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Tiger Woods 'had plastic surgery after wife battered him with a nine-iron,' claims leading American sportswriter

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Tiger Woods was at the centre of a fresh mystery today over claims by a leading American sportswriter that he underwent reconstruction surgery after being smashed in the face with a golf club by his wife.

In what is described as the 'inside' account of what took place at Woods's home on the night he crashed his car, Furman Bisher said he was told Woods suffered a broken cheek bone and almost had his two front teeth knocked out.

He writes that the injuries are the real reason Woods has not been seen in public since the accident over five weeks ago.

Mr Bisher reported the claims on his personal blog.



Confrontation: Elin Nordegren hit husband Tiger Woods with a nine-iron, according to sportswriter Furman Bisher

He claimed a trustworthy journalist colleague had sent him the information which he posted online to 'present the picture in its

clearest form'.

However, there were suspicions last night that he may have been the victim of a hoax.

Neither Woods nor his wife have yet to respond to the allegations and police have so far not provided any verification of their accuracy.

Bisher is recognised as one of America's most respected sports journalists and is described as the country's top golf writer.



Respected voice: Sports writer Furman Bisher, who has covered every Kentucky Derby since 1950, made the claims on his blog

He describes in detail the events leading up to the crash outside Woods's Florida home and the 'cover up' that followed.

According to Bisher, Woods's wife Elin struck her husband in the face with a nine iron after she confronted him over text messages from mistress Rachel Uchitel.

He said: 'At one point Tiger turned away to look at the TV, and as he turned back, Elin hit him on the right side of the face with the head of a 9-iron.

'When she struck Tiger, she put a huge gash in the right side of his face next to his nose (causing his nose to bruise some), and virtually knocking two of his upper teeth out, and breaking the bone on the upper right side.

'Tiger ran scared as hell out of the house (which is why he had on no shoes) with Elin swinging the golf club throughout the hallway to the garage (i.e. causing the severe damage which has been reported).

'Tiger hopped in the Escalade and tried to leave; and as we know Elin knocked out the windows in the Escalade. When Tiger crashed, Elin panicked and was not sure what to tell the police (which is why there are two conflicting stories from her).'



Scene of the drama: Tiger Woods' Florida mansion (centre) where the row broke out on the night of Thanksgiving

Bisher said after Woods checked out of hospital he was flown by private jet to Phoenix, Arizona, where he met with a plastic surgeon and cosmetic dentist.

The sportswriter said Woods's absence from Florida was the reason he failed to meet with Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) officers on three occasions to discuss the crash.

Bisher writes: 'If you remember FHP kept showing up at Isleworth to talk to Tiger, and was told by another FL attorney (who Tiger hired for PR reasons) Tiger was not ready to talk.

'Well now we know why, he was in Phoenix, and did not arrive back in Orlando until either late last Wednesday night or early Thursday morning.

'The surgeries were more intense than what they had originally planned, which meant Tiger was in PHX longer than he should have been.'



Caught in the act: Woods had allegedly been texting Rachel Uchitel

Bisher begins his blog by explaining the information about the Woods incident came from a colleague of the golf star's agent, Mark Steinberg

He said Woods had spent Thanksgiving Day sending and receiving text messages from 34-year-old Uchitel.

In the evening he went to play poker with friends but left his mobile phone behind.

Elin read one of the messages and 'started a heated discussion' when he returned around midnight.

The source said there was other 'incriminating evidence' such as a photo on the phone.

Bisher writes: 'Tiger tried to play it off to Elin by telling her she was reading too much in to it, and did not know the story, etc.

'Tiger went upstairs to change into his gym shorts and t – shirt, came back down, and Elin confronted him again; to which Tiger gave the same story.

'Tiger sat down in a chair in the living room, and Elin sat across from him urging Tiger to just come clean.

'Tiger stayed to his guns and denied everything. At one point Tiger turned away to look at the TV, and as he turned back, Elin hit him on the right side of the face with the head of a 9 – iron."

Bisher said Steinberg was involved in the cover up and that Woods has not returned to the Windermere home in Florida since November 27.

He writes: 'Yes, Elin has retained a divorce attorney, but has not filed any papers, and as of yesterday had no intention on doing so.

'Tiger has not made any public appearances or statements due to the surgery and plastic surgery he had in PHX.

'It will be about another month if not more before he gets in front of a camera. Yes, Tiger is hitting golf balls late at night at Bay Hill out of their teaching centre (which is equipped with lights).

Bisher retired as a sports columnist for the Atlanta Journal newspaper earlier this year.

He was named as one of America's best sports columnists by Time magazine and covered every Kentucky Derby since 1950 and every SuperBowl but the first.

A spokesman for Tiger Woods was unavailable for comment.

Meanwhile, there was renewed speculation about Woods and Uchitel today after he was spotted partying with her in Florida.

There are rumours that the disgraced golfer may have even moved in with the New York club promoter, according to reports in the U.S. last night.

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