



**THE CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT  
OLD BAILEY**

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**Mohamed Nur**

**Sentencing remarks**

1. I sentence you for six offences committed between 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. The most serious of these is the murder of Johanita Dogbey on 1<sup>st</sup> May with an offensive weapon. You pleaded guilty to these two offences on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at a pre-trial hearing though not at the earliest time you could have.
2. I also sentence you for the unlawful wounding of Rebecca Wilkes, Tomasz Kmiecik and Katie Matthews on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023, you were convicted of these offences by a jury on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 following a trial.
3. You have pleaded guilty In November 2023 to possession of a bladed article on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, some hours after you committed murder.
4. The wounding offences all took place within minutes of each other on the night of the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Three people were attacked by you around Acre Lane and Brixton Hill in south London. These attacks were sudden, random and terrifying. The common theme was you, without warning, attacking members of the public by putting a blade to their face and cutting them. Two are scarred for life.
5. The first incident took place at about 23:25 that evening. The jury saw footage of Rebecca Wilkes walking down Brixton Road with a friend. You are seen following close behind. Just after Ms Wilkes turned into Acre Lane, you grabbed her from behind and drew a weapon across her face and wounded her. Ms Wilkes suffered a 9cm cut to her right cheek.
6. The second incident took place a few minutes later. Tomasz Kmiecik was walking his own when he saw you coming towards him. Without warning you attacked him lunging at his face with a bladed weapon. He suffered a wound to his right cheek. It measured 15cm in length.
7. You moved quickly away onto Brixton hill at 23:29 where you attacked Katie Matthews who was walking down the hill. Again without warning and randomly

you drew a blade across her face and were heard to say “You fucking cunt” towards her afterwards. She had a 6cm wound to her face.

8. All of these victims were complete strangers to you.
9. It didn't end there. Far from it.
10. On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May you again left your address with a makeshift weapon concealed in your clothing. It consisted of two triangular-shaped blades which had been wrapped together in fabric held together by elastic bands. You went to the Stockwell area and are seen on CCTV walking around for around 25 minutes. At about 16:00, you were standing on the north pavement of Stockwell Park Walk. You briefly interacted with an unknown female.
11. At about this time, Ms Johanita Dogbey was walking towards Stockwell Park Walk. She was on her own and she was carrying a bag. She was on her way home, and she began to cross the road in the direction of the pedestrianised area. Earlier that day Ms Dogbey had been shopping in Oxford Street, London. She had gone there to buy a birthday present for her mother and was carrying a bag, no doubt with the gift in it, as she came past you. She was also talking to her grandmother on her mobile. Someone who saw her said she sounded happy. You would have seen that she was talking, and her hands were occupied. You followed her and took out your weapon.
12. The attack that followed is captured on CCTV which I have watched today. In broad daylight you approached Ms Dogbey from behind and grabbed her. She was heard by a witness to shout “leave me, leave me”. You stabbed her three times in her neck causing fatal wounds and didn't stop until she fell down. She got up again and ran for a short distance before collapsing. It is a sickening piece of footage to view but it must have been even more horrific for those present to have witnessed. The savagery of your attack is hard to convey in words. Some of Johanita's family cannot bear to watch it. You ran away discarding the weapon as you ran.

13. Johanita died at the scene at 4:42pm. Given they were nearby and had heard from her grandmother that there had been a commotion, members of her family soon arrived at the scene, including her father and sister. It can only be imagined what that must have been like for them.
14. The cause of Ms Dogbey's death was sharp force trauma to the neck. i.e. three stab wounds to the right-side of her neck. One of the wounds had caused damage and trauma to her blood vessels.
15. She was in the prime of her life. There was no warning whatsoever of this and she was killed in a random, vicious, and horrifying attack by a person she had never met. Her family had no time to say goodbye to her and you have never offered any explanation or remorse for this senseless killing.
16. I am satisfied that you planned to go out and attack someone that day as you had done on the night of the 29<sup>th</sup> April. You may not have identified your precise victim, but you were aiming to hurt someone. From the evidence there was then a deliberate decision to target the innocent and unsuspecting Ms Dogbey as she walked past you. You did not give her a chance and having approached her from behind you murdered her with a deliberation that no one watching the CCTV will forget.
17. I am also sure, having seen and heard the evidence of the attack, that you intended to kill her.
18. Later that night, at about 23:26, you left your address again carrying another makeshift weapon concealed about your clothing in the early hours and again roaming the streets. You were arrested and it was found and you answered no comment and did not co-operate with the police in explaining any of this beyond the bare minimum.

### **Impact evidence**

19. The impact of these offences has been profound and severe on all concerned.

20. The physical and mental effects of the victims of the woundings have been read to me and they are grim. All the victims are aware that Johanita Dogbey was murdered by you on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and all have appreciated what could have happened to them. The random and vicious nature of the attacks and the feeling of guilt that they were not hurt more and that Johanita died is apparent from all their statements.
21. Rebecca Wilkes sees the scar every time she looks in the mirror. She is hyper vigilant. She feels terrified in ordinary life of attack at any time from behind.
22. Tomasz Kmiecik said that April 29<sup>th</sup> had a huge impact on his future life and he still feels paralysing anxiety and intrusive thoughts. His work and health have been badly affected.
23. Katie Matthews told me in a statement about fear of strangers, horror at what happened and the shock and fear of what could have happened. She has young children. She was just on a weekend away and now has to deal with the trauma of this event which will be longstanding.
24. All report the excruciating guilt of the survivor and all are in therapy or waiting for it.
25. In relation to the murder of Ms Dogbey I have seen the dignified agony here today in her family members and the horror of hearing the details of the last moments of their beloved family member read out and played to the court.
26. Her little sister Laura, accompanied by her brother Amma read out with exceptional courage and love the impact of what has happened to her sister on Laura and her family. The beautiful relationship she had with Johanita seems to carry on and the strong and the guiding force that Laura felt in her sister was clear to all of us here listening to her speak . Amma supported his sister with great strength and the devastating affect on him is apparent to all here. Laura told us of Johanita's kindness, inspirational qualities and love. She describes the devastating effects of what she called "death creeping up"

on her sister. The what ifs and the maybes are torture. The impact has been horrendous on every aspect of Laura's own life from her studies, her health and her whole approach to the world.

27. Her father describes the effect on the family of losing a young woman of such quality as Johanita. Loving, kind, humble and dignified. It seems she learned these things in her family as they have all, every one, demonstrated these same qualities here in court.

28. They have moved home to try to escape some of the trauma. No one feels safe. Everyone is in counselling and the mental and physical health effects have been profound and long lasting. The tragedy and waste is so clear. It wasn't Johanita's time, said her father and "there are parts of your hearts you can't imagine" going through such pain until it actually happens. His daughter's murder and death will always be one of the hardest realities her family will have to live with and he told me that it is the family who are serving a life sentence now.

### **Previous convictions**

29. You have previous convictions for possessing firearms with intent to cause fear of violence, possession of ammunition, possession of a knife in a public place and more recently a bladed article offence in 2022 and the facts of these offences have been provided in court and they are set out at paragraph 90 of the Crown's note.

### **Mitigation**

30. Because you have not attended the trial or this sentencing hearing Mr Wainwright KC is limited in what can be said about you but he clearly has taken instructions from you previously when he saw you and has been able to tell me about you and address me as to the law. He can offer no explanation on your behalf as to why you committed these crimes. He has said what he could.

31. It seems that you have led a life dominated by drug use and the usual lifestyle consequences of this behaviour including homelessness and an offending history.

32. The only real mitigating factors are your guilty pleas.

### **Sentence**

33. The sentence for murder is set by law and is a life sentence. You will go to prison for life. This is a sentence that does not end. If it is ever thought that it may be safe to release you will be on licence for the rest of your life and subject to the control of the parole board.

34. I repeat, the sentence I pass for the murder of Johanita Dogbey is a **life sentence of imprisonment.**

### **Minimum term**

35. Having sentenced you to life imprisonment the final step is the setting of a minimum term you must serve before you can even be considered by the parole board for possible release. This will depend on your risk which is in my judgment exceptionally high. You are a very dangerous man and the risk you pose is incalculable and should be carefully monitored. The prison authorities should be made fully aware of your tendency to carry homemade weapons and use them randomly. The photographs of the recovered weapons should accompany these sentencing remarks to the places where you are to be held. Further these sentencing remarks should go to the prisons you are in. YOU may never be released if your risk remains high and you could spend the rest of your life in prison.

36. Taking a blade to the scene of this murder means the minimum term starts at 25 years.

37. Over and above the taking of the blade to the scene I find that this murder is significantly aggravated by the clear plan you had to go out and attack

defenceless members of the public. This is evidenced from your conduct from 29<sup>th</sup> April and all the evidence of your behaviour before and after the attack on Ms Dogbey.

38. You had deliberately attacked three people in the street on 29<sup>th</sup> and you were out again on the 1<sup>st</sup> May with the same intention. You went in pursuit of random members of the public so deliberately and persistently, as is clear on the CCTV, that I am quite sure that you planned to attack a member of the public on 1<sup>st</sup> May.. You followed Johanita before killing her. A stark feature of all the offences, quite separate from taking a bladed weapon to the scene of an attack, is this deliberation apparent in your conduct towards the targeting of your victims. This clear feature is something that is very clear from the evidence and indeed experienced by those you attacked. On 1<sup>st</sup> May I am sure when you left your home you planned to attack a person albeit you may not have finalised the details until a possible victim came into your sights.
39. On this occasion you killed an innocent woman going about her daily business. You may not have planned to target Ms Dogbey as an individual. You didn't even know her. But the CCTV makes it clear you were in the process of selecting possible victims just as you had on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. You deliberately followed Ms Dogbey and attacked her from behind without mercy, despite her pleas. She was carrying a bag and a using a phone and was unlikely to be able to defend herself in the moments of this vicious attack.
40. The murder of Ms Dogbey took place in daylight, in front of members of the public who are no doubt traumatised and horrified to have seen such a crime. As well as her grandmother who she was speaking to at the time of her death. The effect of her murder on her family has been devastating.
41. Your previous convictions aggravate this murder too. You have been involved in weapons offences in the past and carried blades before.
42. The minimum term for this offence before mitigation would be 30 years.



43. You did plead guilty although not at the first opportunity. You were connected to the blade that killed Johanita by DNA and it was made clear that you would not dispute carrying out the stabbing. I have been told that certain reports were sought by your lawyers but no history of mental health issues is reported or relied on. Nothing that could explain this offending has been put forward and it is not suggested that you had any challenges in your presentation or health. However you did plead guilty albeit in November 2023 and I will give you the appropriate credit. I reduce the minimum term by 3 years to reflect your plea of guilty.
44. I then have to consider the effect of the other sentences on this term. I intend to increase the minimum term and pass concurrent sentences for these offences.
45. The weapon offence of the 1<sup>st</sup> May is taken into consideration in the starting point so I do not increase the term and impose a concurrent sentence of 1.5 years for that.
46. For the three woundings it should be noted how serious these are in their own right. I accept the categorisation of culpability and harm. Thankfully the harm was less than it might have been albeit the wounds were to the faces of the victims. You attacked strangers randomly in the street with a weapon and given the aggravating features including your previous convictions I would have passed consecutive sentences of 3 years for each of these attacks. There is no mitigation I have heard, and you were convicted after a trial. There would have been a sentence of 9 years for the wounding offences.
47. The weapon you had on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May was similar to the one used to kill Ms Dogbey. Within hours you were out at night again with another home made weapon and were roaming the area where just 9 hours before you had murdered her. For those planning your sentence I want it to be noted that it is my firm view that had you not been arrested on 2<sup>nd</sup> May you were likely to have attacked again.

48. You have carried weapons repeatedly, used them to injure and kill and you have similar previous convictions for weapons offences. You pleaded guilty to this offence having been caught with it but you must receive credit and I give you full credit for the plea. For this offence I would have passed a consecutive sentence of 1.5 years.

49. So for the other offences you would have received a custodial terms of 10.5 years and you would have served a proportion of this but you will serve the entire minimum term, which I will reflect. I will increase the minimum term by 5 years for the wounding offences and the carrying the weapon on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**50. Again I repeat the sentence I pass is a life sentence for the murder of Johanita Dogbey. You will go to prison for life.**

51. 32 years minus 387 days must pass as a minimum before you can even be considered for released. You are extremely dangerous and those dealing with you in custody must be made aware of these remarks.

52. If I have made any error in the arithmetic then it can be amended via the slip rule.

53. Contempt of court to be dealt with separately and the procedures for this are to be put in place.

HHJ Angela Rafferty KC

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024