

Mother Arrested in Front of Her Children for Using Wrong Pronoun for Trans Activist

U.K. officials arrested a woman after she called a transgender activist a biological man on Twitter.

The Daily Mail reports that three officers showed up to the home of Kate Scottow in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, and arrested her in front of her children on Dec. 1. The 38-year-old was reportedly detained for several hours, processed and is currently under investigation.

Scottow was arrested after Stephanie Hayden, a biological man who identifies as a woman, told police that the mother of two had harassed him by calling him a man.

"I was arrested for harassment and malicious communications because I called someone out and misgendered them on Twitter," Scottow later wrote on the online forum Mumsnet.

Hertfordshire Police confirmed the arrest to *The Daily Mail* and said, "We take all reports of malicious communication seriously."

Court documents obtained by the paper on Sunday reveal that Scottow is accused of a "campaign of targeted harassment" against Hayden.

The papers claim that Scottow used two separate accounts to engage in a "toxic" Twitter debate over transgenderism and tweeted "defamatory" messages about Hayden.

Scottow denied harassing Hayden and said she has the "genuine and reasonable belief" that a human "cannot, practically speaking, change sex."

However, Deputy Judge Jason Coppel QC issued an interim injunction on Scottow banning her from “referencing [Hayden] as a man” or linking him to his “former male identity.”

This is not the first time Hayden has accused someone of misgendering him.

West Yorkshire Police issued sitcom writer Graham Linehan a verbal harassment warning after Hayden reported him for referring to him as a man on Twitter.

One Twitter user accused Hayden of “using government authoritarianism and speech codes” to violate one’s right to free speech. {eo}

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