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Daily Mail

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the hilarious moment he called over his camels as he sat in his Mercedes.

The obedient animals, named Emaar and Fares, wander over to the car and put their heads through the window.

The Sheikh says, 'Come here Fares, come here Emaar,' and Fares duly walks over and sticks his head through the window.

Al Maktoum then says, 'Fares, get Emaar. Go get Emaar,' and the camel ambles off to retrieve his pal.

They both walk over to the Sheikh who says 'Emaar come here, come here, come here'.

Both camels are rewarded with a treat before the Crown Prince announces that he has no more left.

The animals appear to kiss before leaning through the window to plant a smacker on the Sheikh's lips as well.

According to local media, the Crown Prince of Dubai is an animal lover who regularly posts images of him posing alongside horses, dogs, giraffes, gazelles and others for his army of online followers.

US actor charged in relation to attack hoax



Actor Jussie Smollett leaves Cook County jail after posting bond in February 2019 in Chicago, Illinois

Washington

A US television actor who was accused of fabricating a hate crime was indicted on six counts related to the incident on Tuesday, after all charges against him were dropped last year.

Former "Empire" star Jussie Smollett was indicted by a grand jury in Cook County, which handles crimes in Chicago, on six counts of disorderly conduct related to the alleged false reporting.

The 37-year-old, who had been one of the Fox musical drama's main cast members, was accused of masterminding a hoax attack in Chicago to gain publicity and secure a bigger paycheck.

He reported to police in January 2019 that he was attacked in the middle of the night by two masked men while walking near his home in the large midwestern city.

But Chicago police eventually said he staged the whole thing.

Smollett, who is gay and African American, maintained his innocence in the face of a damning public account from authorities of their case against him.

They accused him of sending himself a threatening letter -- complete with homophobic and racial slurs -- and hiring two acquaintances to stage the attack while invoking Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan.

The curious case got even weirder when Cook County prosecutors eventually dropped the initial 16 felony counts against him last March.

The city did, however, send a letter to Smollett's attorneys, asking the actor to pay the \$130,000 cost of overtime work related to the police investigation.

The episode revived America's long-simmering debate about how just the country's criminal justice system really is, whether the rich get off easy -- and whether prosecutors should have so much discretion.

Four survive 32 days adrift in Pacific by eating coconuts

Wellington

Four people survived a month adrift in the Pacific by eating coconuts and drinking rainwater in an ordeal that claimed the lives of eight of their companions, including a baby, reports said yesterday.

The group, from Papua New Guinea's Bougainville province, are believed to have spent 32 days at sea.

The *Solomon Star News* reported the group set off from Bougainville on December 22, intending to celebrate Christmas in the Carteret Islands, about 100 kilometres (62 miles) away.

But survivor Dominic Stally said their small boat capsized and a number of the group drowned.

The rest managed to right the vessel but there were further fatalities as they floated in the remote waters at the mercy of powerful ocean currents.

"We could do nothing with their dead bodies, we just have to let go of them at sea," he told the newspaper.

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Four people - including Dominic Stally (left), a man in his 20s (right), a woman and a 12-year-old girl - survived 32 days adrift in the Pacific after their boat capsized on December 22 (Courtesy of Daily Mail)

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Stally said a number of fishing

vessels passed nearby without noticing them until they were finally picked up on January 23 off New Caledonia after drifting

some 2,000 kilometres.

The *Star News* said the survivors comprised two men, a woman and a girl aged about 12.

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sioner John Balavu after receiving treatment for dehydration.

The High Commissioner and medics at the Honiara hospital were not immediately available for comment.

Epic tales of survival are not uncommon in the Pacific, where tiny islands are separated by vast expanses of ocean.

In January 2014, Salvadoran fisherman Jose Alvarenga washed up in the Marshalls, more than 13 months after he set off from Mexico's west coast with a companion, who died during the voyage.

He survived by eating raw fish and bird flesh while keeping hydrated by drinking rainwater, turtle blood and his own urine.

His remarkable feat was initially greeted with scepticism, but he passed a polygraph test and an examination of ocean currents and boating records backed his claim.

An Indonesian teenager survived seven weeks at sea in 2018 after his tiny fishing trap lost its moorings and ended up some 2,500 kilometres away off Guam.

They were dropped off in Honiara, the capital of the Solomon Islands, last Saturday and were discharged into the care of Papua New Guinea's High Commis-