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FROM THE EDITOR

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Sir Christopher Meyer
Chairman
Press Complaints Commission
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Dear Sir Christopher,

Re: 081260

I wanted to place on record my anger at the PCC's decision to uphold the complaint against The Sun over our coverage of a convicted paedophile working at [redacted]

Our story about [redacted] was factually correct in every way and drew no complaint from [redacted]

The Commission says it has no problem with our use of [redacted] photograph while at work delivering goods wearing his uniform. Yet video or film at work inside the store (surrounded by members of the public) wearing the same uniform is deemed a breach of the Code.

How it can approve one but not the other is beyond me.

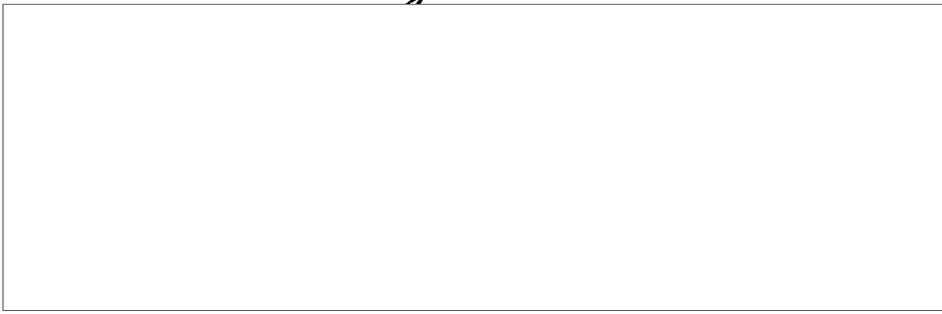
I appreciate an important part of the Commission's job is to protect vulnerable members of the public from the excesses of the press.

In this case, it seems to have decided to protect a paedophile from the public's right to know where he works and how he comes into contact with potentially vulnerable children.

Given the nature of this man's criminal conviction, I hope you can understand my reaction to this decision.

As you know I am a huge supporter of self-regulation and the PCC. However, this decision has bemused me and my staff whose universal reaction has been one of amazement.

Yours sincerely,



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cc Paul Dacre Esq.
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