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## UFO UpDates Mailing List

### Re: Max Burns UFO Hoax Exposed

From: David Clarke <[crazydiamonds@compuserve.com](mailto:crazydiamonds@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Mon, 5 Jul 1999 06:08:51 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Jul 1999 08:42:15 -0400  
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>From: Matthew Williams <[truthseekers@truthseekers.screaming.net](mailto:truthseekers@truthseekers.screaming.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Max Burns UFO Hoax Exposed  
>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 1999 20:16:20 +0100  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
Matthew Williams wrote:

>You seem incapable of keeping it "un-personal"  
>which is why behind the scenes I have now joined in the little  
>'war' going on. Not to defend the Sheffield case, not even to  
>defend Max Burns, but instead to defend anyone who should come  
>under the massive attacks you and Andy Roberts make against  
>them. If somebody disagrees with you, god help them, thats all I  
>can say. And this has been noticed... by many people, not just  
>myself.

I am honoured that Matthew feels he needs to join the "war" to defend the shambling edifice of the "Sheffield Incident."

Please Matthew, keep defending Max's position, that is precisely what I want you to do.

As for "people" noting what a nasty man I am, yet again I'm honoured. Soon I will be competing with Matthew himself for the coveted title of The Most Hated Man in British UFOlogy.

>You have made a bad name for yourself in British Ufology by  
>attacking people and not facts. When you resorted to attempts to  
>get people arrested (partially successful) by virtue of your  
>fabricated and exaggerated version of how somebody had failed  
>to pay a minor tax bill - you scraped as low as almost any could  
>get.

Max made this case "personal" as you put it the day he walked into my place of work in the summer of 1997 and started abusing me in front of my colleagues for daring to take a different point of view to his lunatic theories. This was long before Matthew Williams, Roy Hale or any of the other hangers-on who have since crawled out of the woodwork had ever heard of Max Burns or the " Sheffield Incident."

It is amusing to watch now as Williams and co struggle to be "part of the action", re-writing history as they go, ignoring the bits they find not to their liking.

Readers of UFO UpDates who have followed this tiring farago can read what I have said about this case on this list.

I have stuck to the facts throughout - and will continue to do so. Every time Max has made outrageous and untrue claims about this case, I have countered with the facts, and I will continue to do so.

The case is solved, there was no UFO or Tornado crash. If others think there was, it is up to them to provide proof. If no proof is forthcoming, then we have to accept there is none.

People out there can read both sides of the case, and make up their own minds. Those who are remotely interested have already done so and expressed their views on this list and elsewhere.

As for Max being (partially) arrested, you are wrong again. He was properly arrested. And deservedly so.

>Seeing as you claim that Max and myself have a problem with the  
>facts... lets ignore the Sheffield case and look at the  
>fabricated facts you put forward to get Max arrested.

That's precisely what you want me to do - ignore the facts of the non-case and get distracted by side-issues so you can obfuscate the facts of the case. Well think again boyo.

>This was nothing to do with UFO investigation - this was pure  
>bitterness

>You have egg on your face and I am quite happy  
>to keep telling people what an untrustworthy character you are  
>and to never trust you or Andy Roberts with any personal  
>information. You are leakier than a lake!

Please be my guest and go ahead with your unrecommendations. It can't do my reputation anything but good to know that a freelance nutcase called Matthew Williams is going around the country slagging me off to all and sundry.

I must be a really scary ogre to have such a horrid beast on my tail - more likely these tactics are necessary because I have revealed a few home truths and rocked a few sacred cows.

"Matthew who?" people have already asked me. "You mean that Welsh guy who believes the world is run by the Illuminati, spends his weekends breaking into RAF bases and openly encourages people to break the law on his website?"

Quite!

I'm sure my reputation is going to come crumbling down overnight in the face of someone whose views are taken seriously by so many people. No doubt I will be reduced to begging on the streets before long. And finally we come to Matthew's "challenge" for me to attend a public debate on the "Sheffield Incident".

Well really! If I did want to damage my professional reputation what better way to do it than to engage in a public slanging match with a room full of lunatics?

Who else in the "general public" would be even the slightest bit interested in the minutiae of this case?

I am prepared to discuss and debate any UFO case provided those taking part in the discussion share the same basic rules of evidence and scientific methodology. Where one side does not share those rules, no debate is possible.

How is possible to hold a rational debate with people who claim they are being followed by secret agents, their phones are bugged, there is a massive conspiracy underway, they have implants in their heads and knees, aliens are everywhere, etc etc?

So no Matthew, I have no problems declining your invitation because I cannot see what there is to gain other than an opportunity to have the whole group of you sectioned under the Mental Health Act in one swoop.

And as a timely aside, Matthew fails to mention that I also challenged him to travel to Sheffield and meet the Mountain Rescue Teams and eyewitnesses who give a completely different version of events to those which Max would like to foster on us.

I don't suppose you will be surprised to find Matthew declined my challenge - methinks the "Truthseeker" might have found a few real truths which he would find unpalatable.

Max and Matthew's output surely prove, if proof was necessary, why sane and rational people give the subject of ufology a wide berth. I wish the promoters of "the Sheffield Incident" the best of luck, but I can't resist making, yet again, another and more relevant challenge; one which I've been making for two years without a satisfactorily answer:

1. I challenge Max to name the Tornado pilot he claims was killed as a result of UFO action over the Peak District on March 24, 1997.
2. I challenge Max to name its base and its point of origin, and provide proof that a 20 tonne Tornado has been lost and all trace of its existence hidden from the public.
3. I challenge Max to produce one single eyewitness who saw a UFO attack and destroy a Tornado aircraft over the Peak District.

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