

Stalking terror of paralysed TV star

TELEVISION presenter and model Sophie Morgan was too scared to leave home after being bombarded with almost daily online messages from a stalker, a court heard last week.

In one chilling message, Robert Keegan is said to have told the star, who is paralysed, that he wanted to take her out of her wheelchair and carry her around 'because it would be romantic'.

Ms Morgan, 33, said she was 'left feeling very scared'.

Mr Keegan is accused of sending a large number of unsolicited messages to Ms Morgan on Instagram between last October and this month, even though they had never met.

He allegedly attempted to contact Ms Morgan almost daily, but she did not respond to his messages, which ranged from 'romantic to threatening', Camberwell Green magistrates in South London heard.

Ms Morgan was said to be 'very scared about what he [Mr Keegan] will do if he sees me in person. I have had to stay away from my home address'.

Mr Keegan, 33, denies harassment, and his request for a crown court trial was adjourned for three weeks.

Gordonstoun-educated Ms Morgan was in a devastating car accident when she was 18 that meant she will never walk again.

The day before the crash in 2003, she was told she had achieved the A-level grades she needed to study law at Manchester University but her life-changing injuries forced a rethink and she stayed at home in Brighton and studied art.

Her big break came ten years ago when she was runner-up on Britain's Missing Top Model, a BBC3 show where eight disabled young women competed for a model-

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ling contract. She is best known as the face of Channel 4's coverage of the 2012 and 2016 Paralympic Games in London and Rio.

She also modelled Stella McCartney's Adidas range for Team GB at the London Games. She has said that despite her disability, her life was 'better than a lot of people's because I'm just happier and more fulfilled'.

She also said that before the accident she 'wasn't so passionate about much - I was a bit like, yeah, whatever. And now I have a mission'.

In 2014 she appeared on the BBC's Beyond Boundaries, which followed 11 people with disabilities on an expedition across Nicaragua.

'I wasn't passionate - now I'm on a mission'

She has made documentaries about disability access in Ghana and road accidents caused by young drivers and presented Channel 4's Tricks Of The Restaurant Trade.

As well as her TV career, she has been a fierce campaigner for disabled people.

There have been a string of stalking cases involving television presenters this year. Last week, Christine Lampard, 39, gave evidence against a stalker who sent her 'very nasty' tweets.

Christof King, 39, admitted stalking Mrs Lampard, the former presenter of the BBC's One Show and wife of ex-England and Chelsea football star Frank.

The court heard that one tweet

SCARED: Sophie Morgan, right, alleges that Robert Keegan, below, harassed her



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from King said: 'I am planning the words that will go on your gravestone.'

Earlier this year, Newsnight presenter Emily Maitlis, 47, revealed how being stalked for more than 20 years by a former university friend had devastated her and

scared her children. Edward Vines was even able to send letters from prison and while on probation.

In January, Vines, 47, was jailed for 45 months for breaching an earlier indefinite restraining order banning him from contacting the BBC journalist.



REFORM PLEDGE: Sajid Javid

PM on collision course with Javid over immigration

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THERESA MAY has sparked a fresh immigration row after ruling out major changes in the wake of the Windrush scandal.

She has set herself on a collision course with new Home Secretary Sajid Javid by appearing to reject an overhaul of how migrants are treated.

The Prime Minister said the public wanted to know 'that we are dealing with people who come to the country illegally'.

Her remarks come days after Mr Javid promised a 'fairer, more compassionate immigration system' following the Windrush controversy, during which some Caribbean migrants who have lived in the UK for decades were told they were here illegally.

He has also disowned Mrs May's pledge to create a 'hostile' climate for illegal migrants by vowing instead to oversee a 'compliant environment'.

But speaking en route to the G7 summit, the PM declined to say if changes were now needed to reform the system.

Mrs May, Home Secretary from 2010 until 2016, stressed that people living in the UK lawfully should not be caught up in illegal immigration controls as some of the Windrush generation were.

But she added: 'If you talk to members of the public, what they want to know is that we are dealing with people who come to the country illegally.'

'Are you divorcing me?' puzzled Posh asked Becks



RUMOURS: The Beckhams at last month's Royal Wedding

IT WAS, for just a few brief hours, the love split that enthralled the nation.

And no one, it seems, was more surprised than the pair supposedly breaking up.

The Mail on Sunday can reveal that when Victoria Beckham saw the social media rumours about her marriage, she jokingly asked husband David, who was away in America at the time: 'Are you divorcing me?'

The designer, who was at home in London when she saw the bizarre claims - described as 'laughable and embarrassing' by their representatives - was said

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to be bemused but cracked jokes about it with friends.

A friend of the couple said: 'Victoria was taken aback, but she found the whole thing very funny. They have had a sense of humour about this because it's so ridiculous.'

'They are stunned that so many people have believed it, and also stunned that it so quickly got around. They spoke about it and laughed a lot. They have absolutely no idea where or how it started. It's quite the mystery.'

The rumours began on Friday after Victoria, 44, posted a picture of herself on Instagram cuddling her six-year-old daughter Harper, with the caption: 'So much love.'

Shortly afterwards, a high street bookmaker suspended betting on the pair divorcing.

Meanwhile, The Mail on Sunday can reveal that the Beckhams will show a united front next month when they appear as a family for the first time in an interview and shoot for Vogue magazine.

As part of celebrations to mark the tenth anniversary

of Posh's troubled clothing label, she, David, 43, and their four children - Brooklyn, Romeo, Cruz and Harper - will be interviewed for the cover feature.

Sources at Conde Nast, the publishing house which owns Vogue, say they expect it to be one of their best-selling issues.

One said: 'It is such a coup to get the whole family together for one really special interview. It will celebrate Victoria's life as a businesswoman but also as a mother and a wife. Everyone is really excited, nobody more so than her.'