

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION
BETWEEN:

CLAIM NO.....

KEVIN PIETERSEN

Claimant

- and -

SPECSAVERS OPTICAL GROUP LIMITED

Defendant

AGREED STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT

Claimant's Solicitor

In this matter I, Louise Prince, appear on behalf of the Claimant, Kevin Pietersen. The Defendant Specsavers Optical Group Limited is represented by Niri Shan.

On 7 August 2013 during the 2013 Ashes series the Defendant published on its Twitter account and Facebook page a 'Should've gone to Specsavers' advert which made a serious and defamatory allegation regarding Kevin Pietersen. The advert was also published in various newspapers and magazines.

The advert contained the statement:

“'Bat tampering' in the #Ashes? Apparently Hot Spot should've gone to Specsavers.”

The advert was accompanied by a photograph of Kevin Pietersen.

The allegation of bat tampering is completely untrue and without any foundation whatsoever.

The Defendant is here today to apologise to Kevin Pietersen and to withdraw its defamatory statement. The Defendant accepts that Kevin Pietersen did not behave in the manner suggested and has already removed the advert from circulation. The Defendant has also agreed to pay to him a substantial sum in damages together with his legal costs and has undertaken not to repeat the statement.

Defendant's Counsel/Solicitor

On behalf of the Defendant I accept all that my friend has said. The Defendant did not intend to imply that Kevin Pietersen may have tampered with his bat and acknowledges that the allegation is untrue. The Defendant is happy to give the undertaking referred to above. The Defendant apologises for the distress and embarrassment caused to him.

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It only remains for me to ask for leave to withdraw the record.

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