
From: Irvin Muchnick
To: Moira O'Brien
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 04:26:44 PM PDT
Subject: Journalist's query

Dr O'Brien:

I am an American writer with a question for my upcoming article in Ireland's *Village* magazine about swimming coach George Gibney's rape and impregnation of a swimmer in 1991. For more information about me, please see the links in my signature, below.

This message was sent on the assumption that you are the Dr Moira O'Brien who was an official of the Irish Amateur Swimming Association. If that is not the case, please accept my apology for the inconvenience.

My question: Irish journalist Justine McCarthy, reporting on this rape victim, said that an IASA official who was 'a professional person' chaperoned her to an abortion in England and also, according to the woman, gave her drugs that made groggy during that trip. Were you that Irish swimming official? Do you have any further comment for our coverage?

Thank you for your time and I hope to hear back.

Irvin Muchnick
phone (in US) [redacted]
email [redacted]

From: Moira O'Brien
To: Irvin Muchnick
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024, 02:57:56 PM PDT
Subject: Re: Journalist's query

Dear Mr Muchnick

Thank you for your email.

I appreciate that you want to ensure that you can stand over everything you write and be completely accurate. That is surely important for the victims, who have the sympathy of all of us for everything they have suffered, but it is obviously important for me too.

Your question relates to [redacted] but I am concerned that they appear to be based on a premise that is both entirely false and also seriously defamatory of me. I did not take [redacted] to England for an abortion, and I knew nothing about it.

The circumstances were that I received a call from her boyfriend who told me that she had attempted suicide and I told him to bring her into see me straight away. When they arrived, [redacted] was incoherent and appeared so drunk that she could barely stand up. I rang her mother and suggested that I bring her to the Mater Hospital and her mother agreed. I then drove her there as I had contacted a doctor, explained the situation and she had arranged for [redacted]'s immediate admission. It may be that [redacted] told a doctor in the hospital about Gibney and that that doctor told her mother, but she did not tell me.

I have no desire to cause any further distress, but we all have a responsibility to the truth, and anyone proposing to write an article on what is a shocking story has a particular responsibility to tell it truthfully. I appreciate that you may wish to show this response to your lawyer. I hope it helps you in your aim of creating as honest and accurate a picture as you possibly can.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Moira O'Brien

From: Irvin Muchnick
To: Moira O'Brien
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024, 03:13:33 PM PDT
Subject: Re: Journalist's query

Dr O'Brien:

Thank you for responding. Rest assured that your account will be reflected faithfully and in context in my upcoming article.[...]

From: Moira O'Brien
To: Irvin Muchnick
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024, 09:51:03 AM PDT
Subject: Re: Journalist's query

Dear Mr Muchnick

I am turning 91 and I have spent my entire career helping others. In my opinion an extremely vulnerable person is involved in this issue, which was the reason I did not defend myself publicly when the entirely false and vile defamatory comments were written about me. The fact her boyfriend contacted me in the first place was because it was well known amongst all athletes that I always helped everyone. I would rather not say anymore as I would be very concerned for the victim.

Regards,

Dr Moira O'Brien