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Free WWII Veteran Norman Scarth from Leeds Prison

An Online Petition with Remarkable Comments by over 2200 Signers since 12 Aug 2011

Background (Preamble):

[Norman Scarth](#), born 1925, is a World War II navy and arctic convoy veteran. After he experienced imprisonment and even a psychiatric clinic in his 70s, he became a human rights activist - as many other [Victims of White Collar Crimes](#).

As such he supported a defendant in Bradford Crown Court on 25 July 2011 and switched his audio recording device on, before he could get round to ask the Judge. Previously, such requests were granted to him by Lord Woolf due to him being hard of hearing.

A support worker reported him and he was taken away with very tight handcuffs. After the hearing he issued an apology via the court-appointed barrister and was sentenced the next day: six months and one year ban from entering court premises. A detailed report from a co-supporter is [here](#).

However, the punishment does not fit the crime or the person, and the law enforcement agencies are inappropriately harsh without even following their own rules:

- * he is in a prison for serious offenders
- * his complaints are not actioned upon
- * he does not receive his prescribed medication
- * he is in solitary confinement that he defines as hell
- * he has great difficulty in getting a sheet of paper
- * he has difficulty in receiving visitors and making calls.

A [demo took place](#) outside Leeds Prison and moved to the War Memorial on Saturday 13 August. [Justice for Norman Scarth](#) is the campaign blog to free Prisoner A1903CF.

You can email Norman's [MP Marsha Singh](#) and ask that he writes to the Lord Chancellor to release Norman on compassionate grounds.

You can send use [Email a Prisoner](#) quoting that number and you can phone the Prison Governor Paul Baker on 0113 203 2600.

You can use this [online press release](#) and twitter @FreeNorman, #FreeNorman and #FreeNormanScarth to make Norman Scarth a household name that stands for justice and human rights in courts.

[Marvellous comments](#) were collated for you to distribute as "the voice of the Great General Public" in the "Court of Public Opinion", "a Jury of Signers" and "Advocates of the Public Interest". They are updated continuously.

Here are the "reasons for decision" about three refusals on August 25th. The appeal hearing will be on the first open date after Friday, 2 September at the Royal Courts of Justice in London.

Please send the collection of comments to your MPs asking them to send them to the Ministry of Justice - as evidence by "We, the Jury of Petition Signers"!

PS. [100,000 signatures](#) could give us a debate in Parliament!

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Petition:

We, the undersigned, request that Norman Scarth be released immediately - whether by Pardon by HM The Queen as [he has asked himself](#), or by any other procedure HM's Justice Ministries are capable of.

Given the public interest evidenced by this petition, the Secretary of State, The Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP, should overrule Judge Rose's judgement on compassionate grounds at the next hearing on 25 August 2011.

Comments have been grouped by their issue. Instead of publishing the name of the signer, their number is used. Highlighting is an expression of editorial freedom.

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254. There is no legitimate reason why Mr Scarth should remain imprisoned.
The Secretary of State has the powers to release this man.

336. What are they hiding from an 85 year old man that is worth
what is a large proportion of the rest of his life?

503. Franz Kafka couldn't make this up. Free him immediately.

Introduction to the Content Analysis of over 1,000 Comments by over 2,000 Petition Signers

Executive Summary

The above online petition is [the latest of nine](#)¹ that was published on 12 August 2011, after [Norman Scarth](#)² was imprisoned on 26th July 2011. He wrote a [Formal Complaint](#)³ to HMP Prison and a [Request for Mercy to HM The Queen](#)⁴, having served Her, Her Father and Her Grandfather.

The incident at Bradford Court was described by a person accompanying him [here](#)⁵. In an [Open Letter](#)⁶ to HHJ Jonathan Rose who sentenced him to 6 months without a trial, he describes his prison conditions as a DEFINITION OF HELL and HIS CRIME:

"I had on me a „RECORDING DEVICE“ (as do ALL those with a mobile phone, ALL of which have a recording device. But I dared to switch mine on before asking permission of the judge. Why did I do so? It is my belief that there are many rotten apples in the judiciary, and for the last 15 years it has been my mission in life to expose them. It has been THEIR mission to silence me – by ANY MEANS, including potentially lethal terror attacks (as on 8th August 1999 & 20 July 2000)."

Noel O’Gara writes in comment 890: *Judge Jonathan Rose who imprisoned Norman Scarth is himself a dangerous criminal and responsible for knowingly covering up for murderers when he worked as a barrister. Rose is the person who should be behind bars. See www.yorkshireripper.com for the hard evidence. He helped keep Stefan Kiszko in jail knowing him to be innocent and then he assisted in the stitch up of another innocent man Ronald Castree who was jailed for that same crime. How could he ever be made a judge?*

Barbara Richards says as signer 1973: *I am a survivor of the Staffordshire Pindown institutional child abuse, and have been repeatedly denied justice. Stafford Police dropped my case and my solicitor Richard Wise died in what I consider to be mysterious circumstances. The same judge who colluded with wicked men and persecuted Norman Scarth is the one who discredited Operation Ore. Norman is a very very kind old man and very brave. Why is he in prison when none of the people who abused me are? This is just disgusting!*

Rory Haddock writes as signer 2211: *Shows what you get for doing your duty and serving the greater good. Utter contempt!*

These comments are indicative of others that cover, in order of frequency per category:

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¹ <http://victims-unite.net/about/online-petitions-and-their-remarkable-comments/>

² <http://victims-unite.net/our-cases-as-stories/violent-physical-attacks/norman-scarth/>

³ <http://victimsunite.files.wordpress.com/2011/08/11-08-06-formal-complaint.pdf>

⁴ <http://bit.ly/oZkRvG>

⁵ <http://bit.ly/pxuFga>

⁶ <http://www.forced-adoption.com/introduction.asp>

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The largest number of comments can be found under *Appealing on behalf of Norman Scarth* [105], *On the treatment of veterans* [104] and *Support for the petition* [104], followed by the list above.

The “Justice for Norman Scarth Campaign” and the “Jury of Petition Signers”

While it is often difficult to associate a comment with only one category title, the number of comments per category indicates the nerve that was touched when people signed and commented on the petition. At the time of writing it had been viewed over 15,000 times.

“Team Norman” formed to free him in whatever way was considered possible:

- a demonstration was organised outside Leeds Prison [on 13th August 2011](#)⁷
- RUSSIA TODAY [broadcast an excellent report](#) on 22 August 2011⁸ while the Mainstream Media did not respond to [the press release](#)⁹
- The [Justice for Norman Scarth blog](#)¹⁰ was created
- and an [Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus](#)¹¹ was submitted which resulted in a hearing on 18th and 25th August 2011.

The *Reasons for Decisions* by Mr Justice Wyn Williams’ three refusals are published on [Bailii, the British and Irish Legal Information Institute](#):

1. the application for Habeas Corpus
2. an application for bail
3. to consider an application to purge his contempt.

According to that document, an appeal hearing is to be scheduled for the first open date after 2nd September 2011.

Mainstream Media and the World Wide Web

Meanwhile, the following papers and blogs have been reporting on what is perceived to be a “gross, disgusting and outrageous miscarriage of justice” by petition signers:

- The [Sovereign Independent](#)¹² is an Irish paper and website that has been reporting the case since the beginning which includes an article by Norman Scarth about *Nadia Feldmeier* who was imprisoned for taking notes at a court hearing
- [Yorkshire News](#)¹³ + Media Services Press Agency publish the demo outside Armley Prison in Leeds

⁷ <http://justicefornormanscarth.wordpress.com/photographs/>

⁸ <https://justicefornormanscarth.wordpress.com/2011/08/23/norman-scarth-covered-by-russia-today/>

⁹ <http://justicefornormanscarth.wordpress.com/about/>

¹⁰ <http://justicefornormanscarth.wordpress.com/>

¹¹ <http://justicefornormanscarth.wordpress.com/2011/08/14/a-writ-of-habeas-corpus-is-a-summons/>

¹² <http://www.sovereignindependent.com/?s=norman+scarth&x=8&y=9>

¹³ <http://yorkshirenews.blogspot.com/2011/08/shock-at-harsh-sentence-on-85-year-old.html>

- [Cranmer](#) – with 319,000 visitors in 2010 published on 08 August 2011 [Norman Scarth, 85-year-old war hero, abused at Her Majesty's pleasure](#)
- [Anna Raccoon](#) – A jaundiced view of the main stream media published on 09 August 2011 [United by the Cenotaph](#)
- The British National Party has gathered 99 comments on its article [British Veterans' Group leader calls for justice for imprisoned WWII veteran](#)
- [John Hemming MP](#) published [Six months for recording a court hearing](#) on 18 August 2011
- [Yorkshire Evening Post](#) published [Bradford man, 85, fails in jail bid](#) on 26 August 2011
 - It mentions his incarceration in 2001 that was entirely fabricated according to many who are among [his supporters](#) on [Victims Unite](#) and [Sharon Kilby's site](#)

The Contents and Meaning of over 1,000 Comments

The overwhelming response to the petition in a very short time is an expression of the public support, sympathies and appreciation of Norman Scarth as a WWII veteran and what he stands for as a campaigner for human rights and justice, based on his own experiences.

The comments are also a harsh criticism of the British Judiciary and a warning of what the public knows to be true – especially as the gap widens between the Mainstream Media and the tools available on the world wide web.

Over 1,000 comments represent the statistical sample of a survey and come from not only all constituencies but also other countries, ex-pats and all age groups.

By further analysing the words used in the comments, the most frequently used ones are

- a. *Country, free, judge, justice, release, old, disgrace, immediately, disgusting, prison, war, veteran, sentence, law, disgraceful, court, fought, treatment, hero, shame, released, crime, elderly, rights, right, jail, public, served.*
- b. *"The law is an ass"* was quoted 10 times – as if Charles Dickens had a premonition.
- c. *Her Majesty The Queen* was appealed to 10 times.

As a Taster: Favourite Comments for the Thirty Categories

1. What's Wrong with Recording in Court?

2178. If a judge refuses to be on the record in any manner then

1. Is he being honest?
2. Does he have something to hide?
3. Is it malfeasance of Office? Is it a breach of Public trust?
4. Is he upholding his oath?
5. Is he abdicating responsibility?
6. Is he being accountable to the protocols of that position?
7. Is it public negligence?
8. Is it wilful misconduct? Is it breach of duty of care?
9. Is he in breach of his office as Public Trustee towards a beneficiary?
10. Is he abusing his position?

2. Judging the Judge

1723. If his health diminishes due to lack of medication...maybe the Jurisdiction system should be brought up on a charge of MURDER! :(

2.1 Sentencing the Judge

1923. The JUDGE should be imprisoned for ten years for this despicable act- the judge who wasn't elected and is therefore a dictator or tyrant. Does the judge who made this disgraceful decision believe in democracy or tyranny?

2.2 Shame on the Judge!

1932. A man worthy of the epithet 'your honour' locked up by someone addressed as 'your honour' but not worthy of such - better and more truthful epithet for the judge would be 'your dishonour'.

2.3 This is Unfair!

2074. There has to be an end to one set of unfair rules for some and another set of rules for others who commit white collar crime and are protected by the bodies who are supposed to represent and protect the public.

3. On the Brokenness of the Justice System

805. In the name of HUMANITY AND JUSTICE FREE THIS DEAR MAN and while you're at it THE STATE should return all the kidnapped children by social services.

3.1 In the Context of the Riots

853. Seems like you could use the bed space for your street thugs.

3.2 On the Schizophrenia of Justice in this Case

1880. Not too long ago, politicians freed a man, an elderly on grounds of compassion. This man was freed to rejoin his family and native country. This man caused the deaths of hundreds of innocent people in Lockerbie and the suffering of hundreds more from the broken families. What the only action this man has caused in recording public SERVANTS WHO have clearly lost their path and CLEARLY need reminding that SERVANTS are only trustees and it is we the public who are the beneficiaries not the SERVANTS.

3.3 The Punishment doesn't fit the Crime (nor the Person)

1201. Sentence for Abusing Judge or officer of court - R v McDaniel (1990) 12 Cr.App.R. (S.) 44 - appellant, who attended the trial of his brother, had been warned during the proceedings. When his brother was sentenced, a friend caused a disturbance and the appellant then addressed abuse to the judge, calling him "a dog." He left the court but surrendered the next sitting day and apologised. Sentence reduced to 10 days, allowing immediate release - Giving Norman 6 months is completely unreasonable.

3.4 Is this Part of a Lawful Rebellion!?

1378. For the first time in 58 yrs, I'm stunned. The corporate judge who sentenced Norman, should go to prison for this injustice and crime under our country's common law. I've met Norman and he's a wonderful brave human being. Norman fought for my rights before I was born. Norman fought against dictatorship, tyranny, treason and injustice. How dare THESE people treat him this way? THEY are the criminals and THEY should be brought to justice. Bless you Norman.

4. On the Violation of Human Rights

331. Norman Scarth and I have been in court together many times helping others and conclude, *'The law is only as good as the integrity of those entrusted to administer it'*. Too many perpetrators of the

law are public servants within our judicial system, driven by avarice and protected by outdated HM Royal Charters that invariably conflict with our basic human rights for a fair trial. If the prisoner, Norman, is a LITIGANT IN PERSON then 'HM Blackmail' is sure to be occasioned! Maurice Kirk

4.1 Justice? What Justice!?

1843. As an ex serviceman myself reading about this poor fellow has left me not just angry but also saddened at the state of British justice. When you see what MPs are getting away with it is unbelievable. Keep this up and you will have a military coup on your hands!

4.2. On Political Prisoners

2. Norman Scarth is a political prisoner, nothing more, nothing less. The treatment of an 86 years old man is an abomination. Free him now. <http://normanscarth.blogspot.com/>
<http://victims-unite.net/2011/08/11/background-facts-about-norman-scarths-imprisonment-for-demo-this-saturday-outside-leeds-prison/>
<http://www.sovereignindependent.com/?p=24552> God help us all if this is how we treat our heroes from World War 2. I am ashamed of our judiciary and our incompetent politicians and media.

4.3 Prison Conditions

945. Mr Scarth is only trying to tell the truth and he is in prison for his troubles... anyone who tries to tell the truth these days is smeared, locked up or bumped off..... Good for Mr Scarth for having the courage to stand up for what is right and just... he has my whole hearted support and should be freed immediately... and... GIVEN HIS MEDICATION!

5. Asking for Common Sense

870. Free this Veteran and compensate him for time lost in which this mal-treatment has denied him recovery. This would not be the case for any Machiavellian Bastards fee Festering Minster for real crimes. Let's have Democracy back and Common sense NOW! NEMO ME IMPUNE L'ACESSIT GULF 90-91 VETERAN!

5.1 Faith or Salary – is that the Question?

1066. Today in the Royal Courts of Injustice in London, Judge Wyn Williams protracted Norman's ordeal by adjourning his bid for freedom until next week. Many judges including, John Walford, John Bullimore and Simon Grenfell hold positions of authority in the local Anglican church. I know that Jesus Christ would have no part in this injustice. So, in our incestuous legal and judicial system, why are all the judges who profess to be Christians keeping quiet? What is more important, Faith or Salary?

6. Our once Great Nation

2177. Am appalled at the treatment of such a distinguished, very brave, true Englishman by his own country. Where has England gone?!!! Please do something NOW!

6.1 On the Treatment of Veterans

81. I am ex royal navy and it makes me wonder why we put our lives on the line for the establishment, no wonder England's revolting.

6.2 Put the Real Criminals behind Bars!

936. Why not free the innocent and jail the guilty for a change?

6.3 About the Police State

941. 1984 was a manual after all!!!

6.4 I feel Ashamed to be British

865. If there was such a problem with him recording the case and if he really needed to be punished it should only have been to the end of the day. I am ashamed to be English.

6.5 Shame on the Establishment!

848. This is a disgusting case of us and them. What do you do to haters of our way of life and heritage who burn poppies dishonouring our war dead? Give them a card with a big bow on it and a measly £50 fine!!! What do you do to a war veteran who is partially deaf and disabled when he forgets to follow protocol? Destroy the rest of his life. Shame on you. If he had been Muslim he would have been given a pardon!!!

7. Appreciations of Norman Scarth

1447. Until Crown criminals themselves are brought to justice they will continue to persecute Norman for winning his case against them at the European Court for Human Rights.

7.1 Appreciations of what Norman Scarth is Known to Stand For

1558. Norman has more courage than I have. I thank you Norman for standing up for what our nation is supposed to represent on the world stage.

7.2 Appealing on Behalf of Norman Scarth

348. Don't be a joke, let out that bloke!!!!!!!

7.3 With Respect to HM The Queen

1710. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth of the House of Windsor, please release the living breathing man Norman Scarth who caused no harm or injury to another man. Please keep your promise to protect the people and to be defender of the faith and to uphold the common law.

7.4 A Sunset Clause for Old People!

1561. Welcome to fascist Britain, run by psychopaths. I work for 'Age UK', previously called 'Age Concern'. Now I know why they omitted the word 'concern'. Rest assured I won't let this one lie. God bless you Norman.

7.5 Respect for Disability

1675. He's hard of hearing - he's 86 years old! He's had permission to use it in court before. What else do these people need. They must live in another world! Peace and love. Gerry German

8. Support for the Petition

1685. I do not as a rule sign petitions. This action as reported seems to be so outrageous as to be beyond belief.

8.1 And the Mainstream Media?

1286. This case should be publicised around the world as an example of our disgraceful justice system!

1318. My father was on these convoys.
His recall of the conditions was horrendous.
Norman deserves praise.
Let's start a petition to have this idiot of a judge dismissed.