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Morning. On the way back to Westminster Magistrates Court for day two of Graham Linehan's trial for harassment and damaging a phone. Here is @Glinner at the end of yesterday's hearing.



... he really is - he's almost like a cipher - a twitter avatar floating around. I wanted the Met to be aware of him. Also I reported a credible death threat from FW and nothing was done about it and every time I do go to the police about these guys - nothing is done about it

DC the first time you used the word sociopath about SB was on 13 Oct when you tweet about him, FW and a link to the twitter spaces discussion

GL the "you will pay" one

DC - yes - why call him a sociopath

GL I'm told he sent pizzas to his victims at 4am

[P interrupts on hearsay - DC says it's about GL state of mind - we're not saying it happened]

GL we sent a 400 page file to the police - they arrested him for 1 day and said NFA

[DC takes him to a photo

GL can't find it

DC describes more - GL gives up "Oh just tell me Sarah - I'll believe you".

He finds it. Its a GL tweet calling SB, SJB, and FW "scumbag grooming homophobic sociopathic sadists"]

DC Without talking about criminality...

GL that's hard - there's so much of it

DC Scumbag?

GL I don't think there's anything lower than a man who bullies women

DC homophobic?

GL lesbians with penises etc

DC sociopathic?

GL they love this - you saw on the video - they...

... want to see me punished. Me being here is part of that process. It's almost irrelevant if they get convicted.

DC sadists?

DL talks about the relentlessness of the activists, publishing his address as soon as he upset them, targeting his wife etc etc

[We got to 19 Oct 2024 and the Battle of Ideas]

DC it was over two days

GL yep

DC were you there both days

GL yes

DC did you see him on the second day

GL no he'd achieved what he wanted to achieve

DC you call him a psycho and a psycho posh kid and say you walked him out

GL we should have reported him for harassment - not taking him to the cops - we asked the copper to talk to him for a while so SB doesn't follow us

DC see this list of sock accounts

GL yes

DC why tweet them

GL to warn people - he can try to use these accounts to win peoples' trust

DC takes him to Kate Harris video - in which GL says he likes to touch people

GL that's bad wording - I meant he gets close in peoples faces

DC are you saying he touches people

GL no he's very clever he never does that

DC what about Julie Bindel's tweet where you reply saying you're quite proud of grabbing his phone

GL he was using it as a weapon - trying to make people uneasy and frightened and worried about...

... where those photos would end up.

DC where you reply to someone saying knock his bollocks in you say he's already got someone prosecuted for that - were you inciting to violence.

GL no - the opposite - I just stupidly failed to take my own advice.

GL this had been going on all day. I had people telling me oh Tarquin's saying this about you, Robbie Travers showed me a boombox SB had put under my car at the same time he showed me a picture of my wife's house which he had taken.

[talking about taking his phone out...

... to film SB because he knew SB was filming and doesn't like being filmed. Said stupid things, but says his adrenaline always shoots up when he comes into contact with these people because they're so... nasty]

DC what was your plan after the BoI

GL I wanted to get out get to the after party and get on with my life

DC when did you see him when you came out -

GL quite soon, tried to stay with the people I was close to but he came towards me - we had an interaction [2nd vid?]

and I thought oh it's over - then he came back [3rd vid - i instinctively grabbed it I put it behind my back - he looked furious so I threw it across the road and said "there's your fucking phone"

[DC goes back to unpick this]

DC did you think he wanted a reasonable discussion

GL no their mantra is literally no debate [reveals: "I once actually had a secret meeting with Stonewall where they tried to persuade me men were women, women were men and I just couldn't buy it"]

DC going back to the phone throwing incident - could you have moved away?

GL what was I going to do - run away

DC why grab his phone -

GL to stop him

DC why not take his phone

GL because that would be theft

DC why not give it back

GL that would seem like surrender

DC why throw it

GL it was actually the first time he backed off so it was quite nice

DC did you want to damage it

GL no

DC how hard did you throw it -

GL not hard - just skimmed it across the road

DC was it an act of revenge

GL no it was instinctive - "in fact as soon as I did it - I thought - that's a mistake"

DC what happened

GL he followed us for about 20 minutes saying he had destroyed my phone and eventually we got a police officer to talk to him so we could move on without him. I wish we had then reported him for harassment

[GL now talking about his lack of trust in the police..

... references DS TW calling him a trans-activist - and that he was asked what he was assigned at birth when he was recently arrested on the info from another TRA - he says the police are working with TRAs and taking advice from them

DC is there a conspiracy here

GL no - the cops

... just don't understand this.

DC you were interviewed in Feb voluntarily

GL yes

DC and you were charged

GL yes - we submitted a 400 page doc on SB [?] to the cops they decided in one day they weren't going to pursue it. It took them...

... two weeks to decide to charge me.

DC you said the police are doing their job in hoc with TRAs

GL yes

DC am I?

GL without knowing it

DC so I'm subsumed in this

GL you're using female pronouns for men, so yes

[SORRY!!! THE ABOVE TWEET WAS ALL P - GL is NOW BEING CROSS-EXAMINED AND THE Q's ABOVE

WERE Prosecuting Counsel P]

GL the police are an absolute joke for the way they've followed this ideology

P you've spoken at BoI before 2024

GL yes

P there are talks of you at the Battle of Ideas on the internet

GL yes

P before the event they publish a programme

GL yes

P so the images of the people speaking at these talks are not private

GL yeah

P so someone speaking at BoI is harassment

GL not necessarily - but SB was filming the attendees too

P well you say that

GL he was! it's in the video

P is it wrong to take images of attendees at an event

GL depends on the context - he was trying to ruin peoples' lives

P is publishing attendees of an event okay

GL why would you want to do that?

P is it okay

GL it might not be

P is it harassment to take video of people at the BoI event

GL it might be

P who published photos of BoI attendees online

GL well I published photos of him

P you posted a 3m video online which pans round showing BoI attendees

GL yes

P who took that video

GL Julie Bindel took one and someone else took the other

P so she was filming attendees

GL not to try to get them to punch her

P she filmed it, you posted it - that's okay if you do it is it

GL she was filming a person trying to disrupt an event

P did you have permission to post up the images of those attendees?

GL no

P so you accept it's okay to do it

GL not if you are using a camera to try to intimidate people

[Tech time... we're aiming to watch a video]

[P asks GL to listen really carefully to the BoI internal confrontation video between Kate Harris (KH) and SB.]

GL is this where SB keeps telling people to fuck off

P just listen

[sadly the sound is not working]

[yet]

[not working yet]

P did you listen to this video before it was posted on the internet

GL yes

P did you listen to what's being said

GL yes

J - do we have a transcript?

P the defence transcript doesn't have this part of it.

[okay we have sound]

P do you hear SB saying "you came up to me and took a photo of me"

GL he's lying

P he's lying?

GL yes - as soon as people on the panel started mentioning trans people

he started taking photos.

P so it's not possible

GL it might be

[there is a bit of back and forth about whether KH approached SB twice - the pronouns between P and GL are all over the place and GL gets confused as to who we are talking about - P says she will revert to Ms Brooks]

P when Ms Brooks says that "you took a photo of me" - that may have been true

GL sure, but that's not compared to walking around aggressively and threatening to send photos of them to their employers

P did that happen?

P was she saying that?

GL no - but it's how he operates in the group I'm in I know he's contacted employers calling people paedophiles and bigots

P has she ever done that to you?

GL might have - through a sock account

[there's an epic pronoun-off happening in an argument about what SB is or isn't doing - P's argument is that SB was photographed first. GL says he was TOLD SB was photographing photo]

[sample:

P so was "SHE" doing so-and-so-and-so?

GL no, "HE" was doing so-and blah

P but "SHE" was not doing blah]

P there are much more disruptive things SB could have done

GL of course - she didn't get naked or set the place on fire

P but you say it was harassment - taking photos.

GL yes

P what is harassment

GL in this case taking photos with the intention to doxx them or tell..

... their employers.

P so basically H is whatever transactivists do that you don't like

GL no but this is their playbook - harassment and doxxing - where are those photos going? no one's ever seen them - you'd think he worked for Reuters the way he talks about it

P you've never seen them

GL no one has - he's using them as an implied threat.

[P turns to SB convo with MM]

P they were having a discussion about who was assaulted

GL MM was assaulted, the guy was convicted

P SB's assailant was convicted too - do you only believe people...

... on the GC side when they say they've been assaulted.

GL MM is of good character. SB was being assisted by a disgraced ex policeman - so I trust the conviction of MM's assailant more.

[Long discussion about whether SB was at the QEII building at the time of the crickets attack - GL is convinced SB was there when it's I think been accepted by the court SB turned up at 1700 after the attack]

P you called SB disgusting, a groomer, an incel

P SB disgusts you

SB he bullies women - it is disgusting

P incel?

SB shut in people who don't have relationships

P the expression sissy=porn watching

GL that was something I feel a little bit of regret about - because that was a guess. I think he does what he does is because he's a sadist.

P there are all manner of insults you could have used

GL yes

P but you chose siss=porn

GL it's sissy-porn

P you must be more familiar with it than me

GL Oh I am - I really am

[P calls SB female. GL asks her if she thinks SB really is female - asks her how P thinks SB can be female. J intervenes to tell him this is not what we are here to discuss and P is there...

... to ask questions. also admonishes the gallery for making noise]

GL the problem is we're talking in two different realities - she seems to believe that men are actually female - and she's trying to make me out as a bigot

J yes I know and it makes it quite hard to follow

... but we really are not here to discuss this. You're talking over each other. We need to calm it down and you must just answer your questions as best you are able.

P asks about the language GL used re trans people

GL says I don't know how many trans people you know - I have ...

... several trans friends and they hate this movement what these activists have done.

[we are running out of court time - it looks like we'll be sitting late but not too late - however they want to get GL finished so he is allowed to talk to his lawyers after giving evidence...

... and there is an issue in that the next witness Kate Harris is moving country tomorrow, so her availability is limited today (though of course video-links do exist in the outside world that was not raised yet)]

[The plan appears to be everyone have 5 mins to calm down...

... then finish GL and try to get KH done. Then set a date for the remainder of the trial. Which I wouldn't bet won't run into two more days]

[Please note GL speaks v quickly and fluently and I have missed a lot - this style of court reporting really only gives a flavour of what is happening - NOTHING is a direct quote unless in direct quotes]

[P resumes GL's x-e]

P do you agree on 19 Oct you referred to a "17yo sociopath who think's he's a girl"

GL I did, but I don't think he's 17

P you wrote "17yo sociopath on 19 Oct 2024"

GL but at that stage I was going by his word - don't believe that now

P But you did at the...

... time.

GL yeah he's been in this a while tho

P we have a driving licence with a birth date of 2007

GL and a female name - if you can lie about your name and sex you can lie about everything

P when SB approached you outside the BoI do you agree she was asking you to account...

... for what you had said about her online

GL yes

P did she have the right

GL yes and I have the right not to answer

P you called her a domestic terrorist

GL because of the attack at the LGBA

P quite extreme

GL yes

P so they have the right to confront someone

GL sure

P first time you she tried you called her a groomer etc

GL yes

P you didn't explain to her why you called her a DT

GL no I didn't

P by the time we get to the final time do you agree she still had the right to ask you

GL yes - right to do anything short of crim activity

P did she have the right to film your response

GL yeah, but not to constantly follow me around

P you were asked why you grabbed the phone and said to stop him doing it

GL yes

P you didn't feel threatened

GL no

P and she had a right to ask you these q's and film the response

GL yes

P wasn't committing a crime was she

GL no - he's v careful

P no justification for taking the phone

GL there is - I had been harassed all day, and it was a reactive instinct - I thought we'd have an interaction and

then I could get on with my night.

P you said you threw...

... the phone like a stone

GL it was more like a frisbee

P in throwing the phone were you aware there was a risk it might be damaged

GL I wanted it out of my face

P were you angry

GL yes

P did you want to damage SB's phone

GL no - that's why I skimmed it

P you've talked about various things Brooks had done in the past - that's your mindset - did you think SB deserved to be harassed?

GL I think my friends in the feminist movement deserve to talk to discuss their rights without people disrupting them and have a right to know...

... that abusive men are in the area.

P when you were posting about her online was it to get back at her

GL no it was purely to warn people about him and know his face

P do agree someone who appears argumentative can still have feelings

GL yes

P feelings of alarm and distress

GL yes but we have seen precisely no evidence of this in all the evidence. We only see the alarm and distress he causes in other people

P you posted to 500k followers and SB was not responding

GL not as far as I am aware. "he prefers to bully women"

P you didn't call the police or make a crime report

GL yes because the police are captured - they believe men are women people can change sex they issue wanted posters of people in the wrong sex, they are errand boys for these men

P so when you tagged in the Met Police you didn't think they'd do anything then

GL no but I wanted to put them under pressure

P the way you tagged the police was not a way to report crime

GL no but when I reported a credible death threat to the police from FW they did nothing

P did you see SB post anything to suggest she was involved in the crickets attack on the LGBA confy

GL no

P do you have any evidence

[GL draws his connection between SJB, FW and SB and the crickets]

P so they were photographed after committing the crime and didn't run away...

... when the police were called.

GL no they were enjoying the moment too much.

P wearing badges to blend in is not a unique MO is it

GL no

P so the teenagers in there could have come up with it by themselves

GL yes

P there's no rational basis at all for thinking Brooks was involved in the insect attack

GL he was there, he knew a lot about the insect attacks by the lesbian group in the past, he infiltrates events - it's circumstantial evidence sure, but it points towards his knowledge

[P is taking GL through his tweets about SB again - the pronoun-off appears to have been unconsciously resolved by both P and GL calling SB "Brooks"]

[It's actually made for a calmer atmosphere]

P you tweet "does anyone know this man?" - with a phot of SB, so you're still asking for information about Ms Brooks

GL yes

[commentator's curse]

P then you post an image of Ms Brooks and Freda Wallace

GL yeah that's Brooks and Wallace

P so when you post Brooks and Wallace - that's another photo of Brooks

GL yeah I wanted to show the connection with FW - I wanted people to remember his face so he wouldn't be able to...

... trick women and harass them.

P where did you find it

GL might have been sent it might have found it myself on FW account

[we are just going through tweets of GL's - I think P's point is the volume of them...? There's a lot of agreeing going on]

P did you think it true SB had harassed gay man

GL yes - we had a 400 page dossier in which his sock accounts went after gay men

P police took no action tho didn't they

GL yes they did - I am pretty sure the size of it was no interest to police we should have reduced the size

P could it be that there was not sufficient evidence of harassment

GL they all came from his sock accounts which he has mostly accepted operating

P there is a tweet which says "so Tarquin is making the rounds again" and you reply "more info on Tarquin pictured"

- you know he is not called Tarquin

GL yes it came from an event where he was harassing KJK at an LWS event and she said "that's enough Tarquin" and the name stuck

P so it was a term of mockery

GL yes

P in a reply you call SJB and SB scumbag homophobic sociopathic sadists - did you mean SB

GL I meant SB - that group of men and all TRAs

P so you think all TRAs are scumbag homophobic sociopathic sadists

GL yes

P did you know SB made reports to the police before

GL says he got someone arrested for someone pushing a camera out of his face... he also got someone arrested and Brooks quickly had their hands on their home address and I think the police gave it to him.

P trying to find out where she was studying - were you trying to intrude on her life

GL I was because he is a criminal - he harasses people and he's a sadist.

P you say "was interesting to meet Tarquin today - absolute psycho" - was that based on your interactions?

GL he was going round putting a speaker under a car he thought was mine - showing people photos of my wife's house

P that day he wasn't being a psycho

GL he was he was following me around all day and harassing me - I think sociopath is more accurate

P you say that on oath?

GL yeah

P that's an abusive term

GL it's accurate - what part of him going around harassing people don't you understand?

[P goes on to suggest abusing SB for being posh is abusive and unnecessary]

GL it might be but he entirely earned it

[we are still litigating mean tweets]

P you say watch how Buffalo Bill... who is Buffalo Bill

GL Buffalo Bill is based on a silence of the lambs baddie who likes to kill women and wear their skin

P Is this not aimed at SB's TG identity

GL what is a TG identity? explain that

P do you think it's acceptable to compare someone to a serial killer because they are TG

GL when their behaviour is about harassing women

P it's very abusive

GL it is

[we're still going through the tweets - lots and lots of abusive tweets towards]

P don't you think you've abused him enough

GL he needs to be taken off the internet and stopped from attending these events

[more rude tweets - calling SB a sociopath, Tarquin etc]

P you said he likes to handle people

GL yeah sorry that's wrong - he's very careful - it was inaccurate

P it's a lie

GL a lie?! - it's inaccurate

P you say at one point he's escalating - he wasn't on the 19th was he

GL he was in a way - he was becoming less scared of approaching women and his image being shown

[I'm wondering if this is some kind of filibustering - why are we spending all this court time on stuff we've covered that the judge can read any way - I can't see how we're going to get to any of the other witnesses now - the ushers will revolt]

[not casting aspersion at all - there may be a very good reason for it but it does feel like we're going over lots of ground we've covered except once more in granular detail]

[given the whole trial was supposed to be finished by the end of today and we're still on the first defence witness]

P you're aware aren't you that repeatedly abusing SB in the way you did was harassment.

GL he harasses people, the police won't do anything about it, the press won't cover it so I was trying to do something about

P why is you posting relentless abuse about SB ISN'T harassment

GL because if he didn't harass women and try to get people to punch them - he succeeded once he tried and failed with someone else and he's trying to do it to me
P one rule for GC people who are allowed to harass and TRAs can't?
GL TRAs hate women and I hate them.

[re-examination Defence Counsel - DC on her feet]

DC quotes tweet if you encounter T in the whilst try to resist the urge to stick his camera up his arse
GL to stop people from being provoked in to hitting him I'm only sorry I didn't take my own advice.
DC were you aiming you...

... tweets at SB

GL not really - I just wanted to warn people

DC the clips we saw from the BoI - does that represent the totality of SB's behaviour

GL that day? it was the main thing that happened that day.

J has no questions, GL's evidence ends. He asks to go to the loo.

[we are not doing KH today]

J says next day of the trial will be 29 Oct - three witnesses Julie Bindel, Kate Harris and Fiona McEnena - 2 hours each.

[GL comes back and Judge tells him that's that for now and he needs to come back on 29 Oct]

[everyone is asked to clear court so J can talk to counsel]

[we're done]

Thanks v much for the replies retweets and tips. It means a huge amount. There were no court transcribers so I don't know how or even if transcripts will be generated. I might try to pursue them. Have a great weekend and thanks again.

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