

6. Jermaine and I had common interests. We both liked football – he was an Arsenal fan and I supported Tottenham Hotspur. There was some organised football in the local area that we both got involved in. We also both had dogs and enjoyed getting out walking them. As we became friends, we socialised together. Jermaine was a loyal and trustworthy person.
7. I have known Gokay since he was around 13-14 years old which at the time of the shooting was 3-4 years. I knew his older brother Rocky (not sure of his real name) from the Sunday football league and that is how I came to know Gokay. He lived in the local area. Both Rocky and Gokay were members of the Tottenham Turks, a gang that was based in the area.
8. Whilst there were people who were my friends who were in gangs, I was not a member of a gang. I am aware that in the statement of Paul Stickland dated 21 January 2016, I am referred to as being in the Northumberland Park Killers. When I first moved to London in 2003/04, I lived on Northumberland Park Road, but I was not a member of a gang. If I was in the Northumberland Park Killers, I would not have associated with other gang members.
9. Jermaine was not a member of a gang either. He was like me, he had friends who were involved in gangs. At the time in that part of North London, there was a mix of lots of different cultures. People liked to stick with their own but sometimes people would mix together doing things like football or in the same social places. Northumberland Park School has three AstroTurf pitches that were always popular.

#### **The plan for Izzet Eren's escape from custody on 11 December 2015**

10. On or around 4 December 2015 I was approached in the street by Ozcan Eren who I knew as 'Ozzy' or 'O' who asked me for help. He explained that he was looking to get his cousin out of custody. I was told that the plan was to pull in front of the prison van taking Izzet to the Crown Court, point a gun at the guards and instruct them to open the doors to let those inside out. I was told that the policy was that the guards would open the doors if they were presented with a firearm. I knew Ozzy from around the area. I was good friends with his cousin Kem who I played football with. I think I first met Ozzy in around 2014 and would chat to him when I saw him out and about as sometimes we would go to the same places and had friends in common.

11. Following the release from the van, the plan was for Izzet to get in the car and be dropped off at another location. We would then get rid of the car. I was told to bring people with me that I trust. I agreed to do this and there was no coercion from anyone. At that stage in my life, I had become used to hustling from being a child, I'd had regular run ins with the police and could drive quickly. There was no offer of money to do this job or any other form of payment. I did it because I was asked to as a favour.
12. I asked Jermaine and Gokay to come with me and they agreed. The plan was that the car would be provided and I would drive it. Gokay would get out of the car and approach the van with the gun to scare the officers into opening the back and releasing the prisoners. Jermaine was there to back up Gokay when he got out of the car. He didn't really have a proper role but was someone I trusted.
13. It was decided by Ozzy that we would take an imitation firearm. Ozzy was concerned about the implications if we were caught with a real gun, so he provided us with a fake gun. Initially I asked where the real thing was but I saw the sense in this when we discussed what would happen if we were stopped by the police. Ozzy and Chian dropped the gun off at my house on either 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> December in a bag. Chian gave me the gun in a brown rucksack while he was stood at the front door when delivering something else. The role of the gun was to scare people and there was no intention to use it. The imitation gun looked like a semi-automatic weapon but it fired BB pellets. It was placed in a large brown rucksack that was stored in the back of the car in the footwell behind me. To see the gun you would need to open the bag.
14. My role was not to carry out any surveillance in relation to the plan, it was focussed on the stop of the prison van on 11 December 2015. I was clear with Ozzy that I did not want to know any other information. I later found out from the police that the original plan was to attempt to free Izzet from the prison van at the end of his trial. My understanding is that arrangement fell through as those involved pulled out.

#### **Movements on 11 December 2015**

15. On 10 December 2015, I met Ozzy in a barber shop on Tottenham High Road in the afternoon. There was no pre arranged meeting and Ozzy came to where I sometimes hung out in the day to find me. When we went to the barber shop, Ozzy gave me the keys to the car and told me where it was parked in Wood Green near the Crown Court. I was given a burner phone at the same time and was told to park at the back of the

didn't have a real gun. Chian was the person who we were to drop Izzet to once he had been released from custody. Chian had a burner phone that had numbers in for myself and Ozzy. I had Chian's number in my burner phone. On the morning of 11 December while Jermaine and I were in the car, I spoke to Chian to see where the drop off was. He told me it was at the cross roads at Palmers Green.

22. There is mention the papers of a metal bar being in the back of the car. This was a tyre wrench and this was nothing to do with me. I think it had just been left in the back of the car and it was not something that was involved in the plan.
23. We left the car at one point to smoke some cannabis. I had this on me. At the time I was a casual Cannabis user. All three of us left the vehicle and went and sat in a local park while we did this. I can not remember the name of the park. We did not have any alcohol in the car. The drinks being opened on the transcript were cans of Redbull. In my IPCC statement there is reference to Jermaine and I drinking alcohol. We did not drink alcohol in the car. This must have been a reference to the alcohol consumed earlier that evening.
24. I was nervous about the plan. The reference in the statement I provided to the IPCC states that I was at a '5' on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being heavily intoxicated. I would agree with this assessment. Jermaine was in a similar state to me. Gokay had only been picked up in the morning at his house so I don't think that he had been drinking.
25. When we were back in the car, Gokay asked what was happening. I said I would pull out in front of the van and Gokay would jump out, threaten the officers and tell them to open the doors. If the officers hit the alarm or anything went wrong, the plan was to get in the car and drive away. It was my understanding that as part of their training the officers would do what we asked as we were 'armed' and they had been told that they were not to try and be heroes as part of their training.
26. Jermaine was there to back up Gokay. Jermaine was involved because of me, because I asked him to. He would not have done it for anyone else.
27. All I knew was that Izzet and his co-defendant were in the van headed for court. I was not in contact directly with Izzet and my instructions were coming by phone from Ozzy. My understanding was that Izzet had a phone whilst inside and was providing information to Ozzy. My role was to get Izzet out of the van and drop him at a specific point.