

IN THE COUNTY COURT SITTING AT MILTON KEYNES.

Before:

HER HONOUR JUDGE BROWN

COMMITTAL.

PC Gent for the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police.

Mr. Killen for Ms. Gillian Marriott.

Hearing date 1.9.2022.

Draft judgment distributed on 1.9.2022.

Approved judgment handed down 2.9.2022

APPROVED JUDGMENT.

1 **Her Honour Judge Brown.**

2 This judgment should be read together with the judgment of this court dated 24.8.2022.

3 On 23.8.2022 I had before me a committal in respect of Ms. Gillian Marriott.

4 An injunction was made by DDJ Abrahams on 23rd of March 2021 against Gillian Marriott
5 which was then extended for a further year by DJ Lynch on the 22nd of March 2022. This
6 court further extended that order until 23.8.2024.

7 The terms of the injunction are as follows ;

8 The Respondent Gillian Marriott must not ;

- 9 1. remain on any land or premises having been asked to leave by the owner or occupier .
- 10 2. use any threatening or abusive language towards any person including police officers
11 and employees of the emergency services .
- 12 3. display any aggressive violent or disorderly behaviour to any person or property .
- 13 4. fail to obey reasonable directions given by a police officer , PCSO NHS .employee
- 14 5. carry any blade or pointed article in a public place .
- 15 6. call 999, 101 or 111 unless a genuine emergency
- 16 7. make unnecessary contact with the emergency services , including mental health
17 services , either by phone , electronic communication or in person unless a genuine
18 emergency (does not include GP.)
- 19 8. attend Stoke Mandeville Hospital unless for a genuine emergency .

20 Thames Valley Police allege that the Defendant has breached the civil injunction as follows ;

- 21 1. By making unnecessary contact with the emergency services either by phone ,
22 electronic communication or in person unless a genuine emergency . The Defendant
23 has made 114, 999 calls and 217, 111 calls reporting various medical episodes. These
24 have all been triaged and checked causing demand on the service unnecessarily .
- 25 2. Further it is alleged that the defendant has breached the injunction by attending Stoke
26 Mandeville Hospital on occasions which were not for genuine medical need. It is
27 alleged that the defendant attended Stoke Mandeville Hospital on the 23rd of March
28 2022 claiming an overdose but all her vitals we checked and found to be normal .

29 The court found breaches of that order and sentenced Ms. Marriott to a term of six months for
30 making multiple 999 and 111 calls and a further sentence of 6 months for unnecessary visits
31 to Stoke Mandeville, each sentence to run concurrently and be suspended for two years until
32 22.8.2024. This court specifically warned Ms. Marriott that if she appears back before this
33 court, has made no sustained attempt at engaging with work to address her behaviour and has
34 carried on breaching the order, she is likely to receive a significant custodial sentence as well
35 as serve the activated suspended sentence.

36 The court has before it further evidence from the following witnesses in written form;

37 Ms. Donna Phippard – Complex Care Practitioner South central Ambulance.

38 Deborah Lawson – NHS High Intensity user Lead.

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1 Claire Wilson – Nurse Sister in Charge (who examined Ms. Marriott on 30th. August 2022.)
2 PC Andrew Harvey.

3 Once again there is no written evidence from Ms. Marriott and Ms. Marriott has chosen not to
4 give evidence.

5 Sadly Ms. Marriott appeared back in this court on 1.9.2022. The application to commit cited
6 that between 25.8.2022 – 1.9.2022, Ms. Marriott had made 6, 999 calls and 10, 111 calls.
7 Ms. Marriott had also attended Stoke Mandeville hospital on several occasions.

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9 The evidence before this court is that the calls and visits were unnecessary and therefore Ms.
10 Marriott is once again in breach, multiple times, of the injunction.

11 Ms. Marriott does not accept all the breaches. Ms. Marriott accepts that she made an
12 unnecessary 111 call on 25.8.2022. The evidence is also that Ms. Marriott made three 111
13 calls on 27.8.2022 and Ms. Marriott states that she has no recollection of doing so.

14 Ms. Marriott sought to contest the other calls and visits to the hospital on the basis that they
15 were all made due to genuine medical need.

16 This remains a profoundly sad case.

17 This court could not have been clearer with Ms. Marriott that if she appeared before this court
18 on one more breach, the suspended sentence would be activated. Ms. Marriott accepts one
19 breach and does not actively contest three further breaches.

20 This case passes the custody threshold. It was very clearly explained to Ms. Marriott that the
21 course of conduct in which she persists, costs taxpayers a huge amount of money. Evidence
22 from Ms. Donna Phippard, (The complex care practitioner south central ambulance) states
23 that the cost of Ms. Marriott’s course of conduct since 7.11.2021, has cost the emergency
24 services since nearly £50,000. That is a huge financial resource which could have been spent
25 elsewhere. The behaviour places tremendous pressure on the NHS and medical
26 professionals. Above all, Ms. Marriott’s conduct puts the lives of others at risk. If an
27 ambulance is attending at Ms. Marriott’s home for no valid reason, it is not available to attend
28 another call, where someone may need urgent lifesaving medical assistance. I have also tried
29 to explain to Ms. Marriott that such conduct puts her own life at risk. If she suffers a real
30 emergency, the screening and questioning which now takes place, may delay her receiving
31 medical attention if she really does need assistance. For all these reasons, this conduct must
32 stop.

33 The court has considered the legal principles set out in the judgment dated 24.8.2022.

34 In the judgment of this court, the court has no realistic alternative but to activate the
35 suspended sentence passed down on 23.8.2022. Ms. Marriott has been warned time and
36 again. Ms. Marriott has already served two short periods of imprisonment and yet her
37 behaviour continues. Ms. Marriott has a support team who can assist her if she chooses to
38 engage. It was stated on Ms. Marriott’s behalf that she phoned the Whiteleaf Centre before
39 telephoning 111 or 999 and some of the 999 calls were made having been put through from a
40 111 call. The difficulty is that if Ms. Marriott continues to telephone any professional stating

1 that she believes she is suffering from a life-threatening condition, no health care professional
2 will want to ignore her. It is Ms. Marriott's responsibility to engage with services to try to
3 reduce her anxiety and need for medical attention. I outlined in my previous judgment some
4 of the evidence of the psychiatric nurse and the services available to Ms. Marriott.

5 Ms. Marriott will serve both sentences of six months, to run concurrently.

6 The court having found proved 4 further breaches, orders no separate penalty.

7 The court will not hear the further contested breaches.

8 This court considers this a proportionate way of dealing with the issues in this case.

9 Ms. Marriott was informed that if after a hearing, she had been found in breach on the other
10 matters, she would have faced a much longer sentence.

11 It is with sadness and disappointment that when DJ Lynch remanded Ms. Marriott for three
12 weeks for a medical assessment to be carried out, it was not. I sincerely hope that when in
13 prison, Ms. Marriott undergoes a further medical/psychiatric assessment. It may be that a
14 different drug regime or different counselling or therapy may assist her. This court sincerely
15 hopes that Ms. Marriott will receive assistance. However, Ms. Marriott who has been
16 assessed to have capacity, must understand that this conduct must cease. If it does not, Ms.
17 Marriott is likely to serve further prison sentences.

18 Solicitors for Ms. Marriott have permission to disclose this judgment and the judgment dated
19 24.8.2022 to the governor of the prison to which Ms. Marriott has been sent.

20 Ms. Marriott is sentenced to six months immediate custody.

21 My sincere thanks once again to Mr. Killen for the care he has taken in representing Ms.
22 Marriott. His assistance is greatly appreciated by the court.

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