

Need an alibi, tell lies or shop? Call this Company

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THE man was planning a surprise wedding for his wife-to-be and needed to keep it from her for two months.

So, he roped in Alibi-Strohmann.de, a company which provides alibis.

It helped him evade the questions from his increasingly inquisitive fiancée, reported The Times.

'We didn't ask his reasons for doing what he did - that is the client's business,' said Mr Stefan Eiben, who is from the company.

'We are merely providers of camouflage.'

For a fee, 10 German companies based in cities such as Berlin, Munich and Dusseldorf can construct elaborate excuses for their mostly male customers.

So, whether it's to avoid a meeting, a lover, a spouse or even a creditor, someone will now do the lying for you.

Mr Eiben's company offers a range of services that ensure the clients are not tracked down, at a cost ranging from 20 euro (\$41) to 1,200 euro.

It can also help the client shop or book holidays for them to ensure anonymity.

Alibi services make sure that for those who are cheating on their partners, the hotel bills do not arrive in the post.

As for those looking for a more permanent solution, Mr Eiben can provide an alibi for a year.

The client becomes an employee of an imaginary company, receiving a package complete with business cards.

When the unwanted person wants to reach them, a 'secretary' will say that the client is unreachable.

MORAL ISSUES

But what about the moral issues involving such deception?

(...) 'Lies, necessary lies, you can discuss that for a long time. That is a moral aspect,' he said. 'But I don't have any such thoughts. We are providing a service in modern-day Germany.'