

SENTENCING SUMMARY FROM RECENT STUDENT AND ANTI CUTS PROTESTS

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Up to date as of March 2nd 2012 but this will change every week...

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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 (JD)

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder 26/3/2011

Kingston – Judge Dodgson – March 2nd 2012

Sentence: 12 months custodial, suspended for 2 years. 120 hours unpaid community work, £250 costs

Solicitors: Bindmans; Barrister: Keating?

Male (OF), 19 years old

Pleaded not guilty to violent disorder at student protest (24/11/10)

Jury found him guilty

Sentenced Kingston – **Judge Price** – March 2nd 2012

Sentence: 12 months custodial, suspended for 2 years. 125 hours unpaid community work, 3 months curfew

Solicitors: Matt Foot (Birnberg Pierce), Barrister: Nick Wrack

Male (MO)

Pleaded not guilty to violent disorder at student protest (9/12/10)

Kingston – **Judge Campbell** – February 27th

Judge directed jury to give not guilty due to lack of evidence

Solicitors: Matt Foot (Birnberg Pierce)

Male (PA) pleads guilty to charge of criminal damage, sentencing in June 2012

Pleaded not guilty to violent disorder at the student protest (10 Nov 2010)

Kingston – **Judge Dodgson** – February 23rd 2012

Verdict: Found NOT GUILTY by jury

Solicitors: Matt Foot (Birnberg Pierce)

Male (GF)

Pleaded not guilty to violent disorder at student protest (9/12/10)

Kingston – **Judge Mitchell** – February 20th 2012

CPS's witnesses didn't show up at trial, judge was too annoyed to adjourn it, not enough evidence present, case was dropped

Male (PF)

Pleaded not guilty to violent disorder at the student protest on 9 Dec 2010

Charges were dropped before trial, after 14 months

Male (OA)

Pleaded not guilty to violent disorder at student protest (Nov 10 2010)

Jury found him guilty

Sentenced Kingston – **Judge Dodgeson** – February 9th 2012
Sentence: 12 months custodial, suspended for 2 years. 120 hours unpaid community work, £1000 fee
Solicitors: Matt Foot (Birnberg Pierce), Barrister: Nick Wrack

Male (AJ H)

Pleaded not guilty to violent disorder (26/3/2011)
Kingston – **Judge Southwell** – February 7th 2012
Verdict – Found NOT GUILTY by jury
Solicitors: Matt Foot (Birnberg Pierce)

Male (LB)

Pleaded not guilty to violent disorder and affray at student protest 9 Dec 2010
Kingston – **Judge Southwell ?** - January 26th 2012
VERDICT – Found NOT GUILTY on both charges by jury
Solicitors: Matt Foot (Birnberg Pierce); Barrister: Mr Nereshraa

Male (EF)

Pleaded not guilty to violent disorder at student protest 9 Dec 2010
Kingston – January 23rd 2012
Charges were dropped at last minute before start of the trial
Solicitors: Bindmans

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
Sentenced – 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 Dodgeson** – 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

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:

Zenon Mitchell-Kotsakis - 20 years old **Male**

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 – **Now out (Feb 2012)**

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder at student protests 2010

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

Sentence - 12 months YOI (Feltham and Portland)

Female (DW) 18-20 years old – **Now out on tag**

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder at student protests 2010

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

Sentence – 10 months custodial

Solicitor: HJA

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

James Heslip - 21 year old – Now out on tag (Feb 2012)

Pleaded guilty to violent disorder at Millbank Student protests – pushing sofa towards window
Sentenced 28/9/11 – **Kingston – Judge Southwell ? -**

Sentence - 12 month custodial

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

Harry Webb - 22 year old male

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

Charlie Gilmour- Aged 21 Male - 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 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

Male (CE)

Pleaded not guilty to having an offensive weapon (s1 Prevention of Crime Act 1953 (had scaffolding clips and masonry in his bag)

Kingston – **Judge Southwell** - 2 March 2012

Verdict: found NOT GUILTY by jury

Barrister: Ben Newton

Female (ZM)

Pleaded not guilty to assault of police officer at OccupyLSX 15/10/2011

West London Youth Court – February 29th

Judge threw case out half-way through trial due to lack of evidence

Solicitors: Sashy Nathans (Bindmans)

Male (NS)

originally charged with VD he had been offered a plea and pleaded guilty to assault 9/12/2010

Kingston – **Judge Dodgson** – February 27th

Sentence: 60 hours community service, no fee

Solicitors: Bindmans

Male (JW)

originally charged with and pleaded not guilty to VD on 9/12/10, was offered a plea and pleaded guilty to affray (Goodyear)

Sentenced Kingston – **Judge Southwell** – February 23rd 2012

Sentence: 6 months custodial, suspended for 12 months, 100 hours unpaid community work

Solicitors: Matt Foot (Birnberg Pierce)

Male (NP)

Arrested for VD, downgraded to theft by finding (a police hat) at police station (26/3/2011)

Pleaded not guilty

Kingston – **Judge Dodgson** – February 21st 2012

Verdict – Found NOT GUILTY by jury

Solicitors: duty solicitors

Female (HS/R)

Pleaded not guilty to going equipped (waterpistol with red paint and spraypaint), 30/6/2011
Southwark - **Judge** – February 22nd 2012
Verdict – Found NOT GUILTY by jury
Solicitors: Hodge Jones and Allen

Male (RW), 20 years old

originally charged with VD he had been offered a plea and pleaded guilty to affray
– threw bottle in direction of police line, fell short and nobody was hit (26/3/2011)
Sentenced Kingston – **Judge Southwell** – February 13th 2012
Sentence: 8 months custodial, suspended for 12 months; 120 hours unpaid community work; curfew and tagged for 2 months
Solicitors: Matt Foot (Birnberg Pierce), Barrister: Piers Mostyn (Tooks Chambers)

Male (AK)

Pleaded not guilty to charges of Going Equipped (eggs + lighter fluid) 9/11/11
Westminster Magistrates, then Crown Court?
Charges dropped
Solicitors – Hodge Jones & Allen

Female (RR)

Pleaded not guilty to going equipped, 26/3/11
Feb 8th – **Kingston – Judge Dodgeson**
Found NOT GUILTY by jury
Solicitors - Bindmans

Male (GA)

Pleaded guilty to affray
Dec 23rd 2011 – **Kingston – Judge?**
Sentence – 80 hrs of community service and £750 costs

Male (DA)

Pleaded guilty to affray (original charge of VD)
December 12th 2011 – **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 2011 - **Westminster – Judge Snow**
Sentence - 6 week CUSTODIAL!!!!
Solicitors – Bindmans

Male (SMc) From Nov 30th

Pleaded guilty to carrying offensive weapon
Dec 5th 2011 - 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 2011 **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 **2011 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 lampost 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