

SUPERMODEL 'FLIRTED WITH AFRICAN DICTATOR'

CAMPBELL 'MAY FACE CHARGES'

NAOMI Campbell could face contempt of court charges if she's found to have lied in her witness statement, a leading lawyer revealed last night. Stephen Shotnes of London firm Simons Muirhead & Burton said the offence carries a maximum of six months' jail in Sierra Leone. Hours before her evidence was called into question yesterday Naomi was partying with Leonardo DiCaprio — who starred in 2006 film Blood Diamond — alongside her Russian billionaire boyfriend Vladimir Doronin and Topshop boss Sir Philip Green.



Bash . . Naomi with Blood Diamond star Leo, left

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By ALEX WEST

THRILLED Naomi Campbell gushed: “Oh my God — Charles Taylor sent me a huge diamond,” Hollywood star Mia Farrow told a war crimes trial yesterday.

The actress's bombshell evidence flatly contradicted the catwalk queen's court claim that she mysteriously received “dirty looking pebbles” — but did not know who they were from.

Naomi's former agent Carole White also gave a different account to that of the supermodel, 40, and further said she was “flirting” at dinner with ex-Liberian president Taylor.

He is on trial accused of atrocities and trading weapons to rebels in return for uncut “blood diamonds” during Sierra Leone's civil war.

Blood diamonds were said to be the gift handed to Naomi in the middle of the night during a visit to South Africa in 1997.

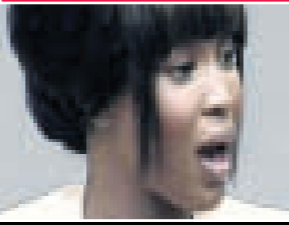
US star Mia, 65 — former wife of Frank Sinatra and lover of Woody Allen — was also on the trip. She told the court in The Hague, Holland, about breakfast the morning after a party with Nelson Mandela.

She said: “Miss Campbell entered the room. She was quite excited and said in effect, ‘Oh my God, in the middle of the night I was woken by knocking at the door and it was men sent by Charles Taylor and he sent me a huge diamond.’”

Mia added: “I didn't mishear. I swear on the Bible, that is what Naomi Campbell said that morning at breakfast.”

In HER evidence to the trial last week, British supermodel Naomi said on oath: “Two men gave me a pouch and said, ‘a gift for you’.”

NAOMI CAMPBELL'S VERSION



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CAROLE WHITE'S VERSION



“Whilst we were eating dinner, Naomi leant back and told me: ‘Oh he's going to give me some diamonds.’ She was very excited. Taylor was smiling and nodding agreement. They were flirting and laughing together.”

Smiling

“I opened the pouch the next morning when I woke up. I saw a few stones in there, they were very small dirty-looking stones.”

Next morning at breakfast I told Ms Farrow and Ms White what had happened. One of the two said, ‘That's obviously Charles Taylor’, and I said, ‘I guess that was’.”

Naomi said that at the time: “I know (sic) nothing about Taylor, never heard of him before, never heard of Liberia before, I never heard of blood diamonds before.”

Naomi had been called to give evidence in the hope she could link Taylor to blood diamonds. But her claim she did not know who the gift was from blew a hole in the prosecution case. Now the court will have to decide who to believe.

Her story was further questioned when Carole White, her agent for 17 years until 2006, told the court Naomi was told by Taylor he was sending her diamonds.

She said Naomi sat at dinner that night between Taylor and a Liberian official.

At one point, Carole said, Naomi leant back and told her: “He's going to give me some diamonds.”

She went on: “Naomi was very excited. Taylor was smiling and nodding in agreement.”

“They were mildly flirting. I heard them laughing and talking.”

Naomi had told the court she was sitting next to Nelson Mandela — and NEVER had a one-to-one conversation with Taylor at dinner.

Carole then said she and Naomi stayed up and waited for the diamonds to arrive.

She recalled: “Naomi was very excited about these diamonds. She was on the phone.”

“Someone was informing her the car was nearly there and on a couple of occasions she said to come and look in the garden.”

They went to bed but Carole was woken by the tapping of small stones on her window, and found two African men standing outside.

She woke Naomi and the men were let in. Carole said: “They took out a quite scruffy paper and they handed it to Miss Campbell and said, ‘Here are the diamonds’. She opened it and showed them to me.”

Naomi gave the diamonds to the head of a children's charity to help raise cash. He was horrified when he knew where they were from but reluctantly took them.

Defence lawyers suggested Carole sought to provide ammunition for her court case for loss of earnings against Naomi.

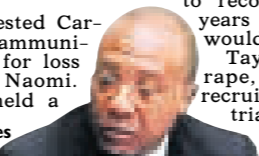
And they alleged she held a

“blood diamonds party” in London last week. She denied the claims. It was also suggested Mia was biased as she supports African causes.

Naomi's spokesman Alan Edwards said later: “If anyone tries to recollect what happened 13 years ago, the chances are you would get many variations.”

Taylor, 62, denies murder, rape, sexual slavery and recruiting child soldiers. His trial continues.

Taylor . . . denies war crimes



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Oh my God..he sent me a huge diamond

NAOMI WAS EXCITED AT GIFT FROM PRESIDENT, COURT TOLD



Oath . . . Naomi swears on the Bible before giving evidence to trial last week



All smiles . . . Naomi and Taylor in 1997