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**Sent:** 4/22/2015 8:35:53 AM  
**Subject:** Re: A story you wrote

If you can hold off till we publish the story, so we can link to the report, that'd be great - Alan can let you know when.

On 22 April 2015 at 13:21, Alison Vingiano wrote:

Thanks for letting me know. I will make a correction!

On Wednesday, April 22, 2015, Robert Colvile wrote:

Hi Alison,

For info, we're putting a notification on other CEN stories as follows:

'This article was based on material provided by the CEN news agency, which BuzzFeed News no longer views as a credible or trustworthy journalistic organisation, for reasons explained here [LINK]. We have been unable to verify its accuracy independently.'

In this case we've been able to debunk the piece so need to do something more specific, but that's the kind of style we'll be using elsewhere...

Rob

On 22 April 2015 at 09:46, Alan White wrote:

Hi Alison,

For the last six months some of us have been working on a story about a news agency which we think has been selling dubious stories to outlets. We're planning to publish this week, probably on Thursday.

The agency is CEN, and as it turns out we've bought some of the stories ourselves. Sorry to tell you one of the stories we bought has your byline attached. and (we've found), was probably not true. In the interests of transparency we have to link to all the stories BuzzFeed has taken from CEN - I've had to update one and there are others we may have to update once this story comes out. So - here's the story....

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/alisonvingiano/this-man-says-his-justin-bieber-ringtone-saved-him-from-a-be#.ds8bKAdPG>

and here's the debunk

<http://www.poynter.org/news/mediawire/261703/bear-attack-foiled-by-justin-biebers-music-a-story-too-good->

to-check/

Would you mind writing an update / correction? Our news directors have been looped in on all this - there's no blame going around so don't worry, but if you've got any questions just drop me a line.

Thanks

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