

**RESTRICTED****REQUEST FOR ARMED SECURITY WITHIN THE COURT PRECINCTS****PART 1: CASE INFORMATION****1. Case name**

Izzet EREN and Erwin AMOYAW-GYAMFI

**2. Court name and Court number**

Wood Green Crown Court - Case ref: T20157492

On the first appearance at Wood Green on 1st November 2015, the defendants pleaded guilty to Possession Of Firearms With Intent to Endanger Life and associated offences.

**3. Date of hearing; date when deployment of armed police requested; nature of hearing**

The hearing is scheduled for Friday 11th December at Wood Green Crown Court for sentence and this is when it is proposed to deploy covertly armed officers. However, this date may not be effective as the CPS is considering an offence of Conspiracy To Murder. A decision regarding the additional count will be made this week.

**4. Name and status of person to whom the application relates (e.g. defendant or witness)**

The defendants : Izzet EREN and Erwin AMOYAW-GYAMFI

**5. Nature of risk and reasons why other forms of security are thought inadequate**

Reliable and high graded intelligence indicates that there is an ongoing conspiracy to assist Izzet EREN in escaping from custody on Friday 11th December 2015. The intelligence suggests that those seeking to carry out this offence will be in possession of firearms and other weapons.

The intelligence indicates that the attempt to free the defendant will be focused on the prisoner van transporting him from Wormwood Scrubs Prison and **before he reaches the confines of the Court building**. It is not known whether Gyamfi will also be assisted in escaping.

**There is no intelligence that any attempt will be made whilst Izzet EREN is at Court, or to smuggle weapons into the premises by breaching existing security measures.**

However, should an escape bid not occur prior to his arrival, as an **operational contingency** to maximise the

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safety of all Court users, an overt armed police presence will be deployed on the front door of the court. (see 8 below). In addition a request has been made to have two covert armed officers present throughout the Court hearing.

A further contingency of placing the defendants in a totally secure dock has been agreed.

It is our assessment that any further attempt to facilitate an escape would be made only after EREN left the Court.

Izzet EREN is a senior member of a familial Turkish crime group who had returned to the UK in breach of a deportation order, having been sentenced for drugs trafficking offences.

The EREN's represent the Tottenham element of the long running feud with the rival Hackney Turks, which has seen numerous shootings and murders dating back to 2009 in both London and Turkey.

Izzet EREN is wanted in Turkey for murder.

**6. Any relevant security information (including details of risk assessment meetings) or police intelligence**

On Tuesday 13th October 2015, Izzet EREN and Erwin Gyamfi were stopped by armed police on a stolen motorbike travelling south from Haringey towards Hackney in Stamford Hill, N16. They were in possession of two loaded weapons with the safety catches off; a Tokarov 9mm pistol containing six rounds of ammunition and a Scorpion machine pistol with a full magazine.

They were charged and first appeared at Wood Green Crown Court on Friday 1st November 2015, pleading guilty to offences including possession of firearms with intent to endanger life.

Taking into account the overall circumstances of their arrest, the prosecution were allowed a period of six weeks to consider whether an offence of Conspiracy To Murder should be added to the indictment prior to sentence. i.e.

- Stolen motor bike
- Nature and ready to use loaded firearms
- Clothing (wearing two sets each and balaclavas)
- Izzet EREN has been previously deported from the UK and had clearly returned with specific intent.
- Evidential history of shootings/murders involving the EREN family, who are based in Haringey and rival Hackney groups.

No decision has yet been made by the CPS regarding the addition to the indictment.

Given the antecedents of this criminal network and the fact that any successful attempt would involve considerable threat and duress to any custodians, it is assessed that firearms will be used to effect the escape.

Governor Nicholls at HMP Wormwood Scrubs is fully sighted on the intelligence and has consented to allow the defendants to be conveyed to Wood Green Court, having been satisfied that the police have sufficient control and resources to protect the transporting van.

A briefing has also been provided to The Resident Judge, His Honour Judge Pawlak and the Court Manager Zeb Johnson, who are content with the aforementioned **limited armed contingency**.

The operational response to this threat is being led by Detective Chief Inspector Neil Williams from the Specialist Crime and Operations Directorate. The Assistant Commissioner and Commander for Specialist Crime and Operations have been briefed in the preparation and planning stage of this operation.

The operational team have identified a stolen Audi motor vehicle, which is assessed as being intended to be used in the commission of this offence. This vehicle is under the control of the operational team.

This vehicle has been parked at a location **between the North Circular Road and Wood Green Crown Court**

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**and the intelligence indicates this is the general area where the attack will take place.** It is our intention to conduct an armed interception of this vehicle once there is sufficiency of intelligence and in advance of the prison van arriving at the court. The vehicle will be under conventional and technical surveillance control of police on the 11th December 2015.

Careful consideration has been given as to the necessity of an operational policing response to this threat, which has reviewed whether there are any other operational opportunities currently available to effectively respond to this intelligence and remove the threat prior to the deployment. i.e.

1. Sufficient intelligence to identify the location of any weapons intended to be used - Nil at present, however this will be subject of continuous review prior to and throughout the deployment.
2. Arrest opportunities for other offences - Nil at present, we do not know the identity of the escape team, however this will be subject of continuous review prior to and throughout the deployment.
3. Recovery of the Audi - The conspirators may have other vehicles at their disposal that they could use and over which we have no control.
4. Video Link the Court appearance or transfer Court - Temporary disruption of Friday's plan will reduce risk on the day but there will be ongoing public protection vulnerabilities should an attempt be planned at a later stage, for example, hospital visit or other manufactured reason for leaving prison. At this stage police would not be in possession of the same quality of intelligence or have the operational assets available.

If police can reduce the risk created by the EREN's in this long running feud between them and the Hackney Turks, we will make a substantial difference to gun crime and sustained public protection in Haringey and Hackney.

5. Search Izzet EREN and/or his prison cell to recover a mobile phone - This has been considered but does not prevent him obtaining another phone. It is assessed that he was able to circumvent a search before leaving for Court on 1st November 2015.
6. Two meetings have now taken place with the Strategic Firearms Commander, Tactical Firearms Commander and Tactical Advisor to consider options which reduce risk. Taking into account all of the intelligence and the need to effectively reduce the threat posed by this planned criminality, it is believed that an authorised firearms operation to prevent this offence is the most appropriate response. Specialist Firearms Officers, Armed Surveillance Officers and unarmed specialist officers are available to undertake this operation.
7. A firearms reconnaissance was carried out at the Court in Monday 7 December, and no further reconnaissance is required.

**PART 2: PROPOSALS FOR DEPLOYMENT AND ANY SPECIAL SEARCHES****7. Covertly armed**

It is our intention to conduct an armed surveillance operation consisting of two separate surveillance deployments by armed officers.

- 1 : On the stolen Audi vehicle.
- 2: The Serco van transporting Izzet EREN and GYAMPFI to court.
3. Two covert armed officers to be deployed in the Court premises as a contingency should no attempt/arrests be made prior to arrival.

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Should at any stage surveillance control be lost on the Audi or the subjects planning this offence, an additional contingency of an overt armed police presence on the van is included within the firearms operational plan and will be utilised.

Should the van reach the Wood Green area, and the subjects have not intercepted, the overt police presence will move forward and will escort the van to the Court.

In addition a further overt armed unit will be ahead and waiting and will deploy outside the front door of the court, prior to the van arriving. This will mitigate any potential threat from suspects running en masse through the Court Security. This has been discussed with the Firearms Tactical Adviser and we have sufficient resources to deploy this further control measure, thereby maximising the safety of all court users.

**9. Unarmed**

The Case Officers at the court will be unarmed.

**10. Special search arrangements**

Should the conspirators be arrested, the unarmed officers will conduct a search of Izzet EREN on his arrival at Court to recover any mobile telephones or other evidence of this planned escape.

**PART 3: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION****11. Name and rank of Officer making the application**

Commander Duncan Ball - MPS Specialist Crime and Operations

**12. Recommendation from Lead presiding Judge**

Recommended  
Nigel Harvey

**13. Authorisation from Senior Presiding Judge**

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