

3. Our legal team was instructed that one serious incident took place in March 2018 where the Defendant assaulted one of his neighbours. As those acts were condemned by the interim injunction order, we decided to issue an application notice in Court for the Defendant's committal. The application was issued on 20 April 2018 and a hearing was listed in the Edmonton County Court for the 01 May 2018, 10am.

4. I represented the Claimant at the hearing of 01 May 2018 and the parties were called approximately at 10.10am. The Defendant was not present so the case started in his absence. The Defendant and his mother Lorraine Cordell eventually arrived at 10.25am. Employment Judge Taylor who was sitting in the Edmonton County Court was going to proceed to start again. However, the Defendant was unable to contain his agitation and essentially shouted and swore at Mr Mathiyalagan (one of our witnesses in the committal application), Lemmy Nwabuisi (Anti-social behaviour coordinator officer for the Claimant), his mother and the Judge. He made some disparaging comments to me. The Judge called in security; one security guard was not sufficient and a second one was also called. The Defendant was extremely agitated, was swearing and refused to sit down and it did appear that he may strike someone, the security guards were between him and Mr Nwabuisi and Mr Mathiyalagan. Ms Lorraine Cordell was unable to calm her son down; Judge Taylor was unable to calm him down and the security guards also could not get him to back down. The Judge then adjourned the hearing for a short period and we left the court room. We tried to locate a side room to sit in but none were available as the court was particularly busy, there was also no sitting room.

5. We were called back into court a few minutes later. The hearing proceeded with Mrs Cordell representing her son in his absence; he remained in the waiting room and could be heard being abusive throughout the hearing.

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