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Royalty Monthly apologises to Prince Radu of Romania

The editor and publishers of Royalty Monthly magazine apologised in the High Court today to Prince Radu of Romania in respect of an article published on 17 September 2004.

Prince Radu's Counsel, James Price QC, told the court that the article wrongly alleged that there was a very strong case against Prince Radu that he was dishonestly claiming to have been granted the title "Prinz von Hohenzollern-Veringen" by Friedrich Wilhelm Furst von Hohenzollern ("the Furst"), the Head of the Hohenzollern family, and that he was relying on a forged document to support his claims. The article also alleged that Prince Radu of Romania was guilty of having been an officer in the Securitate secret police under the regime of Communist dictator Ceausescu.

At the hearing Royalty Monthly accepted that the allegations were completely false and should never have been published. They have agreed to pay Prince Radu substantial damages and his legal costs.

The High Court heard that Prince Radu of Romania had been granted the title by the Furst in January 1999 and that from that date he had quite properly and honestly used and relied upon the title as granted to him. Furthermore the Claimant was at no time an officer within the Securitate secret police, nor did he support it in any other way.

Speaking after this morning's hearing Prince Radu said,

"I am delighted that, after nearly six years, I have finally been able to clear my name of these extremely serious allegations which, as Royalty Monthly now accepts, were completely untrue and should never have been published".

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Notes:

On 30 December 2007, and following the adoption of new Fundamental Laws of the Romanian Royal Family, King Michael of Romania, who is Prince Radu's father-in-law, granted the title Prince Radu of Romania, by which he is now known.