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Series of Threatening Telephone Calls to Trainers Reported

Following the recent announcement that the National Trainers Federation (NTF) has launched a campaign to combat abusive content sent to trainers, reports surfaced on Friday of a series of threatening telephone calls being received.

It is apparent that these calls, made to at least nine different trainers, were made by the same individual, with all of them promising a serious and specific personal threat to the victims.

In line with the new campaign, a report has been compiled that will be forwarded to the police and the BHA. We will be asking the police to investigate this matter in full, given the nature of the threats made, the number of victims and the evidence that we have been able to present. This evidence includes recordings of significant sections of two of the calls, thanks to the presence of mind of the trainers involved.

Although these calls were made from a withheld number, we believe that we have also been able to provide sufficient evidence to the police for them to identify the person responsible.

Paul Johnson, Chief Executive of the NTF said:

"Fridays events were deeply unpleasant for the trainers involved but we are pleased to be able to take meaningful action to react to this. We are aware of the current pressures on police resources but believe that threats of this level must be investigated, particularly given the amount of evidence that we have been able to provide as a result of our members' submissions. This is criminal behaviour and we will continue to work to see action taken against those responsible"

For more information about the NTF's campaign and reporting process, please visit <https://www.racehorsetrainers.org/ntf/pdfs/reportabusivecontent.pdf>

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