

# SENTENCING SUMMARY FROM RECENT STUDENT AND ANTI CUTS PROTESTS

- by Legal Defence and Monitoring Group <http://ldmg.org.uk/>  
Up to date on November 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 but this will change every week...  
So keep checking LONDON ABC website for update  
<https://network23.org/londonabc/prisoners/>

## Notes:

- This list is the sentencing results of all known [by LDMG] cases of violent disorder plus a few other cases. This list is comprehensive but by no means complete.
- Some 180 people (that we know of) have been arrested since Millbank (excluding the F&M 145...)
- There are at least 20 plus who have not yet pleaded or are currently preparing for trial after pleading not guilty to violent disorder – many trials are taking place before the end of the year but numerous defendants are facing trial early next year.
- There are dozens and dozens of others who have either had their charges dropped, accepted cautions or bind-overs.
- There are many other sentences that were not as harsh as many of these below, though no other violent disorder cases that we know about. These were some of the most serious sentences that we have pulled out so far.
- While this may look depressing at first glance – it is – please remember that it is the people that pleaded guilty that have been the first to go through the court process. And read this recent article by Matt Foot from Birnbergs where he highlights the shocking statistic about muslim Gaza protestors charged with violent disorder - 'More than 60 of them pleaded guilty and went to prison while six of the seven who were tried were acquitted.'  
<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-23993788-get-protest-in-perspective-and-free-charlie-gilmour.do>
- If anyone thinks that having more background info on any of the above cases might help their case or their appeal then please get in touch with LDMG – you can email them at: [ldmgmail@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ldmgmail@yahoo.co.uk) & / or [courtsupport@riseup.net](mailto:courtsupport@riseup.net)
- Don't forget to check out London ABC for list of prisoners who could do with our support <https://network23.org/londonabc/prisoners/>
- **Were there is no name or number given this is either because they did not want our help, didn't wish for their name or number to be publicised, or we are still waiting for confirmation to do so. Again keep checking for updates.**
- **Please write to them!**

## **Violent Disorder sentencing so far from student and anti cuts protests:**

**Thought we'd start with 3 great result from the first VD trials.**

### **Female**

**Pled not guilty to violent disorder**

Kingston – **Judge Tapping** – November 24<sup>th</sup> 2011

**VERDICT - Found NOT GUILTY by jury**

**Solicitors: Matt Foot at Birnbergs, Barrister Nick Wrack**

### **Male under 21**

**Pled not guilty to violent disorder**

Kingston – **Judge Dodgson** – November 17<sup>th</sup> 2011

**VERDICT - Found NOT GUILTY by jury**

**Solicitors: Noble**

*NB 2 people linked with this case pleaded guilty and received non custodial sentences on Nov. 4th*

### **Male over 21**

Pled not guilty to violent disorder at Millbank

Kingston – **Judge Dodson** – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**VERDICT - Unanimous NOT GUILTY by jury**

*NB 1 person with very similar case pleaded guilty and received 12 month custodial*

### **Male Age unknown**

Pled guilty to violent disorder

Sentenced – **Kingston – Judge Tapping** – November 18<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Sentence: 100 hrs unpaid work and 12 months community order**

**Solicitors: HJA**

### **Matt Robinson 21+**

Pled guilty to violent disorder

Sentenced - **at Kingston – Judge Tapping** – November 16<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Sentence: 12 months custodial**

### **Male under 21**

Pled guilty to violent disorder

Sentenced - **at Kingston – Judge Tapping** – November 16<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Sentence: 9 months suspended for 2 years and 160 hours community payback**

### **Male 40+**

**Pled guilty to affray**

Sentenced - **at Kingston – Judge Tapping** – November 16<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Sentence: 8 months custodial**

**Solicitors: Bindmans**

### **Male – under 21**

Pled guilty 2 violent disorder

Sentenced - **Kingston - Judge Dodgson** - November 11<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Sentence - 6 months custodial**

**Solicitors: Bindmans**

**Male – aged 21**

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder

Sentenced – **Kingston - Judge Dodgson** - November 9<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Sentence** - 120 hours unpaid work and 18 weeks tag and curfew – He threw a traffic cone underarm about 3 feet with nobody nearby

Solicitors: GT Stewart

**Male** aged 18 - pleaded guilty to violent disorder

Sentenced at - **Kingston – Judge Dodgson** - Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

**Sentence** - Curfew and tagged for three months and 100 hours unpaid work.

Solicitors:

**Male** aged 17 - pleaded guilty to violent disorder

Sentenced - **Kingston – Judge Dodgson** - Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

**Sentence** - 8 month custodial suspended for 2 years. Curfew for three months and £400 costs.

Solicitors:

**Omar Ibrahim**

Found guilty of VD (from March 26<sup>th</sup>)

Sentenced - **Kingston - Judge Price** - Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

**Sentence** - 18 months custodial

You can write to him c/o London ABC (Anarchist Black Cross), Freedom Bookshop, Angel Alley, 84B Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 7QX

Solicitors: Bindmans

**Oguz Ornek** 19 yrs old - he had pleaded guilty to violent disorder

Sentenced – Kingston - Judge Price - Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

Sentence - 18 months custodial at YOI.

You can write to him: A6914CH, Glen Parva YOI, 10 Tigers Road, Wigston, Leicester, LE18 4TN

**Male** 19 yrs old - pleaded guilty to VD

Sentenced – **Kingston - Judge Price** - Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

**Sentence** - 8 month custodial suspended for 18 months plus 90 hours community payback and £350

Solicitors:

**Male - Zenon Mitchell-Kotsakis** - 20 years old – pleaded guilty to violent disorder

Sentenced - **Kingston - Judge Tapping** - Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

**Sentence** – 15 months in YOI

You can write to him: A6970CH, HMYOI Portland, 104 Grove Road, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1DL

**Benjamin Sunderland** - age 19 - pleaded guilty to violent disorder

Sentenced at Kingston on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> – **Kingston - Judge Tapping**

**Sentence** - 12 months YOI. He has been moved from Feltham to: Portland.

You can write to him there, A6968CH, HMYOI Portland, 104 The Grove, Easton, Portland, Dorset DTS IDL

**Female** 18-20 years old – pleaded guilty to violent disorder

Sentenced at Kingston on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> - **Kingston - Judge Tapping**

**Sentence** – 10 months custodial

**Male - Richard Bacon** age 20+

Pleaded guilty to affray from March 26<sup>th</sup>

Sentenced at **Southwark** Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

**Sentence** - 10 months custodial

You can write to him A5156CH, HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Road, Wandsworth, London, SW18 3HS

**Male Joseph Binney – age 20+**

Found guilty of violent disorder at Kingston Crown Court on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Now on remand until his sentencing on 25th November**

Joseph Binney, A5569CH, HMP Armley Leeds, 2 Gloucester Terrace Stanningley Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS12 2TJ

**21 year old James Heslip**

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder at Millbank – pushing sofa towards window

Sentenced 28/9/11 – **Kingston – Southwell ?** -

**Sentence** - 12 month custodial

You can write to him c/o London ABC (Anarchist Black Cross), Freedom Bookshop, Angel Alley, 84B Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 7QX

**19 year old male**

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder at Millbank – pushing sofa towards window

Sentenced 28/9/11 – **Kingston - Judge Southwell ?**

**Sentence** -12 month custodial

No contact details as yet

**Female**

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder

Sentenced 28/9/11 – **Kingston - Judge Southwell?**

**Sentence** - 6 months custodial suspended for 2 years includes 2 year plus supervision order

Please note that there were extenuating circumstances that led to a less harsh sentence

**17 year old male**

Found guilty of VD at student protests

Sentenced 22/9/11 at **West London youth court**

**Sentence** - 3 months tag and curfew, 100 hours community service – plus £480 costs.

Many reasons given for non custodial but mainly age and being tried in youth court and having good family support (in court) – they are appealing

**22 year old male – Harry Webb**

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder March 26th Trafalgar square - police began unprovoked attack

Sentenced 15/9/11 – **Kingston**

**Sentence** - 12 month custodial

You can write to him Harry Webb A4895CG, HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Road, Wandsworth, London, SW18 3HS

**Male - Charlie Gilmour Aged 21**

Pleaded guilty to 2 counts of violent disorder on student protests 2010

Sentenced - **Kingston** - 15/7/11?

**Sentence** -16 month custodial

You can write to him c/o London ABC (Anarchist Black Cross), Freedom Bookshop, Angel Alley, 84B Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 7QX

**Frances Fernie - 20 yr old Now been released on Tag**

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder from March 26th - threw two placard sticks at a line of fully tooled up riot police. Sentenced 7/7/11 - **Kingston - Judge Price**

**Sentence** -12 months custodial.

**Edward Woollard** - Pleaded guilty to violent disorder at Millbank 11/10/10- dropping object from roof

**Sentence** - 2 years and 8 months custodial

You can write via c/o address here: <http://support4edwoollard.wordpress.com/contact-ed/>

**Michael Newton** - J30 action and other minor charges.

**Sentence** - 12 month custodial

Michael welcomes letters, posters and pictures.

A6611CE, HMP Preston, Wing C4 17, 2 Ribbleton Lane, Preston, Lancs., PR1 5AB

### **A few other non VD sentences**

**Bryan Simpson** - originally charged with violent disorder he had been offered a plea and pleaded guilty to affray

Sentenced at Kingston on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> - **Kingston - Judge Tipping** -

**Sentence:** 4 months suspended for 2 years - 120 hours unpaid work - no costs

**18 year old female** - throwing sticks at police lines

Pleaded guilty to Affray from 11/10/10

Sentenced 21/6/11

**Sentence** - 6 weeks custodial suspended for 2 years, 80 hrs unpaid work, tagged curfew for 8 weeks 10pm-5am, and £185 fine and/or costs

**21 year old Male**

Pleaded guilty to criminal damage on student protests 24/11/10

**Sentence** - 3 months custodial - recommended for deportation after sentence served.

**Female**

Found guilty of aggravated trespass at Millbank

Sentenced 23/8/11 - 150 hours of community service - tag and curfew from 8pm- 5am until Jan 2012 plus £350 costs

**Male**

Found guilty of agg tress at millbank -

Sentenced 29/7/11 - 100 hours comm service and £200 costs - judge admitted he caused no damage but was part of larger group that did

**Male**

Found guilty of two counts of crim damage at treasury on student protests

Sentenced 8/7/11 - to 8 weeks electronic tag and curfew £1,600 and £500 for damage done to window and lamppost and £350 costs,

**Female**

Found guilty of assaulting a police woman when in a kettle on November, trial in the magistrates court 15/9/11. Sentence £750 fine instead of unpaid work, and there are extenuating circumstances that prevented a custodial and the work.

**Male**

Pleaded guilty to having articles with intent to cause criminal damage for having 2 dry wipe markers and two tubes of super glue.

Sentenced - **Kingston Judge Price** - Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

Sentence -150 hours unpaid work and £350 costs