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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

What is the ruling on backbiting an unknown person, such that his name is not mentioned?

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹:

Their statement: 'There is no backbiting when the person is unknown.' This is correct with the condition that if the unknown person is searched for, he will not become known. (Meaning if someone tries to find out who you are speaking about they will not be able to do so)

ويقول الشيخ ابن عثيمين رحمه الله

قولهم لا غيبة لمجهول : صحيح بشرط أن يكون هذا المجهول لو بحث عنه لم يعلم به " انتهى

شرح الأربعين النووية " (الشريط الأخير) ، ونحوه في "ثمرات التدوين من مسائل ابن عثيمين" مسألة رقم/551

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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