

**By Post**

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Our Ref: WRI2.1

Attn: Peter McCormack

By Email

hello@whatbitcoindid.com

Dear Sirs

Peter McCormack Twitter Feed

We act for Dr Craig Wright, the computer scientist and businessman. Dr Wright was part of the team that created Bitcoin. He is the person behind the pseudonym Satoshi Nakamoto.

We strongly suggest that you take legal advice upon the contents of this letter, which is written in compliance with the Pre Action Protocol for Defamation applicable to claims in the High Court of England and Wales. The Protocol can be viewed at https://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/civil/protocol/prot_def.

We assume that your real name is Peter McCormack and that your home postal address is that provided on your Twitter feed, namely 5 Goldington Road, Bedford, Bedfordshire MK40 3JY. Please confirm this is correct and, if not, please provide us with your real name and home address for the purpose of future correspondence and the service of legal proceedings for libel and harassment.

Your campaign of harassment and libel

Under the Twitter handle 'Peter McCormack' you have since at least October 2018 carried out a targeted campaign on Twitter to harass and libel our client by posting highly defamatory and abusive tweets, knowing that they would be read not just by your 52,500 followers, but also by our client.

On April 10 2019 you tweeted:

"I would like to formally state that: 1. Craig Wright is not Satoshi 2. Craig Wright is a fraud 3. I hope as many people ReTweet this as possible."

This is the latest tweet in your campaign. You have repeatedly made the same or similar allegations about our client on your Twitter feed, and have encouraged others to do likewise.

You have also repeatedly tweeted emails inviting our client to sue you for libelling him. On 10 April 2019 you tweeted: *"Craig Wright is not Satoshi! When do I get sued?"*

On 29 March 2019, with reference to our client, you tweeted:

“Craig has started filing lawsuit against those falsely denying he is Satoshi....they can all have a day in court to try to prove their fake case but the judge will rule that Craig invented Bitcoin because he did and he can prove it”.

You then set out Calvin Ayre’s tweet which said *“yup...Dr Craig Wright is Satoshi Nakamoto...and #BSV is the only real #Bitcoin. All others are attacking Craig to sell their dysfunctional snake oil crypto products. Craig has proven this to me directly in a number of...”*

Your reply to Mr Ayre’s tweet, also on 29 March, stated:

“Can I go first? Craig Wright is not Satoshi Craig Wright is not Satoshi Craig Wright is not Satoshi Craig Wright is not Satoshi Craig Wright is not Satoshi Craig Wright is not Satoshi Craig Wright is not Satoshi Craig Wright is not Satoshi Craig Wright is not Satoshi”.

On 11 February you tweeted a message to and about our client in the following terms:

“You’re a fucking BSV, you support a problem compulsive liar, fakatoshi, sociopath.”

The above is merely a sample of the libellous and abusive tweets you have posted about our client. Your campaign against him has been sustained and systematic. Whilst we do not know what is behind this campaign, we infer it is because our client has been promoting Bitcoin SV, and you are an active supporter and promoter of the rival protocols Bitcoin and Bitcoin Cash.

Defamatory meaning

As readers of your Twitter feed would have known, the reference to ‘Satoshi’ was a reference to the person, or the group of people, who developed Bitcoin, authored the Bitcoin white paper, and created and deployed Bitcoin's original reference implementation.

The above tweets would therefore have been understood by readers to mean, by way of innuendo meaning, that our client had fraudulently claimed to be Satoshi Nakamoto, that is to say the person, or one of the group of people, who developed Bitcoin.

Serious harm

The above publications have caused serious harm to our client’s reputation in this jurisdiction, and continue to do so. The tweets all remain available to be viewed on your Twitter feed. The defamatory allegation you made, as set out above, is gravely serious. Moreover, of your 52,500 followers, it can readily be inferred that a substantial proportion are in this jurisdiction and read the above tweets. The above tweets have been extensively ‘liked’ and retweeted – the 29 March tweet has so far received 557 likes.

Falsity

Our client has not fraudulently claimed to be Satoshi Nakamoto. He is Satoshi Nakamoto. He played an integral part in the development of Bitcoin. He produced the report ‘*Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System in October 2008*’, sent the first Bitcoin to Hal Finney in January 2009 and played an integral part in the development of Bitcoin. He has explained his role in detail on previous occasions.

What our client requires

Our client requires the following from you:

- (1) Your assurance that you will preserve all documents, including electronic messages, draft articles, notes and any other electronic materials, that may be relevant to this matter.
- (2) Your undertaking to delete all tweets and other online or other publications in which you alleged that our client had fraudulently claimed to be Satoshi Nakamoto;
- (3) Your undertaking not to repeat those allegations, whether on Twitter or in any other form;
- (4) Your agreement to tweet an apology to our client in the terms below;
- (5) Your agreement to join in a statement in open court in which you apologise to our client and acknowledge the falsity of the allegations.

Our client is plainly entitled to substantial damages in respect of the publication of the defamatory tweet within this jurisdiction, as well as payment of the legal costs he has incurred in relation to this matter. However, his immediate priority is to ensure the quick and effective vindication of his reputation. He is therefore prepared to waive the entitlement to damages and costs if you agree, as a matter of urgency, to provide him with the remedies set out above. If however agreement cannot be reached, and our client does have to pursue proceedings against you, he will claim damages and legal costs.

Jurisdiction

In the event that you do not comply with the above requirements, our client will bring proceedings against you in this jurisdiction for libel.

We require your response to this letter by no later than 23 April 2019. In the absence of a satisfactory response our client will issue and serve proceedings for libel and harassment upon you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SCA ONTIER LLP". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the "S" and "C" being particularly large and flowing.

SCA ONTIER LLP

Enc: Pre-Action Protocol for Defamation

Apology to Dr Craig Wright

I was wrong to allege Craig Wright fraudulently claimed to be Satoshi. I accept he is Satoshi. I am sorry Dr Wright. I will not repeat this libel.