



## Chemists

### TODAY'S LATE CHEMISTS:

**Peterborough:** Netherpton Chemists, Ledbury Road (until 4pm), Pharmacy First, 7 Lincoln Road (until 10pm), Werrington Pharmacy, Church Street (until 5pm), Boots the Chemist, Rightwell, Bretton (until 11pm), Thakrar's, Staniland Way, Werrington (until 5.30pm), Lloyds, 50 Lincoln Rd (until 6.30pm), Shrivess, 14 Westgate (until 5.30pm), Graham Young, 681 Lincoln Rd, New England (until 5pm), Eastchem, 127 Eastfield Rd (until 1pm), Millfield, 387 Lincoln Rd (until 8pm), Granville, 35 Granville St (until 7pm), Dogsthorpe Pharmacy, 64 Central Ave (until 4pm), Abbas, 109 Lincoln Rd (until 7pm), Sainsbury's, Oxney Rd (until 7pm), Sainsbury's, Rightwell, Bretton (until 10pm), WestTown, 63 Mayor's Walk (until 5pm), Walton Pharmacy, 178 Mountstevan Ave (until 1pm), Woodston Pharmacy, 135 Belsize Ave (until 1pm), Village Pharmacy, High Street, Eye (until 1pm), Thomas Walker Pharmacy, 87 Prince's Street (until noon), Tesco, Serpentine Green, Hampton (until 10pm). **March:** Boots The Chemist, 17-19 Broad Street (until 5.30pm). **Wisbech:** Alliance Pharmacy, 19 Old Market Place (until 5.30pm). **Bourne:** Boots the Chemists, 3 West Street (until 5.30pm). **Stamford:** Boots the Chemists, 66-67 High Street (until 5.30pm). **Spalding:** Boots the Chemists, 12-14 Hall Place (until 5.30pm). **TOMORROW'S LATE CHEMISTS:** **Peterborough:** Graham Young Chemists, Lincoln Road (10.30am to 4pm), Pharmacy First, 7 Lincoln Road (4pm to 11.45pm), Boots the Chemist, Rightwell, Bretton (10am to 4pm), Asda, Rivergate (10pm to 4pm), Sainsbury's, Oxney Road (10am to 4pm), Millfield Chemist, 387 Lincoln Road (until 8pm), Sainsbury's, Rightwell, Bretton (10am to 4pm), Tesco, Serpentine Green, Hampton (10am to 4pm). **March:** Lloyds Pharmacy, 24 Elwyn Road (noon to 1pm). **Stamford:** Boots the Chemist, 66-67 High Street (10am to 4pm). **Spalding:** Boots the Chemist, 12-14 Hall Place (10am to 4pm). **Emergency Dentist:** Contact the NHS Walk-In Centre in Rivergate, Peterborough, on 01733 295854.

# SPECIAL REPORT: Inside Justice Week - Day five



INSIDE Justice Week is a public campaign which opens up the criminal justice system to the public, explaining how the system works and looking behind the scenes. The theme for this year's campaign is Justice For All. Throughout this week, *The Evening Telegraph*, working alongside the Cambridgeshire Criminal Justice Board and Her Majesty's Courts Service, will show how justice is done locally. We outlined three fictional scenarios and asked you what your verdicts would be. Underneath your responses, real life magistrates give their decisions.

# You be the judge: results

## CASE 1 - Carrying concealed weapons

### YOUR VIEWS FROM OUR WEBSITE:

Blue Barmy said both should be sentenced to one year, reduced to three months for good behaviour.

Postie Supporter had more of a hardline stance. He said: "Lock both of these mindless scum up for at least 10 years with no privileges whatsoever ie. no visitors or TV."

Dan said: "The 5" blade is obvious and stupid. That should get one month suspended for two years, plus 100 hours community service, preferably somewhere having to deal with stab wounds."

"The flick knife is a deliberately concealed weapon which indicates an intent for it to be carried routinely and eventually to be used. It's maybe only luck it hasn't been used already. One year would be normal, but six months as he pleaded guilty as soon as possible."

### MAGISTRATES' SENTENCING OPTIONS:

This is an offence where the maximum penalty is a term of six months' imprisonment and/or a £5,000 fine.

The sentencing options are:

- Conditional discharge for two years – means no immediate punishment and provided no offence is committed during the period of the conditional discharge no action will be taken.

- Fines of up to £5,000 each.

- Community penalty with orders requiring the offenders to be under the supervision of a probation officer and/or do unpaid work for the community.

- Suspended period of imprisonment (if a term of imprisonment is suspended the court must also impose some community requirement).
- Immediate imprisonment.



### SENTENCING SUMMARY:

Although there is no evidence Mike threatened the doorman with the flick knife, the offence is particularly serious as a flick knife is a dangerous weapon designed solely for causing injury to others.

The offence warrants a custodial sentence based on recent sentencing guidance.

That guidance was revised due to a rise in knife offences. Our starting point for a first-time offender pleading not guilty would be a custodial sentence of 26 weeks.

Noting Mike's lack of previous convictions, his co-operation with the police and this early guilty plea, we would reduce his sentence by roughly one third to 17 weeks immediate custody.

Barbara's sentence would be different because the bladed article she was carrying was not one designed solely for causing injury to other persons. However, the court rejected Barbara's account as to why she had the bladed article in her handbag. As a first-time offender found guilty of this offence, our starting point would be a custodial sentence of 12 weeks. Because Barbara was convicted after a trial, we would make no adjustment in sentence – we would impose an immediate imprisonment of 12 weeks.

Both sentences would be designed to deter others from carrying knives or bladed articles.

## CASE 2 - Possession of cannabis

### YOUR VIEWS:

Blue Barmy said: "Six months community service."

Postie Supporter said: "The only suitable sentence for a drug dealing scumbag is 20 years, with no right to parole or visitors."

Dan said: "The supply is a technical offence, but an offence none the less. Fifty hours unpaid work in a drug rehab centre to show him where things can lead."

### MAGISTRATES' SENTENCING OPTIONS:

This is an offence where the maximum penalty is a term of three months' imprisonment and/or a £2,500 fine. In addition to the sentence, the magistrate will always order forfeiture and destruction of any drugs found in the defendant's possession on arrest.

The sentencing options are:

- A conditional discharge.

- Fine.

- Community penalty with orders requiring the defendant to abide by a curfew, be under the supervision of a probation officer and/or do unpaid work for the community.

- Suspended period of imprisonment.

- Immediate imprisonment.



### SENTENCING SUMMARY:

Although the amount of the Class C drug cannabis resin is relatively small (3 grams) this case is made more serious because the defendant was in possession of the drugs in a busy public place close to a railway station.

There is no evidence of dealing, which would have made the offence more serious and we would have imposed a prison sentence of 42 days.

The defendant had no previous convictions and co-operated with the police and pleaded guilty at the first hearing so we'd impose a community sentence of 80 hours unpaid work plus £60 towards the costs of bringing the prosecution and destroying the drugs.

If the defendant pleaded not guilty and had been convicted we would have ordered 120 hours unpaid work and full costs of the prosecution preparing and conducting the trial, likely to be in excess of £350.

## CASE 3 - Driving while disqualified

### YOUR VIEWS:

Blue Barmy said: "One month in jail and two-year driving ban."

"Sentence would ultimately be reduced to a week for good behaviour."

Postie Supporter said: "Seven years jail with no right of parole or appeal and banned from driving for life. He took the decision to drive when unfit through alcohol. No decent, caring socially responsible person would want anything less."

Dan said: "So, he's lied about his name and his driving status. He's, in reality, driving without valid insurance or a valid license too."

"His careless driving brought him to the attention of the police, so it appears that he has not learnt his lesson."

"Although he relies on his driving for his business and his livelihood, he has failed to grasp that a driving licence is a privilege, not a right. If you abuse that by drink-driving, then it will be revoked."

"£1,000 fine, five-year driving ban and an order to retake his test, along with a 12-month suspended sentence suspended for five years."

### MAGISTRATES' SENTENCING OPTIONS:

This offence carries a maximum penalty of six months' imprisonment and/or a £5,000 fine. Whichever penalty is imposed, the offence also takes a mandatory endorsement with six penalty points. The magistrates also have the discretion to impose a further period of driving disqualification.

The sentencing options are:

- An absolute discharge or conditional discharge – absolute discharge means no punishment because of the character of the offender and nature of the offence.

- Fine.

- Community penalty with orders requiring the defendant to abide by a curfew, be under the supervision of a probation officer and/or do unpaid work for the community.

- Suspended period of imprisonment (if a term of imprisonment is suspended the court must also impose some community requirement).

- Immediate imprisonment.



### THE MAGISTRATES' DECISION:

Nicholson's driving disqualification had been imposed on him only recently. By his own admission, he took a decision from the outset to continue driving to sustain his business and we must assume would have continued to do so had he not been caught.

The original disqualification was imposed for a serious offence of drink-driving.

He was over the limit and he drove a vehicle. Everyone knows the consequences of that behaviour.

It was a blatant, premeditated offence that was not a one-off.

Had he not pleaded guilty, we'd have considered 12 weeks immediate imprisonment.

We have also taken into consideration that, although Nicholson made some attempt to mislead the officers when they stopped him by giving a false name, once confronted with the truth he was very frank and pleaded guilty at the first opportunity.

Also, apart from the earlier drink-driving conviction, Mr Nicholson has not offended in any other way.

We are imposing a sentence of nine weeks' imprisonment, suspended for eighteen months plus 100 hours community service.

His licence will be endorsed and he will be disqualified for 18 months. If he offends further or fails to perform the community work, he will go to prison for nine weeks.