

This is a summary of the decision of the Commissioner:

A complaint was lodged by a Complainant at my office for “**illegal placement of camera affecting privacy and that of other family members**” against Respondent who is a neighbour. Complainant further stated that Respondent was also viewing personal images through the use of CCTV cameras within his private premises.

My office initiated an immediate site visit for inspection of the cameras installed at the premises of Respondent. On site, my officers could observe 2 dome type cameras on an iron pole standing at the boundary wall surrounding the house of Respondent and which viewed passersby, cars and any public member on the common road used by both parties. Another bullet type camera was seen which potentially could view in the direction of Complainant’s house affecting his private and daily life and that of his family members. However no signage was observed on site regarding the presence of the cameras.

My office contacted Respondent and the latter took immediate remedial measures to focus the concerned cameras off the premises of the Complainant. Respondent also displaced the bullet type camera and placed it in a fixed position on the walls of the first floor on the terrace. Two other site visits were conducted by my office and on the second site visit all cameras were observed to focus within the premises of Complainant only. This was shown to the officers via video images on a television screen.

Complainant has further declared that he is satisfied with the enquiry carried out by my office and the said cameras are no longer invading his privacy. Respondent has cooperated in ensuring that the personal information belonging to Complainant are not abused in any manner whatsoever through the operation of the CCTV system and has further provided a reasonable justification for protecting his premises for the security of his family. Respondent has also placed the relevant sign boards to inform of the presence of the cameras. Thus, I found no commission of any offence under the Data Protection Act