

FREE THE BRADFORD 12

ONE VICTORY ----- MORE TO COME

On Monday October 5 at Bradford Crown Court the 'Campaign to Free the Bradford 12 won a significant victory against the West Yorkshire Police Force and Bradford Magistrates when one of the twelve defendants, Tarlochan Gata-Aura, succesfully appealed against his only previous conviction.

This conviction, on a charge of threatening behaviour, took place on Monday July 13 in Bradford Magistrates Court. Tarlochan pleaded guilty to the offence because he did not wish to be remanded in custody, and it was clear to him that on that day every defendant who pleaded not guilty was being remanded in custody. He instructed his Solicitor to inform the Court of his reason for pleading guilty, but his Solicitor failed to follow his instructions.

In setting aside Tarlochan's conviction and fine (£75), and ordering a retrial, Judge Deane stated that the behaviour of the Police Prosecution and the Magistrates on July 13 in remanding in custody every defendant who pleaded not guilty, represented 'a form of duress'. With regard to his plea, Tarlochan did not have a 'free and unfettered choice'.

This verdict exposes the corrupt link between the Police and the Magistrate Court.

The Campaign to Free the Bradford 12 calls upon the Bradford Magistrate Court to STOP rubber stamping the decisions of the Police Prosecution and grant BAIL to the brothers in Armley Jail+Thorpe Arch Detention Centre.

To the Police, the Director of Public Prosecution and the Attorney General we say

DROP THE CHARGES-----

FREE THE BRADFORD 12 NOW...

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