

REX -v- NATHAN TOKOSI

1. On 18th March 2025 you were convicted by a jury of 6 offences. Count 1 on the first indictment was an offence of attempted murder. Counts 2 and 3 charged possession of a firearm and ammunition with intent to endanger life. Those offences occurred on 20th November 2023. Counts 5 and 6 charged possession of a firearm and ammunition on 16th of February 2024. On 6th November 2025 you were convicted on a second indictment by a different jury of possession of a firearm and ammunition on 3rd February 2024.

2. The facts are that on the 19th November 2023 you borrowed a friend's BMW which you then drove to W11 in order to plan how you were going to shoot Daniel Offei-Ntow who you knew lived in Clydesdale Rd. Having checked out the address you then returned to your father's home in Deptford. Just before midnight the same night you repeated the journey. You drove back to W11 at about 0110.

3. You parked up your BMW and got into a stolen Audi which was then driven around the area for about an hour, no doubt, at least for some of that time, looking for DON and or his car. At about 0145 the stolen Audi was driven past DON's house but his car was not there. The Audi repeated that manoeuvre and then parked up at 0148 waiting. Four minutes later DON parked outside his mother's address. The Audi was driven alongside DON's car and he was shot at very close range by you through the open rear passenger window. A total of 6 shots were fired. You aimed at his head and intended to kill him as the jury found.

4. The Audi was driven off by your accomplice dropping you back at your BMW and then parking back in the same parking place as before in Allington Rd. DON drove round the block but then left the car and staggered into his mother's address from where the emergency services were called.

5. You drove back to Deptford in the BMW arriving shortly before 0300. From there you drove to your girlfriend's address in Barnet arriving at just before 0500.

6. The 9mm parabellum self-loading pistol used in the shooting was found in a cross-body type bag in vegetation Allington Rd. The magazine was empty. There were 3 rounds of ammunition which fitted the gun in the bag.

7. DON was attended at the scene by the HEMS. He was taken to St Mary's Hospital where he was found to have suffered very severe injuries. He was taken straight to theatre where he remained for nearly 2 hours until he was sufficiently stable for a CT scan. That scan revealed bullet fragments in his skull, a fracture to the back of his head, bleeding on the right side of the brain and a fracture to the left side of his jaw. There was a small collection of blood around both lungs and partial collapse of both lungs. He required 14 blood transfusions during treatment.

8. He was found to have sustained 6 gunshot injuries to the head, face, upper back and chest and upper arm. Four of the gunshot wounds were to the head. One of those had penetrated the skull and caused bleeding over the right side of the brain together with some localised brain damage to the outer brain tissue. Another caused severe lower facial injury. At least 2 of the wounds were life

threatening due to the internal bleeding and the risk to the airway. One of the injuries had severed part of the ear. Two of the injuries were to the back and arm. DON suffered severe lung injury consistent with severe aspiration.

9. DON did not make a statement but the jury saw various pieces of footage from him in which he sought to exculpate you though he had to admit that he had not actually seen who shot him. There is no updated medical report and it seems that he made a remarkable recovery no doubt due to good luck and the professional medical intervention.

10. The next offences in time are those of which you convicted by the second jury. They relate to your joint possession of another similar functioning 9mm self-loading pistol loaded with ammunition on 3rd February 2024. At around 0120 that day police were alerted to a different BMW of which you were the registered keeper heading towards the Blackwall tunnel. Police tried to stop the vehicle but you drove off having paused briefly. Your friend Ezron Montague was in the passenger seat. During the police pursuit he threw a black bag out of the car window. You then abandoned the car in a side street and jumped out of the car leaving the engine running. The bag was recovered and found to contain a working self-loading pistol complete with 3 rounds of ammunition inside. By the jury's findings you were in joint possession of that gun and ammunition.

11. On 16th February police attended your father's address. You were seen near the address with your friend Ezron Montague and you were arrested. A search of your room, revealed yet another loaded self-loading pistol which had been

modified so as to be capable of discharging 9mm cartridges, 8 of which were found in the gun. That gun and ammunition was fund in a bag in a shoebox.

Guidelines

12. The attempted murder falls within culpability A due to the use of a firearm. The harm must fall at the very top end of Category 2 due to its life threatening nature, the fact that there were 4 shots to the head and the extent of the medical intervention. That categorisation gives a SP of 30 years and a range of up to 35 years.

13. The firearms and ammunition offences for 20th November 2023 are reflected in that categorisation and will attract concurrent sentences. They fall within category 2A with a SP of 14 years as the gun was discharged.

14. The other 2 sets of firearms offences involve the possession of loaded firearms after the shooting and before your arrest. Those offences would ordinarily attract significant consecutive sentences. The Starting point for sentence on each of those offences is, in my view, at A1 namely 8 years for the firearms with 3 1/2 years for the ammunition offences. Even if a lower sentence is merited the actual sentence will be significantly reduced to ensure that the total sentence is not disproportionate so that there will be no appreciable difference.

16. You are now 26. You were 24 at the date of the offences. You have made 8 previous court appearances for 13 offences several of which are for offences of violence and going back to when you were 11 involving threatening of a

schoolgirl and for assaulting an 11 year old. The most relevant of those offences is your conviction for attempted murder when you were 13. Despite your youth that is not an insignificant aggravating factor and these offences were committed 6 years after your release and about 3 years after your licence expired though at times you were remanded in custody at various times including up to May 2023. The only real mitigation is your relative youth, your ADHD and the fact that you were effectively raised in a custodial sentence. I note that you were a successful rap artist.

17. There can be no doubt that you qualify as a dangerous offender under s 285 of the Sentencing Act 2020. Anyone hearing the facts of these offences would conclude that there is a significant risk of to members of the public of serious harm occasioned by the commission of further specified offences. I do not require a pre-sentence report to reach that view as the accumulation of offences speak for themselves.

18. I have no doubt that the offence of attempted murder together with the separate offences relating to your possession of loaded firearms are so serious that a sentence of imprisonment for life is justified and I must therefore impose such a sentence.

19. I propose to reflect the overall criminality of all the offences in the minimum term which I impose for the attempted murder. The totality of the offending requires a sentence outside the range for the attempted murder on its own and were I to impose a determinate sentence the total term would be one of 36 years custody.

20. Accordingly the sentences I pass are as follows: On Count 1: attempted murder: **Imprisonment for Life with a minimum term of 24 years**. There will be concurrent terms of 12 years on Counts 3 and 4 on the first indictment since the firearm was discharged and concurrent sentences of 8 years on each of the other firearm offences on Counts 5 on the first indictment and Count 2 on the second indictment with concurrent 3 ½ years for each of the ammunition offences Counts 6 on the first indictment and Count 6 on the second indictment.

You have spent 708 days on remand. Those days will be deducted from the minimum term

Therefore the total sentence is one of **Imprisonment for Life with a minimum term of 22 years and 22 days**.

I have calculated the time that you have spent on remand based on the information I have been provided. Before prosecution and defence counsel leave court they are either to agree that the calculation is correct or they must inform the clerk and I will return into court to correct the figure. If thereafter it transpires that the information which I have been provided as to the days served was inaccurate then the prosecution or defence must have the case relisted to correct the calculation as soon as possible and in any event within 56 days.

21. You will also have to pay the surcharge.

22. Forfeiture and Destruction of guns and ammunition.