

THE KING

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JOSHUA ENO

SENTENCING REMARKS

1. Rico Andrews was 21 when he was shot and killed outside residential buildings in Battersea.
2. Rico lived with his sister Amani Andrews in a block of flats next to the scene. Amani describes Rico as funny, happy, full of love and light. She was the first member of the family called to be with Rico as he lay dying and she now has to live with that trauma as well as the loss of her brother.
3. Rico was one of 7 siblings, and although he had a younger sister Aysia Edwards, his mother Chelsea Andrews describes him as the baby of her large and loving family. He was her golden boy and easy to love. Aysia describes Rico as her father figure and protector.
4. The victim personal evidence movingly describes the massive impact Rico's murder has had, not only on his family, but on all those who knew and loved him, as well as the wider community. To add to their grief, the family has had to endure two trials as, you Joshua Eno - Rico's killer - did everything you could to get away with murder. Members of Rico's family who attended court behaved throughout with great dignity and restraint. The family's resilience has been extraordinary.
5. On 5 October 2024, you had been out and about with your associate Tyrone Attwood stealing and robbing expensive motorbikes. You told the jury this was how you made your living. As usual, you were armed with a knife.

6. The Prosecution's case was that the shooting followed your robbery of an expensive BMW motorbike earlier that day which was re-stolen from you before the shooting. The allegation was that you believed Rico and his friend Harry had something to do with stealing what you had just stolen. You were riding pillion on Attwood's bike as you tracked Rico and Harry down until you spotted Harry's own moped parked outside Sphere Walk.
7. You told the jury that losing a motorbike you had just stolen was just an occupational hazard. So it may have been. However, I am sure you lied when you said it was a matter of indifference to you. These were very expensive vehicles and of considerable value to you. I am sure that as you sought out Rico, at a place to which you knew he was connected, you had retribution in mind at least. Your very angry voice was recorded by a doorbell camera as you shouted for Harry and Rico to come outside.
8. A number of local residents saw and heard what happened when Rico did come outside to face you. In the first trial you agreed you knew of no reason for them to lie about what happened. In the re-trial you suddenly invented motives for them all to lie. That false and utterly dishonest move destroyed the little that was left of your ambitious case.
9. One resident said she saw that Rico appeared to have a hand behind his back before he was shot by you. Another said he saw a moment of physical contact between you both, after the shooting. You latched on to that evidence to suggest that Rico must have had the gun which somehow went off as you and he struggled. I am sure that was an entirely false account. If Rico had anything in his hand, I am sure it was not a gun. The jury never had an answer to the question they asked about whether anyone on a list of people named in the

case had any connection with firearms. As it happens, the only one who had convictions for firearms offences was Tyrone Attwood. On the evidence they heard, the first jury was not sure of his involvement in the shooting.

10. As Harry and decent members of the public went to Rico's assistance, you callously made your escape and then went to ground.

11. The gun used in this targeted murder has never been recovered. I am sure that is because you took it from the scene.

12. When you were finally arrested you did nothing to help the police or Rico's family to get to the truth. Instead you engineered a false defence around the evidence that was ultimately available to the Prosecution. At court, you did everything you could to paint Rico in a bad light and yourself as some sort of victim. There has been no flicker of remorse from you at any stage. The fact that you refused to come to court to be sentenced shows me how little you care.

13. You were 23 at the time you murdered Rico Andrews. You are now 25. Although when you gave evidence before me, you appeared a little immature, I found you to be devious and deceitful. Obviously, the jury did not believe you. I cannot speak for the jury, but to me, your presentation was not obviously hampered by your ADHD, PTSD and Tourette's. I am sure there is no causal link whatsoever between those diagnoses and any of the offences for which I must sentence you today. I accept they may make your time in custody more difficult than for someone without those issues.

14. For an offence of murder a judge must pass a sentence of life imprisonment. The judge must also fix the minimum term to be spent in custody before the murderer is even eligible to apply to the Parole Board for release on licence. If released, the murderer remains on licence for the rest of their life.

15. It is agreed that the starting point for the minimum term in this case is 30 years.

As Mr Mulholland KC fairly observes, that starting point is very long and reflects many of the aggravating facts of the case. None of the aggravating factors in the statutory schedule applies.

16. The aggravating factors are your numerous previous convictions (Including for carrying illegal knives) and the fact that, at the time of the murder, you were subject to a suspended sentence for a disgraceful assault on a prison officer. The murder of Rico Andrews was directly connected to the background of your extensive criminal life-style. All the other offences for which I must sentence you today will be aggregated into the minimum term. This murder was brazen and committed in front of numerous members of the public watching from their own homes. I cannot agree with Mr Mulholland KC's submission about the risk to others. In my judgment, many people were put at risk.

17. I am sure you intended to kill.

18. In my judgment, the aggravating factors are balanced out by your relative youth, the immaturity on which I have remarked and the personal mitigation advanced on your behalf by Mr Mulholland KC.

19. Subject to a reduction for days served on remand, the minimum term would be 30 years.

20. I also have to sentence you for the theft of one motorbike that day, and the robbery of another. Having regard to the totality guideline, those offences were a single course of conduct, with Count 2 being the lead offence. The employees of the BMW garage were threatened with a knife, something which you said was part of your routine. For the purposes of the robbery guideline this was a 2B offence, indicating a starting point of 4 years, with a range of 3-6 years. You

may have exaggerated for tactical reasons but, on your own evidence, you had been getting away with offences like these for years. They were planned and pre-meditated teamwork. They were highly lucrative offences. I am satisfied that – before credit for plea – the sentence on Count 2 would be 6 years. You are entitled to 10% credit (rounded up) for your late plea to Count 2. This results in the same sentence passed on Attwood.

21. In relation to Count 3, having regard to the theft guideline, I shall again impose the same sentence as was passed on Attwood. Like him, you are entitled to 25% credit for plea.

22. For the purposes of the relevant guideline, Count 6 was a 2A offence. You showed no hesitation in taking a large knife with you to a Probation office. To make matters worse, you told the jury you regularly went out with a knife to help complete robberies. Your previous convictions for knife offences are an aggravating factor and the minimum sentence provisions apply. You will get 25% credit for plea.

23. Having regard to the totality guideline and caselaw, the sentences on Counts 2 & 3 will run concurrently with each other and with the sentence on Count 1.

24. A consecutive sentence is required for Count 6, but I shall order it to run concurrently to the sentence on Count 1.

25. I shall activate 3 months of the suspended sentence, concurrently with the sentence on Count 2.

26. Count 1: Life imprisonment. After the deduction of the 712 days which have been served on remand, the minimum term is 28 years, 18 days.

27. Count 2: 64 months imprisonment, concurrent.

28. Suspended sentence activated as to 8 weeks, to run concurrently.

29. Count 3: 18 months imprisonment, concurrent.

30. Count 6: 12 months imprisonment, consecutive to Counts 2 & 3, but concurrent to Count 1.

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PHILIP KATZ KC.

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