

Help Secure Justice for Conroy Smith

OVERVIEW:

On December 12, 2006, Conroy Smith was found guilty of murder under the doctrine of joint enterprise, a British law meaning a person may be found guilty for another person's crime. He was convicted with two other defendants.

TAKE ACTION:

Write the Director of Public Prosecutions; ask them to review joint enterprise cases involving young black men.

BACKGROUND:

On August 30, 2004, Lee Christopher Subaran was shot twice at Notting Hill Carnival. One shot was fatal and he died at the scene. At approximately 10:10 pm on the night he died, Subaran caught the attention of three black men due to a disrespectful comment that had been made.

Shortly afterwards several more black men joined them, one of which was Conroy Smith. The group confronted Subaran in a small park where several shots were fired as Subaran attempted to run out of the park. He collapsed and died as he was leaving the park.

The prosecution asserted that the shooting was carried out by members of the "Mus' Love Crew," for which Conroy Smith was a member.

An eyewitness identified Conroy Smith in December 2005, 16 months after the initial incident. She was interviewed four days after the incident and provided names for people she knew who were at the scene of the incident; Smith's name was not mentioned.

The eyewitness is a covert human intelligence source, who was run by a police handler. She sold drugs to Smith and was effectively his dealer for two years before the incident involving Subaran so she knew Smith well. She also made advances towards Smith, which he said he rejected.

Smith denied all charges against him and denied being involved in the murder. An individual has since come forward and said that he fired the weapon that killed Subaran and that Smith was not at the scene or involved.

TAKE ACTION: Please help us secure justice for Conroy Smith. Write the Director of Public Prosecutions to ask them to review joint enterprise cases involving young black men. Joint enterprise is a British common law doctrine meaning a person may be found guilty for another person's crime.

LETTER WRITING TIPS:

- Be respectful and polite.
- Be brief and concise.
- Be constructive and focus on a solution for the person for whom you are writing.
- Keep your tone formal.
- Stick to the facts; do not include judgement, feelings or political leanings.
- Write clearly and in English.

SAMPLE LETTER:

Max Hill, Director of Public Prosecutions
Petty France, Westminster, London SW1H 9EA

Barrister Hill QC,

The case of Conroy Smith has recently come to my attention. Upon learning more, I request you provide a review of joint enterprise cases of young black men.

On December 12, 2006, Conroy Smith was found guilty of murder of Lee Christopher Subaran on August 30, 2004. He was charged under the doctrine of joint enterprise.

Mr. Smith denied all charges against him, and denied being involved in the murder. An individual has since come forward and said that he fired the weapon that killed Subaran and that Smith was not at the scene or involved.

Among the concerns in this case, one stands out. The main eyewitness, a covert human intelligence source, identified Conroy Smith in December 2005, 16 months after the initial incident. She was interviewed four days after the incident and provided names for people she knew who were at the scene of the incident; Smith's name was not mentioned.

This case concerns me for its implications for all black men. Thus, I respectfully ask you to review joint enterprise cases involving young black men.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
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[Your organization, if applicable]
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