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Belfast human rights solicitor Kevin Winters secures order against Elon Musk owned Twitter International

In May and June 2023 a now disabled Twitter account under the moniker “Malachy O” defamed a number of persons including retired Gardai as well as Belfast based solicitor Kevin Winters.

The deleted offensive commentary targeted ex Gardai “whistleblowers” and others who were highly critical of alleged Gardai wrongdoing. Our Republic of Ireland based clients believe someone connected to An Garda Síochána controlled the account.

We issued proceedings known as a Norwich Pharma application against Twitter (now known as “X”) to force the release of data pointing to the identity of the account holder. The court granted an order today directing the release of certain information to KRW Law.

Speaking after the court made its order, solicitor Kevin Winters said,

“We hope the out workings of this order will now allow our clients to issue defamation proceedings over derogatory postings made two years ago. Using anonymous social media accounts to mount reputational attacks is a coward’s charter. In certain cases the courts can intervene to act as a bulwark against that happening. We are positive that will be the case here. “