

SENTENCING SUMMARY FROM RECENT STUDENT AND ANTI CUTS PROTESTS

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Up to date as of January 19th 2012 but this will change every week...

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<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 are currently preparing for trial after pleading not guilty to violent disorder – many trials are taking place between now and April 2012.
- 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.
- Sometimes lists like this do not reflect the differences between the cases. Although some people who have very similar cases have a very different outcome you also need to note that some people charged with the same thing may have very different circumstances in the details of their case.
- The most important case is preparing your case well! Don't assume that your legal team to do all the work – you need to do as much as you can.
- While the earlier results look depressing at first glance – they are – please remember that it was the people that pleaded guilty that were the first to go through the court process. But now that people who pleaded not guilty are going to trial the large majority are being found NOT GUILTY. This is a repeat of Gaza trials. Please 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 appeals then please get in touch with LDMG – you can email them at: ldmgmail@yahoo.co.uk & / or 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/>
- **Where 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!**

NB - The information is correct as far as we know but that does not mean that we have not been given incorrect information or made mistakes, yes it has been known. If you notice any errors then please let us know, e.g. we may have the wrong solicitors down as a few people changed firms during the court process.

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

Male (JJ)

Pleaded not guilty to violent disorder at student protests 2010
Kingston - **Judge Tapping** - Dec 14th 2011
VD Jury returned 45 minutes later with a **NOT GUILTY verdict**
Solicitors: ITN?

Female (SE)

Pleaded not guilty to violent disorder at student protests 2010
Kingston – **Judge Tapping** – November 24th 2011
VERDICT - Found NOT GUILTY by jury
Solicitors: Matt Foot at Birnbergs, Barrister Nick Wrack

Male Age unknown (MS)

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder on March 26th
Setenced – **Kingston – Judge Tapping** – November 18th 2011
Sentence: 100 hrs unpaid work and 12 months community order
Solicitors: HJA

Male under 21 (NE)

Pleaded not guilty to violent disorder at student protests 2010
Kingston – **Judge Dodgson** – November 17th 2011
VERDICT - Found NOT GUILTY by jury
Solicitors: Noble/Tank?
NB 2 people linked with this case pleaded guilty and received non custodial sentences on Nov. 4th

Matt Robinson 21+

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder on March 26th
Sentenced - **at Kingston – Judge Tapping** – November 16th 2011
Sentence: 12 months custodial
A5988AZ, HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Road, Wandsworth, London, SW18
GT Stewart initially then swapped I think

Male under 21 (NH)

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder at student protests 2010
Sentenced - **at Kingston – Judge Tapping** – November 16th 2011
Sentence: 9 months suspended for 2 years and 160 hours community payback
Solicitors: Julian Younge & Co

Male – (JS) under 21

Pleaded guilty 2 violent disorder at student protests 2010
Sentenced - **Kingston - Judge Dodgson** - November 11th 2011
Sentence - 6 months custodial (hopefully out by now on tag if not Feb 11th at latest?)
Bindmans

Male (AG) – aged 21

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder at student protests 2010

Sentenced – **Kingston - Judge Dodgson** - November 9th 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 over 21 (DB)

Pleaded not guilty to violent disorder at Millbank

Kingston – **Judge Dodgson** – 7th November 2011

VERDICT - Unanimous NOT GUILTY by jury

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

Male aged 18 - pleaded guilty to violent disorder

Sentenced at - **Kingston – Judge Dodgson** - Nov 4th

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 4th

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

Solicitors:

Omar Ibrahim

Found guilty of VD from March 26th

Sentenced - **Kingston - Judge Price** - Nov 4th

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 at student protests 2010

Sentenced – Kingston - Judge Price - Nov 4th

Sentence - 18 months custodial at YOI.

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

Solicitor: CPL?

Male 19 yrs old - pleaded guilty to VD

Sentenced – **Kingston - Judge Price** - Nov 4th

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 4th

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 at student protests 2010

Sentenced at Kingston on Nov 4th – **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 DT5 1DL

Female (DW) 18-20 years old –

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder at student protests 2010

Sentenced at Kingston on Nov 4th - **Kingston - Judge Tapping**

Sentence – 10 months custodial *Due out on tag at end of Jan. hopefully*

Solicitor: HJA

Male Joseph Binney – age 20+

Found guilty of violent disorder at trial Kingston Crown Court on Monday 31st October from March 26th

Sentenced on 25th November – Judge Dodgson

Sentence – 2 year custodial (had other unrelated charges as well

You can write to him Joseph Binney, A5569CH, HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Road, Wandsworth, London, SW18

Solicitors – Harrison Bundy Leeds

21 year old James Heslip

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

Sentenced 28/9/11 – **Kingston – Judge 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

Solicitors: Gerard May?

19 year old male (CS)

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 (LM)

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 an 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

Solicitors: Whiskers

Male - Charlie Gilmour Aged 21 Now been released on Tag

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 110/11/10– 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

Male (GA)

Pleaded guilty to affray

Dec 23rd – **Kingston – Judge?**

Sentence – 80 hrs of community service and £750 costs

Male (DA)

Pleaded guilty to affray (original charge of VD)

December 12th – **Kingston – Judge?**

Sentence – 100 hours of community service

Solicitors – JD Spicers

Male (TM) From Nov 30th

Pleaded guilty to carrying an offensive weapon

Dec 7th - **Westminster – Judge Snow**

Sentence - 6 week CUSTODIAL!!!!

Solicitors – Bindmans

Male (SMc) From Nov 30th

Pleaded guilty to carrying offensive weapon

Dec 5th - Westminster - Lay bench

Sentence - 50 hours community service, £50 costs, 1 year community order

Solicitors - Bindmans

Male (SD) – Interesting case

Originally charged with VD but judge decided it was not VD or affray and he eventually accepted a bindover for breach of the peace

pleaded guilty to BoP

7th December 2011 - **Kingston - Judge: Dodgson**

Sentence: bound over to keep the peace for 6 months, £100 costs?

He got 165 pound refund for travel/court costs

Prosecution had to admit that they couldn't link him to black block and that his behaviour didn't amount to affray or vd

Solicitor. Matt Foot, Birnberg + Pierce

Male (RB) - originally charged with violent disorder he had been offered a plea and pleaded guilty to affray

Gave a no-comment interview

Sentenced at Kingston on Dec 5th **Judge Birts**

Sentence 200 hours community service and £400 fine

Solicitors – Hayes Law

Male (CF) 40+

Pleaded guilty to affray

Sentenced - **at Kingston – Judge Tapping** – November 16th 2011

Sentence: 8 months custodial

Solicitors: Bindmans

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

Sentenced at Kingston on Nov 4th **Judge Tipping**

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

Solicitors: HJA

Male - Richard Bacon age 20+

Pleaded guilty to affray from March 26th

Sentenced at **Southwark** Oct 28th

Sentence - 10 months custodial

You can write to him A5156CH, NEW PRISON – NEED TO CHECK – in meantime write c/o ABC

Solicitors: Bindmans

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 4th

Sentence -150 hours unpaid work and £350 costs