

2 tabloid journalists charged with phone hacking

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(AP)—British police have charged two former senior journalists at the now-defunct News of the World tabloid with conspiring to hack phones.

Former features editor Jules Stenson and ex-deputy editor Neil Wallis are accused of conspiring to illegally listen to voicemails between 2003 and 2007.

Their editor was Andy Coulson, who was convicted last month of hacking. Coulson, who also served as Prime Minister David Cameron's communications chief, is serving an 18-month sentence.

Wallis was previously arrested in 2011, but was told in 2013 that he would not be charged. On Wednesday he accused police of an "endlessly vindictive and enormously costly investigation."

Owner Rupert Murdoch shut down the News of the World in July 2011 after the revelation that it had hacked the phone of a 13-year-old murder victim.

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