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**Imran Shahid, Mohammed Faisal Mushtaq  
and Zeeshan Shahid**

**8<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

**Today at the High Court in Edinburgh Lord Uist sentenced Imran Shahid, Mohammed Faisal Mushtaq and Zeeshan Shahid to life in prison for the racially aggravated abduction and murder of Kriss Donald in Glasgow on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2004.**

**On sentencing Lord Uist made the following statement:**

"You have all been convicted by the jury of the racially aggravated abduction and murder of Kriss Donald, a wholly innocent 15 year old boy of slight build. He was selected as your victim only because he was white and walking in a certain part of the Pollokshields area of Glasgow when you sought out a victim. This murder consisted of the premeditated, cold-blooded execution of your victim by stabbing him 13 times and setting him alight with petrol while he was still in life. It truly was an abomination. The savage and barbaric nature of this notorious crime has rightly shocked and appalled the public. Your victim must have been in a state of extreme terror while held by you during a four hour car journey across Central Scotland and back, and the agony which he must have suffered during the period between being stabbed and set alight and his death is just beyond imagining. None of you has shown any remorse for what you have done.

The sentence for murder is fixed by law and I am about to pronounce that sentence on each of you separately. The law also requires me in the case of each of you to fix the punishment part of your sentence, being such period as I consider appropriate to satisfy the requirements for retribution and deterrence, ignoring the period of imprisonment necessary for the protection of the public. The punishment part is the period which you must serve in prison before you can apply to be released on licence. It should not be assumed that you will automatically be released at the end of this period. The decision on whether and, if so, when you will be released on licence will be taken by the Scottish Ministers and you will be released only when the Parole Board for Scotland considers that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public that you should continue to be held in prison. In fixing the punishment part for each of you I shall take into account your respective criminal records, the diabolical nature of the crime which you committed, your lack of remorse and the fact

that the jury have found the crime to have been racially aggravated. In reflecting the racially aggravated nature of the crime in the punishment parts of your sentences I intend to make clear that racially aggravated violence, from whatever quarter, will not be tolerated in Scotland and that those convicted of it must expect to receive long sentences.

I now turn to deal separately with each of you in turn.

I deal first of all with you, **IMRAN SHAHID**. You have two High Court convictions, in May 1995 and February 2003, for serious violence, resulting in sentences of four and a half years and thirty months respectively. You were released from the latter sentence on 23 December 2003, less than three months before you committed this murder. It is clear to me from your criminal record and the evidence I have heard that you are a thug and a bully with a sadistic nature and that you are not fit to be at liberty in a civilised society. I sentence you to life imprisonment. The evidence indicated that you were the leader of this evil expedition which set out on Monday 15 March 2004 in a search for revenge for something which had happened to you at a nightclub in the early hours of that morning. In fixing the punishment part of your sentence I have regard to your serious criminal record and the principal part played by you. In your case I fix the punishment part at 25 years.

I now turn to deal with you, **MOHAMMED FAISAL MUSHTAQ**. I sentence you to life imprisonment. Your criminal record discloses eleven appearances in the Sheriff Summary Court, including convictions for two assaults for which you were sentenced to a total of five months imprisonment in May 2002. The evidence showed that you played a significant part in the murder of Kriss Donald, as indicated by the phone calls made by you and your conduct after the murder. In light of your criminal record and the part played by you in the murder I fix the punishment part in your case at 22 years.

I now turn to deal with you, **ZEESHAN SHAHID**. I sentence you to life imprisonment. You were the driver of the car in which Kriss Donald was abducted and you drove him to his death at the Clyde Walkway. You therefore played an essential part in the commission of the murder. You were also actively involved in the destruction of evidence afterwards. Your criminal record discloses 13 previous court appearances, all but one of which were in the Sheriff Summary Court. You were twice fined for assault in 1997 and in March 2002 you were sentenced to four months imprisonment for assault. In June 2002 you were sentenced to a total of 18 months imprisonment for breach of the peace, culpable and reckless conduct and wilful and reckless damage. In light of your record and the part played by you in the murder I fix the punishment part in your case at 23 years.

All the sentences which I have imposed will run from 6 October 2005”.

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