



NINE STREET JOHN STREET

CRIMINAL TEAM BULLETIN

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GREETINGS ONCE AGAIN...

We hope our newsletter finds you well. Our work as a team continues during the pandemic. Remember...

- Call us if you have an issue with a case. We are here to advise and assist you.
- Conferences can be conducted over Teams, Skype, Zoom or phone.
- Online advocacy sessions can be arranged. If members of your team would like to sharpen their advocacy skills please do not hesitate to contact us.
- If you have a client on bail and wish to arrange a conference, arrangements can be made for them to attend Chambers and speak via a video link to both solicitor and counsel.
- We have organised a quiz (see box right) and “runwalk event” (see below). All are welcome to join.

CRIMINAL TEAM 90'S QUIZ NIGHT

At 7pm on Wednesday 13th May 2020 we will be hosting a quiz night via Zoom.

If you have not received an invite but would like to participate, or for more details, please contact Chris Swann at chris.swann@9sjs.com or Vanessa Thomson at vanessa.thomson@9sjs.com.

9SJS RUN/WALK SATURDAY 9TH MAY

Are you taking advantage of the extra time at home to get out and enjoy the fresh air? We thought it might be an idea when taking your daily exercise to share it with us, and we'll share it with the like-minded people we connect with through 9 SJS.

So next **Saturday (9th May)** why not (virtually) join us.....

Go for a walk, run or jog, with your children, partner, dog or just yourself. Take a short video at the start and end (or even half-way through!). In the video tell us where you are and how you're getting on with life in lockdown, send a message to a friend, or tell us why you have gone to a particular place.

We suggest you walk, run, jog for 28 minutes (9SJS + Covid 19), although we won't hold you to it!

Afterwards, send us your clips and we will edit them and put them together on our YouTube page which will then be accessible via our twitter and LinkedIn.

Let us know if you fancy taking part by emailing Jon Savage at jonathan.savage@9sjs.com

CRIMINAL JUSTICE UPDATES:

LIVERPOOL CROWN COURT: Section 28 hearings are to resume from the 11th May 2020. The guidance note from the Recorder of Liverpool and HHJ Aubrey QC can be found here; [Section 28 Hearing Guidance](#)

MANCHESTER CROWN COURTS (and other courts on circuit): From the 11th May 2020 the courts are expected to re-open to hear more cases. These include genuinely urgent cases i.e. Bail applications, bench warrants, CTL applications, appeals against sentence (where there is a risk that a custodial sentence may be served before the appellant is released), PTPH's and FCMH's, sentence hearings for defendants on bail and in custody and POCA hearings. This list is likely to be reviewed in six weeks.

JURY TRIALS: The jury trials working group chaired by Mr Justice Edis has been meeting to

progress plans to restart jury trials A small number of Crown Court centres deemed to be suitable have been identified for further assessment. The Lord Chief Justice will make his final decision to restart jury trials “when he is confident the system as a whole is ready” see link; [Jury trials update](#)

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE: The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Burnett has called for “Blue Sky Thinking” on restarting jury trials safely; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-52462678>

OUR RECENT WORK

Our team are trusted to defend and prosecute cases of the utmost seriousness and complexity. Here are some recent examples of matters in which we have been instructed;

EXPLOSIVES: [Vanessa Thomson](#) prosecuted two men charged with conspiracy to cause an explosion. Both men travelled up from London to launch a grenade attack in Bolton, see [MEN news report](#). Sentence listed in July 2020.

SEXUAL ASSAULT: In March 2020 [Darren Preston](#) prosecuted a hospital consultant accused of sexually assaulting patients whilst he was examining them. [MEN report](#)

DRUGS: In 2020 [Geoff Whelan](#) led [Hayley Bennett](#) in Operation Croatia, a multi handed heroin and crack-cocaine conspiracy in which children in school uniform were used as street level dealers. Case awaits sentence.

FRAUD AND MURDER: In February 2020, [Jonathan Savage](#) prosecuted a 3 week fraud where a bank clerk had been passing customer data to an OCG – see [MEN report](#). Jon was also led by [Jaime Hamilton QC](#) in 2019 in the defence of Momodou Jallow who was charged with murder; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-50464536>

ROBBERY: In 2019 [Phil Barnes](#) prosecuted a five week, four defendant trial alone in a case involving eleven armed robberies of cash in transit vehicles; [MEN report](#)

MURDER: [David Bruce](#) was led in the murder case of Mohammed Ubaid in March 2020. The defendant ultimately pleaded guilty to manslaughter - See [MEN report](#).

SECTION 18: For 7 days at Snaresbrook Crown Court in February 2020, [Robert Smith](#) represented a defendant alleged to have driven at a complete stranger, crushing him against a wall, before returning to the scene to repeatedly stamp on his head, causing catastrophic injuries. The case involved detailed cell sited evidence.

Crime Team Members

- Charles Garside QC
- Nicholas Clarke QC
- Simon Jackson QC
- Jaime Hamilton QC
- Peter Cadwallader
- Gordon Hennell
- David Bruce
- Mark Monaghan
- Nicola Gatto
- Darren Preston
- Nigel Booth
- Geoff Whelan
- Vanessa Thomson
- Alison Heyworth
- Jonathan Savage
- Robert Smith
- Fiona Wise
- Simon Blakebrough
- Phil Barnes
- Helen Longworth
- Hayley Bennett
- Andrea Lock

FINALLY...

Our thoughts remain with those who are struggling at this time. Please take care and stay safe.

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