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JUSTICE WYN WILLIAMS TURNS TO  
UK SECRETARY OF STATE  
RE PRISONER ABUSE

The case for unlawful confinement of 86 year old war hero, Norman Scarth, was presented today, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, by Chris Jarvis at the Royal Courts of Justice in London to Justice Wyn Williams.

The presentation included a petition which had gathered some 930 names in just a few days, complete with angry comments by an outraged public.

Norman Scarth attended by video link from Leeds, was in good mental health, as witnessed by all, and he also presented his case to the judge, in very respectful, polite and intelligent terms.

Judge Wyn Williams denied Mr. Scarth due process of law. He adjourned the case until next week, sending him back to the torture of prison, rather than releasing him on bail as is done for common criminals, and the looters and rioters in the streets of London.

Mr. Scarth is a civil prisoner who has been denied due process and is kept in torturous conditions in Leeds Prison. On July 25, 2011, he attempted to record a court hearing in Bradford on his phone, because hearing loops had not been provided by the court, and he is hard of hearing. The proceedings had started, and he had not had chance to ask permission – permission granted to him in the past, he says, by Lord Woolf.

An angry Judge Jonathan Rose of Bradford Crown Court, had him arrested immediately. He was brought back into the court room in handcuffs, sentenced the next day, and dispatched to Leeds Prison for serious offenders, which has the highest suicide rate in the UK. He has been kept in solitary confinement and denied his pain medications. He was being denied access to legal representation until today, when Justice Wyn Williams was forced to make an order that Mr. Scarth be allowed his rights to legal counsel.

HM Prisons Inspector, Nick Hardwick, had written to supporters this week, saying that, as HM Inspector of Prisons, he did not have the power to intervene, after he received complaints about Mr. Scarth's torture and the fact that Mr. Scarth's official complaints were being ignored by all, including the Prisons Ombudsman who are slow to react (and have not properly intervened) and the Prison Governor, Paul Baker.

Similarly, the Parole and Probations Board's Mr. Terry McCarthy advised, on behalf of the entire board, along with Dr. Peter Selby of the Independent Monitoring Board at the National level, said that they had no powers to intervene.

All are fully aware of the unlawful torture that Mr. Scarth is enduring, and that these conditions violate both UN and EU human rights, such as the denial of pain medications for severe muscle cramping, which is torture, and there are other conditions which add to the case for wilful physical and mental torture.

Mr. Scarth's supporters are claiming wilful blindness by all concerned to the conditions of Mr. Scarth's confinement.

Justice Williams ordered that Mr. Scarth be allowed to have contact with legal representation, which the prison has been denying him. However, he refused to order that Mr. Scarth be given his prescription medication, thereby forcing him to be kept in physical and mental torture for a further week at least.

Justice Williams refused to release Mr. Scarth, and the public gallery, which was full, erupted in loud shouts and cries. Judge Williams was seen to be shaking.

Justice Williams stated that he will notify Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Justice, and summons Prison Governor, Paul Baker of Leeds Prison, who was supposed to have been present today, but was not.

There was coverage by Russian TV, and members of the local press. The Russian news agency has taken up this matter after a press release went out from the Russian Embassy in London, in support of Mr. Scarth, WWII Arctic Convoy Veteran, because the Russians are so grateful to Arctic Convoy veterans for their efforts during the war. This month, in Scotland and other places, these veterans are being honoured and are outraged that Norman Scarth is in prison, rather than being honoured.

Mr. Scarth's supporters are calling for the public worldwide to sign the public petition to release Mr. Scarth, who is being denied his human rights and pain medications under UN and EU conventions, without any intervention from government, Parliament or any governmental body, all of which were put on notice and provided with full documentation, and all of which knowingly contravene UN and EU human rights.

Mr. Scarth has [petitioned Her Majesty, the Queen](#), for release and pardon, but there has been no word yet.

The public is demanding a Public Inquiry into the matter.

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/free-wwii-veteran-norman-scarth-from-leeds-prison.html>

<http://justicefornormanscarth.wordpress.com/>

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