

Elon Musk brands British diver in Thai rescue a child rapist yet the Father of Musk raped his step-daughter



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Elon Musk has escalated his feud with the British diver involved in July's [rescue of a group of young Thai footballers](#), whom he had previously accused of being a paedophile.

Vernon Unsworth, 63, angered the technology billionaire when he derided his offer of sending a mini submarine to assist the rescue, pointing out that it was not a workable solution.

Mr Musk responded [with a baseless attack](#) in a now-deleted tweet, calling Mr Unsworth a "paedo guy". He then issued an apology, and said he had tweeted "in anger".

Last week [he reignited the controversy](#) by mocking Mr Unsworth for not following up on his threat to take legal action.

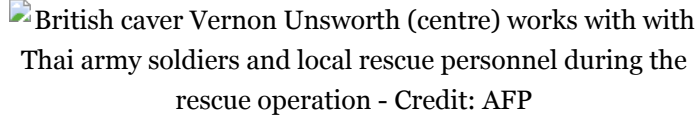
It later emerged that [Mr Unsworth's lawyers had in fact sent Mr Musk a letter](#) on August 6, informing him of their intention to sue for the "false and defamatory statements."

On Tuesday, [Buzzfeed](#) published emails Mr Musk sent last week, in which he launched another baseless attack on Mr Unsworth and called the journalist who has covered the dispute a "f-----g a--hole".

"I suggest that you call people you know in Thailand, find out what's actually going on and stop defending child rapists, you f----ing a--hole," Mr Musk wrote.

Mr Musk has offered no evidence to support his claims.

“As for this alleged threat of a lawsuit, which magically appeared when I raised the issue (nothing was sent or raised beforehand), I f---ing hope he sues me,” he added in the email.

British caver Vernon Unsworth (centre) works with with Thai army soldiers and local rescue personnel during the rescue operation - Credit: AFP

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Mr Unsworth's lawyer, L. Lin Wood, denied the latest accusation.

"Elon Musk can tweet his vindictive and vicious lie about Mr. Unsworth a hundred times and it will still be a lie," Wood wrote in a statement to BuzzFeed.

"After deleting the initial accusation and tweeting an apology, Mr Musk has continued to republish his false and unsupportable accusation. His conduct demonstrates that his recklessness is intentional and designed to harm Mr. Unsworth."

A Tesla representative has yet to respond to The Telegraph's request for comment.

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Perhaps Musk learned something from his crew sent to Thailand, but he better dig up some testimony to back up his remarks.



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