



IN THE CROWN COURT SITTING IN LEEDS

Mrs Justice McGowan

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LEE NEWELL

MARK FELLOWS

DAVID TAYLOR

SENTENCING REMARKS

1. I have carefully considered the statements of the bereaved and I recognise that there is nothing any court can do that will repair the terrible damage done by these defendants. In particular, the continuing pain of not knowing the location of Alisha Alpostoff-Boyarin's body. However, the bereaved should know that their loss and grief is very much at the centre of this sentencing exercise.
2. All three of you have been convicted of the murder of Kyle Bevan in HMP Wakefield on November 4th 2025.
3. You chose him as your target because he had been convicted of the murder of a child. You planned the murder by making or acquiring improvised

weapons. You went together up two landings to his cell, you followed him in and having cornered him the three of you attacked and killed him. I do not know which or how many of you struck the fatal blows, that does not matter, acting together you wounded him more than 25 times, several of those wounds were fatal.

4. You left and Mark Fellows checked on his cell twice later that evening, probably to see if he was dead, certainly to see how he would look to any officer who would later look through the wicket during the night.
5. One of the weapons used was thrown from a window into an exercise yard, possibly by another prisoner. Two other weapons which may or may not have been used were found in David Taylor's cell. The weapon or weapons which were used to inflict the fatal injuries have never been recovered.
6. I do not know whether you had told other prisoners of your plan but you certainly told them afterwards, there were congratulations immediately after you went back to your own landing and word had spread so that staff were told the next morning before they unlocked Kyle Bevan's cell that he was dead.
7. Mark Fellows tried to dispose of his blood stained trousers but they were recovered and all three of you had the victim's blood on your shoes.
8. You took the weapons to the scene of the killing, the three of you cornered your victim in his cell. At least one of you held his arms and he was stabbed 25 times to the neck and torso. He was left to bleed to death, mercifully he would have died very quickly but his last moments must have been terrifying.
9. All of you had killed before, you all have other serious previous convictions, but most importantly,
 - a. Lee Newell, as a 20 year old, you strangled a woman in her 50's who refused to give you money. Whilst serving that life sentence you killed another prisoner in the same circumstances as this murder and on 23 September 2013 you were sentenced to a whole life term.

- b. Mark Fellows, you have been convicted of a murder committed on 26 July 2015 and another committed on 5 May 2018, both murders involved the use of firearms and each was connected to gang membership. You were sentenced to a whole life term on 17 January 2019.
 - c. David Taylor you pleaded guilty to the murder of a vulnerable young woman and have been convicted of the attempted murder of a police officer. You are to be sentenced for those offences today.
10. David Taylor, the brief facts of the murder in 2022 are that you had formed a relationship with a very young woman in late 2021. She was vulnerable and suffered from alcohol dependency and depression. She lived with her grandfather most of the time. She would befriend strangers to obtain alcohol and accommodation. By the end of January 2022 you had tired of her and were trying to end the relationship.
11. Murder of Alisha Alpostoff-Boyarin
- a. She was a vulnerable victim, she was alcohol dependant and, at 24 years of age, she looked like a teenager. She was more 30 years younger than you,
 - b. She went missing in about February 2022 and you took steps to conceal the fact of her disappearance, her body has never been recovered and you have never told the authorities where it is so that her family can properly grieve and lay her to rest,
 - c. You had been sentenced to an Indeterminate Sentence for the Protection of the Public on 31 August 2007 for an offence of aggravated burglary. That was an offence committed in the victim's home, you claimed that he had offended against a child or children. Having been released from that sentence you were recalled on licence for offences of possession of ammunition and the murder of Alisha Alpostoff-Boyarin,
 - d. You pleaded guilty to her murder in February 2026 shortly before you were to be tried.

12. The attempted murder was carried out by you on 23 July 2024 whilst in custody awaiting trial on that murder.
 - a. You asked to speak to a police officer in prison, you said you could help the investigation, in fact, the purpose was to carry out an attack,
 - b. When the officer attended you stabbed him in the area of his heart, again using an improvised weapon, he was badly injured but fortunately survived your attack,
 - c. You said you that you had done it because you had been set up by the police for the murder of Alisha Alpostoff-Boyarin, in fact you were later to plead guilty to that offence,
 - d. You were convicted by a jury after a trial in November 2025
13. I can only sentence for the murder of Alisha Alpostoff-Boyarin on the facts available. We do not know the circumstances of her death. The only sentence available is life imprisonment. I will take the 15 year starting point but that must be increased to reflect the fact that you killed a young and vulnerable woman and particularly by your refusal to tell the authorities where you put her body so her family could have the ability to grieve and to bury her with some dignity. It must also be increased to reflect your previous record of offending.
14. I recognise that you pleaded guilty but I cannot see anything else that mitigates the minimum term, which I set at 20 years, there is no time spent on remand that reduces that minimum term.
15. The premeditated and planned attempted murder of a police officer means that the sentence on this offence is in the highest category of culpability. If this offence had stood alone, I might well have imposed a discretionary life sentence, however in the circumstances of the case, I take a starting point of 25 years which I aggravate to 30 years because you had planned and secured the attendance of a police officer in prison so that you could carry out the assault using a weapon you had taken to that meeting.

16. The sentencing exercise in respect of the murder of Alisha Alpostoff-Boyarin and the attempted murder is set against the sentence to be imposed for the murder of Kyle Bevan.
17. I impose the statutory charge.
18. Lee Newell, I impose a new and separate whole life order for the murder of Kyle Bevan.
19. Mark Fellows, I impose a new and separate whole life order for the murder of Kyle Bevan.
20. David Taylor for the murder of Alisha Alpostoff-Boyarin I impose a life sentence with a minimum term of 20 years.
21. For the attempted murder I impose a determinate sentence of 30 years imprisonment.
22. Given that you are now to be sentenced for a second offence of murder, and in all the circumstances of this offence, I also impose a whole life order.