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**IN THE CROWN COURT**  
**AT CARDIFF**

**Indictment No: T20097445**

The Law Courts  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3PG

**27<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

Before:

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE THOMAS QC**

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**REGINA**

- v -

**MAURICE KIRK**

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**MR TWOMLOW** appeared for the Prosecution

Defendant appeared in person

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**ALL PROCEEDINGS**

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PROCEEDINGS

(14.20pm)

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Mr Twomlow, before you say anything to me there are one or two things I want to make abundantly plain.

**MR TWOMLOW:** Yes.

**JUDGE THOMAS:** The first is this, no one is to approach the dock, that is to say anybody connected with Mr Kirk, his friends or supporters must not approach the dock and try and pass him anything or in any other way, otherwise security will be compromised. If I hear that someone does on another occasion there will be serious repercussions. The other thing I have to say is this, the court staff are not here to provide information, they are here to do other jobs and they should not be approached to provide information or to provide services unless it is with my express consent. Yes Mr Twomlow.

**MR TWOMLOW:** Your Honour the first thing is this, I have received information, and I think it came from two sources, that a member of the public who is in the public gallery was this morning taking notes. Your Honour has already spoken about people not taking notes when they are not authorised to do so.

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Has that person been identified?

**MR TWOMLOW:** Yes.

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Who is it?

**MR TWOMLOW:** I believe it is the lady sitting at the back here with the t-shirt with 'Ruth' something on it.

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Could you stand up please madam?

**FEMALE SPEAKER:** Certainly.

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Have you been taking notes?

A **FEMALE SPEAKER:** I have, sir.

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Were you here yesterday when I said that no one was to take notes?

**FEMALE SPEAKER:** I was not present yesterday.

B **JUDGE THOMAS:** Right. Will you please hand the notes to the usher?

**FEMALE SPEAKER:** They have gone (inaudible) Your Honour (inaudible) in response to it, in response to your allegation that I was taking notes.

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Well you just said that you had been taking notes.

C **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Yes, and in response to that allegation that I was taking notes (inaudible) ...

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Yes it is.

D **FEMALE SPEAKER:** On whose authority am I not allowed to take notes, sir?

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Mine. It is against ...

**FEMALE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible).

**JUDGE THOMAS:** I beg your pardon?

E **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Do you have (inaudible)?

**JUDGE THOMAS:** If you do not, madam, stop taking notes or if you take any notes again you will be removed from the court on my authority.

F **FEMALE SPEAKER:** On whose authority?

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Right, will you take this lady from court please? If necessary a police officer can come.

**MR KIRK:** I do lodge an objection, she is (inaudible) memorising information that I need (inaudible) who has been denied his papers.

G **FEMALE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible).

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Yes, would you please leave the court otherwise there will be repercussions for you. Just so that we are sure that lady is not to be let back into the court.

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A Anybody else who takes notes, I am afraid, may also be asked to leave. Yes, are there any other matters Mr Twomlow?

**MR TWOMLOW:** The statements have been copied, the statements of the witnesses who may give evidence this afternoon have been copied so Mr Kirk can have those statements.

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Does he have them now?

**MR TWOMLOW:** Yes, I think ...

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Thank you. Let's have the jury back in then please.

C **MR TWOMLOW:** There is the original, the first statement from the witness who is currently giving evidence which I can hand in, it is handwritten and there is a typed copy as well attached to it.

**JUDGE THOMAS:** And the original is here?

D **MR TWOMLOW:** And this is the original.

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Has Mr Kirk been given a copy of this?

**MR TWOMLOW:** Yes. (Inaudible).

E **MR KIRK:** Could I see a signed copy of the original please?

**JUDGE THOMAS:** Right, can we have the jury back in then please? While we are waiting for the jury it may be as well if the witness was given a copy of it so she can refresh her memory.

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