

Vice girl Monica talks about Archer — the man she knew

POOR JEFFREY



INTER-CITY hooker Monica Coghlan yesterday told for the first time about her part in the downfall of Tory Party boss Jeffrey Archer.

Speaking from a London hotel hideaway, she has told relatives: "I do feel sorry for Jeffrey . . . I didn't think he would have to resign.

"I didn't do this in order to lose him his job. Frankly, I didn't think it would cause so much fuss.

"I keep seeing the poor man on television. He's with his wife making statements and I can see him thinking 'I hope they all believe me'."

Yesterday, Monica's nephew Tony Smith told *The Star* of his conversations with the prostitute who was offered £2,000 by Archer to leave the country to avoid a possible scandal.

Mr. Smith said that Monica added: "The thing that angers me is that he keeps saying 'I never, never repeat never met this woman'."

Smith said Monica told him and his wife last month that she knew Archer.

The former Tory Deputy Chairman denies that they ever met. In fact, he is quoted in another newspaper as saying that Monica

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must have mistaken someone else for him.

Lawyers acting for Mr. Archer yesterday refused to discuss Monica's claim.

"Mr. Archer will have no comment," we were told.

Tony Smith and Monica are both from Rochdale, and he has been the closest to her for five years.

Watching

Smith revealed that it was in early September that he first knew of Monica's connections with the Tory Party Deputy Chairman and best-selling author.

Said Tony yesterday: "My wife and I were watching TV with Monica at her house when a man's picture came up on the news. Monica said she

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MONICA

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knew him and I said—Yes, that's Jeffrey Archer."

Since then, he claimed that Monica had phone calls lasting up to 16 minutes a time with Mr. Archer resulting in the scandal which forced his resignation.

Mr. Archer arranged for money to be given to Monica so she could take a holiday outside Britain, but the woman refused it.

Now back from a holiday in North Africa, she and her two-year-old son are both recovering from food poisoning.

Weekend sessions

Smith says that she is receiving £500-a-week expenses with a promise of over £50,000 for her revelations from a Sunday newspaper.

Monica, who regularly banked £1,500 a week from weekend sex sessions in London, is desperate to secure her own future.

At 35, she believes she is nearing "retirement" as one of the country's best-paid prostitutes.

She wants to quit the

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lifestyle and live a "normal" life in Rochdale at her bungalow and work in a local pub.

But the bungalow has been put in jeopardy, it was revealed yesterday.

Tony Smith said that it had been bought for her by a millionaire sugar daddy who died two years ago. His £3 million estate is now being contested by his sons after she was named as an executor of the will.

Said Tony: "She is desperate to keep the home for her son, and that is why she has gone through with all of this. It is his future she is worried about."

"She has been having an on-off affair with her son's father—he's a black man living in Leeds. He doesn't want to know her now because of all the flak flying around."

"But she dotes on that child. Doctors told her she could never have a baby, and when she became pregnant it was a delightful shock for her."

"She is determined to bring him up well and believes that this will all have passed over by the

time he is old enough to understand."

In her phone call, Monica said she was desperate to get back to Rochdale in the next few weeks.

Nightclub doorman

Ninety per cent of her clients demand a specialised field of sexual perversion.

Said Tony: "They are the blokes who are keen to dress up as women and indulge bondage fantasies. It's never straight sex. In fact, intercourse often never takes place."

"She has used up-market London hotels for clients."

"One of them wanted to be dressed like Little Red Riding Hood, complete with suspenders. He had to be trussed up, and Monica

would whip him on the floor of his room."

Burly Mr Smith, a former nightclub doorman, said: "People may not agree with Monica's lifestyle and they may criticise her for what she does."

"But she is not dishonest—I have never known her to lie. She is dead straight."

"There is no reason for her to go out of her way to embarrass any of her clients. If she did that, she would soon run out of customers."

"What has happened here is that she has been by other people—found herself in the middle of something she cannot handle. She has been terrified these past few weeks."

Mr Smith said Monica agreed to co-operate in challenging Mr Archer by

pretending to accept a "pay-off" at London's Victoria Station after a solicitor client, Aziz Kurtha, said the story would come out anyway.

Kurtha wanted to sell Monica's story to newspapers, Mr Smith said.

"She was told she might as well make some money out of this business because the papers would get the story with or without her co-operation," said Mr Smith.

Secure future

He went on: "On her mind all the time was the knowledge that whatever she was paid would help secure the future of her child."

"She might be a prostitute, but she is a wonderful mother and dotes over Robin."

"That little boy is the main reason why she has allowed herself to become involved in all this."