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PERSON BEING INTERVIEWED: MS ELLA DRAPER

PERSONS PRESENT:

INTERVIEWER - [NOT STATED]

INTERVIEWER: Got it working now. Lovely. Right. This is a significant witness statement for, please, if you can state your name for me?

E DRAPER: I'm Ella Draper, D-R-A-P-E-R, Draper.

INTERVIEWER: And your date of birth?

E DRAPER: 13/12/72.

INTERVIEWER: Thank you. The date is Thursday the 11th of September 2014 and the time is 14.30. We're in an interview room at Haringey [inaudible]. I'm just going to read you, now, we're doing a significant statement and then for a witness statement, this statement, if you can read this statement -

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: - from there.

E DRAPER: 'This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it's tendered, tendered in evidence, I shall

be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.'

INTERVIEWER: Okay, thank you. Okay. Ella, we're here to talk about the allegations that your children have made.

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: That's Gabriel and Alisa.

E DRAPER: That's right.

INTERVIEWER: Okay. First of all, I'd like to just get some background information on how the family is made up. So can you just tell me in your own words where you've grown up and a little bit about yourself?

E DRAPER: I grew up in Russia, in the south of Russia in a place called Rostov-on-Don, and I lived in this place until I was about 17-and-a-half years old. Then I moved to Moscow where I, I received further education. I've done a Master degree in, in the history of art and particularly in modern art. And at the end of the University, I met my ex-husband, Mr William Draper, who shortly after that received an offer of a job in London and he offered me, he suggested that we moved, and we moved to London.

INTERVIEWER: So you met in Russia?

E DRAPER: We met in Russia -

INTERVIEWER: All right, okay.

E DRAPER: - where Mr William Draper was working as a financial consultant for, I don't quite remember things, Andrews[?] Consultancy, whatever. I'm

not 100% sure. It's been, been quite a while ago. He received an offer to, as a job opportunity in HSBC Bank and we moved to London in November 1997. We lived in South Kensington, Cornwall Gardens, I think 20 Cornwall, Cornwall, Cornwall Gardens. I don't remember the flat number. We lived there for a year and maybe a little bit more actually.

In 2000, sorry, in 1999, we bought a house in Hampstead, flat two, number 47 Hollycroft Avenue NW3 7QJ. In 2003, we got divorced. We had a son, James, James Draper, who is now 17 years old. He was born in, on 28th May 1997. And so we moved to Hampstead at the end of 1999 and since that time, I've been living in Hampstead fulltime. It's only in December 2013 that as a result of the legal proceedings, financial legal proceedings between me and Mr William Draper that I've been, we've, I've been forced to move out of the property where I've been living before.

So I've been renting the house on five, number five, Pattison Road, London, NW2 2HL, which is literally several blocks away from the previous place of residence. At the age of 12, James moved to live with his dad. Before the, the residence was in my favour and then he moved to live with his dad. So I haven't been, I, I've been working as, I received yoga teaching, yoga training course in 2000 and I've been working as a yoga teacher then, from then on, extensively

practising and teaching in different yoga studios around London and then I've been teaching privately as well. Ah yes, and this is kind of in brief my background.

INTERVIEWER: That's your occupation then, is it?

E DRAPER: My occupation is, well, I've been doing yoga teaching for quite, for, for a long time. However, my degree is art historian, which, which is, I never actually worked in this area.

INTERVIEWER: Possibly difficult to get into.

E DRAPER: It was, I had children really during all these years and I really thought that more, it's, it's more important for me to look after children than to get a full-time job as, as an art consultant or something like that. It's kind of more a career. It's a demanding career, so this is why yoga, yoga, being yoga instructor just kind of fit me, fitted me better for my, for my, you know, circumstances, but I still could spent most of my time with children.

INTERVIEWER: Okay. Now, you said James has moved with his, into, well, moved back to his father.

E DRAPER: Not moved -

INTERVIEWER: Okay?

E DRAPER: - back. He lived with me -

INTERVIEWER: He was with you.

E DRAPER: - the whole time.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: About maybe, when James was about 10 years old, he asked whether he can spend more time with his dad and he was living kind of like part-time

with me and part-time with, with his father and then in, about I think 2011, as far as I remember, I wouldn't be kind of exact, Mr Draper started to, legal proceedings to get a residence order in his favour. And in May 2000, I remember James was 12 years old when it happened, when he moved to, to his dad. I think it was 2000, oh, James is 17 now, so it was maybe 2009, something like that when he went, when Mr Draper received a residence order in, in -

INTERVIEWER: Right.

E DRAPER: - in his favour.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: So James was residing with him since.

INTERVIEWER: Since then?

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: Is he still residing with him?

E DRAPER: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: Okay. And where's that?

E DRAPER: It's, they're in Harpenden.

INTERVIEWER: Harpenden.

E DRAPER: Harpenden in Hertfordshire and James keeps visiting me every second weekend and also we're sharing holidays in between us.

INTERVIEWER: Oh right. So James visits every second weekend?

E DRAPER: That's correct.

INTERVIEWER: Is that a private arrangement between you or was it through the Court?

E DRAPER: It's been, it's been actually ordered by the Court.

INTERVIEWER: Oh right. Okay. And James' dad is, just to confirm?

E DRAPER: James William Draper.

INTERVIEWER: James William Draper. Okay. Okay. And when did you say you started sort of separation, divorce proceedings?

E DRAPER: In 2000, we had some disagreement. We were separated for a little while. Then we came together again. We were not divorced at that time and in 2002, we started the divorce proceedings and 2003, I don't quite remember the month when I received the paperwork. I think it was the summer 2003.

INTERVIEWER: Right. But it's only in December 2013 that you've had to actually move out of the property?

E DRAPER: Yes, that's correct because Mr Draper still had, part of the property still was on his name -

INTERVIEWER: In his name.

E DRAPER: - and so the property was kind of jointly owned.

INTERVIEWER: Oh, is that in the progress of sort of being, process of being sold?

E DRAPER: Well, when, when, when we were going through legal proceedings, 75% where, belonged to me.

INTERVIEWER: Right.

E DRAPER: And 25% to Mr Draper and then at some point, I asked him, approached Mr Draper about releasing some equity because I wanted to open a yoga studio.

INTERVIEWER: Oh.

E DRAPER: So I released about, I think it was £89,000, around £90,000 from the equity which our house

kind of grew up in value.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: Okay. And you said you were in, renting at the moment.

E DRAPER: Yeah. But then what happened -

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: - because the, there were quite a few clause in the divorce settlement where if James stopped residing in the property, Mr Draper could enforce the sale of the property, which he started to exercise this.

INTERVIEWER: Oh right. Okay.

E DRAPER: Not right away, but at some point, not, not straight after James moved out. It's only in 2000-, a couple of years ago, he started, so we had some legal proceedings in regards to that as well.

INTERVIEWER: Right.

E DRAPER: And at the end, I've lost, well, I didn't want to move out, but I had to in the end. I was ordered to sell this property.

INTERVIEWER: So James Draper, no, William Draper.

E DRAPER: Because, sorry, because of the release of the equity, our kind of like percentage changed and I owned 58% and he would, he owned 42%.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: Because I released the equity.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah. Okay. So William is James' dad?

E DRAPER: That's correct.

INTERVIEWER: And Gabriel-?

E DRAPER: Gabriel and, Alisa and Gabriel, they are from my, another, a second relationship after -

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: - I've been married and that is with Mr Ricky Dearman, who I met in yoga studio. In fact, where I was teaching and he appeared to be one of my students. So he approached me at some point. I don't remember for what, but basically we'd seen a couple of times, we'd seen each other a couple of times and just something, I don't know, I wasn't quite happy about. I just didn't feel it was right thing to do, to carry on the relationship, to carry on seeing him. So I stopped dating, don't respond to his telephone calls, anything like that.

And, but then a year later, he called me. I was working on a little project, which I was thinking to do like a yoga retreat in the Maldives. I had a friend who organised the hotel there and I had already some private students, so I wanted to organise like a retreat. It never happened, by the way, but I was working on leaflets and all kind of things. And so Mr Dearman, he offered me his help and at the time, I was still kind of like, computer, not so kind of eloquent. So I said okay. Maybe, you know, he can help me. And this is how kind of like this bit of the relationship started to develop.

INTERVIEWER: This was roughly-?

E DRAPER: That was, oh, difficult to say. Alisa was born

in 2005, so I would say that was maybe beginning of 2004. Well, I met him 2003.

INTERVIEWER: Right.

E DRAPER: Shortly after divorce.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: Although we[sic] already hadn't been together with Mr Draper for a year then or maybe even more. I don't remember exactly the month when we met. However, the second time Mr Dearman appeared in my life around 2004, maybe beginning of the year or maybe end of 2003. I wouldn't, I'm not certain about the time.

INTERVIEWER: And you got into a relationship.

E DRAPER: So the relationship, -

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: - so we started to see each other. He started to come to my house and soon after, the relationship started to develop very quickly. And he stayed in the house on numerous occasions and soon after, I got pregnant with Alisa, who was born in, in, on 24th April 2005.

INTERVIEWER: Now, James would have been with you then.

E DRAPER: James was living with me at the time.

INTERVIEWER: And 2005, how old would he have been then?

E DRAPER: James would be I would say, if it was say, if we met in, well, if we started to see each other more, more frequently around 2000, beginning of 2004, James would be what? Minus, minus 10 years, he was like seven years old.

INTERVIEWER: Seven.

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: He was about seven years old. Well, I think maybe even, yeah, something like that.

INTERVIEWER: How was he?

E DRAPER: Well, in the beginning, there, the relationship between he and Mr Dearman was all right. They were quite friendly. However, about maybe when Ricky was staying in house more and more, he was, he, he sold his house in Bacton[?] and I wasn't really kind of ready for him to move in, but because of the situation, he sold his house, he didn't know where to, he didn't have anywhere to live and we already like had quite, quite intense relationship going on, he moved in my house. And I think soon after he moved in my house, the relationship between him and James started to go down, to go sour. And -

INTERVIEWER: It's got to be quite difficult, somebody new coming in.

E DRAPER: Yeah, although you know, I was, in the beginning, I was quite happy because they were quite, they were good friends or it seemed like that. James was happy. But then after, after, I'm not quite sure, at some point when Mr Dearman moved into my apartment, something happened. James, something, something, something started to go on where they started to argue quite a bit and James had expressed his desire to, and maybe it's not at that point. I think maybe Alisa was born, that their relationship went pretty much bad at that time.

And Mr Dearman was saying that, that James is rough with his sister, things like that, and he started to bully James quite a lot.

Like for example, he would lock him in the room, give him a bucket to pee and poo, things like that. And so I started to kind of get involved and it's just like, I started to protect my son. I mean this is, I thought it was a bit too much to treat the child like that, especially it's not yours and you are in my house. And he was like quite disrespectful with James and humiliating to him and at that time, now, soon after Alisa was born, we separated. Literally maybe Alisa was six days old, old.

INTERVIEWER: Right.

E DRAPER: We didn't see each other for two months. Then he started to call me again. And around this time, my mum, soon after Alisa was born, my mum arrived, literally maybe three days of, of age when Alisa was at the time, my mum came to help me. And, and I said actually it was my mum who started to persuade me to perhaps get back together with Mr Dearman and I think it's probably a bit of kind of emotional issue for my parents because my first marriage sort of didn't work and James was growing sort of without too much of his father's involvement. So and after all, deep down, also a bit kind of, a bit guilty, a bit, a bit guilty that you know, my marriage didn't work and James now suffering from sort of father not being there, although I

wasn't prepared to go back with Mr Draper.

So about, after about two months, maybe it was when Alisa was about two months old, I kind of gave in, into my mother's persuasion and probably my own persuasion that I probably should give this relationship another go. Now, however, the reason why we broke up, Mr Dearman was a bit violent to me. Not that he hit me, but when I was pregnant about maybe seven, eight months, he pushed me on the floor quite hard.

INTERVIEWER: Right.

E DRAPER: And dragged me on the floor as well. I don't remember about other -

INTERVIEWER: That is violence.

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: But I mean he didn't hit me or, but he pushed me on the floor quite -

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: - hard. And this was one incident and it was later on, it was another almost like a fight, where he, he was verbally abusing me and I had a, a glass of water in my hand. I splashed it in, onto him. So he grabbed me by the shirt, grabbed my, whatever clothes and he was kind of like pulling me around. And you know, he didn't hit me, but it was another sort of -

INTERVIEWER: Were you pregnant again, or pregnant -

E DRAPER: Yes, I was -

INTERVIEWER: - during that time?

E DRAPER: - pregnant at the time. I was always pregnant.

So when Alisa was born, I thought that was, it was I don't want him around. So that was, and during this, this was quite a difficult pregnancy kind of emotionally because I didn't receive any support. I didn't feel any support from him. I was literally on my own doing all domestic work, all, you know, cooking, you know, like everything, looking after James, running to school, after school, all this kind of was on me, where Mr Dearman didn't really participate much in, in many things much.

INTERVIEWER: Right.

E DRAPER: On top, he started to abuse my son and so now he abused me or he had abused me first, first. So everything kind of started to happen simultaneously. That's why I wasn't, I, I decided to terminate this relationship. Now, this was about two months down the line when Alisa was born about -

INTERVIEWER: That's -

E DRAPER: - I thought -

INTERVIEWER: - June?

E DRAPER: It was about, yeah, about maybe June.

INTERVIEWER: It was June, July.

E DRAPER: End of July, July, beginning of July. End of June, beginning of July. He started to call. He actually asked to come and see his daughter. I let him. He came into the garden and it was a brief visit. He left and then, so then he started to kind of like, I, I saw some kind of like changes in him. I thought it was changes,

where he started to participate a bit more. He brought her, he bought a pram, a nice pram for Alisa. And he kind of was help-, trying to be helpful, asking whether I need any help and basically we started to see each other. He started to visit me, to visit us again.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: My mum stayed about the time, she stayed quite a while, as long I think her visa permitted. I look, I, I don't want to give exact period, but maybe four or five months, something like that.

INTERVIEWER: It would have been, she left before Christmas?

E DRAPER: Something like that.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: Something like that. Or maybe she left after New Year, after New Year of 2006.

INTERVIEWER: Do you remember having her for Christmas or not?

E DRAPER: I don't remember. I, I don't want to -

INTERVIEWER: No.

E DRAPER: - give details -

INTERVIEWER: No, no, that's no problem. She stayed for a while.

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: So for those first important few months, she was there.

E DRAPER: I, you know, I'm not quite sure, but I think maybe that time, no, no, I, I'm mistaken. That time, she didn't stay long. She stayed only for two months.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: After she left, the relationship started to kind

of develop again.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: Because she came again and she stayed longer time afterwards.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: She came actually quite a few times. Now, soon after Alisa was born, I got pregnant with another child who was born in June 2006. There's only 14 months between them, so in fact Alisa was two months when I got pregnant with another child.

INTERVIEWER: Okay, Gabriel, who was born, when was it?

E DRAPER: 2006.

INTERVIEWER: 2006.

E DRAPER: 22nd June he was born. Now, the, even though a relationship started to, to develop, I think when, between that time and when James was born, it was pretty much, it was a bit up and down. I, I was realising more and more that Mr, Mr Dearman is quite unstable emotionally. Where he would burst into kind of like a, in a rage. He would start to scream and shout. For example, there was accident, incident when he threw my mobile on the floor, broke my mobile. He threw my, he broke my glasses on that occasion. Then he threw the chopping board to my, towards my feet, towards me, but kind of like, I'm not quite sure he'd aim it on me, but it landed next to me on the floor and piece of it cut, broke and things like that. For another, another occasion when argument

happened, he threw all my things from my wardrobe, all my clothes into the front garden, into kind of the dirty part of our garden. At that time, I locked him, I asked him to leave.

INTERVIEWER: Did you report any of these?

E DRAPER: I didn't report any of that, although I think when maybe he, I think he broke my glasses twice. That was one time. I, I don't want to kind of like, it was like maybe once or twice. I don't quite remember. Now, I asked him to leave, but then shortly after that, he moved in again. So it was kind of in and out.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: He really like maybe stayed in my house for six months in one year and that was like in and out, in and out. He left, he rented a property literally on the next street, on Rosecroft Avenue. It was 7B Rosecroft Avenue, NW3 7QA, that was. So he stayed there.

And around that time, he, I was, I was getting more interested and more and more interested. I was, I was more interested at the time, I could develop an interest in health area and I started to educate myself on health issues, wellness issues, nutrition. This, I think, even before I met Mr Dearman and I also developed an interest in Internet marketing, which I started to study this subject. And that's now, when Mr Dearman apparently had the same interests or he showed, he expressed the same interest. I'm not quite that he kind of already knew something about it,

but he seemed to be quite knowledgeable in some areas.

And what happened then...? Yeah. He's, he persuaded me in, no, before Alisa was born, before I met Mr Dearman, I was intensively looking, intensively looking for, for the premises to open a yoga studio and created a business plan and I had an agreement from Lloyds Bank, I think it was Lloyds Bank, who agreed to lend me another, I had 75,000 at the time and they agreed to lend me another 75,000 towards the business to, to open a yoga studio. And I almost did rent a premises on three occasions and was, I was very close to sign the contract in central London and I had enough money for to, for initial six months' rent and I had money for, for initial running and equipment and all this.

INTERVIEWER: All your business costs.

E DRAPER: Had -

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: - 150,000, I had. Well, agreed with Lloyds Bank -

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: - they were going to lend me once I signed the contract for the property. Now, this never happened. For some reason, none of them fell[sic] through. The last one, some other yoga studio signed, signed with this, with this landlord.

INTERVIEWER: The premises.

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: It is because the yoga I'm teaching is, it's performed in a hot room, so it requires -

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: - heating and -

INTERVIEWER: Yeah, yeah.

E DRAPER: - so they preferred someone else with less kind of equipment and less hassle and no showers. Well, in the yoga I teach, you need shower because people is getting sweaty. So anyway, that's, that's what happened. And shortly after that, Mr Dearman kind of reappeared in my life now. And then he sold his house, but he didn't get much money out of it, or that's what he told me. So because I kind of, I got pregnant and Alisa was born, this man, he started, I started to use this money I had.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: I didn't have choice, to be honest. I mean he didn't make any money. I -

INTERVIEWER: You had to live on this money.

E DRAPER: - didn't make much money because I was like looking after child. And now again, he didn't, he didn't really like show much help, I mean he didn't help me much in the house. It was everything on me, not just that because we, we, we, we agreed that we're going to try to give Internet marketing a shot. So we were thinking to do, to promote those, like a slimming, slimming supplements, which is consist of

different herbs. And basically like, it's an appetite suppressant. And so he persuaded me to pay for this course and for this software. So money started to kind of like go very quickly. For example, one course cost like £5,000 or oh no, \$5,000 I think that was. And so he, he started to blackmail me in regards that we had to pay for that, we have to pay for that. And for the sake of not arguing because I mean these arguments started to happen a lot and I knew where they could lead. They could lead to, they could lead to badness, even though he wasn't living with me, but he still came to see children. He constantly been taking them to the park, to Hampstead village, to coffee shops, to shopping, so he kind of like, in my eyes, he was looking after, after the children, at least in this respect, give me a little bit of space, doing some domestic work, but I was really overworked. I was looking after two children on top -

INTERVIEWER: It was the only break that you were getting?

E DRAPER: Yeah. Again -

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: - exactly, exactly. When he was taking them -

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: - out for a walk -

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: - to the parks, which is he was doing. He was doing regularly and, and I was -

INTERVIEWER: You had two young children. That's -

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: - got to be hard.

E DRAPER: Yeah. Yeah. So -

INTERVIEWER: Well three[?] -

E DRAPER: - for me -

INTERVIEWER: - yeah.

E DRAPER: Yeah, exactly. It was like very, it was like almost having twins and I was breastfeeding both. I, when Gabriel was born, I still was breastfeeding Alisa. So basically I switched one to one from one child to another, which is already exhausting, you know, breastfeeding, but on top of I was doing household work. I was cooking. And, and doing everything and plus I was doing some business work as well. I was doing business plans. I was running, constantly still had paperwork, some bills, some invoices, making phone calls, doing research. So I mean I was like really overworked and very exhausted. And those, so then I'm not quite sure when it happened. I think it was -

INTERVIEWER: This is around 2007?

E DRAPER: Yeah. 2007, 2008. 2000, about 2000, during this time, 2007, 2008, there were quite, there were a few more incidents of violence. I called the police. In 2000, I called the police twice, or no, not twice, five times. I think it was 2008. I think it was 2008. I'll have to really look at my papers. I don't want to kind of like give incorrect information -

INTERVIEWER: No, no.

E DRAPER:

- but I just kind of like an idea. I think it was 2008. It was I think November, coming now towards Christmas. And Mr Dearman told me that he's got some tickets for some show in O2 Arena and it was [inaudible] apparently and he wanted to go. He wanted to take the whole family there. Even though at the time, the relationship was, we're still seeing each other and we had some kind of relationship going on, as regards like intimate relationship. And, but it was pretty, very damaged at the time. James at that, James, my eldest son already was going to see his father a lot. He didn't want to be in the house. And yeah.

So at that, that incident with this, with these, these tickets, he wanted to go. He wanted to take everybody. Now, before we, as I was getting ready, preparing children that morning, it was, I think it was day-time show. James was on my computer and my email was opened and something caught his eye. It was some kind of like, some kind of strange email and he said, 'Mum, look at, look at this, look at this.' And it was something like a quite threatening email in regards either some fraud or something. You're going to be prosecuted for like taxes or something like that. And it was in, in, it was written in quite threatening manner.

Now, James got, and it's like, 'You're going to be arrested.' Something like that. I don't quite remember word by word, but James got

really upset about it and he said, 'Mum, what is this?' I said, 'Listen, this might be some spam, you know, like my, my, own everything, like we don't do anything, like everything up to date. There's nothing to worry. Must be some scam.' But James got really upset about it. And I called Ricky. I said, 'Do you know anything about it?' And he, he started to laugh and oh, I said, and he said, 'Oh, I, I thought to send it to you as a joke.' I said, 'This is not a joke. Why are you sending me this kind of stuff?' And so James got even more upset. So we, I got upset. James got upset and I really didn't want to go anywhere any more for this show or for...

He said, 'Oh, you know, then I'll take children. I'll take children with me.' And I think he done everything deliberate so I don't go and he will take children. And I said to him, 'No, I will go.' Children were getting dressed. As we're coming out, I said, 'No, we're not going to go. I don't want to go. I don't want children to go. I don't want to go.' It just, I didn't want to go. I was in a mood. Everything was spoiled.

So at that time, he's really lost his temper. He grabbed me and he took me to the bathroom. He locked-, he closed the door. It was not, we don't have the lock. He grabbed me by the hair and started to kind of pull me around and kind of like swing me around the bathroom, which is

quite a small bathroom. I know we have like, what is it? The towel dryer next door. So then he pressed me, he, how do you say? He pushed me down. He dropped, he kind of like threw me down on the floor and he started to push me with his knee over my head against the floor. And he was, he's strong man. And I felt like my, my, my head is going to just crack. He was pushing me so hard.

Then so I screamed out to James, 'James, please call, James, call the police.' So James did from my phone. He called emergency, even though the telephone was locked. I don't remember what telephone I called. I remember at the time, I had, but he, he managed to call police. As he was talking on the police, with the police on the phone, Mr Dearman let me go. Now, police came and I was all bruised and I had patches of my hair coming out and you know, I think it was second time he broke my glasses twice. It was second time he broke, broke my glasses.

And before police came, James did, was at the door, he did, because Mr Dearman, he wanted to leave and James was at the front of the door. So there was a little wrestle going on, but I didn't see it because I was trying to calm children at the time because children were, they'd heard everything and they were crying. I gave them [inaudible] Gabriel pretended sleep or something, but now he tells, he tells me that he heard everything and they still recall, recall

this incident.

Alisa was like in tears. She was in hysterics. She was like really because she's tried to get in while the fight was, well, not fight. I mean he was like really like being violent with me. I, I couldn't protect myself, but she tried to get in and he, when she opened the door, he pushed the door and he bang, she, he bang her head as well.

And I was trying to calm her down. As it was happening, I was in the bedroom, bedroom just next to the, to the, to the bathroom. He's tried, he tried to get out of the house, while James was stopping him because James was, I don't remember how old. Maybe he was 11. Maybe less than that. I don't remember. Maybe even nine, nine, 10, 11, something like that. I don't want, want to spend time calculating that, but he was young. He pushed James out of the door, out of his way. He didn't hit him, but he kind of violently he pushed him out of the way. And as he was leaving the, my apartment, police arrived very quickly actually that time. So they had got him and they arrested him. He received a bail like for a month. He couldn't come, come around the house and they asked me whether I want to, how do you say? Make some -

INTERVIEWER: Proceed.

E DRAPER: - allegations against him because it was also violence against my minor. Social Services got involved at the time. Now, he pretty much

terrorised me till that point. He was blackmailing me in regards to everything, in regards money. Later on I found that he was using my cards. He was taking money out of my purse. And, but I was really scared of him. So I thought, 'You know what? He's, he's got bail and I'm not quite sure even if I do this kind of pressure these allegations against him, whether he's going to receive anything for that.' He might not, and I mean I was afraid.

So I kind of like swept everything under the carpet, let's say. I didn't, I didn't let them to interview James and Social Services came. They interviewed children, interviewed James. They went to James' school. They kind of made school aware of that. However I didn't do anything about it. I didn't pressure any allegations against him. I prefer to kind of keep it calm. I didn't want to aggravate him any more just in case he's going to come back and be even more violent and create, create problems with children or I was actually really scared of him.

And since that, I can't, like I stopped seeing him. Although he retained, in this place in Rosecroft where he was living, I bought quite a lot of equipment. I bought a Mac desktop and also a Mac Pro. He had all this equipment then. It was microphone, it was all kind of equipment. It was printers there, many things. And -

INTERVIEWER: An office?

E DRAPER: Kind of, he had like -
INTERVIEWER: Yeah.
E DRAPER: - an office, but he lived there as well. But -
INTERVIEWER: Yeah.
E DRAPER: - actually the idea was for him to kind of rent, well, he rented this place. I know he claimed the benefits as well and he claimed JobSeeker Allowance at the time, so basically the housing benefits were paying his, this apartment. Now, we also during this time, we employed one person to do technical things on commission. He was creating banners, just things with Photoshop I think he mainly worked, but many other things he was doing. I was paying his wages. I was actually financing this whole thing.
And I don't think much money actually left for the time already because a lot of money was spent. We went for, for holidays several times. We went to see my parents when I was still pregnant with Gabriel. So it was quite a lot of trips, quite a lot of money spent, so I was, hadn't really left much on the account.
And about six months later after this, this incident, I went, I went to, I went to this property and asked to, he was, the, the, the contract was about to expire. I knew he was moving out. And I came one time to ask him to return my equipment. Now, he refused it. He really pushed me out of the door. I got angry and I pick up some pot with a flower and smash

it against the door. I was really on the edge. I mean it was the silliest thing to do, but that, you know, I was, that's how I felt. You know, he kind of locked me out and in fact, he's the one who called the police, saying that I smashed this, this flower pot against the door and because the door has this, like compartments of glass, one glass got broken. I paid for it. Police arrived and they told me it was, and they kind of like said, 'Well, you know, are you living in the house at the time?' and said, 'Well, you know, you damaged someone's property. You have to pay. You have to pay for it.' I replaced this and that was the fifth time the police got involved. I'm not quite sure if it was, yeah, I think he called actually. He never returned my equipment, by the way.

And he, it was sometime left of the office at the time and it was, the landlord was my neighbour. And it was quite a lot of stuff still in the office. In fact it was some, I think maybe two months still left of the rent and, and said, 'Okay, I'm going to use this office.' But that was when still we were talking and before this incident.

So he moved out and it was a lot of his stuff left in the office, so I, I put everything in this car, my car at some point and I dropped over the things in his new place, which he lived, he moved to his friend's house. Friend's called, a friend called [Vishal Kawatra?]. I

knew him quite well as a mutual friend. He seemed to be quite reasonable guy and so I dropped all his stuff. I literally, I came. He said, 'Oh, you need to unload the, the van' or I had seven-seater. And I said, 'Look, I mean I packed everything, I mean maybe you can do that.' So this argument started and I just literally like dropped everything on the floor in front of his, this house and I left.

That was kind of the last time, this was the, the last time I've seen, I've seen him for, I haven't seen him for quite a while after that. But he started to create a lot of problems. He started to really pour dirt over me, like all the friends, all the mutual friends who never knew me, like he said that, you know, I stopped seeing him from, I, I stop him from seeing children and I abused the children, all kind of rubbish. And some people stopped talking to me and, and now, he came to my house at some point to see children or something like that. I think it was around again end of the year. It was towards Christmas, I think. And no, no, it was after, maybe February 2010, February 2010.

Now, my mum was in the house and he asked to meet me to see children. Now, I never denying him to see children actually at all. I mean whenever he came to ask to, to see children, he, he came, but he, he had created, at that time, he created argument with my mum at the time. Well, my mum already, I don't know what she was

suspicious, but she, she seemed to dislike him a lot. Quite, quite, quite a while before everything happened, before even this violence incident happened. And he said, 'Look, you mean he doesn't work. He lives on your money, you know, and he doesn't do anything for children. He doesn't support them. He is, he's very disrespectful to me.'

INTERVIEWER: So your mum has started to see -

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: - what he was like?

E DRAPER: She started to see a lot of things. And with that, at that time, we still were in okay-ish relationship and I -

INTERVIEWER: What do you mean?

E DRAPER: Like you know, we, we, it's still, it was before this kind of really like bad, serious violence incident.

INTERVIEWER: Mm-hmm.

E DRAPER: So our relationship still was kind of going on. We were kind of on friendly terms when my mum started to pull my attention to certain things. And because it was like, I was like really stressed out and I was overworked. I was exhausted consistently you know, because it's only my mum was coming help me and she's take long time and I also had some help. I had a nanny as well almost full time. And, and I had told him, 'Well, you know, I mean you're the one who persuaded me to go back into this relationship, and now you're saying, you know,

it's, it's not good.' And so the argument started between me and my mum as well.

INTERVIEWER: Is this right in 2010, yeah?

E DRAPER: No, no, that was much, way, way before. It was -

INTERVIEWER: Before.

E DRAPER: - probably two, three years before.

INTERVIEWER: Oh.

E DRAPER: 2008 perhaps.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: But that happened before this incident of violence. So my mum got upset. She left. She got upset with me, the whole situation, so she was constantly telling me that, you know, like that, you know, to be careful with him, you know, like that there's something not right. Well, nobody knew about anything, about any of the abuse, nothing. But in regards with children were very difficult from day one, both of them, and I thought I just had difficult children on my hands.

Tape Buzzer.

INTERVIEWER: Okay. That just tells us that those tapes are finishing.

E DRAPER: Yeah. Okay.

INTERVIEWER: So I'm going to change them.

E DRAPER: Sure.

INTERVIEWER: Okay? It's 15.15 now.

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: I mean I keep talking. I mean maybe perhaps -

INTERVIEWER: Yes.
E DRAPER: - you want to?
INTERVIEWER: You'll have to stop talking now and then we'll
start again when these tapes -
E DRAPER: Okay.
INTERVIEWER: - go in. Okay?

End of Tape 01 of 05.

TRANSCRIPT OF AN INTERVIEW HELD AT HARINGEY POLICE STATION ON
THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2014.

TAPE 2 OF A BATCH OF 5

PERSON BEING INTERVIEWED: MS ELLA DRAPER

PERSONS PRESENT:

INTERVIEWER - [NOT STATED]

INTERVIEWER: This is tape two, significant witness statement
with Ms Ella Dearman.

E DRAPER: Draper.

INTERVIEWER: Sorry, Draper. The time is now 15.19, the tapes
has been changed. No one else has entered the
room, and no conversation about this has
continued. We'll continue now. Okay. Right.
So you said about your mum that he'd argued with
her, that you'd argued with your mum as well,
and, but she had sort of opened your eyes to how
he had started behaving towards you.

E DRAPER: That's correct, that's correct. Well I knew
about behaviour towards me and knew about
behaviour towards James. I was a little, I knew
that I had to terminate this relationship way
before that before all this violence kind of
happened. I knew he was like unstable, I knew
he was dangerous. I knew he was dangerous only

after actually this incident happened, but I never felt safe with him. And, but still kind of part of me was hanging onto the idea maybe to work. And I already had two children, [inaudible], so I was like probably a bit emotionally attached to this issue that, you know, maybe it would work well even though deep down I knew no way it could work. But, you know, as while you're in it it's difficult to see certain things.

INTERVIEWER:

Yes.

E DRAPER:

And I also was so exhausted, so kind of, I was under constant stress. And even though I did have help with a kind of nanny, not so much nanny, she helped with the children, but she mostly helped me around the house, cleaning the house, but it was a lot of, you know, I had to work in regards business, I had to, still I was cooking, I was doing like a lot of household work. But with the children probably the only way I survived emotionally, and psychologically, and physically really because my health did deteriorate a lot. It was because I had a little bit of this money left and so I was basically was paying nanny, like paying a lot of wages but that I knew that the only way for me kind of to survive, it was quite crazy. Now, and he was like really terrorising me, blackmailing me, terrorising with kind of with his outbreak of this rage and everything, so I was doing everything to avoid it.

INTERVIEWER: How was he blackmailing you?

E DRAPER: He was blackmailing like he was emotionally blackmailing, not directly, but for example-

INTERVIEWER: Okay, using the children?

E DRAPER: Yeah, for example if I disagreed with something he would say, for example, 'This is such good stuff to have, we really need it to run our business', and all this. And I said, 'Listen we already spend so much money, I don't want to spend any more money', not much money was coming in. In fact we invested in a few advertising campaign trial, 5,000, 5,000, 10,000, in fact we made some money. But then he didn't like our client for some reason because the client apparently copied our work, like he copied our advertisements, because we're working for some clients, right. And we were running advertising campaigns for someone. Now, but we developed it, we kind of created it all, the banners, it was basically his banners on, I think it was Yahoo, and a few other sites. And like we were paying for the impression, so every time someone opened the ad we would pay for advertisement. And we actually made some money, we made about £18,000 I think. However he said that they swapped our, they copied our work like banner so to use themselves. The client started to use the same thing as we did, as though they did it themselves.

INTERVIEWER: So you weren't getting the revenue from that?

E DRAPER: We were still getting revenue, but he kind of

like, he said, 'Oh no, it's not an ethical way to work, I don't want to work with him anymore'. So instead he's got in touch with his, he found someone from the United States with some similar product, and I wasn't really keen on this product because I was vegetarian already at that time. In fact one of the reasons why I fell for him it was I was kind of, I was searching for some spiritual practice at the time, because when I moved to London I felt quite lonely because my ex-husband, Will Draper, he worked for the bank, it was really long hours, I didn't really have much friend, I didn't have any family in the UK. So-

INTERVIEWER: A bit isolated?

E DRAPER: Yes. I was quite isolated, and I was like really like being on my own with a child, that was my life. And it was because I was kind of looking after family, I didn't really have much time to do anything else. And I didn't really want to take some work because, or to take some job, because Mr Draper he provided well for me, you know, there was no need. And also I wanted like, you know, I wasn't rushed to go to work, I wanted to spend time with my child, with James and Gabriel, and that was, it was paramount for me to be, you know, just to be a good mum before they go to school. Then also James went to school, of course it's easier, you have a bit more time on your hands, however I wasn't rushed at that time to go to work, and I didn't have

the necessity to do it. Now why did I mention it? I forgot. Yeah, I was pretty isolated, I started to kind of get to know people but it was mainly by ex-husband friends, which is you know, like it's sort in my culture. I knew some Russians, but I started to feel kind of like, I started to feel depression, I started get depressed. Not heavily depressed, but quite depressed, and so, why did I mention that again? So, I started to search for something, I changed my diet, I started to exercise more, I started to go for jogging, I started to take some tennis lessons. So I learned a bit of tennis, so I started to get myself out of this isolation that I was when James was maybe two years old, something like that, when I had had a bit more time, because I was a full time mum at that time. And he started to go to, we started to swap with other women where I would look after some of the children for a few hours where some other mum, or the other mum would do some shopping or whatever she was doing, and the same thing. So we started to kind of like help each other with another mum, it was a particular mum who lived in South Kensington. And then when we moved James was maybe a year and a half to Hampstead. So I was searching, I was kind of like, I started to study nutrition, I started to change my diet, I became a vegetarian for about two years, which didn't really work for me, which is I didn't really have much knowledge,

just simply by giving up meat it didn't really work for me. I started to eat a lot of sweets, so I went back to meat eating. But at the time when I met Ricky I was already practicing yoga, and I was interested in all this, in spiritual practice.

INTERVIEWER: These alternatives?

E DRAPER: Yes, alternative things, and apparently Ricky was meditating and so he introduced me to meditation, and I started to practice it as well. Now I see that for him it was a mean to distract me as well, even though meditation gave me some calmness and gave me some balance, and sort of helped me to get myself together if you will. However he was using it also he introduced me to that as a means to distract me from seeing what's going on. For example when he would take the children out for a walk, I could sit down and meditate maybe for half an hour, for 40 minutes, or an hour. So kind of like, you know, to relax and to, I really didn't sleep much and it was like constantly lacking of sleep. So it was, it was kind of this little straw which I grabbed, kind of give me some kind of relaxation, or some kind of getting centred, and also it was good meditation, which was happening on Sunday mornings, while he was looking after the children at the time. Now, and when Gabriel maybe was one year old, one year old, I actually went for a retreat, for a five-day retreat where you go in and you just

meditate for five days. So I went once, now he seemed to be practicing as well, but I'm not quite sure how diligent he was. And so I became a vegetarian, because one of the requirements of meditating you have to be a vegetarian because killing does not kind of go together with meditation, the idea of killing, you know, is kind of one of the basic really rules in almost any religion, to kill, and so I became vegetarian. And so why I brought it up because this new product he brought for me, he wanted to bring from the United States, even it was ethically correct in regards to it was herbs, it wasn't kind of abusive to animals, but it had gelatine capsule.

INTERVIEWER: Oh right.

E DRAPER: Which I disagreed with. Now this product had never been, never was successful to, he'd never been successful to sell it. Whatever he brought 2,000 maybe worth of this product he still maybe even to this day [or maybe he's thrown it out?]. It stayed with him like [inaudible] centre, it's called procurement house where they keep your product and once you get an order they pack it and send it on your behalf, on your behalf.

INTERVIEWER: Where your packaging and they go, yeah.

E DRAPER: Yeah, basically they do everything for you while you're running kind of, you're running advertising campaign and when an order comes in-

INTERVIEWER: They deal with your orders.

E DRAPER: Yeah, it automatically goes to them, and they

just [inaudible].

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: It was all right. It's kind of like, I was so, I was quite keen on this whole idea of this kind of business, because I was already interested in nutrition and health product, and wellness, and doing with clean alternative methods like using herbs. But that product I didn't like, and it never actually had been sold, and at the time things were pretty much, the relationship was finished at the time, and this business kind of like didn't really work any more. And, ah, so this incident with my mum, when my mum came to see the children an argument happened in between him and my mum. And he pushed her out of the way or something, or he was some kind of physical with her. I was in the bedroom I didn't hear, I heard it but I didn't see it. My mum rushed into the bedroom and said he pushed her. So I asked him to leave the house, otherwise I was going to call the police, I threatened him with the police. And soon after I applied for a non-molestation order, I did by myself, ex-parte. They granted, the Judge, before the Judge on duty on that day they granted me a month of non-molestation order so preventing him from coming around the house, or I don't know whatever, there was a few points of this non-molestation order, I don't rightly remember. But for example he wasn't supposed to pester me on the phone, or things like that.

INTERVIEWER: No contact?

E DRAPER: No contacts, no. One of the other reasons I thought that was a bit, during the relationship when we were still kind of seeing, there were a number of things, not just his violent personality and his unstable character. But there were a few other things that I didn't like, for example, like intimate relationship, I think is quite relevant to mention though it's not like something pleasant. But he asked me for anal sex for example, even though I kind of gave in, but I didn't like it. Then he bought me a vibrator of a huge size, and I thought it was like becoming really too weird, and I didn't, already at the time I don't really want to actually get into an intimate relationship with him anyway. And when he kind of brought me this, well I got it through the mail, he ordered, I threw it out, I didn't like any of that. He started to also during the time he tried to, he tried me to watch some porn videos as well, which I never was into it, and I never liked it. So I said, 'Listen I'm not interested', plus I was starting to meditate, that's not my cup of tea, I'm not interested. But it was kind of within this arguments going on, with this violence going on, that everything together kind of, I know it just can't continued. And so in response to this non-molestation order, really like soon after, I don't remember how long, but literally within

like maybe three weeks he applied, he applied for something, he applied for prohibitive steps saying that I'm trying to take children out of the country. And this is how the proceedings started, he said I'm, I wasn't giving, I wasn't allowing him to see children, which during this time since we were, since him, since he moved out it was maybe one or two occasions that he actually came to my house to see children, but he didn't take children out of the house.

INTERVIEWER: When was this roughly?

E DRAPER: I think this was 2010, when he moved out of the house we already didn't have a relationship going on, way, way before that, maybe for eight months we hardly saw each other after this. So, yeah, 2009 the incident happened with the violence.

INTERVIEWER: With your mother?

E DRAPER: No, no, no, with me, when he grabbed me by the hair and I tried to, when I cracked my head or something. 2010, August 2010 he moved out of this property in Rosecroft. And I think it was 2011, maybe March, where I applied for this non-molestation order. So this incident with my mum happened, must have happened in February 2011. But I can look in my paperwork, on my legal paperwork, and give you exact dates. I may have mistaken the years, but I think I'm pretty much correct. Now, so this legal proceeding was going on. I hired solicitors in Hampstead who were acting on my behalf. He had

also his solicitors, anyway this legal proceeding started and all kind of around me not leaving the country, and about contacts. Now even though this violence and everything I knew that, I still have, I knew there was something wrong then, and then I-

INTERVIEWER: What do you mean?

E DRAPER: well I knew he was unstable, he's unstable, and even his, he was never violent to children in my presence. He shouted at them in quite a strong voice, he smacked them a few times, but he was never violent like he was violent to me. So I don't really have much grounds, you know, to like in this contacts to go ahead. And so I was, the order, at one of the hearings, I was ordered to allow the contacts, the contact started I don't remember when. I think it was autumn towards the end of the year, so it was 2011, yeah, 2011. Was it? I'm just thinking just to make sure I don't mix the years, because now it's 2014. He was in the country but as far as I knew 2013, no, the final hearing was 2011. No, that must have happened, sorry, this proceeding must have happened a year earlier at least because he was seeing children this, and contacts were going on, they went ahead, and they were going on for almost over a year. Yeah, that's right, they were going for almost a year, so perhaps it was 2010 and not '11 then, so I mixed the years, then he moved out of this property in 2009, this incident, the violence

happened end of 2008. It's easy to track, I've got police records when I called the police, I've got application being done. So I can give you all this information. Now he's been seeing children every Saturday all day from 10 to six, six I think or 6.30, 10 o'clock in the morning, and I was dropping them at 02 Centre on Finchley Road, at Waterstones.

INTERVIEWER: Where is that?

E DRAPER: It's-

INTERVIEWER: No, sorry, what was the address?

E DRAPER: It's a shopping centre, it's a centre on Finchley Road where the cinema is and Sainsbury's, and I didn't want, I wanted it to be a public place.

INTERVIEWER: Where you drop them?

E DRAPER: Exactly, and whilst I'm picking them, and where the contact, well dropping off and picking up is happening.

INTERVIEWER: Do you know roughly when that was?

E DRAPER: I think the contact, the contact started in autumn, I don't remember exactly when, but must have been 2010. So the work happened every Saturday from 10 to six, or 6.30, I don't quite remember now.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: So almost all day. Now he was pressing for more time and he wanted overnight contact which I didn't agree to that. And a year later, those contacts were not successful at all, like for example I'm pretty much in healthy eating, I

don't give children junk food, I don't take them to McDonald's, I don't buy them crisps and all this stuff. Now whenever they went to see him as if deliberately he was feeding them all this stuff, they were coming back home sick, and in pretty distorted emotional state. And I wasn't quite sure why that was happening, and I was not happy with this contacts, but I didn't really have legal grounds to stop it. There were coming sick almost every time, they were consistently after these contacts they were throwing up, one or the other.

INTERVIEWER:

So this is every Saturday?

E DRAPER:

Every Saturday, evening will be a total hell when I was picking them up. They were in really bad state, they were screaming, shouting, fighting with each other, which they were screaming, they were fighting with each other anyway, they were quite aggressive between themselves anyhow especially when this contact started to happen. But as far as I kind of, how it worked, I mean the children were, they were not easy children, they were very difficult children, both of them, like from, I'm just going back again sort of I remember when Elisa was only maybe, I think she didn't even walk, so before even I think maybe six, seven months, we went to France for a holidays, and I remember once she was screaming and screaming, and screaming, and not stop. I didn't know what to do with her, I took her out, I started to walk

with her in the pram, she was crying and screaming for maybe an hour, or maybe an hour-and-a-half. Because these incidents now, knowing what I know, I know that something that I now can make sense of those behaviour. Like, for example, Gabriel was consistently in tantrums, he was throwing tantrums everywhere, he was, would lay down on the pavement, he would try to get out of the pram, if he was walking he was, he would drop on the pavement and started to like as if in fits. He doesn't have epilepsy.

INTERVIEWER: And he was how old?

E DRAPER: It was going on the whole time they were little, the both of them.

INTERVIEWER: So from when they were?

E DRAPER: From the time from they started-

INTERVIEWER: One? From when they were born?

E DRAPER: But it was progressively like, you know, like Gabriel was a bit calmer baby than Alisa, much calmer, much more balanced child. But Alisa was always difficult child, and Gabriel became like very, developed this kind of difficult personality. And I thought maybe I don't know, maybe I'm doing something very wrong as a mother, I had this whole, the whole time having both of them I thought they were difficult children to be honest. And I was blaming it on myself that I was doing something wrong, as a mother maybe I didn't give them, even though I gave them a lot of love, a lot of attention, I

spent a lot of time with my children educating them, take them to the parks, to the museums, I was, I was like a diligent mother. But however I thought always something I'm doing something wrong. And, but this context they became a nightmare, they were coming like in really like bad state, emotional, psychologically, and they were throwing up, they came exhausted. I said I don't know what they've been doing but I thought have they been running around London on the Tube but they come in like, with like dark circle around their eyes. One time Alisa was so sick she was lying flat in her bed, she didn't want to move, she was fevering. I almost took her to the hospital, actually called the hospital that day, you know, the emergency line and said, 'She's going to get worse, please admit her to this hospital'. But she didn't have any symptoms, it wasn't a cold, it wasn't flu, she was exhausted, exhausted, and I blame it on the food he was feeding them, not knowing what's going on in fact.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: And, so basically this behaviour I had the whole time, and it was progressively, now what happened while, sometimes in October when these contacts were going on-

INTERVIEWER: October 2010?

E DRAPER: It was must have been '10, he was consistently late with bringing them back. I am a person who is late consistently too, but I'm like maybe 15,

20 minutes maximum this is my kind of, but he was getting consistently late, even much, much more longer than that. I thought he was trying to prove a point, okay, I'm late, he's late. But he was getting later and later, and later, bringing them back. So on one occasion he, he was late, he was late, he was an hour late, he was an hour and a half late. After one hour I, this is all Saturdays as well, I'm trying to do something what I wanted to do like maybe just do some errands where I was without children. And I was pretty tired and he didn't respond to my texts, he was saying they're on their way, then he . And because 02 Centre wasn't, it's not very far from my house, after about maybe waiting for over an hour and 20 minutes I went back home and I text him. No, I went home, and then texted them that I can't wait any longer. No, it was much, much more, the solicitor will have the details of this incident, he was maybe an hour and a half, even more than that. He showed up, he texted me or called me almost one hour and 50 minutes late and I said, 'Listen, I at home, I don't want to go back by buses, go back to 02 Centre, I'm quite tired, please bring the children home'. Here he was doing that, he said, 'You have to pick them up, you can pick them up'. And I said, 'No, please bring the children at home, it's only, you're by car, it's 15 minutes, for me it's half an hour, children are already exhausted'. He refused, he demanded

me to go there. And he ended up taking children to police station, Finchley Police Station. Again and then he went home, now I didn't have, I didn't know he, I knew he moved, but I didn't know his address. He took children there to his address, some unknown address, and he was demanding me to come to pick children up at this address. Now knowing his personality I actually was scared to go, I knew the children probably, no, they're going to be okay, he's their father, he had never been violent to them, you know, he's been, I knew he was feeding them badly giving them all this kind of junk. I knew that, but I was scared of him, so I didn't want to go to some unknown address. I didn't have a car, I was really scared. But even if I had a car I wouldn't go. So I called police, now police they give him a different register, a different address than previous address, so nobody knew where he was. And they say, they told me that they can't actually chase him down because I didn't have residence order, because if I did they could set to kind of like a little more persistently. But they said because I didn't have residence order they couldn't do anything. He's their father, he can, you know, it's not against the law for him, even though there was a contact in place but I couldn't, there was a kind of like I couldn't use law, or the police couldn't use the law to find the children. And, so he ended up keeping them until Monday, Monday

afternoon. So while it was happening, so here at the end he gave me the address still, still requesting me to go to pick them up at this address where I was refusing to do that. And finally Monday came and so my solicitor managed to sort it out, he brought children to 02 Centre, I picked them up about four o'clock. He didn't bring them to school that day, even though I told them you have children, okay, get them to school, I pick them up from school or something, because it was on a Monday. By the way they were missing a lot of school on Mondays, Monday sometimes Tuesday because they were sick or they were unwell. And-

INTERVIEWER: I'm just trying to think how old they would be.

E DRAPER: They were like something five and seven, I think.

INTERVIEWER: How old are they now? Aren't they seven and nine now?

E DRAPER: Nine and eight, nine and eight. I'm just trying to work back now.

INTERVIEWER: So four years ago.

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: They would have been about, nine and eight.

E DRAPER: He didn't see them for a year. So 2013 he showed up again.

INTERVIEWER: That four and five.

E DRAPER: And then, sorry, there was June sort of, that was 2011 must have been.

INTERVIEWER: '11?

E DRAPER: Yeah, the incident. So this, so I applied from,

I'm just thinking. I applied from non-molestation it must have been in 2009, they started to see him in autumn 2009, it was 2010 then. So Gabriel was five, Gabriel, Alisa was, so if it's 2010, Gabriel must have been four, Alisa was five, something like that, yeah. So I felt when children were returned soon after I also found out about another incident that happened two weeks before children did not tell me. What happened he called children on Friday before the contact and Gabriel-

INTERVIEWER: How did he call them?

E DRAPER: He called my phone.

INTERVIEWER: The landline?

E DRAPER: My mobile, no, my mobile phone and he wanted to speak to the children. I let it happen, he speak to Alisa first or Gabriel. Anyway he gave, after about maybe five, seven minutes of conversation he said he doesn't want to talk with them anymore, he was hungry. Oh, by the way, apart from order from contact I was ordered to let him speak to children as well with some frequency. I don't remember what it was but I think maybe once a week or something, or twice a week. I wouldn't kind of be certain about it. However it was one of the times, I think it was Friday prior to this contact. So Gabriel didn't want to speak to him he said he was hungry because he also was late for this, the telephone conversation is supposed to be happening during a certain time, during a certain slot of time.

And, but he called much later after that, he called already when children were having dinner and going to bed, and so I don't know, do I need to explain so much in detail?

INTERVIEWER: No, that's all right.

E DRAPER: I think it's all relevant.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: So anyway as a punishment he left them on this very busy junction of Finchley Road and Fortune Green Road on the [high path?], the children showed me afterwards, it was like two metre fenced and they're like four or five years old. And he left them on their own for half an hour, that's what the children told me. Perhaps it wasn't half an hour but maybe it seemed to children half an hour. But he left them on their own. Now this incident of him retaining children for these two nights without my consent, and this incident it gave me, I stopped the contact. And we're supposed to have final hearing in, at the end of, I don't think it was December, end of November or December, I think end of November.

INTERVIEWER: 2000 and?

E DRAPER: What is it? 2010?

INTERVIEWER: '11.

E DRAPER: '11, '11, no, 2011. And all of a sudden he, while the final hearing happening, I knew I still have to give him children, it was, I already, my solicitor explained to me, and I knew that most likely they still going to order

some kind of contact even with this incident happening, maybe not so frequent, but I knew, so I didn't, I didn't refuse the contact. So I was prepared at this hearing that there's going to be some contact again, even though I was unhappy about it. And I bring all the points about the food, about this, about being late, and about children kind of welfare, their health. And all of a sudden he declared that he doesn't have finances to find the, even though he was represented by himself, he didn't use the solicitors, but he said that it's too expensive, he can't afford expensive solicitors, and he gave up. I was creating too much obstacles for this contact, I'm creating too much trouble, so he's willing to drop, to drop his-

INTERVIEWER: Contact?

E DRAPER: Contact, yeah. And I remember Judge said, 'Well, there's no reason for you to drop, I mean it's nothing to do with solicitor', I never said anything stupid like that. 'Mum doesn't refuse the contact'. And he said, 'Well I can't do it anymore', something like that. So soon after he disappeared.

INTERVIEWER: So that's roughly say in November, December 2011?

E DRAPER: Yeah, it was November, end of November. So he disappeared, he didn't want any contact, which I was quite happy, it was kind of our life became a bit more calm and peaceful, so I was finally starting to breath. I wasn't under this

pressure anymore. Children became much more calmer, much more balanced. So it was kind of more or less a much happier period. Then a year later he tried to contact children via Skype I think, Skype or Facebook, something like that.

INTERVIEWER: When you say a year later, do you mean around November 2012?

E DRAPER: 2012 it must have been.

INTERVIEWER: 2012?

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: So-

E DRAPER: I remember it was a message via either Skype or Facebook, I have it actually documented, I have it with my solicitor all the documents. Because we used it later, we had to use it later in further proceedings.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah. So sometime in 2012-

E DRAPER: Yeah, he spoke to children.

INTERVIEWER: He Skyped them?

E DRAPER: He Skyped with children, and then he tried to contact Alisa I think in her birthday but he, from that conversation children told me that he was in America doing some filming. I wasn't in contact with him at all, and I wasn't interested in where he was to be honest. Then he contacted me on Alisa's birthday, but the thing is he contacted me like nine o'clock in the evening which children are already asleep, so he wanted to say Thursday, I said, 'Okay, it's like nine o'clock in the evening, I'm not going to wake up children now, they just went to sleep recently'.

And then he again it was quiet up to that, and then 2013 it was June 2013, I don't know the date, maybe mid June something like that, maybe the beginning, I don't quite remember. He asked, he said he's back in London and he wants contact. I said, 'Hold on a second', he wasn't here for a year-and-a-half, not even sending postcards to children, not even like, I don't know, he wasn't in contact with them, 'And now you want contact all of a sudden'. And I said, 'I can let you have Skype, you can talk to them, and then it can be a good starting point for you to kind of start to build up some kind of relationship with them'. There were three, no, at the same time he sent me some unpleasant emails, again I have these emails as well, and my solicitor has it. That apparently he saw me on some pornography video on Internet which is no way that could be true. And I didn't respond to that, he sent me once again the same thing, and I said, 'Please don't disturb me with this anymore, otherwise I will report it to the police'. And then while this was happening they had three conversations over Skype with children, and on the third Skype conversation while talking to children on the video he's texting me the same content which, he put in the same content in the messaging at front of children that he saw me in some pornography video. And so I responding to me, 'You need to stop this, you having conversation with

children, it's inappropriate, if you're not going to stop it I'm going to stop this conversation, I'm going to stop this Skyping'. And he said, 'Oh, you are, I feel sorry for you, you are so whatever', he said to kind of humiliate me during the video now, not messages, not messaging anymore. So I had to stop it.

INTERVIEWER: Turn it off?

E DRAPER: Yeah, kind of like you know, look at you, you know, you're creating, what happened? Yeah, what happened? He spent already a long time on Skype with Alisa, maybe 40 minutes, 45 minutes, maybe an hour, something like that. And then it was almost time for them to go to sleep, and then Gabriel started to speak to him, well I, they were together on Skype, I wasn't really, I didn't want to interfere in much, this guy was their father, I wasn't particularly wanting to speak to him, so I kind of left them to, for this conversation. And when I came it was maybe an hour and 15 they were on Skype, and I said, well this inappropriate messaging he stopped, but then after a while maybe one and 15, about maybe one hour and 15 minutes, maybe one hour and 20 minutes, I came to say, 'Well, you know, it's been long enough'. And then he started this argument, he said, 'Gabriel just came to talk to me'. I said, 'Well you know, you've had a long time with children, it's time to go to bed. You had like more than sufficient time for them to communicate with them'. And so he

started to argue. So I had to hang up, children were upset with me for doing this, they saw me as a kind of like I interfered with the conversation, said, 'Why did you hang up?', you know, I said, 'To go to bed, and your dad doesn't understand that I had to stop it, you've got school tomorrow', I think it was during the week, or maybe it was, I don't remember what was it. It's their time to go to bed, and since then I didn't let any more Skyping going on. Now children went to see my parents for three weeks in Russia, and I-

INTERVIEWER: Is this 2000-

E DRAPER: 2013.

INTERVIEWER: 2013.

E DRAPER: Last year, last year.

INTERVIEWER: Right, roughly when?

E DRAPER: It was August, no, no, the Skype conversation happened during June, beginning of July.

INTERVIEWER: June?

E DRAPER: I think it was maybe 30th June it was last conversation.

INTERVIEWER: Fine.

E DRAPER: So in August children went to Russia.

INTERVIEWER: August 2013?

E DRAPER: August 2013.

INTERVIEWER: Right.

E DRAPER: Now I had, I had opportunity to move to South of France with children, I had a good friend who offered me a house to stay and I thought it could be a good idea because I had already like,

I didn't have an easy life, it was quite a kind of life really this really difficult relationship, and I thought maybe it would be a good idea. So, but I knew from my solicitors that first I have to talk to him about it, to give, if he's okay he can give me written permission, I can go. Or if not, if he refuses I can go to the Court.

INTERVIEWER: You didn't have any residence order or anything like that?

E DRAPER: I have residence order.

INTERVIEWER: You have the residence

E DRAPER: At this point, yes, at this point at the hearing in 2011 I received a resident order.

INTERVIEWER: Right.

E DRAPER: Already. And, but still I couldn't take them, I couldn't take children out of the country for more than one month-

INTERVIEWER: That's right.

E DRAPER: At a time. So I approached him, I called him 2nd September, I called him and I said, 'Look I have an opportunity to move to South of France, what would be your position?'. 'Oh', he said, 'No way, no way it's going to happen, I want to see the children'. I said, 'Well we still can kind of arrange or discuss how you can see the children', you really didn't see the children for two years.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: Yeah, you abandoned them. Now then children were supposed to come back with my mum, they

were on their own in Russia. I went for short time to see this friend in France, and I came back my mum was supposed to bring them back from Russia, and travel with them, to accompany them.

Tape Buzzer.

INTERVIEWER: That's all right. Okay. So your mum was to accompany them. Okay. Yeah, carry on.

E DRAPER: We are still going to be-?

INTERVIEWER: Yeah, we will be, it's just the end of the tapes but we've got -

E DRAPER: Okay, so and in-

INTERVIEWER: It's now September 2013.

E DRAPER: This was 2nd September, and on, then he called me I think it was weekend, literally two or three days, two days later, you tell me when to stop talking. He called me and said that he wants to meet with me and to discuss about children. I thought maybe he changed his mind about this, or he want maybe to learn more whatever, I agreed to see him. I met him, he asked me to come to McDonald's in Hampstead Village, which I thought it was safe place, to go and sit in a public place, so I was okay with that. I came to meet him and he handed me the papers from the Court ordering, when he applied for prohibitive steps saying that I'm trying to take children out of the country. And Judge ordered me to dislodge passports with either Court or my solicitors. And at the same time he also made an application for a residence.

INTERVIEWER: I'm going to stop the tapes now.

E DRAPER: All right.
INTERVIEWER: Okay.
E DRAPER: Okay.
INTERVIEWER: It's 16.05.

End of Tape 02 of 05.

TRANSCRIPT OF AN INTERVIEW HELD AT HARINGEY POLICE STATION ON
THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2014.

TAPE 3 OF A BATCH OF 5

PERSON BEING INTERVIEWED: MS ELLA DRAPER

PERSONS PRESENT:

INTERVIEWER - [NOT STATED]

INTERVIEWER: Continuation of a significant witness statement
with Ms Ella Dearman.

E DRAPER: Draper.

INTERVIEWER: Sorry, Draper. The time 16.24. There was a
brief break of about 15 minutes whilst I spoke
to my colleague, DC Martin, and they've had a
break of the ABE for Gabriel, and we've given
over some food for Gabriel, and briefly Ella has
spoken to Abraham regarding bringing Alisa here.

E DRAPER: That's right.

INTERVIEWER: He confirmed just that's all that-

E DRAPER: Yes, yeah, that's exactly.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: Okay.

INTERVIEWER: We were up to 2nd September 2013.

E DRAPER: Yeah, yeah.

INTERVIEWER: You said that your mum was to accompany the
children back from Russia.

E DRAPER: To the UK, yeah. And I approached Mr Dearman about the possibility of us moving to South of France, me and the children, which he refused. And a couple of days later, he called me a little like, you know, two days later he asked me to meet him to discuss affair with the children. So I assumed he maybe changed his mind, or he wants to find out more. Well in fact he had already been in the Court and he applied for prohibitive steps which asked me to dislodge[sic] the children's passport within 24 hours and also he made an application for a residence order. And so he handed me these papers, and there was some complications, they needed some paperwork either authorisation for my mum to accompany children, or something like that. So they didn't fly on the, on the day they were supposed to fly, they were slightly delayed. So they weren't in the country yet. And so as soon as they came back I dislodged the passports. And so what happened-

INTERVIEWER: Dislodged the passports, that's where you gave it over to the Court?

E DRAPER: Give the passports to the, to the solicitor, birth certificates and passports.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: And so basically we were back in legal proceedings. And we had a hearing I think, I'm not quite sure when, I think it was towards again towards the end of the year, maybe again in November or something like that. And well it

was intermediate one where, oh, soon after that, soon after that I believe in October, well that was my, I also was selling the flat at the same time, so, but in about October I received a letter from the local social services from Camden social services, who advised me that they received a, they had been referred, they had a record, they received a phone call from, basically someone called NCPPC, child protection agency, anonymous call saying that I don't feed children, don't give them food and been abusive to children and I'm also mentally unstable. It was an anonymous call received by NCPPC, and they referred it to local social services, and I received a letter from them. I assumed that it was him doing something to support his application, however I approached him about it, he said he never done it and he would never do it. Now it was either him or then I suspected my upstairs neighbour who's also Russian and who I have a problem with, like we put trampoline, like a big trampoline in the communal garden where it's a converted mansion where we live, where we used to live, only six flats, and a little communal garden, well, quite a nice communal garden where we only us and people upstairs had direct access to this garden. Everybody else had to go round, and we've been living in this house for a long time, we feel comfortable, we had all kind of equipment in the garden, but before I put this trampoline in the

garden I actually asked neighbours are they okay with that. Everybody was okay with that, and the children downstairs they were also they were very happy about it, however this woman who initially said yes, okay, well let's see, she didn't have a problem. But a couple of months later she returned from some trip and said that she doesn't like the trampoline, it makes too much noise, probably I don't know, what happened to her but she said the children making too much noise on the weekends, which wasn't quite true, but okay, fair enough. Technically you know, I couldn't do it myself, it's a huge trampoline about three-and-a-half, 360 metres.

INTERVIEWER: Oh, sort of like the size of this big table?

E DRAPER: No, no, it's more than this room.

INTERVIEWER: Right, okay.

E DRAPER: It's a 14-foot trampoline, it's huge. And so she asked me to pull it apart. And I kind of took my time because I had to get someone to, I had to ask someone to dismantle it. And it was constant problems with her, she didn't like it, even though the children were never there before 10, 11 o'clock on any day, normally a school day, but weekend they all like to sleep and relax during weekends, it's not that they first thing in the morning they are on the trampoline. It never happened like that. However she was upset, she didn't like it. So she made a lot of noise and a lot of trouble with management, managing agents, so I said maybe it was her,

because the way in which she said that her also, this anonymous call they say that I also have an aggressive partner, now I wasn't in a relationship with anyone at the time, so there wasn't an aggressive partner. The only aggressive partner that was him, everybody knew he was aggressive because of what he was doing, and his loud voice, and his shouting and screaming. It's quite, it's an old house, you can hear pretty much a lot, the neighbours would hear things.

So then I suspect, I wasn't quite sure who to suspect, so I thought it was this lady. So anyway social services got involved, they came to visit me first time in my new house, it was December, beginning of December I already moved in. So she came, this lady who I think this Polish lady called also Ella, maybe she's not Ella, but short for something, Elena maybe, or I'm not quite sure, but she called herself Ella. I met her first time, they visited me. Now in November remember it was the hearing, now the Court didn't decide, and they didn't make any decision, they didn't make any contact order, nothing. They say, well, we want Cafcass to interview children. So I went for the interview with children, sometime after New Year. And they were half an hour, they were supposed to do some questionnaire with them, they put me in some room and I couldn't get out. It was the part of the building it was locked, I could not

get out unless someone come and picked me up. It was like this room, but if I come out of the room this part of the building was locked, it was you need to kind of like do some code to get out.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: So I was like literally locked there. And they took children to somewhere else, I didn't know where children were. I'm telling you that it's relevant because further you find, I will expand on that.

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

E DRAPER: And now it was another hearing some times in, I don't remember when, maybe March, April, something like that, I have to look at my dates. Where they say that they still intermediate hearing, Cafcass report wasn't not ready, and they said, 'Well, since social services is involved and they know this family we would rather now refer to social services and ask them to create a report for the Court'. Just before that I had a meeting in school with the social service for this guy who took over from Ella called Richie Dencey, R-I-C-H-I-E, Dencey, D-E-N-C-E-Y, who was, came to my house once, also he came regular to school to see children. Every time he asked my permission to do that. He must have been visited school maybe two or three times. And sometimes before that by the way, maybe a year before, all of a sudden children in school they can either have packed

lunches or school dinners. All of a sudden they asked for school dinners, and they keep asking, keep asking, keep asking. And I said, 'Okay, you want school dinners, let's give it a go'.

INTERVIEWER: How does that work with vegetarian?

E DRAPER: They did cater, they cater for different diets, some children are allergic to nuts, some children are allergic to dairy.

INTERVIEWER: So you inform the school-

E DRAPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: -they're vegetarian.

E DRAPER: I've spoken to school. I said, that's what children want, can you do that?

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: They say, 'Okay, no problem, meet us with our caterer and discuss it', so I did. For two months they had school dinners, and it didn't really work that well, they started to get bloated, they came with, they started to produce stinky smell, just really the quality of food wasn't that great. So I said, I talked to my children, I said, 'Okay, if you want to continue with dinner that's fine, but I'm going to give you something extra, it doesn't seem to work, it's not very kind of like, the food you regular eat at home', so I started to give them some lunches which they were happy about, and we slowly switched back to packed lunches, again I'll expand on this later on. Now the school, school were set to complain some time before that that they don't have sufficient amount of

food, and they ask for more food at home, but before this school dinners happen. And I said, 'What's the problem?', because I give them food but they bring some back, I mean it can't be possible they're hungry, they're asking for more food, they want to bring my food back. And I said, 'Okay, fair enough, they want lunches, they want school dinners, okay, if they're children, there maybe something more interesting', even though half the children do have packed lunches, so it's not that bad, only them who have packed lunches. And school said that there was a, okay, some problem there, and they started to monitor children what they have, after that we switched to school lunches, they said there was particular teacher who every time checked what they have in their lunches. And one of the meeting, we had a meeting with Richie and headmistress and there was a piece of information came up where Richie said that children picking up food from the floor saying they're hungry. Now I said this can't happen, this can't be happening, so I came back, I spoke to children, I said, 'What is it about, why are you picking up food from the floor and school is complaining about it?'. They look at me like surprise, they said, 'No way, of course we don't pick up food from the floor, it's dirty, we would never do that'. So okay, I went back next meeting I said, 'Well I've talked to my children', oh no, that wasn't during, no, it

wasn't during this school meeting. Richie told me that school told him the children are picking food from home, from the floor, sorry. And so I speak to children and say, 'What is going on, why are you picking', they say, 'Never happened, we never picked food from the floor, we know it's dirty, we would never eat from the floor'. So there is a school meeting going on, Richie, me and headmistress, and I brought up the subject, I said, 'Where this information came from? If it's school, why didn't you tell me? Why didn't you talk to parent about it if you have an issue with children and they're picking, they're hungry, they're picking from the floor'. They said, 'Oh it never happened, we never said anything like that'. I said, 'Well where this information came from?'. So when I get to the bottom of where this information came from, it was discarded, then he came, Richie came again to school, he asked me for my permission a couple of more times to school to see children in school, how they're doing. He asked them, he kept asking them some question, and it was another meeting with Richie's supervisor, Richie's manager, it was meeting Richie's manager, Richie, me and school mistress, school headmistress. I think I speak to much now making mistakes in my head talking. So the supervisor said, 'Well I don't see any issue here, I don't see mum as a distant mother, she looks after children, she gives a lot of time to

them, so I don't see any, any reason for us to be involved. We're closing the case'. Soon after this Court hearing happened where the Court decided to transfer the case from CAFCASS which is part of the legal structure in the Courts, to social services because they had already been involved, they say, 'Well, you know, the social services already know this family, it makes sense for them to make a report for the Court'. Okay, fine, so they didn't close the case. Now to do this report Richie asked me to let children to see their father with Richie for an hour, and the children, for this meeting, they went to the park for one hour.

INTERVIEWER: When was this, do you know?

E DRAPER: It was after this hearing, shortly maybe, I think it was maybe April/May something like that.

INTERVIEWER: Okay.

E DRAPER: It was for an hour. And so Richie wasn't in contact with me, I was discussing this, I said, 'Listen, I'm not really, I understand, I respect that he is their father, I cannot stop it, I mean of course I will support children to see their father', but he was inconsistent, he abandoned children for two years, I don't want them to keep, because he wants residence, I said no ways, I'm not even discussing that. Even the contacts I will start slowly, if it was me I would say again from telephone conversations and