Elon Musk to Face Trial Overtweets After Court Denies Motion to Dismiss Defamation Lawsuit



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CNBC **reports** that Tesla CEO Elon Musk is headed to court to answer a defamation lawsuit filed by a British rescue diver he called a “pedo guy.”

U.S. District Judge Stephen Wilson in Los Angeles ordered the jury trial to begin Dec. 3.

The plaintiff is Vernon Unsworth, a diver who helped with the rescue of a boys soccer team in Thailand.

The dispute between Musk and Unsworth erupted after Unsworth criticized Musk’s efforts to send a submarine to help rescue the team from a cave in Thailand where they were trapped, according to CNBC’s **Annie Palmer**. In response, Musk called Unsworth a “pedo guy” on Twitter and a “child rapist” in an email to a reporter.

Read the CNBC article.