

Notable Cases

Homicide

R v Ludlow 18 year old defendant charged with the murder of a 35 year old woman. The trial involved complex psychiatric evidence, and a defence of diminished responsibility which had to be abandoned during the trial as a result of a shift in expert evidence; nonetheless the defendant's evident difficulties were fully taken into account and resulted in a relatively lenient 17 years minimum term.

R v Deya: The defendant was charged with the murder by stabbing of his young son. The issue was diminished responsibility. The defendant was the nephew of Gilbert Deya (Gilbert Deya Ministries/'miracle babies') and the trial received considerable publicity.

R v Malik The defendant was an older man of impeccable character who stabbed his wife to death after suffering psychotic depression. Verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity returned by the jury.

R v Phillips: The defendant, who was a psychiatric patient, was charged with attempted murder (strangling of nurse on the ward by means of his belt). Psychiatric evidence resulted in the Crown eventually accepting a plea to s.20 OAPA (defendant sentenced to hospital order under s37/41 MHA).

R v Ghimpu: Represented a bar maid charged with perverting the course of justice in a five-month long double murder trial at the CCC

R v Gardner: junior alone in attempted murder (multiple stabbing – defendant acquitted)

R v Labastide: led junior in multi-handed murder (shooting at Notting Hill Carnival)

R v Girmay: led junior in multi-handed murder/robberies where victims were sex workers

R v Gunter: led junior in multi-handed murder (stabbing) of drug dealer

R v Matthews: led junior in murder (stabbing) in Brixton's "Barrier Block" – defendant acquitted

Mentally Disordered Offenders – other cases of interests

R v M 7 count indictment (rape and other sexual offences) . Defendant with Asperger's Syndrome, allegation of historic sex abuse said to have occurred when he was 12 and complainant was 6. Acquitted on all counts at the CCC

R v Paraskeva Successful appeal against sentence. 20-year-old defendant (at time of offence, and good character) given IPP for arson committed whilst a psychiatric patient (he had voluntarily admitted himself to hospital). Hospital order substituted by Court of Appeal. Appeal was part of a wider campaign by defendant's mother 'Justice for Joe'.

R v K Unprovoked stabbing of neighbour by elderly defendant: defendant found unfit to plead

R v D Defendant charged with arson. Psychiatric evidence resulted in verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity

R v B Young female defendant of good character with learning disability/personality disorder, charged with aggravated arson. Psychological evidence resulted in exclusion of interview and no evidence being offered by Crown. Defence intermediary used.

R v M Schizophrenic defendant charged with bomb hoaxes and criminal damage at MI5: hospital order (s.37 only, no restriction order) disposal

R v I Adult brother/sister incest. Complainant and all prosecution witnesses had intermediary assistance. Not guilty verdict on judge's direction.

Other Notable cases

R v Mackenzie Saunders: multi-handed gang rape of tourist from New Zealand in St James Park (acquitted)

R v Wang: Brothel keeping and money laundering conspiracy in East Anglia which received much local publicity

R v SR: multi-handed playground hammer attack in Swindon by youths on another youth, causing serious and permanent disability. The sentence was the subject of an AG's reference which was successfully resisted

R v Horan: historical sexual allegation against the "Grand Prix Priest" (and more recently "Britain's Got Talent" competitor) – defendant acquitted

R v Dwayne Brooks: allegations of sexual assault – proceedings stayed following a successful abuse of process application

R v Stancovic and others: acted for the only female defendant in the "Pink Panther" raid on Graf Jewellers, Bond Street