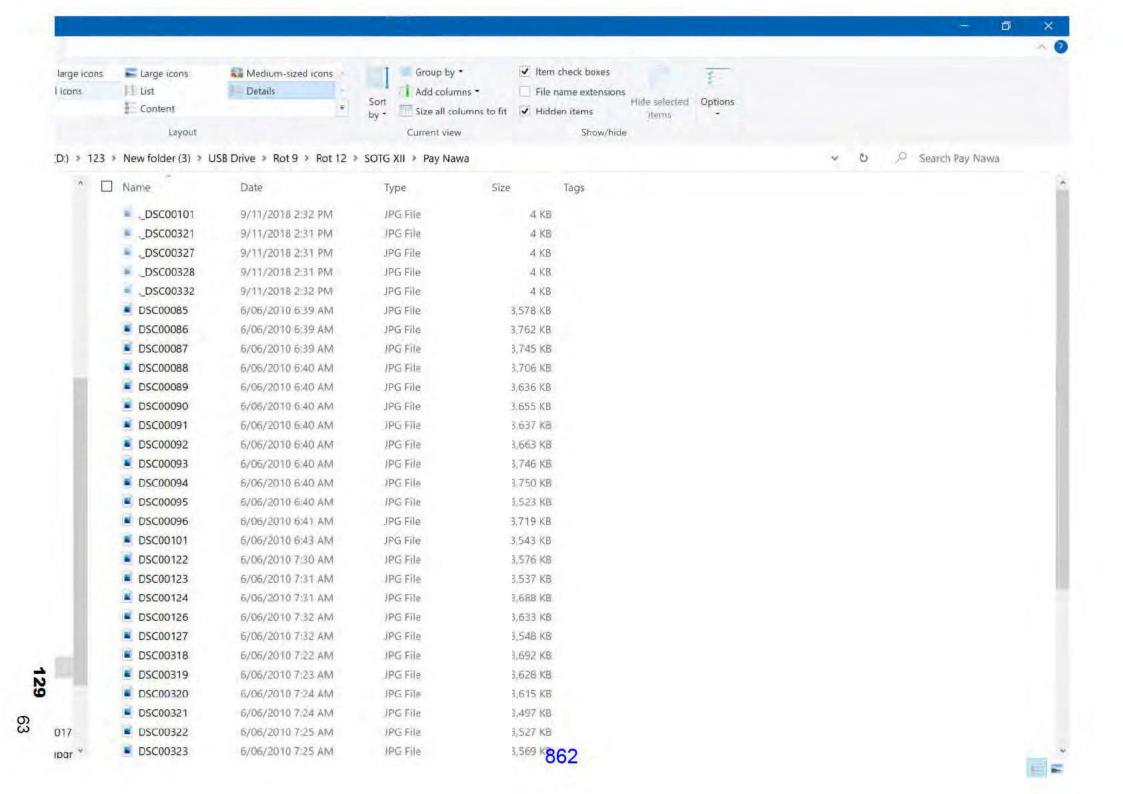


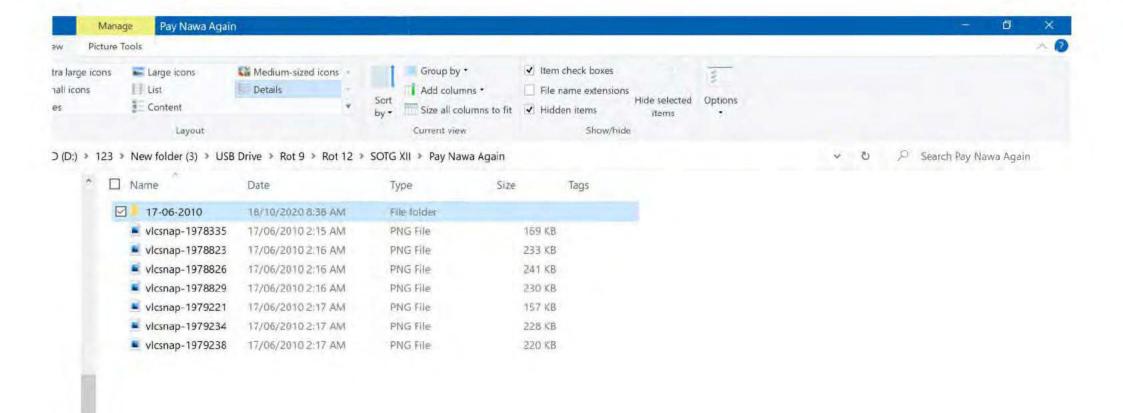




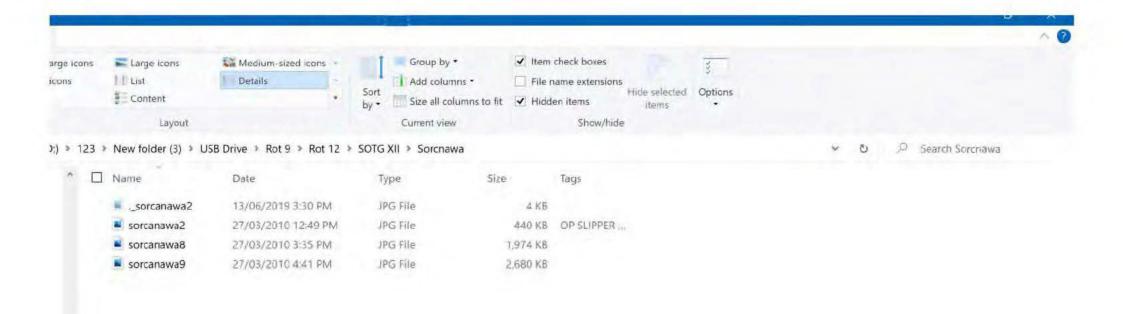






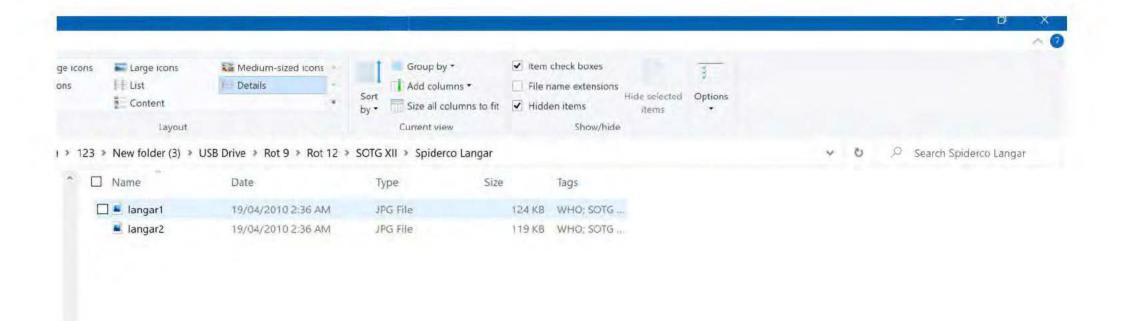


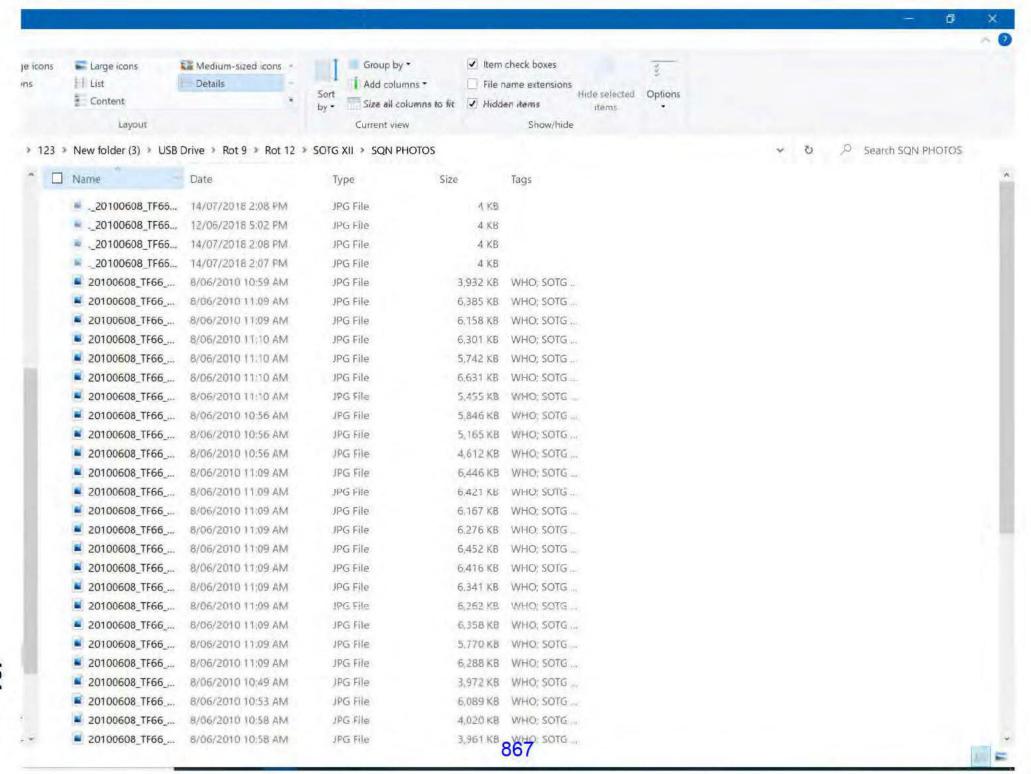


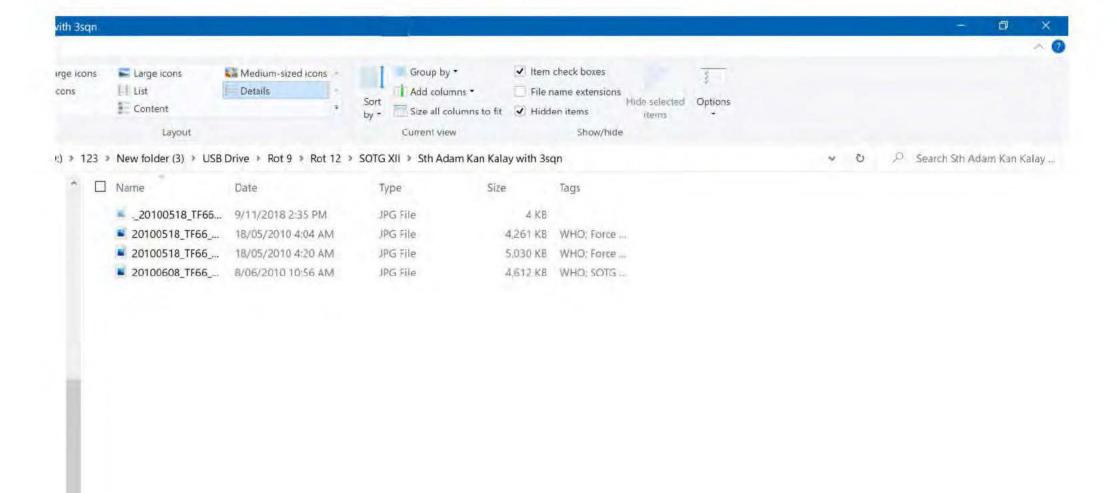


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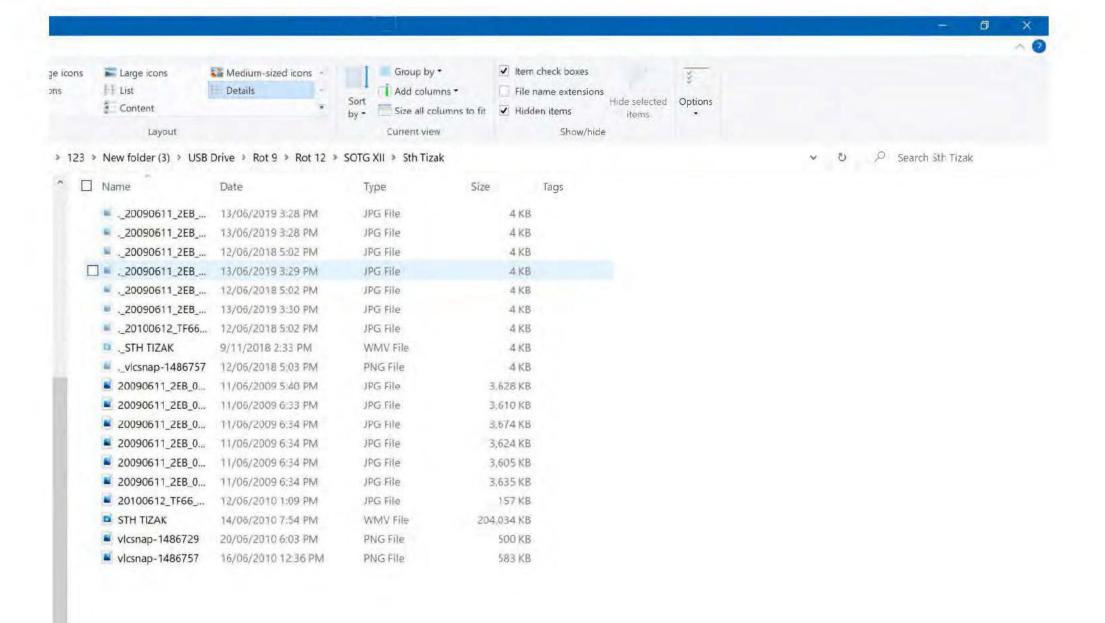


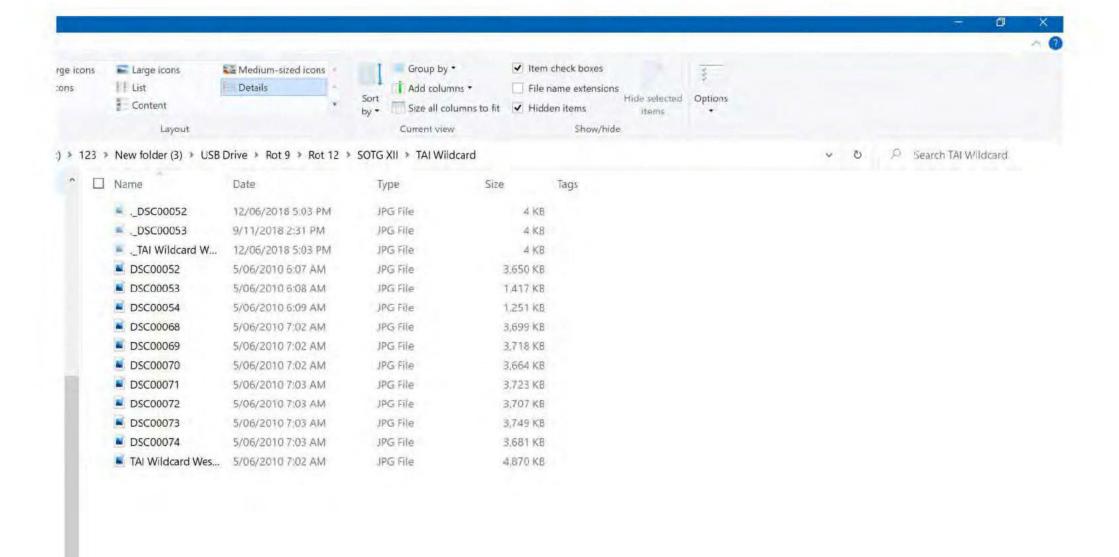




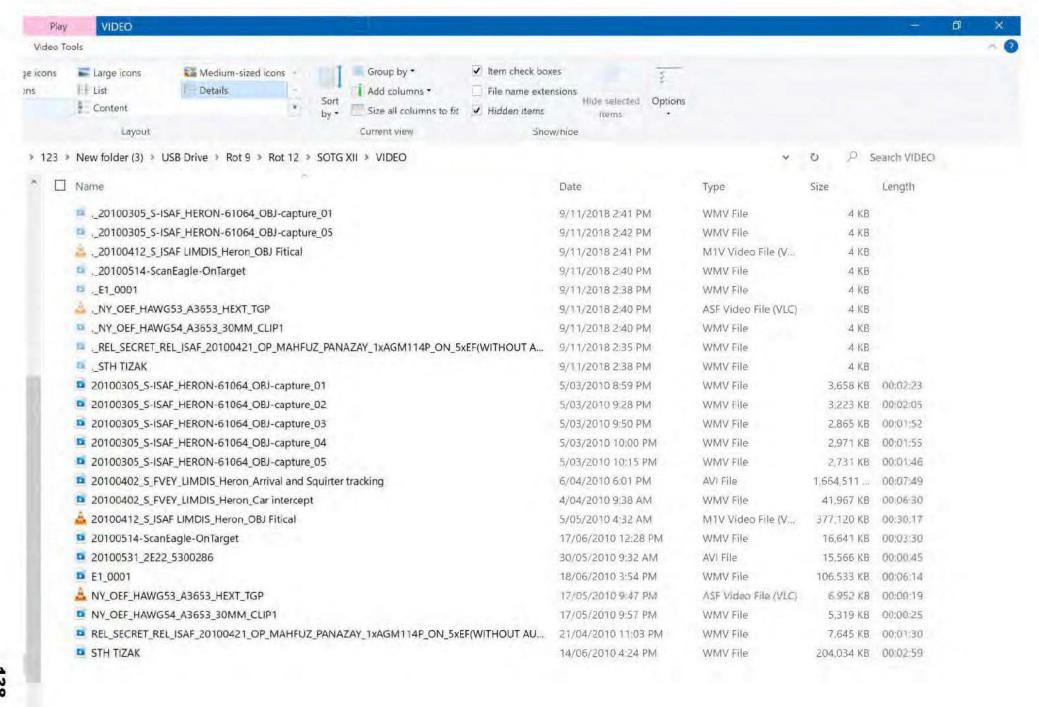
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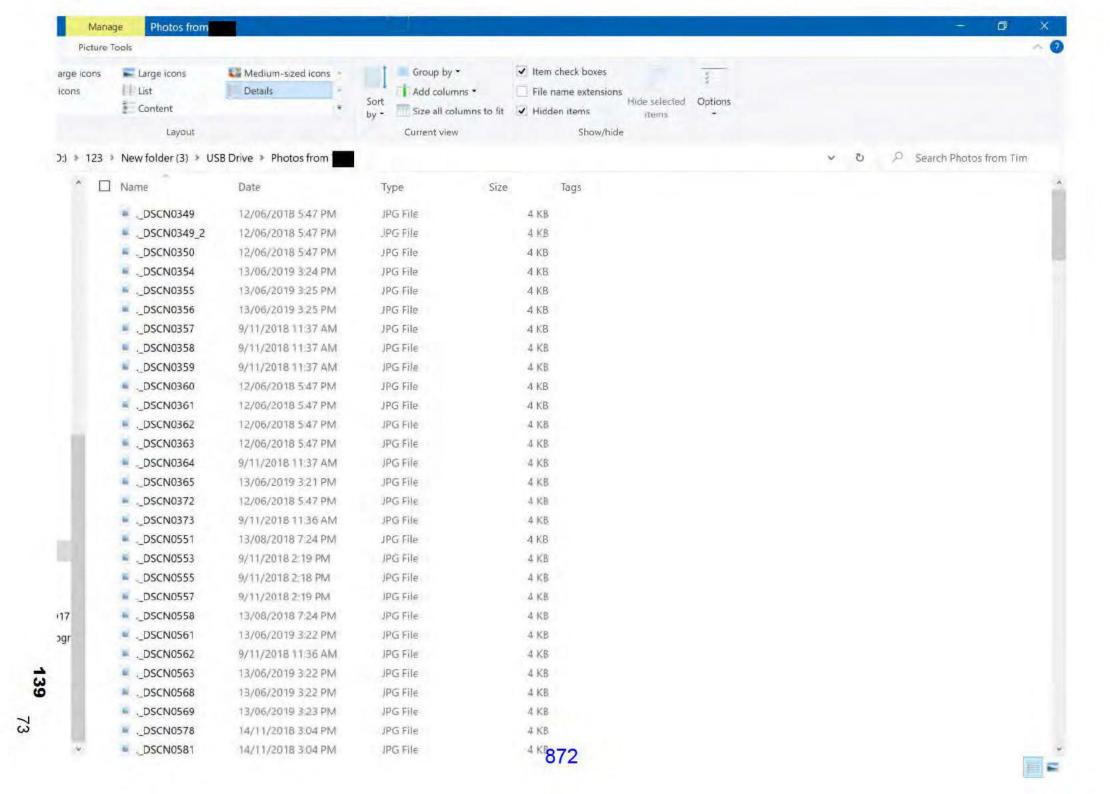


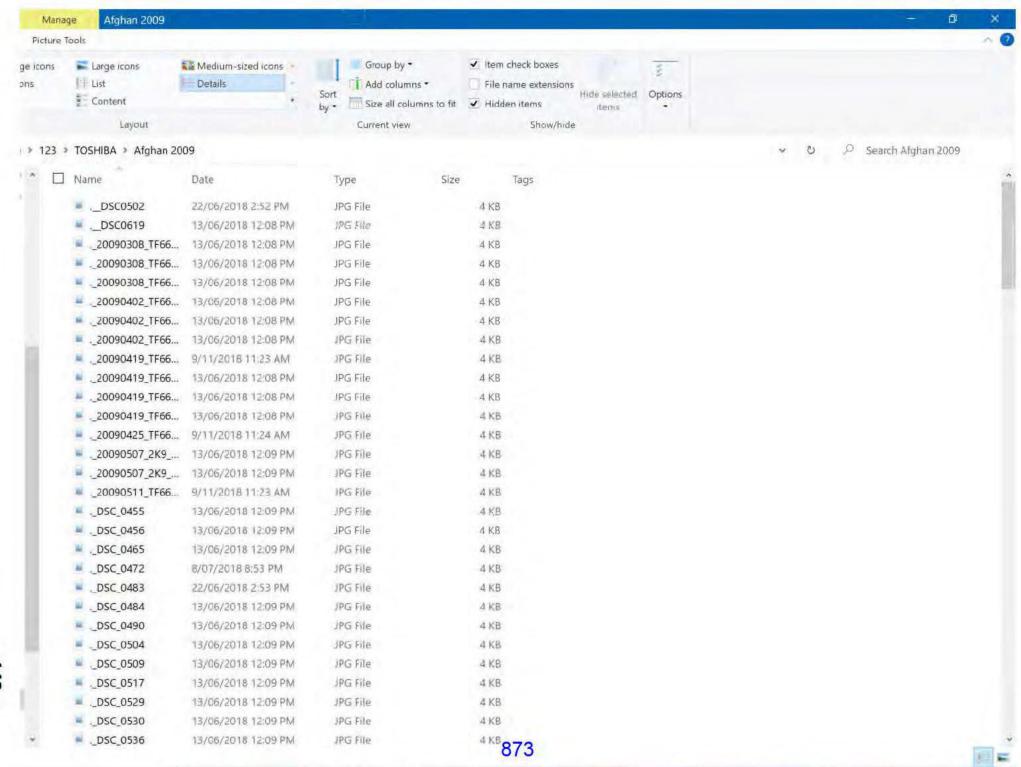


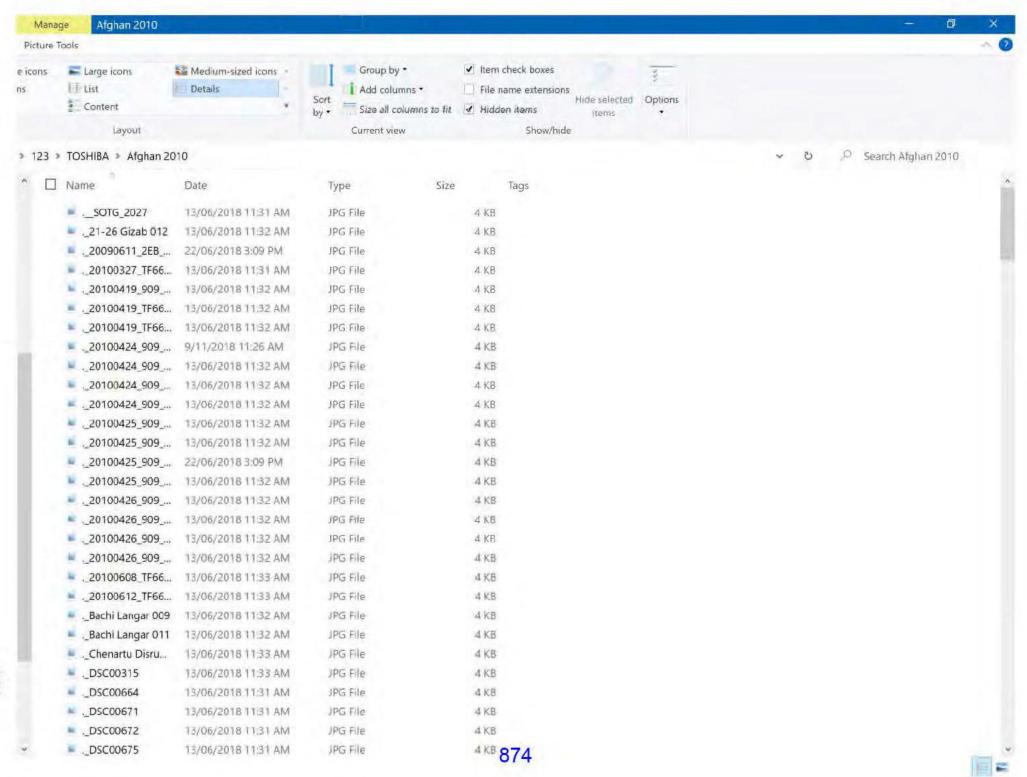


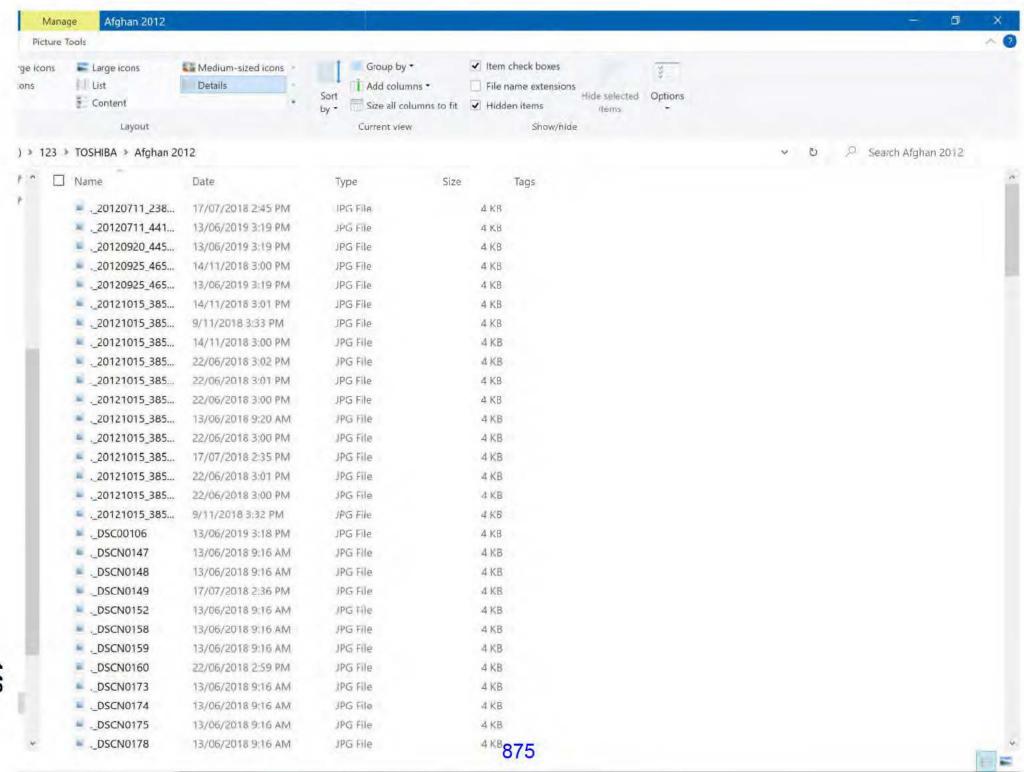
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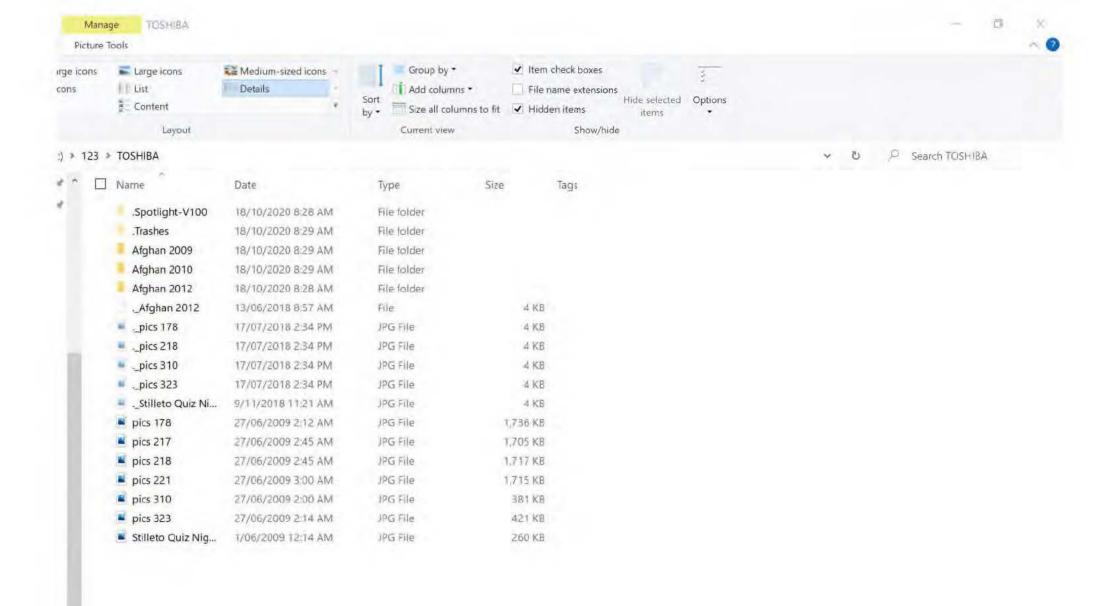




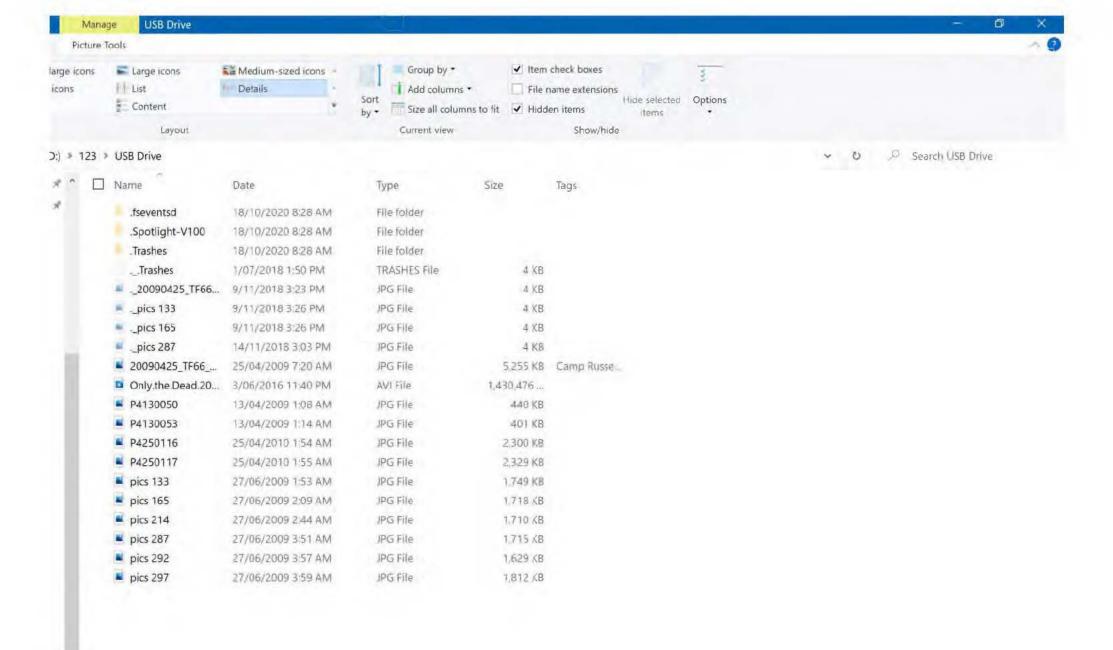


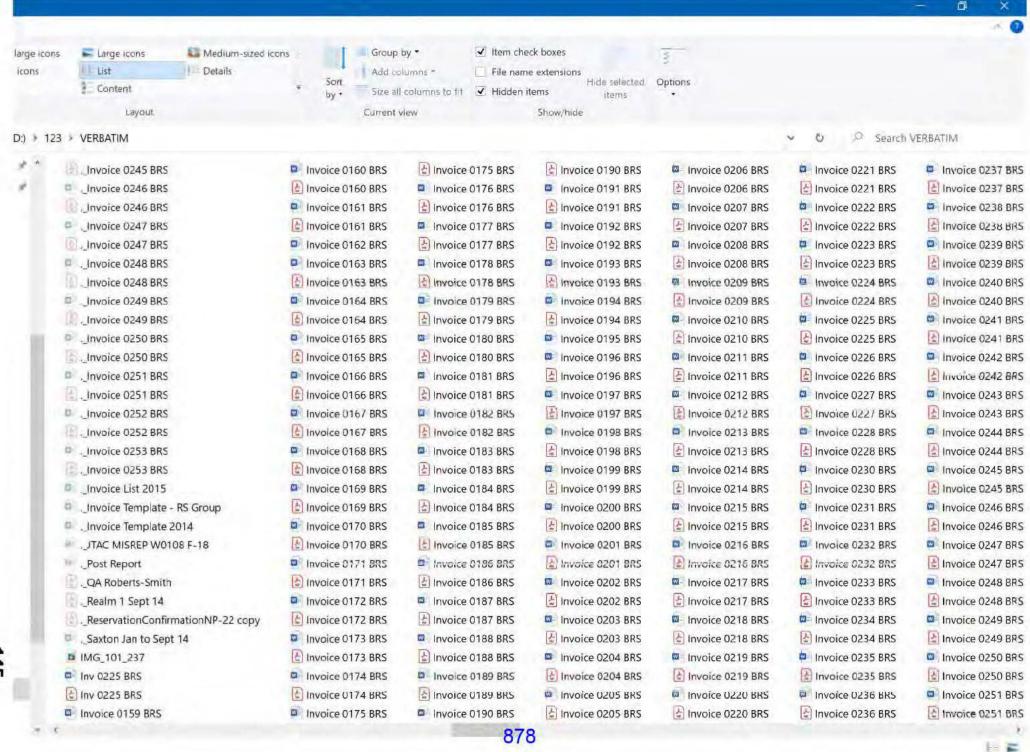


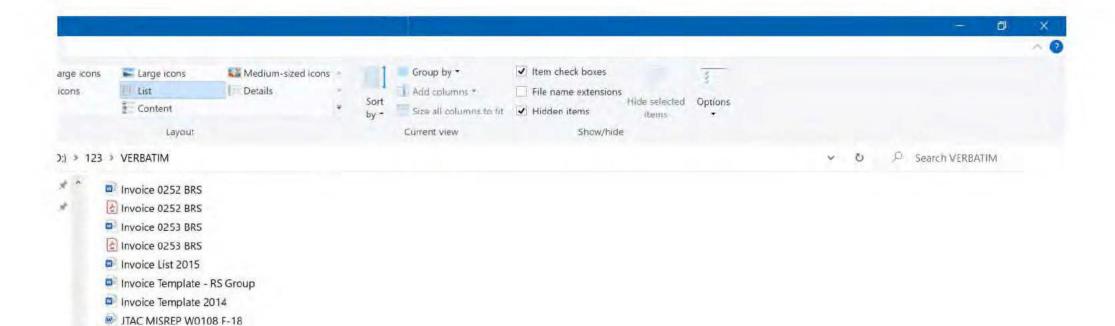








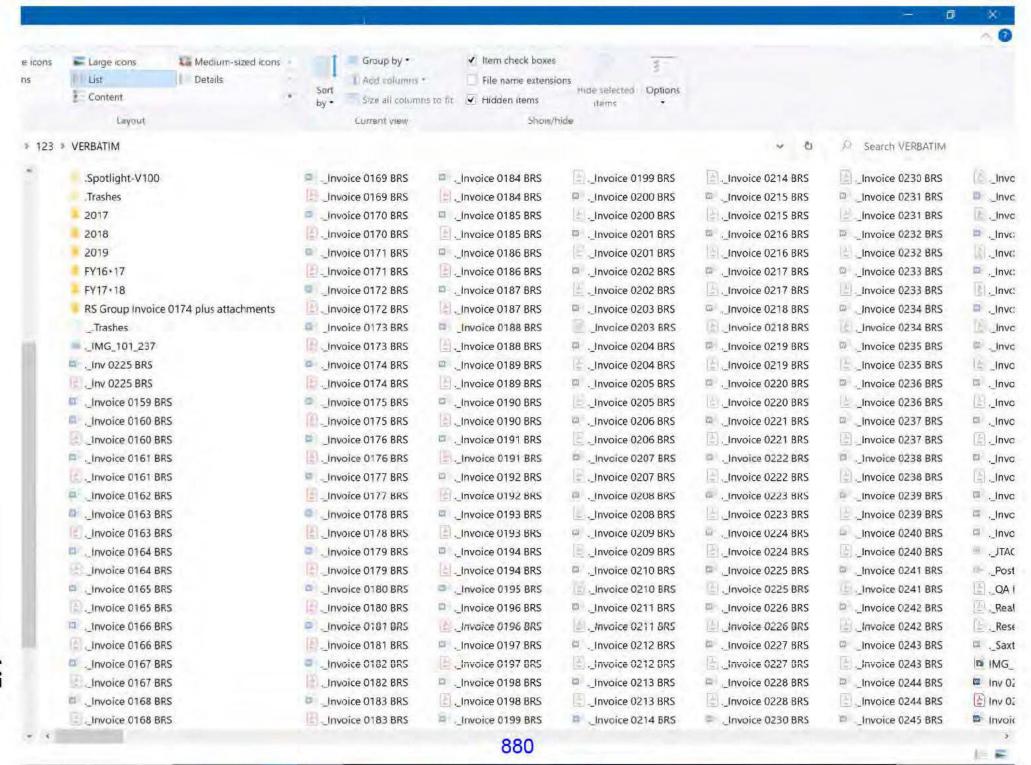


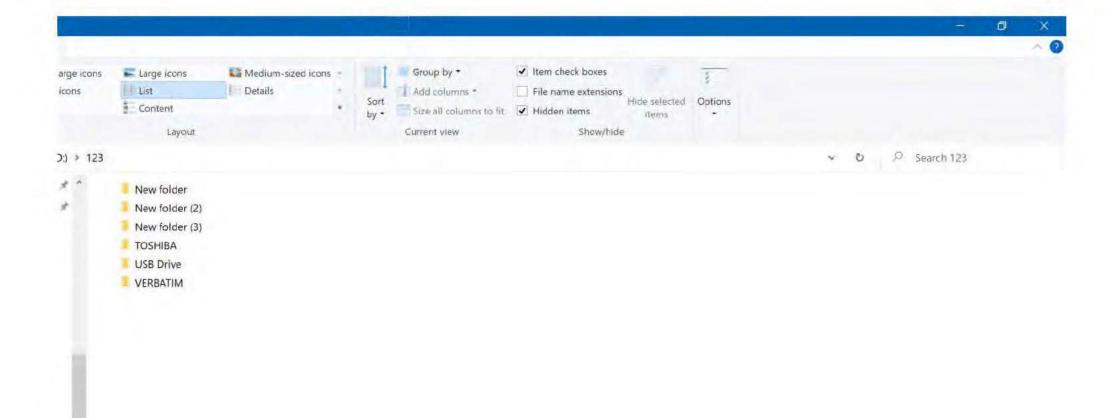


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12 April 2021

BY EMAIL Mark.OBrien@markobrienlegal.com.au

Mark O'Brien Principal Mark O'Brien Legal Level 19 68 Pitt Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr O'Brien

Ben Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications & Ors Federal Court Proceeding numbers NSD 1485, 1486 and 1487 of 2018

We refer to the Court's order made on 7 April 2021 concerning the service of outlines of evidence of Emma Roberts and Danielle Scott (referred to in the orders as Emma Roberts-Smith and Danielle Scott-Flanders).

We **enclose** outlines of evidence for Emma Roberts and Danielle Scott. We acknowledge that the anticipated evidence at paragraphs 4(c) to (e) of the outline of Ms Roberts and paragraphs 9-12, 14-15 and 17-35 of the outline of Ms Scott extends beyond the leave granted by the Court on 7 April 2021. Could you please confirm that you do not oppose the Respondents relying on the outlines in this form or, if you do, identify the basis of your opposition. When the matter is next before the Court we will seek an order extending the leave to this anticipated evidence.

You will note from the outline of Ms Roberts that we are unable to provide further detail in relation to the anticipated evidence of Ms Roberts due to a confidentiality agreement between your client and Ms Roberts. If your client requires further detail in relation to Ms Roberts' anticipated evidence we invite your client to confirm that the confidentiality agreement does not operate to prevent Ms Roberts conferring with us for the purpose of discussing the evidence she will give at trial.

As will be evident from the outlines of evidence, it has come to our clients' attention that your client buried a lunch box containing six USB sticks in the backyard of the home he shared with his former wife. Our client has been provided with a copy of the material that was contained on those USBs and has instructed us that the USBs contain apparently relevant and discoverable material. So much is clear from the file names of the documents which can be seen on Attachment L to the outline of evidence of Ms Scott.

Our clients have notified the Australian Federal Police that they are in possession of copies of the USBs and intend to fully cooperate with law enforcement authorities in respect of this material. The Respondents are also attending to preparing a supplementary list of documents giving discovery of the attachments to Ms Scott's outlines and will provide this as soon as possible.

The circumstances described in the outline of evidence of Ms Scott, and discussed above, gives rise to a serious concern about your client's compliance with his discovery obligations, and whether he has engaged in a deliberate attempt to conceal relevant evidence in these proceedings. We have written to you on several occasions about your client's compliance with his discovery obligations.

Our clients reserve their rights in relation to these matters, but invite your client to immediately:

- file and serve an updated List of Documents, which should specifically describe any documents that were once, but are no longer in his possession, and the circumstances about why those documents are no longer in the Applicant's possession;
- produce to the Respondents any further relevant or discoverable material; and
- provide any explanation he is able to provide so that we may take it into account in determining the Respondents' next steps in relation to this matter.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Applicant should preserve each of the six USB sticks (and any copies of those USB sticks and their contents) and any communications between him and other witnesses in relation to the USBs and their contents.

Yours faithfully **MinterEllison**

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NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

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Document Lodged: Interlocutory Application - Form 35 - Rule 17.01(1)(a)

File Number: NSD1485/2018

File Title: BEN ROBERTS-SMITH v FAIRFAX MEDIA PUBLICATIONS PTY LTD

(ACN 003 357 720) & ORS

Registry: NEW SOUTH WALES REGISTRY - FEDERAL COURT OF

AUSTRALIA

Reason for Listing: To Be Advised
Time and date for hearing: To Be Advised
Place: To Be Advised



Dated: 27/04/2021 2:32:14 PM AEST

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Sia Long

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Further Amended Interlocutory application

No. NSD1485, 1486 and 1487 of 2018

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: New South Wales
Division: General

Ben Roberts-Smith

Applicant

Fairfax Media Publications Pty Limited and Ors

Respondents

To the Applicant

The Respondents apply for the interlocutory orders set out in this application.

The Court will hear this application, or make orders for the conduct of the proceeding, at the time and place stated below. If you or your lawyer do not attend, then the Court may make orders in your absence.

Time and date for hearing:

Place: Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Phillip Street Sydney NSW 2000

The Court ordered that the time for serving this application be abridged to [Registry will insert date, if applicable]

Date:

Signed by an officer acting with the authority of the District Registrar

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Interlocutory orders sought

- The Respondents be granted leave to issue a Subpoena to Give Evidence at the trial to each of the following persons:
 - (a) Person 24;
 - (b) Person 31;
 - (c) Person 40;
 - (d) Person 41;
 - (e) Person 42;
 - (f) Person 43;
 - (g) Person 56;
 - (h) Person 69;
 - (i) Person 70;
 - (j) Emma Roberts-Smith;
 - (k) Danielle Scott-Flanders;
 - (I) John McLeod.
- The respondents be granted leave to amend their Defence to include particulars in the document entitled "SECRET — Confidential —Additional truth particulars" to be served in accordance with the s38B orders made on 5 March 2021.
- 3. The Respondents be granted leave to file and serve an Outline of Evidence for Person 18.
- The Respondents be granted leave to file and serve an Outline of Evidence for John McLeod.
- The Respondents be granted leave to file and serve an Outline of Evidence for Emma Roberts in the form served on 12 April 2021.
- The Respondents be granted leave to file and serve an Outline of Evidence for Danielle Scott in the form served on 12 April 2021.
- 7. Such further or other order as the Court thinks fit.

Service on the Applicant

It is intended to serve this application on the Applicant and on the Commonwealth of Australia.



Date: 20 April 2021

Signed by Peter Bartlett Lawyer for the Respondents



Federal Court of Australia

District Registry: New South Wales

Division: General No: NSD1485/2018

BEN ROBERTS-SMITH

Applicant

FAIRFAX MEDIA PUBLICATIONS PTY LTD (ACN 003 357 720) and others named in

the schedule Respondent

ORDER

JUDGE: JUSTICE BESANKO

DATE OF ORDER: 29 April 2021

WHERE MADE: Sydney

THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

- The respondents be granted leave to access, uplift and copy the documents produced in response to the Notice to produce issued by the respondents and dated 28 April 2021.
- 2. The applicant's application to cross-examine Mr Peter Llewellyn Bartlett be refused.
- The respondents file the outlines of evidence of Ms Emma Roberts and Ms Danielle Scott, as they are annexed to the affidavit of Mr Bartlett sworn on 22 April 2021, within 7 days.
- 4. The respondents file and serve an outline of evidence of Mr John McLeod by 5:00 pm on Monday, 3 May 2021.
- 5. The applicant indicate within 48 hours, by letter to the respondents copied to chambers, whether he objects to the respondents relying on the outline of evidence referred to in order 4, above.
- 6. Consideration of the Amended Interlocutory application filed on 7 April 2021 be stood over insofar as it concerns the outline of evidence referred to in order 4, above.
- The applicant have leave to file submissions with respect to a suppression order over the Outline of evidence of Person 18, limited to 3 pages, by 5:00 pm on Friday, 30 April 2021.



- 8. The respondents have leave, if so advised, to file responding submissions, limited to 2 pages, by 5:00 pm on Monday, 3 May 2021.
- 9. Decision on the order of evidence at trial issue be reserved.

Date that entry is stamped: 3 May 2021



Schedule

No: NSD1485/2018

Federal Court of Australia

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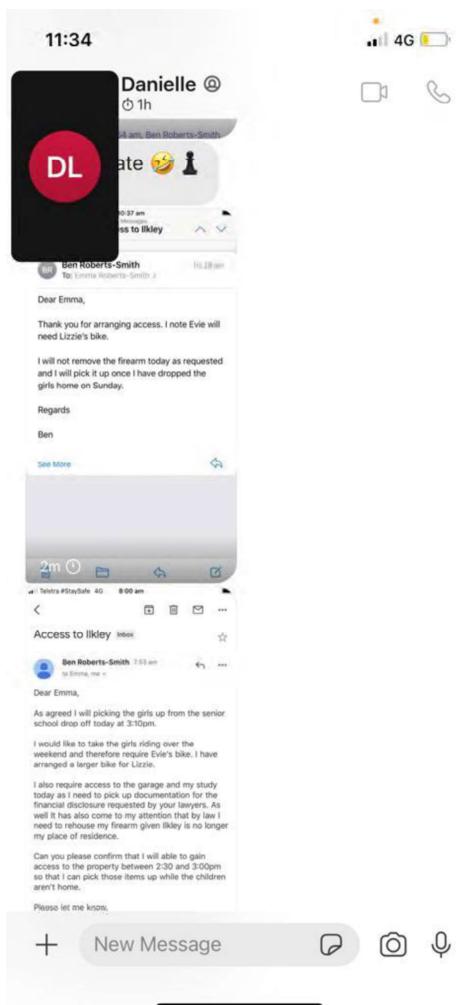
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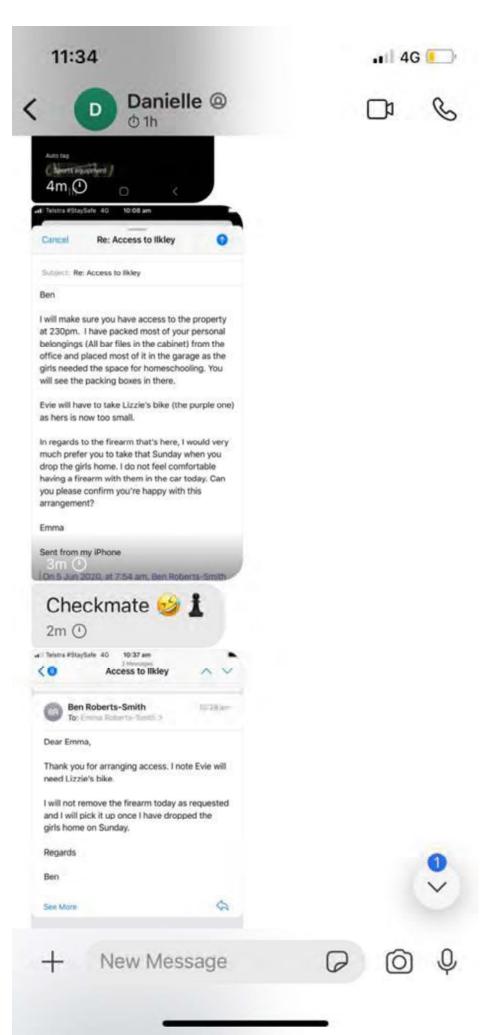
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Fourth Respondent DAVID WROE

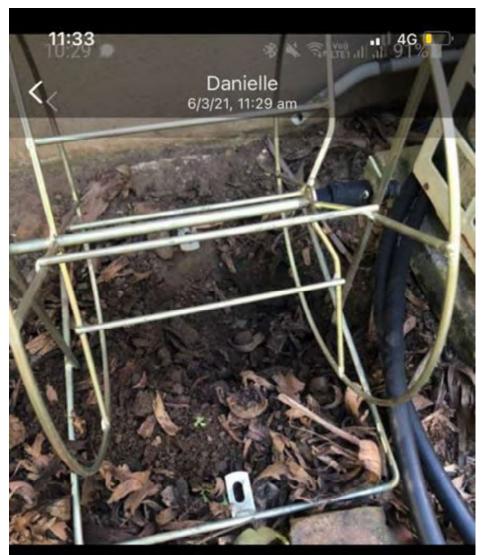


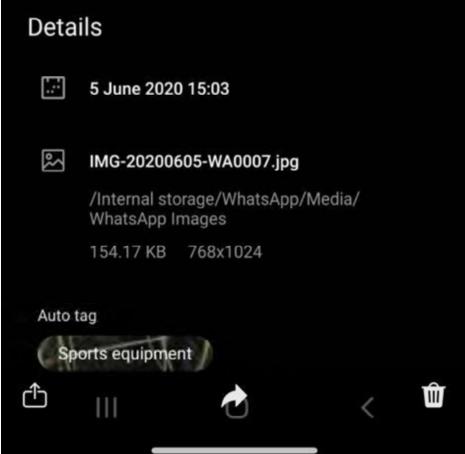


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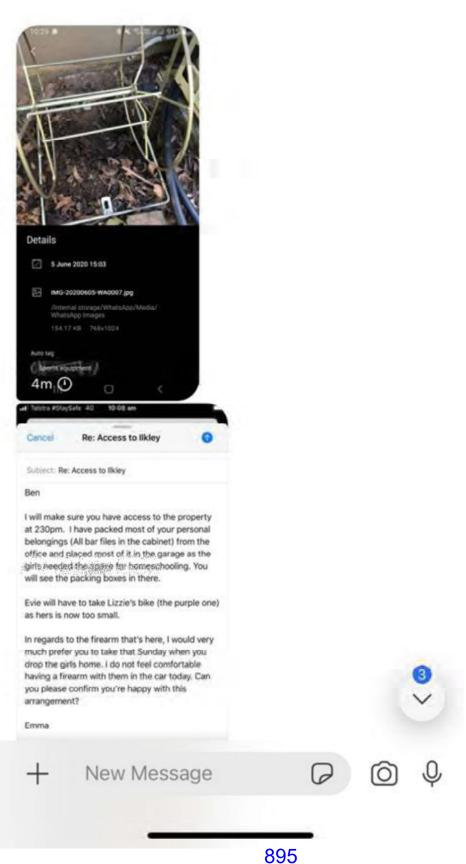
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New Messages



I have the time and date stamped photos

It was buried under the hose reel $_{\rm 3m}$ $^{\odot}$

11:19



Done 6 April 2018 - SMS from P17 to...



From: Ben Roberts-Smith < propertssmith@me.com>
Date: 17 August 2018 at 1-58:46 pm AEST
To: Emma Roberts-Smith < emma@rigroupaustralia.com>

Felutra 4G 18:26 Jenny Hosey **Chats**

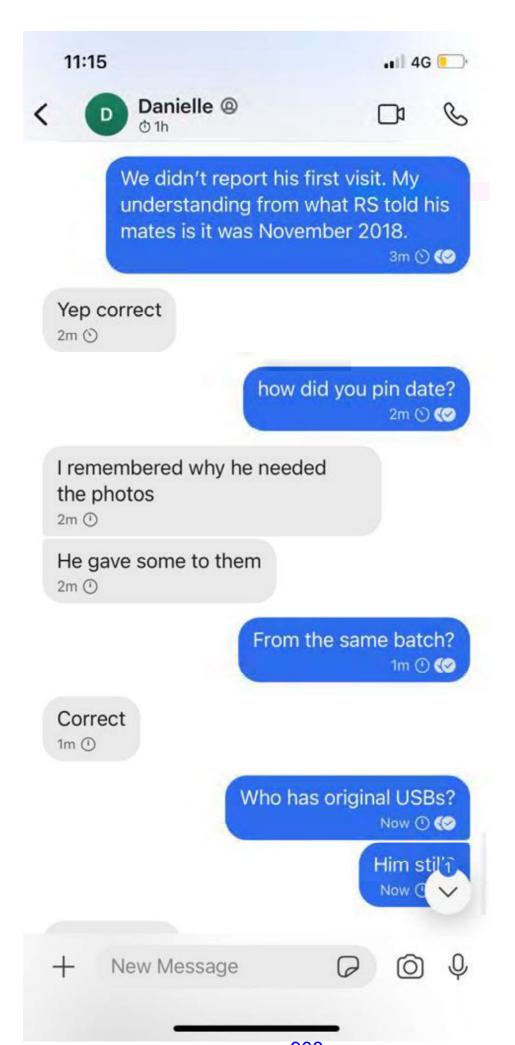
No. It most certainly is not blackmail. I'm not asking for or expecting anything from

Please don't waste your time with intimidation or payback either. The benefit of seeing what you were capable of a few weeks back & knowing the threats you've made to me since is that I immediately put in place "insurance" in the event that anything should happen to me or my family. I know you will blame me but I hope you'll also remember that we're in this position because of what we've BOTH done.

What I did today wasn't planned & it's not something I ever thought I would do but I believe I made the right decision. I know you're angry but I did it for your own good. Some day I hope you'll see that & be thankful. If you love Emma & genuinely want to fix your marriage then it needed to come out. She deserves the truth & she was never going to get it from you. You've been lying to everybody & it's time to stop. To quote your message to me from this morning - I know you will be ok & you will work though it. Your marriage is strong &

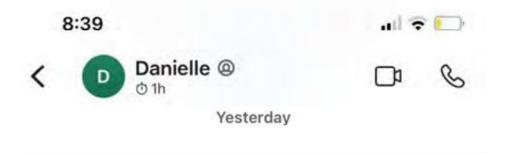
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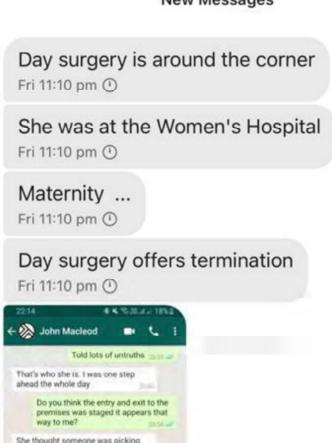


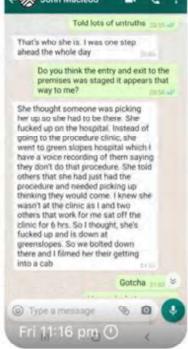






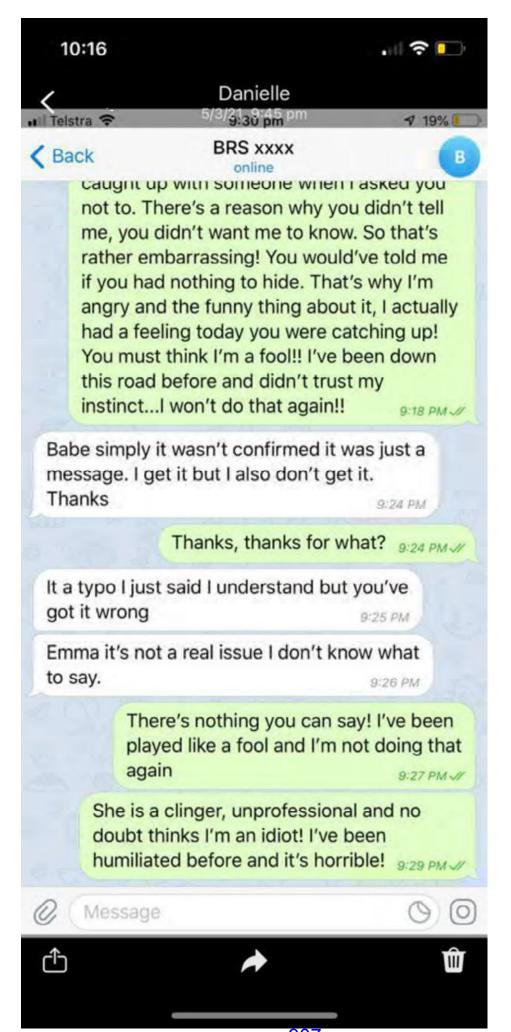
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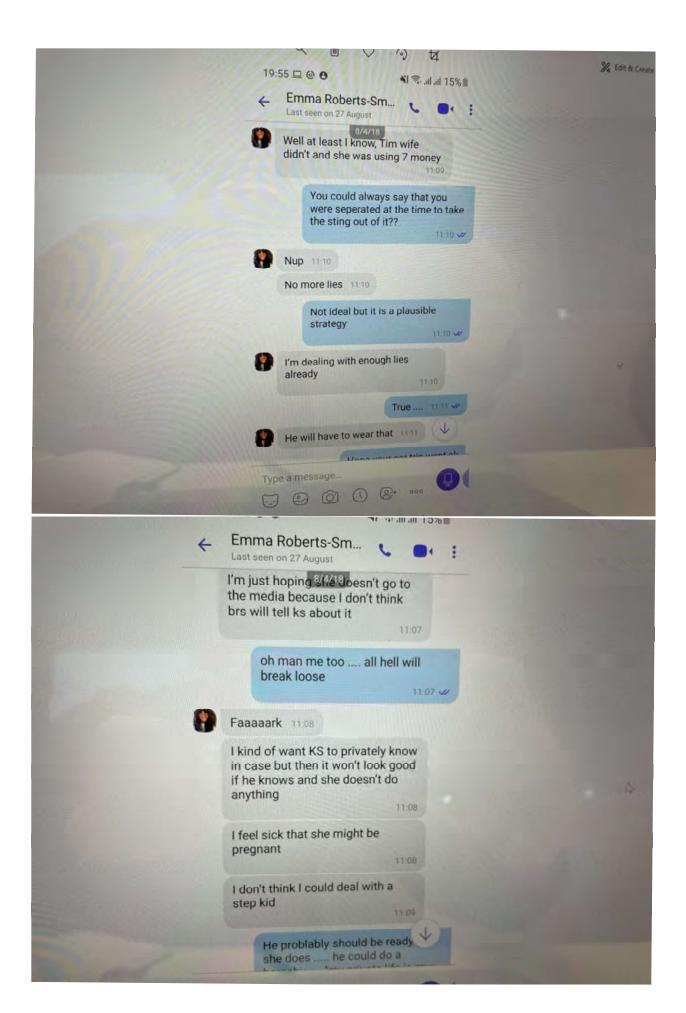


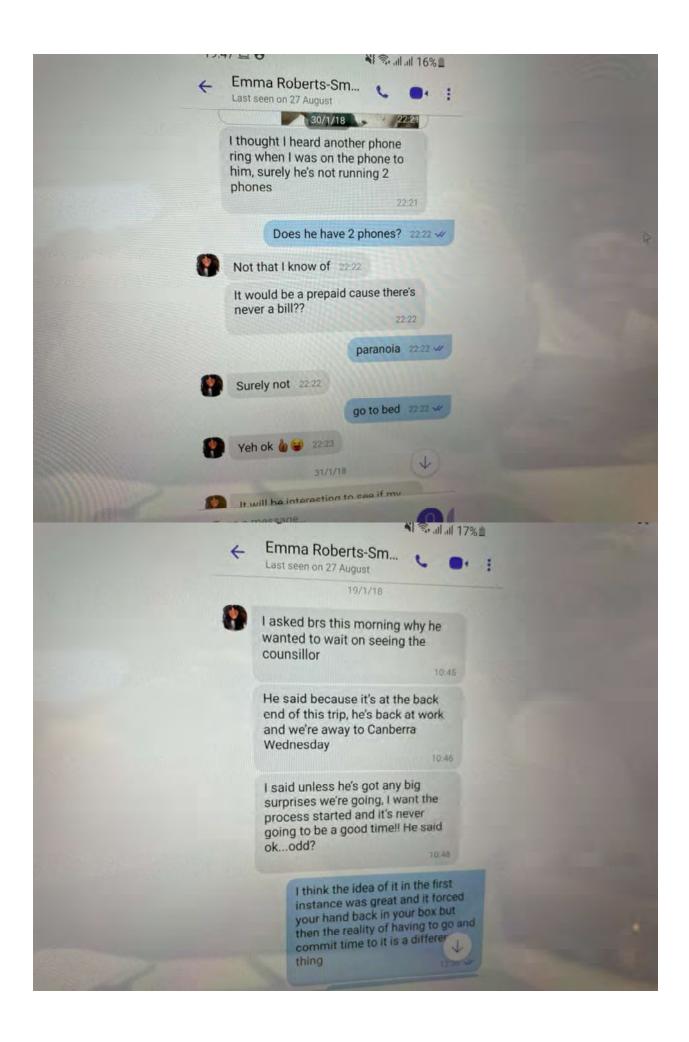


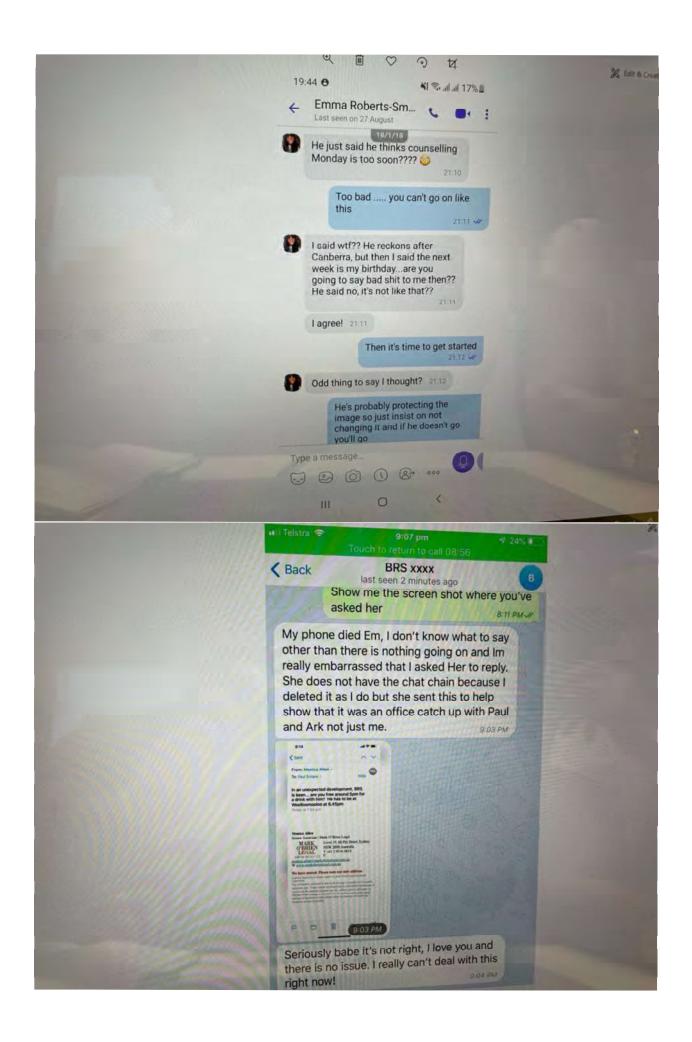
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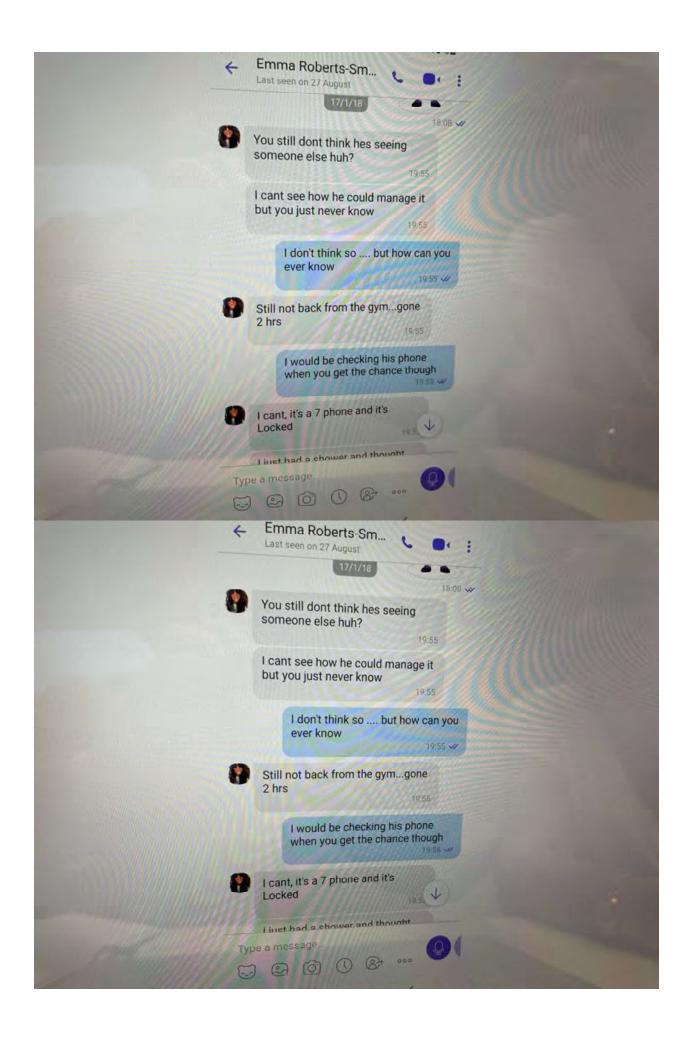


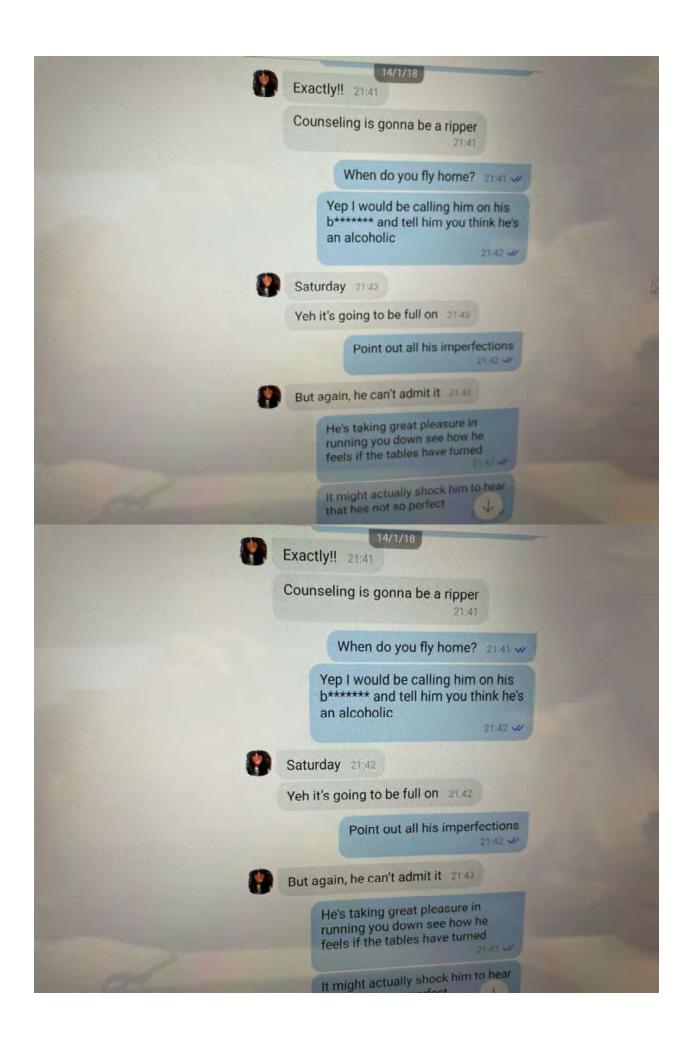


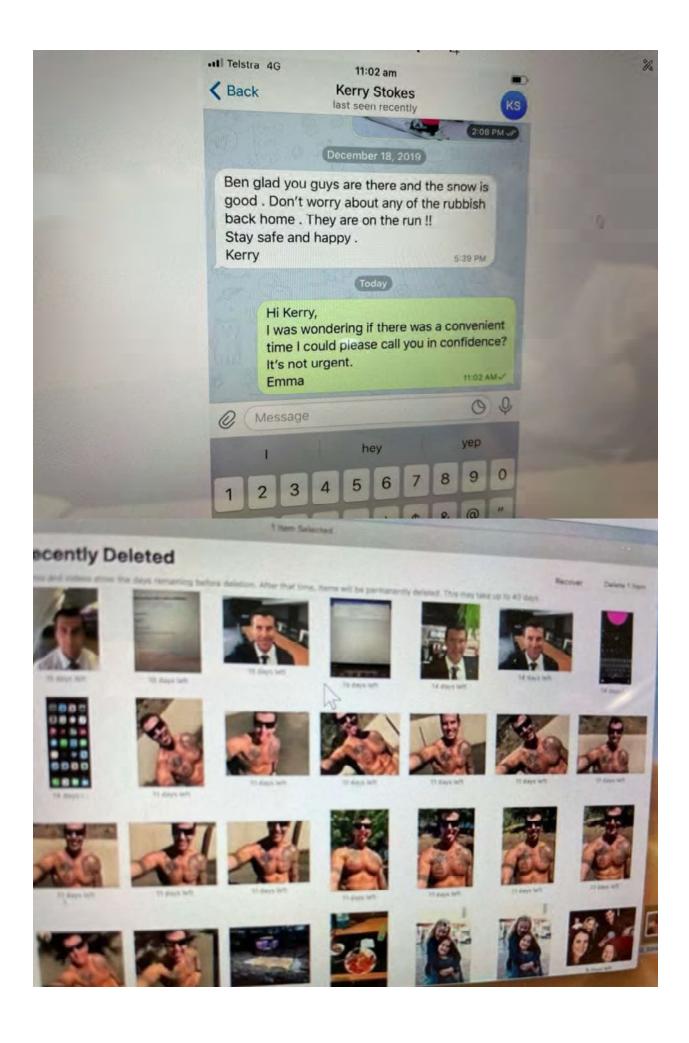


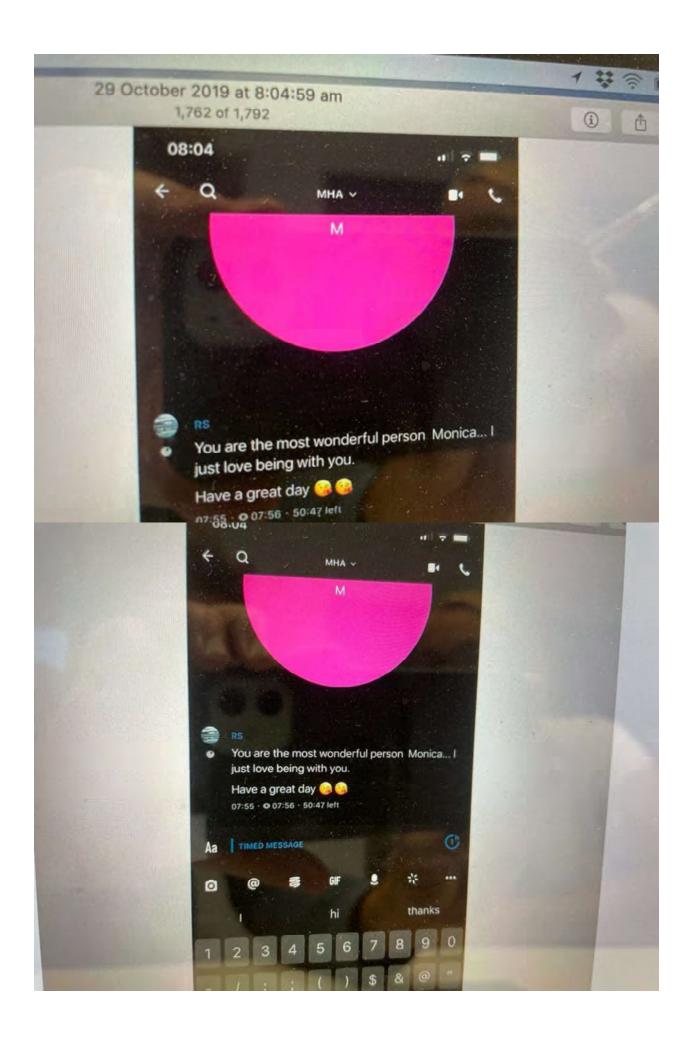




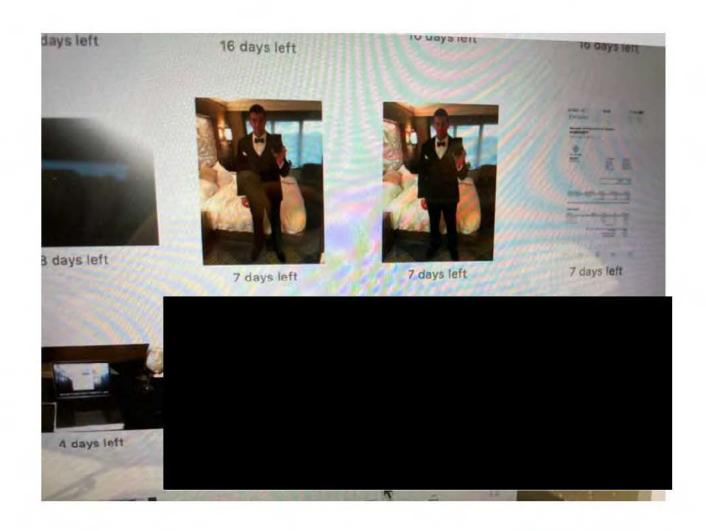




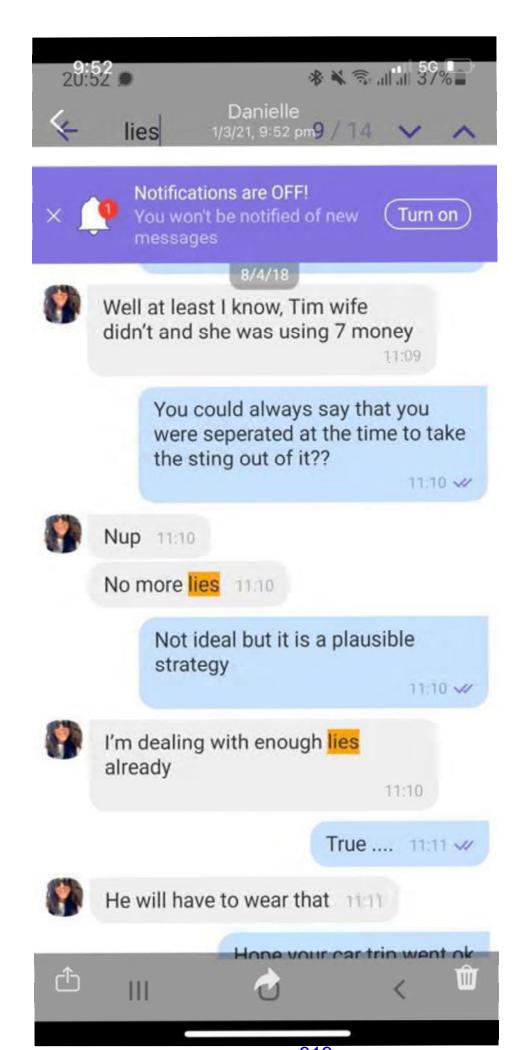




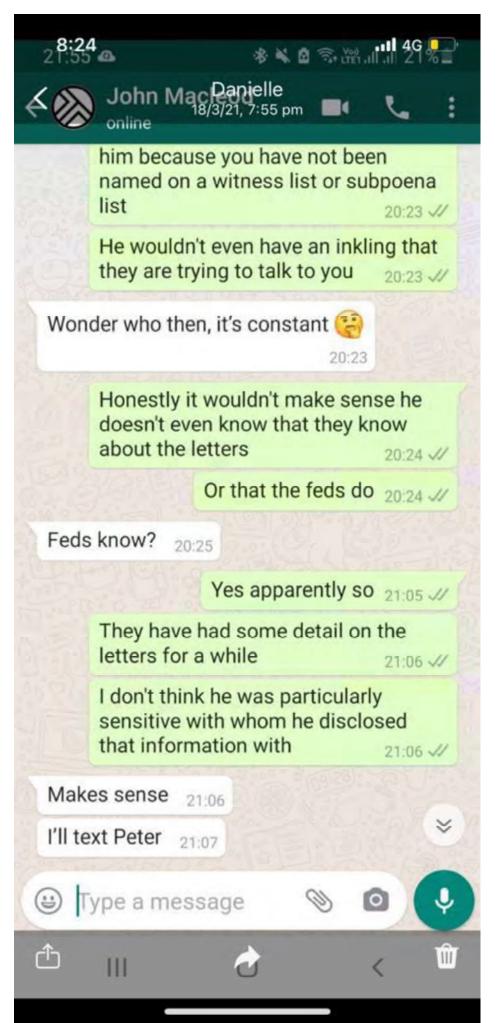


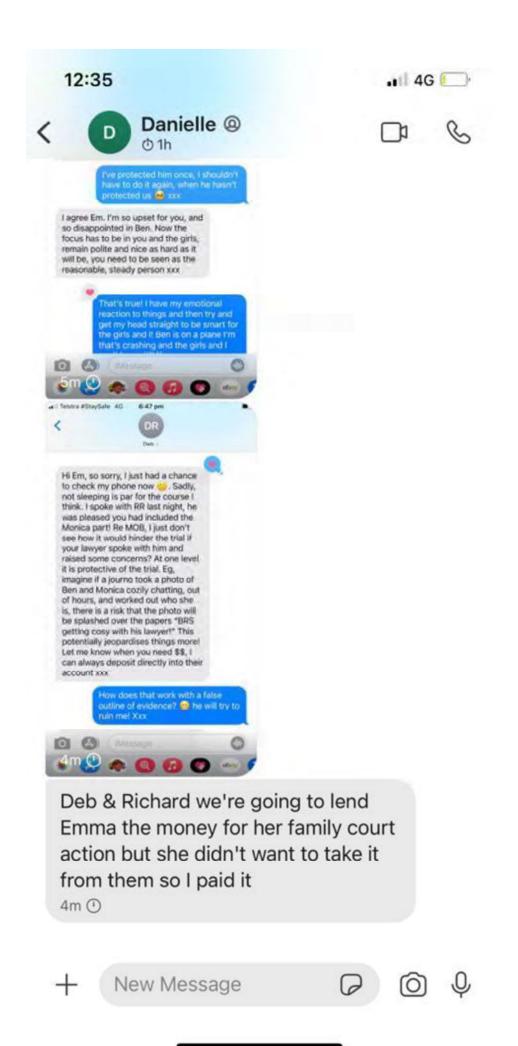




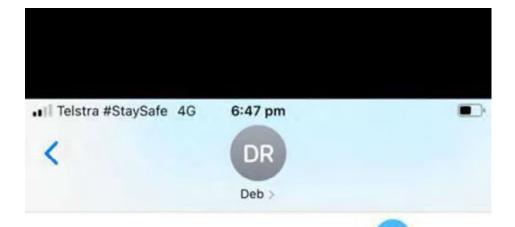






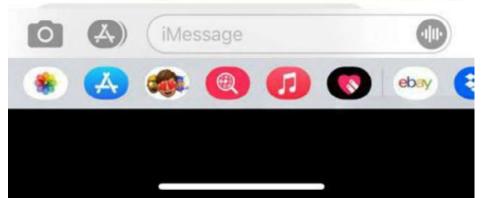


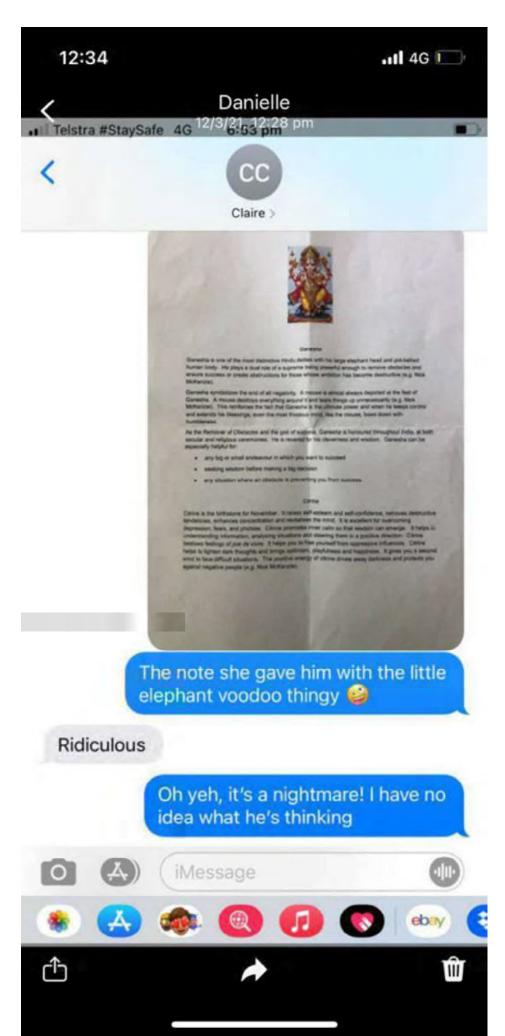
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Hi Em, so sorry, I just had a chance to check my phone now (2). Sadly, not sleeping is par for the course I think. I spoke with RR last night, he was pleased you had included the Monica part! Re MOB, I just don't see how it would hinder the trial if your lawyer spoke with him and raised some concerns? At one level it is protective of the trial. Eq. imagine if a journo took a photo of Ben and Monica cozily chatting, out of hours, and worked out who she is, there is a risk that the photo will be splashed over the papers "BRS getting cosy with his lawyer!" This potentially jeopardises things more! Let me know when you need \$\$, I can always deposit directly into their account xxx

How does that work with a false outline of evidence?
he will try to ruin me! Xxx









10 Mar 2020, 6:34 pm

Ryan said you should share the 26 page letter with KMS. 100%.

He needs to see what's going on and he needs to see that relationship with Monica.

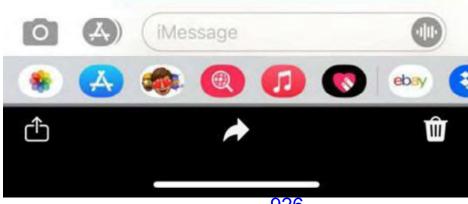
Have a think about it. Xxxx

10 Mar 2020, 8:19 pm

The 26 page document was one of many emails my lawyers have received!! It's been brutal!!

He absolutely without any doubt has been, and is in an intimate relationship with Monica. I guarantee you she is helping him with legal (bad) advice...there is NO WAY the girls made that up over the weekend, adding to what I've already seen.

I don't know what it would do telling kms...other than look like I was tiddle telling!? Xxxx

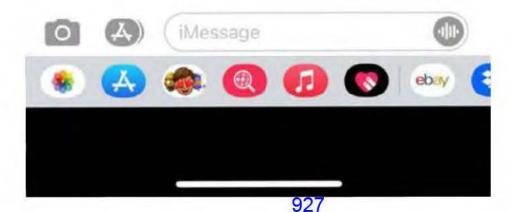




Hay girl, I am not looking forward to that defamation either. You will be on one side and P35 will be on the other. Hopefully everyone comes out of it ok. Yeah it's getting cold but no snow, can't wait until we can see each other again!

I honestly hope brs survives! He's put me through the ringer but he's still the girls dad

Delivered





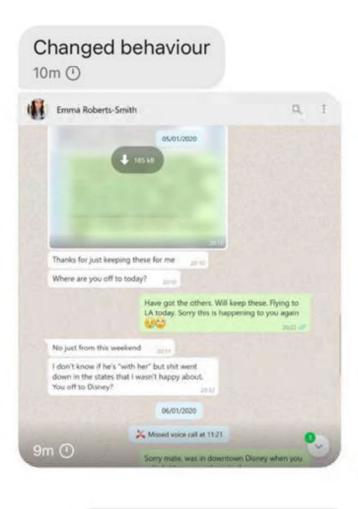
How you going girl, doing both mum and dad?

Last year was horrid!! 2021 has been amazing 🙏 I've never been happier to be honest. Girls settled, I have a house, car, job, settlement done and changed my name! Brs asked for a divorce last week so that's really the last of the wrap up stuff. Just have the defamation ahead, which is going to be absolutely awful!! But I've got great support and will not lie, I won't purger myself, which really puts me in an untenable position. However, I've come to terms with the fact that I didn't put myself here...life is amazing, and busy!! and I have so much to look forward to in the second half A Wish we were able to come and ski is it getting cold there yet?



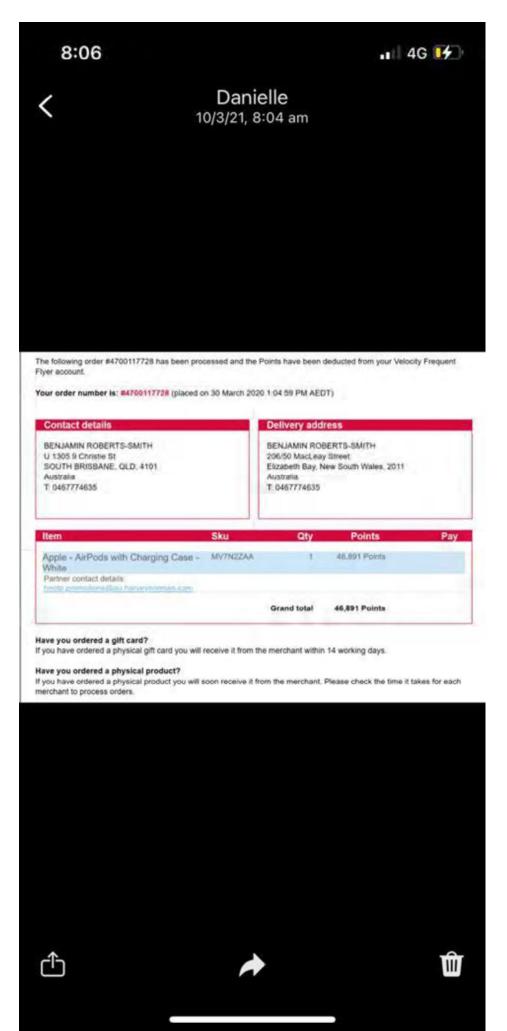


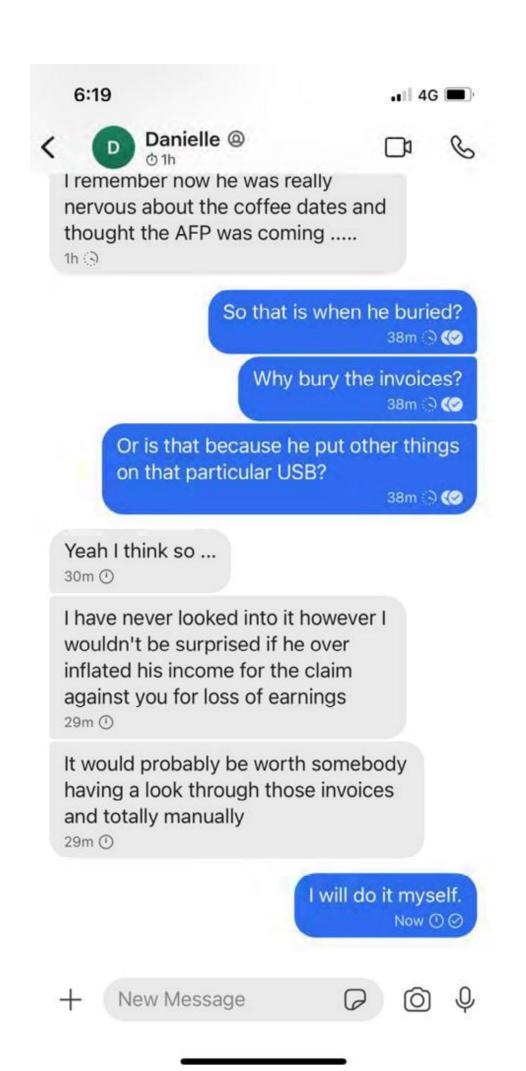
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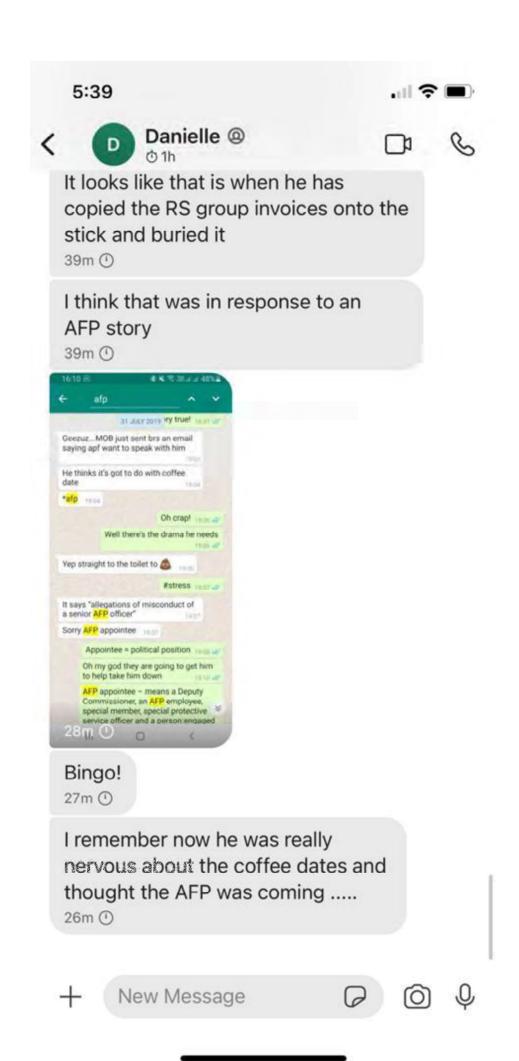


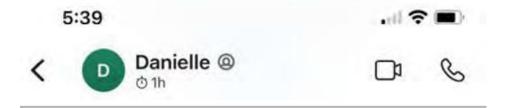












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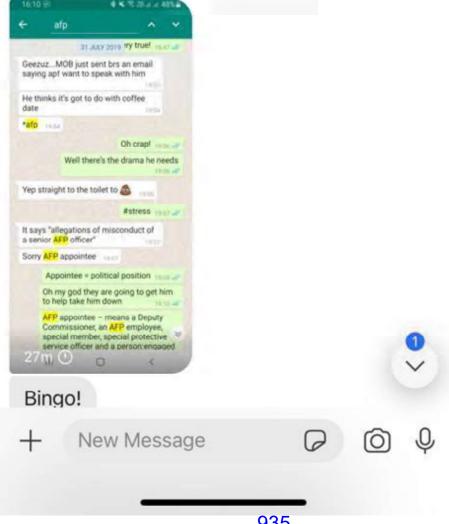
Have a look at what stories you ran around the 27th of July 2019 40m ①

It looks like that is when he has copied the RS group invoices onto the stick and buried it

39m (1)

I think that was in response to an AFP story

39m ①











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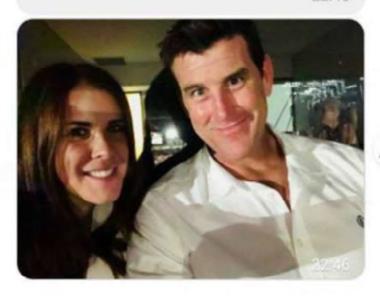
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He's been like a zombie for about a week

22:46





Oh that's not good mate. Sounds like he doesn't have a lot of head space left

6:12 W



Nope! Bring on Xmas 9:04

Yes 🐸 I but he still gotta visit the ing beforehand

9:17 W



I know 😖 9:54

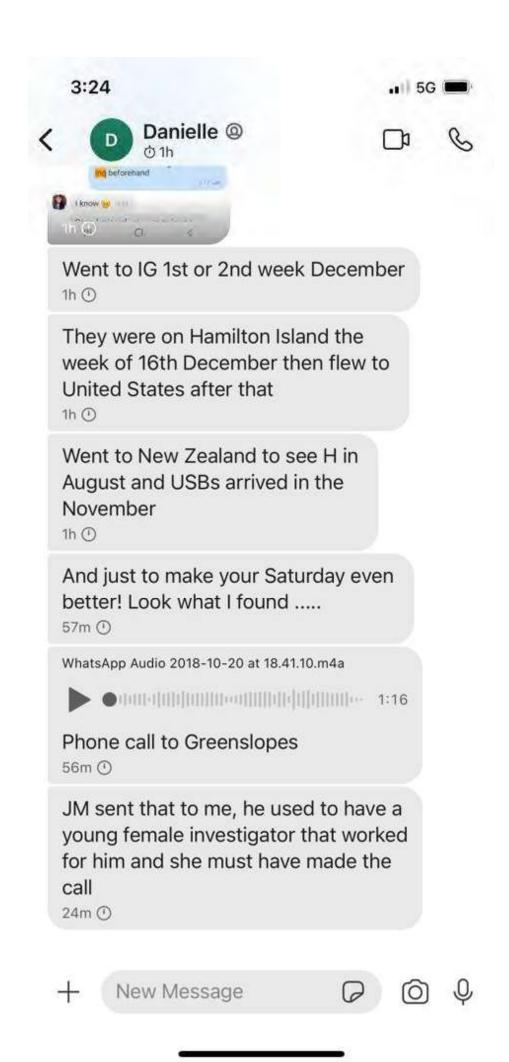


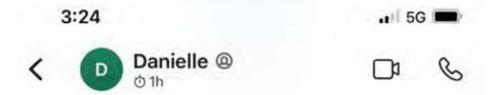
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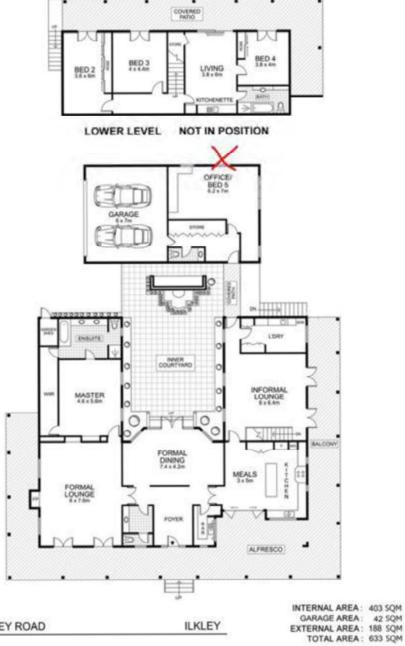




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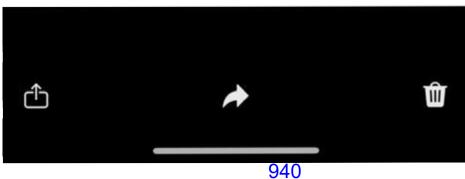






ILKLEY

661 ILKLEY ROAD





From: Nick McKenzie

Sent: Friday 12 March 2021 09:21:10 AM

To: Dean Levitan; Peter Bartlett

Subject: Messages and Intell- prepared for RS litigation

Legally privileged - prepared for litigation- factual analysis.

Hi Dean and Peter

GENERAL (no content from USB or other sources)

- D provided USBs to the federal police in around November 2020.
- In June 2020, RS wrote to ERS by email "Access to Ilkley" saying he needed to come to property to pick up certain items, including his gun.
- Using the pretence of picking up other items, he arrived at the house. He dug them up on 2 or 5 June 2020 (need to check date) and removed them from his house. It is unknown where they were taken. On the 5 June 2020, ERS photographed the site where the USBs were buried. It was under a garden hose holder.
- On 5 June 2020, ERS wrote to D: "maybe he is going to Sydney and knew he had to get the lunch box. Before we sold." D: "yeah most likely". "Who knows what that dodgy cunt thinks." Having seen some of the files, ERS by this stage knew it contained photos and financial records. ERS wrote to D: "I'm still laughing. I don't think it's Rs Group financials... he could get that info from the mutt.... it's got to be the photos. Or he thinks I'm unpredictable. Do I stay poker face?? I think he doesn't think I'm smart enough to go and dig for it."
- ERS also has evidence that RS put a drill through a laptop.

MEETING WITH AND MONICA ALLEN

-ERS has knowledge that BRS met with and Monica on December 4 2019 to pass to him documents to help prepare for his IGADF interview. Must discuss with ERS.

MEETING WITH BRS AND

- ERS has information that BRS met with at beach in Perth and spoke to him in the water to ensure he was not wearing a wire. Must discuss with ERS.
- LETTERS SENT TO
- 2 letters were anonymously In June 2018. The second letter was sent after it was reported in the media that the first letter had been sent and the ADF had called in the AFP to investigate.
- At the time that these letters were sent, RS feared that would be a witness against him in respect of war crimes matters before the IGADF, AFP and also in connections to matters that RS was intending to sue us over. It is important to note that by early 2018, we had been given legal threats by RS that he would sue us if we reported war crimes issues.

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- D has stated that John Mcleod on behalf of RS sent a letter to Perth. JM disclosed to ERS and D at a cafe in Brisbane in February 2020 that he was given the letter and told to send it. JM disclosed that he drove a couple of hours away from RS address to do this. D recalls it was two hours north. However, ERS recalls that it might have been northern NSW.
- ERS has disclosed that BRS told her he also sent a letter to Perth. He purchased the stamps from several different outlets. He printed out the letter at the Channel 7 Maroochydore office. He drove to the Northlakes Post Office to send it.
- It is clearly of interest to our case that has been threatened by BRS via this means.

- We need to subpoena AFP and Aus Post for relevant materials. EMAILS SENT TO AFP AND MEDIA TO EFFECT RAID ON
- In October 2017, a person using a fake email account sent a number of emails to AFP and/or politicians and media alleging that had unlawfully possessed weapons and was at risk of shooting dead innocent persons in a massacre in Perth. This prompted a WA police raid of 's home. No weapons were located. The complaint was false. It is an offence to make a false complaint to the AFP.
- The person who sent the emails was Nathan Richter, a QLD photographer. He disclosed that did so on behalf of a person close to an SASR member, namely BRS.
- John McLeod is an associate of Nathan Richter. ERS understands that Mcleod introduced BRS to Richter who then sent the emails on behalf of BRS,
- If it can be shown that BRS used suspect means to lodge a false police complaint to intimidate , it would aid our case in multiple ways and also involve a possible criminal offence.
- COVER UP OF PERSON 17 AFFAIR- LIE- THREATS TO LIE- ASSAULT OF P17-PREGNANCY- VIDEO SURVEILLANCE- EMAILS FROM BRS TO D ABOUT WRITING THE DK EMAILS- NEW EVIDENCE PROVIDED BY SOURCES
- D has message sent by ERS to D that states that, by 14/1/2018, ERS was seeking counselling and had disclosed that BRS was an alcoholic. ERS by this stage suspected an affair but did not know for sure. On the 17/1/18 ERS asked D "you still don't think he's seeing someone else huh? I cant see how he could manage it but you just never know." Other messages show that ERS was pushing BRS for counselling and that he had said "bad shit" to her. (see messages in January 2018).
- 30/1/18 ERS suspects that BRS has two phones. Message to D: "I thought I heard another phone ring when I was on the phone to him, surely he's not running 2 phones." We know separately from Person 17 that BRS did have multiple burner phones.
- -Evidence shows that RS asked ERS to lie to the media and in court proceedings that she was separated from RS at the time of affair with affidavit)

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- P17 arrived at ERS house and revealed affair on 6 April 2018.
- on 8/4/18 Post the discovery, ERS states in message to D that "well at least i Know, Tim wife didn't and she was using 7 money" in reference to Tim Worner Channel 7 affair. In this message strand, D suggests that ERS could "always say that you were separated at the time to take the sting out of it." ERS replies: "Nup. No more lies.... I'm dealing with enough lies already... he will have to wear that."
- on 8/4/18, after visit, ERS wrote to D: "I kind of want KS to privately know in case but then it wont look good if he knows and she doesn't do anything. I feel sick that she might be pregnant. I don't think I could deal with a step kid."
- ERS writes to D "I happened to ask if she ever flew with him places and he said last year yes, that hurt again. I said I need to know where my husband was for six months, because he wasn't with me. he's told me how badly he's fucked up and how he's ruined what we had." Messages also mention how he is trying to repair relationship.
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- name is danielle Kennedy and I represent Mr and Mrs Roberst-Smith... [see file to see text]... Danielle."
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MESSAGES FROM KERRY STOKES TO BRS AND ERS

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MULTIPLE PHONES- FAILURE TO DISCOVER PHONE RECORDS- EXISTENCE OF **PHONES**

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From: Nick McKenzie

Sent: Monday 22 March 2021 11:47:12 AM

To: Dean Levitan; Peter Bartlett

Subject: Over view of USB -prepared for RS litigation

Legally privileged - prepared for litigation- factual analysis.

Hi Dean.

Here is my factual analysis. Draft.

Nick

RECEIVING MULTIPLE USBs-BURYING USBs IN BACK YARD-IGADF OBLIGATIONS- AFP ISSUES- DISCOVERY ISSUES- DRILLING A LAPTOP

- D is adamant (150 % sure) that RS sought USBs from his SASR mates prior to his first visit to IGADF in around Early Dec 2018. D says that RS was sweating on the arrival of these USBs. Once he got them, he selected certain images to pass to the IGADF.
- RS provided only 17 images to IGADF. The IGADF process involves persons most likely stating on oath that the documents/images they have provided subject to order represents the total in their possession.
- D believes that RS buried the USBs in mid 2019 fearing they would be discovered if the AFP raided his house. (It was around the 27th of July when he copied the financial files onto the USB, on 31 July MOB sent RS an email about the Mick Keelty issue and that authorities wish to speak to him about misconduct involving a senior AFP officer).
- USBs were buried in a lunchbox. ERS was aware he had buried something but thought it was money or something else. It was buried under garden house holder behind the office/BED 5.
- On 16 March 2020, ERS and D dug them up and copied them. They then returned them to the lunch box and buried it again.
- D provided the USBs to the federal police in around November 2020.
- In June 2020, RS wrote to ERS by email "Access to Ilkley" saying he needed to come to property to pick up certain items, including his gun.
- Using the pretence of picking up other items, he arrived at the house. He dug them up on 2 or 5 June 2020 (need to check date) and removed them from his house. It is unknown where they were taken. On the 5 June 2020, ERS photographed the site where the USBs were buried. It was under a garden hose holder.
- On 5 June 2020, ERS wrote to D: "maybe he is going to Sydney and knew he had to get the lunch box. Before we sold." D: "yeah most likely". "Who knows what that dodgy cunt thinks." Having seen some of the files, ERS by this stage knew it contained photos and financial records. ERS wrote to D: "I'm still laughing. I don't think it's Rs Group financials... he could get that info from the mutt.... it's got to be the photos. Or he thinks I'm unpredictable. Do I stay poker face?? I think he doesn't think I'm smart enough to go and dig for it."
- There was 5 USBs in the lunchbox.
- Early analysis of the USBs suggests the below images, documents, etc are relevant to our case. Those underlined should have been disclosed.
- They contain a variety of operational photos from Rotation 9 (2019), Rotation 12 (2010), and Rotation 18 (2012).
- "New folder"- "USB Drive" This folder also contains dozens of photos of persons drinking the boot at the Fat Lady's Arms in 2009. They include persons named in our case. They include BRS posing with the boot.

- -Toshiba USB: 2009- contains several images of Whiskey 108 operation. P4120015, P4120014, P4120016. The metadata of these photos shows they were taken on 12/4/009. However, the metadata of at least on the these pics shows that they were modified on 13/6/2018.
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- VERBATIM USB Contains the video of P17 being surveilled by ex cop John McLeod on BRS orders. Metadata dated 3/6/2018.
- VERBATIM USB Contains two Defence Department (likely classified) reports ON WHISKEY 108 OPERATION IN 2009. JTACT MISRERW0108 F-18. This was altered on 6/7/19. The second W108 file is the Post Operation Report. It was altered 7/7/2019.
- USB New Folder (3). "Photos from ": This USB contains NO365 Pic of Tezac 2 Operation. It also contains multiple pics of piss up with the Boot in 2012 at fat Lady's Arms.
- Photos from critically contain a photo of a dead insurgent from Tezac 2 incident with SASR coins placed on his eyes, This is a likely war crime. It is unlawful to interfere with a corpse this way. The photos suggest that it was RS patrol that took this photo. It appears to be foot in the photo (was he doing the SSE and had the camera?). We need to find a way to exploit RS having this photo. This requires further discussion.
- USB New Folder (3). "Rot 9". This contains a number of pictures of the Whiskey 108 operation 12.4.2009.
- The USBs and the burying of them raise several serious legal issues for RS. It appears to be not only a calculated effort to avoid disclosure in our case, but to place evidence in our case in a manner designed to pervert the course of justice, destroy evidence. By burying it under the ground, it may be tantamount to destruction. It also is likely that RS may have lied on oath to the IGADF about the documents he provided or withheld from IGADF inquiry. Furthermore, he appears to have lied in his interrogatories about the P17 video, which was clearly in his possession.
- It is an offence to communicate or possess Commonwealth files, including classified files. ie. Former Cwth official Roger Uren was charged by AFP with possessing Cwth documents and convicted. Other ex Cwth officials have also been convicted over similar offences.
- files held by D reveal that BRS was sent Cwth (Defence Department) files on W108 operation. These include a JTAC report (a defence briefing created by the air attack specialist attached to SASR) detailing the bombing of W108. The also include a POST OPERATION REPORT, a typical report produced after an SASR operation. Both documents are the property of the C'wth. They are also almost certainly classified. It is likely an offence to possess them and transmit them.
- D has evidence of files showing that P5 likely sent RS a Commonwealth document that contained a briefing of W108 operation. This appears to have been sent via encrypted means (the service VIBER). The author of the file is US based ex patrol commander (and witness in our case). 3/7/19 is when it was created, according to metadata. A few hours later on the same day it was modified by BRS. On the 3/7/19 it was emailed by BRS to Person 29.

- a second file "W108 copy" appears to have been created by RS on 16/1/2020. The file was created and modified on this day.
- The above conduct needs also to be viewed in addition to his threatening of witnesses (Letters issues) and decision to lie in court documents and instruct ERS to lie in respect of the question of separation.
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- ERS write sto BRS (date unclear) stating "... caught up with someone when I asked you not to. There's a reason why upu didn't tell me, you didn't want me to know. So that's rather embarrassing! You wouldve told me if you had nothing to hide. That's why I'm angry and teh funny thing about it, I actual;y had a feeling today you were catching up! You must think I'm a fool!! I've been down this road before and I didn't trust my instinct...

I wont do that again." BRS: "Emma oit's not a real issue I don't know what to say."

"There's nothing you can say! I've been played like a fool and I'm not doing that again. She is a clinger, unprofessional and no doubt thinks I'm an idiot! I've been doing humiliated before and it's horrible!"

- Monica writes to ERS seeking proof of the separation. "i don't know what they will subpoena from you, but if I was them, I would ask you for all documents evidencing or referring to: the separation- when it started and when it ended; living arrangements during the separation; who you told you were separated; your knowledge of person 17 and when you found out about her. If or when you get subpoenaed, we will have an "independent barrister" act on your behalf in relation to the subpoena to make any objections you may have the right to make as a subpoenaed party and we will represent Ben re any objections he may to wish to make as a party to the proceedings. Anyway, don't worry about that for now. Counsel would just like to see a couple of examples. unflattering is fine. It lends weight to the fact you guys were estranged."
- Monica writes to ERS: "Hi Em, we met with Matthew Richardson this morning about the various categories for discovery and interrogatories to be answered by Ben. I mentioned that while Ben deletes everything, I understand that you had a couple of messages that evidence that:
- you were separated; and that at some point you became aware of [picture of bunny, ie bunny boiler], so while we don't have evidence to produce from Ben, we will have when they issue a subpoena to you. Matthew said he would like an example of what you have just so we know what we have to use in the future. So just a couple of examples of any messages would be great. It is not urgent."

MESSAGES FROM KERRY STOKES TO BRS AND ERS

- D has this message from KS to ERS and BRS sent Dec 18, 2019. "Ben glad you guys are there and teh snow is good. Don't worry about any of the rubbish back home. They are on the run!! Stay safe and Happy. Kerry."
- D has message from ERS to KS. Appears this may be after discover of Monica affair. "Hi Kerry, I was wondering if there was a convenient time I could please call you in confidence? It's not urgent. Emma."

MULTIPLE PHONES- FAILURE TO DISCOVER PHONE RECORDS- EXISTENCE OF PHONES

- We know from DRS that as he was preparing to launch litigation/after he launched litigation against us, he purchased four phones in Danielle's name or her husband's name to communicate to persons without trace.

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