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Sent: 26 February 2016 11:54
To: PRP Contact <contact@pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk>
Subject: Complaint

Dear Sirs

I complained to the Daily Mail about a story and a video they published which described as real what was in fact a fake staged "terrorist attack" on the Casa Nostra restaurant in Paris. The Daily Mail did not reply to my complaint.

I further complained to IPSO about the article headlined "First footage of Paris attacks shows diners diving for cover as jihadist sprays café with bullets... and women he tried to kill at point-blank range but who escaped because his gun jammed", published by the Daily Mail on 18 November 2015.

On receipt of a complaint, IPSO's Executive say they reviewed it to ensure that it fell within their remit, and disclose a possible breach of the Editors' Code of Practice. The Executive say they completed an assessment of my complaint under the terms of the Code. Having considered the points I raised in full, they concluded that my complaint did not raise a possible breach of the Code. As:

You complained under Clause 1 (Accuracy) that the article was inaccurate because you said that the video was staged and included actors. We did not consider that you, or the website you highlighted claiming special knowledge of the incident, were in a position to know whether the video footage in question was staged, and your complaint appeared to be based on speculation. Therefore, we did not consider that the article was inaccurate; as such, your complaint did not raise a possible breach of Clause 1.

They rejected my complaint despite strong prima facie evidence that the items were faked and they failed to make any attempt to verify the accuracy of the items, or as far as I know ask the Daily Mail to vouch for the veracity of them. I appealed the initial IPSO decision, but they did not change their finding.

I think that this shows that IPSO is incapable of regulating the Daily Mail and other newspapers and should have its recognition withdrawn.

Additionally, as this matter of faking reports of terrorist attacks is so serious and strikes at the heart of having a properly informed electorate, you should review my complaint and instruct the Daily Mail to correct its false story immediately. Please confirm by email.

Yours truly
Mark Rostron