

HM PRISON MAZE - ESCAPE 25.9.83

PRISONERS AT LARGE PM ON 26.9.83

1. Campbell - Seamus DOB 23.7.57 87 Washingbay Road, Coalisland.

Sentenced on 27.6.80 at BCC

14 years for possession of explosives with intent and,

5 years concurrent for membership of IRA EDR 7/7/87

At the same court he was acquitted of conspiring to murder members of security forces by use of a landmine. In summing up, the judge described him as a dedicated and dangerous terrorist. He had no previous convictions.

On 19.6.80 he was arrested while going to repair a hijacked lorry which was found to have 10 milk churns on board containing 1000lbs of explosives, detonators etc. When interviewed about this he admitted membership of PIRA and moving explosives for them.

He is the eldest of a family of 7 and his father runs a garage business in Coalisland. He is considered to be a dedicated terrorist.

2. McDonnell - Gerard Patrick Michael DOB 19.12.50; 15 Rockmount St,
Belfast

Sentenced on 18.6.77 at BCC to

16 years for possession of explosive substance with intent

14 years for possession of explosive substance in suspicious
circumstances

5 years for possession of prohibited articles

5 years for possession of unlawful information

All sentences to run concurrently

EDR 5.8.85

On 2.3.77 bomb making materials were found in McDonnell's home. He is regarded as an explosives officer for PIRA and a dedicated terrorist. He is also suspected of causing an explosion in Liverpool.

While in remand in Belfast Prison on 18.8.77 he was one of 3 prisoners injured when a small bomb exploded in ~~the~~ cell (thought to be a premature explosion).

3. McINTYRE Patrick John DOB 22.4.58 51 Ard O'Donnoll
Letterkenny
Donegal

Sentenced on 29.3.78 at BCC to

15 years for attempted murder

14 years each on 4 charges of wounding with intent

14 years for possession of firearms and
ammunition

EDR 30.3.87

Sentences to run concurrently

On 2.2.77 McIntyre with others carried out an armed raid on the house of a UDR man near Castlederg. They surrounded the house and fired through the windows wounding the UDR man. Visitors in a car were also shot at.

McIntyre who came from a respectable family refused to recognise the ~~word~~^{court}. He is a self-confessed member of PIRA.

4. FINNUCANE Dermott DOB 29.10.60 4c Buncranna Gardens
Andersonstown

Sentenced on 14.6.82 at BCC to

18 years for possession of firearms and
ammunition with intent

EDR 11.9.90

Brother of Patrick Finnucane who is a solicitor and of Seamus Finnucane who is serving a 14 year sentence for firearms offences.

5. RUSSELL Robert Peter DOB 7.12.57 37 Springfield Crescent
Belfast

Sentenced on 15.11.82 at BCC to

20 years imprisonment for attempted murder EDR 13.5.90

Russell attempted to murder Superintendent Ernest Drew at McShane's health centre in Belfast in May 1978. Although wounded, Superintendent Drew fought off Russell who escaped in a waiting car.

Russell had 2 periods of CHL in February 1983 because of the death of his father. He returned from both on time and without incident.

6. FRYERS John Gerard DOB 1.8.59 63G Ardmona Gardens
Belfast

Sentenced on 11.1.80 at BCC to

5 years for belonging to proscribed organisation

2 years for malicious damage

15 years for hijacking

2 years for malicious damage

20 years for armed robbery

10 years for having firearm with intent

10 years for " " " "

14 years for " " " "

20 years for possession of firearm with intent

All sentences to run concurrently EDR 11.4.90

All of the charges related to the burning of the Falls Road bus depot, the hijacking and burning of a bus and a shooting incident at Fort Monagh. Fryers had no previous convictions and was thought to be of good character. It was subsequently established that he had strong paramilitary connections.

7. McKearney - Patrick Oliver DOB 18.12.54; 31 Benburb Road, Moy

Sentenced on 23.9.81 at BCC to 14 years for possession of
firearms and ammunition EDR 19.9.87

On 8 August 1980 a car was stopped by Police. Prior to the car being stopped a loaded and cocked sub-machine gun was thrown from the vehicle by McKearney. All four men were arrested and it subsequently transpired that they were on route to shoot at the Moy RUC Station.

In 1974 he was sentenced to 7 years for possession of explosives.

He is described as a fanatical Republican and a danger to the community while strife continues. One brother was killed in July 1974 while planting a bomb, another is serving a life sentence in Maze for the murder of a part-time UDR man.

8. Smith - James Joseph DOB 11.4.54; 80 Ladbrook Avenue, Belfast

Sentenced on 18.12.78 at BCC to

20 years for attempted murder

16 years for possession of firearms and ammunition

10 years for possession of firearms and ammunition

5 years for unlawful possession of a document.

All sentences to run concurrently

EDR 5.2.89

In 1977 Smith attempted to murder a prison officer, John Ainsley Carlisle. Little else about crime recorded on file. He is considered to be a bad character and dedicated member of PIRA.

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9. BRENNAN Paul DOB 1.5.53 2 Glenalina Park
Belfast

Sentenced on 13.9.76 to

16 years for possession of explosives

7 years concurrent for possession of
firearms and ammunition

EDR 25.2.85

On 10.9.76 Brennan with a female accomplice was stopped by a military foot patrol at Little York Street, Belfast. They were found to have a bomb and a loaded firearm. Both refused to recognise the court. He is believed to have been very actively involved in PIRA

10. KEVIN B J ARTT DOB 18.9.59 AGE 24
12 Marsden Gardens
Belfast
Time Served 1 year 8 months
DOC 3.12.81

Sentenced to life imprisonment at Belfast Crown Court on 5 August 1983 for the murder of Mr Albert Miles, Deputy Governor of Maze Prison. He also was sentenced at the same court to 15 years' imprisonment for possession of firearms with intent. Artt was one of the persons convicted at the conclusion of the Black "Supergrass" trial and his accomplice in the Miles murder was also found guilty of the murder of a part-time UDR man Julian Connolly at his home close to Belfast Zoo.

11. HUGH J COREY DOB 3.2.56 AGE 27
Moneymore
Co Londonderry
Time served 7 years
DOC 12.8.76

Corey was sentenced to life imprisonment [20 year rec minimum] at Belfast City Commission in June 1977 for his part [with MI McVEY] in the murder of RJ Scott a farmer and part-time UDR member who was killed by a booby-trap bomb as he opened the

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gate into a field on his farm at The Soup in Co Derry. The two also attempted to murder 58 year old farmer and part time UDR member who was seriously injured by a booby-trap bomb attached to his car. For this offence Corey received an 18 year sentence; other associated offences attracted a further 5 concurrent sentences totalling 16 years. Corey was a non-conforming prisoner from 23.6.77 to 10.8.1982.

12.	KIERAN G FLEMING	DOB	25.10.59	AGE	23
	73 Nelson Drive				
	Londonderry	Time Served		7 years	
		DOC	25.8.76		

Because he was under 18 years old at the time of his involvement in the murder of WPC Linda Baggeley and the wounding of Const Kenneth Sheehan, Fleming was sentenced to be detained at the Secretary of State's pleasure at Belfast City Commission in May 1977, however, a life sentence was imposed for wounding with intent. The 3 others involved received indeterminate sentences. At a subsequent court Fleming was sentenced to 15 years for possession of firearms and ammunition with intent. Fleming, a non-conforming prisoner from 7.7.77 to 8.10.81 is reported to be a rigid adherent to PIRA policy supporting violence in favour of talk which he considers to be of little value.

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13. Kelly - Gerard, DOB 5.4.53 Age 30; 71 Britton's Parade, Belfast

Time served 10 years; DOC 13.3.73

Convicted at Winchester Crown Court in November 1973 with the Price Sisters and Hugh Feeney for their parts in the London car bombings which took place on the day of the NI Border Poll. Kelly was transferred to NI to serve the remainder of his double life sentence, imposed for explosive offences, in April 1975. He was located in Compound 11 Maze Prison until his attempted escape in Feb 1982 when he was transferred to cellular side. In all Kelly has made 4 escape attempts - the last one from Musgrave Park Hospital in April of last year. Kelly has remained hostile to uauthority and fully committed to terrorist aims and methods.

14. McAllister - Anthony; DOB 13.11.57; Age 25; 15 New Barnsley Parade, Belfast

Time served 5 years; DOC 17.2.78

McAllister acted as look-out and covered an unidentified gunman who shot Private Lewis J Harrison from an alleyway off the Springfield Road in Aug 1977. He was sentenced to life imprisonment at Belfast Crown Court in Oct 1979 and to concurrent sentences totalling 15 years. McAllister is a former "protesting" prisoner who remains a dedicated terrorist.

15. Clarke - James Pius DOB 2.9.56; Oldtown Road, Letterkenny.

Sentenced on 29.3.78 at BCC to

18 years each on 4 counts of attempted murder

15 years for attempted murder

14 years each on 4 counts of wounding with intent

14 years for possession of firearms and ammunition.

All sentences to run concurrently.

Clarke was with McIntyre (see No 3) when the armed raid was carried out on a UDR man's house near Castlederg.

He comes from a respectable family but is considered to be a dedicated PIRA terrorist.

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18. Clarke - Seamus J DOB 18.8.56 Age 27; 33 Holmdene Gdns, Belfast.
Time served 8 years DOC 21.8.75

Clarke was an accomplice of B J McFarlane - see 16 above. A former "protester" who still continues to support the aims and methods of the PIRA.

19. Kirby - Terence Damien DOB 1.7.56 Age 27; 61 Ramoan Gdns, Belfast
Time served 8 years DOC 28.8.76

In August 1976 Kirby and J H Pickering shot dead a garage owner as he attempted to stop them planting a bomb in his premises. The two were arrested after a seige at Cranmore Gdns later in the same month in which a gardener was held hostage - sentences totalling 26 years were imposed for offences connected with the seige, in January 1978, and later in the same year Kirby received a life sentence for the murder together with concurrent terms totalling 16 years. Kirby is said to be still a committed member of the PIRA declaring himself as a "volunteer".

20. McNally - Dermott J DOB 30.5.57 Age 26; 22 Lurgantarry, Lurgan.
Time served 7 years DOC 1.4.76

McNally took part in a number of bombings in Lurgan in 1975 and 1976. Knee-capping and several other offences connected with the terrorist campaign completed the total of 23 charges against him. Life imprisonment (3 counts) was imposed at Belfast Crown Court in Feb 1977 for firearms and explosives offences; in addition he received 20 sentences totalling 20 years. A former non-conforming prisoner, McNally appears to remain dedicated to the crimes and methods of the PIRA.

21. McIlwaine - Seamus Turlough, DOB 1.4.60 Age 28; Scotstown, Co Monaghan.
Time served 1 year 9 months DOC 25.1.82

McIlwaine was convicted at Belfast Crown Court in May 1982 of the murder of 2 members of the security forces - 1 part-time UDR man, Alex Abercrombie, who was ambushed while driving his tractor in Feb 1980 and RUC reservist, Ernest Johnston who was ambushed only yards from his home near Newtownbutler in September 1980. The trial judge

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recommended that McIlwaine served 30 years before release and he also imposed 3 concurrent terms totalling 20 years for other terrorist offences. Prison staff report that he is a supporter of the PIRA and is always anxious to be seen to toe the "party" line.

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