

Chapter 1 : Birkenhead woman charged with partner's murder - BBC News

James Patrick Bulger (16 March - 12 February) was a boy from Kirkby, Merseyside, England, who was murdered on 12 February , at the age of 10. He was abducted, tortured and killed by two ten-year-old boys, Robert Thompson (born 23 August) and Jon Venables (born 13 August).

One of the boys later revealed that they were planning to find a child to abduct, lead him to the busy road alongside the shopping centre, and push him into the path of oncoming traffic. Whilst inside the A. The boys joked about pushing Bulger into the canal. After they left the scene, his body was cut in half by a train. The breakthrough came when a woman, on seeing slightly enhanced images of the two boys on national television, recognised Venables, who she knew had played truant with Thompson that day. She contacted police and the boys were arrested. Early press reports and police statements had referred to Bulger being seen with "two youths" suggesting that the killers were teenagers , the ages of the boys being difficult to ascertain from the images captured by CCTV. The parents of the accused were moved to different parts of the country and assumed new identities following death threats from vigilantes. Although they were separated from their parents, they were within touching distance when their families attended the trial. News stories reported the demeanour of the defendants. Vizard replied, "If the issue is on the balance of probabilities, I think I can answer with certainty. Susan Bailey , the Home Office forensic psychiatrist who interviewed Venables, said unequivocally that he knew the difference between right and wrong. Venables later described how Bulger seemed to like him, holding his hand and allowing him to pick him up on the meandering journey to the scene of his murder. The pathologist spent 33 minutes outlining the injuries sustained by Bulger; many of those to his legs had been inflicted after he was stripped from the waist down. Brain damage was extensive and included a haemorrhage. In my judgment, your conduct was both cunning and very wicked. There was a need for an informed public debate on crimes committed by young children. The editors of the Sun newspaper handed a petition bearing nearly , signatures to Home Secretary Michael Howard , in a bid to increase the time spent by both boys in custody. These are the ugly manifestations of a society that is becoming unworthy of that name. Justice Morland stated that exposure to violent videos might have encouraged the actions of Thompson and Venables, but this was disputed by David Maclean , the Minister of State at the Home Office at the time, who pointed out that police had found no evidence linking the case with " video nasties ". A Merseyside detective said "We went through something like titles rented by the Venables family. The records were stored at the units and copied to officials in Whitehall. The boys were taught to conceal their real names and the crime they had committed which resulted in their being in the units. The European Court dismissed their claim that the trial was inhuman and degrading treatment, but upheld their claim they were denied a fair hearing by the nature of the court proceedings. In October , he recommended the tariff be reduced from ten to eight years, [8] adding that young offender institutions were a "corrosive atmosphere" for the juveniles. The Home Secretary David Blunkett approved the decision, and they were released a few weeks later on lifelong licence after serving eight years. If they breached the rules or were deemed a risk to the public, they could be returned to prison. The worldwide injunction was kept in force following their release on parole, so their new identities and locations could not be published. The report was ultimately dismissed. However, his lack of remorse at the time, in stark contrast to Venables, led to considerable scrutiny from the parole panel. Upon release, both Thompson and Venables had lost all trace of their Liverpool accents. The chances of his successful rehabilitation were described as "very high". Upon seeing him, she was "paralysed with hatred" and was unable to confront him. The Ministry of Justice rejected the call, saying that children over the age of ten knew the difference "between bad behaviour and serious wrongdoing". In passing sentence, Deputy High Bailiff Alastair Montgomerie said that the teenager had "put that person at significant risk of serious harm" and in a "perilous position" by making the allegation. A spokesman commented "There are many different images circulating online claiming to be of Venables or Thompson; potentially innocent individuals may be wrongly identified as being one of the two men and placed in danger. The order, and its enforcement, is therefore intended to protect not only Venables and Thompson but also those members of the public who have

been incorrectly identified as being one of the two men. The posts were seen by 24, people. According to BBC legal correspondent Clive Coleman, the purpose of the prosecution was to ensure that the public was aware that Internet users were also subject to the law of contempt. He had previously received a police warning for stalking her in . The claim was reported and dismissed in September , [96] but reappeared in March when it was circulated widely via SMS messages and Facebook. It was alleged that he had downloaded 57 indecent images of children over a month period to February , and allowed other people to access the files through a peer-to-peer network. Venables faced two charges under the Protection of Children Act . Venables had contacted his probation officer in February , fearing that his new identity had been compromised at his place of work. When the officer arrived at his flat, Venables was attempting to remove or destroy the hard drive of his computer with a knife and a tin opener. Later the same year, he was cautioned for possession of cocaine. Harry Fletcher, the assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers , commented that only hour surveillance would have prevented Venables from downloading the material. On 27 June , the parole board decided that Venables would remain in custody, and that his parole would not be considered again for at least another year. In April , in the aftermath of his imprisonment, these allegations were outlined in a Sunday Times Magazine article written by David James Smith, who had been following the Bulger case since the trial, and again later in a BBC documentary titled Jon Venables: The female staff member was accused of sexual misconduct and suspended; she never returned to work at Red Bank. Some time thereafter, he began a relationship with a woman who had a five-year-old child. It is not known whether Venables had already begun downloading child pornography at the time of dating the woman, though he denies having ever met the child. In , when Venables was 23, his probation officer met another girlfriend of his, who was aged . After a number of "young girlfriends", it was presumed that Venables was having a delayed adolescence. In , a new probation officer noted that he spent "a great deal of leisure time" playing video games and on the Internet. In September that year, Venables was arrested on suspicion of affray , following a fight outside a nightclub; he claimed he was acting in self-defence and the charges were later dropped after he agreed to go on an alcohol-awareness course. Three months later he was found to be in possession of cocaine; he was subjected to a curfew. Details of the breach could not be reported for legal reasons. A Ministry of Justice spokesman declined to comment on the reports. The Ministry of Justice declined to comment on the reports. He pleaded guilty via video link to three charges of making indecent images of children and one of possessing a paedophile manual. He admitted being in possession of category A, category B, and category C child pornography images, and was sentenced to three years and four months in prison. The parole board will decide whether to release him at the end of his sentence. Double or Nothing made in , was withdrawn from stores in the UK following reports that it contained an image of Bulger. The scene in the game involves a computer-generated detective pointing out the picture, which is meant to represent a fictional child abduction that the player is then asked to investigate. The storyline was to feature Loretta Jones and her friend Chrissy, who had been given new identities before arriving in the village, after being convicted of murdering a child at the age of

Chapter 2 : Murderer's scrambler bike may have been sprayed black and sold on our streets - Liverpool Echo

Eddie Gilfoyle was found guilty of murdering his wife Paula and faking her suicide in She was found hanging in their garage in Upton, Merseyside in

A female teacher was summoned, but it seems to have been an accident. He made his way down to the cemetery at Smithdown Road and there he shot himself in the temple while sat on a bench. Purcell was about to go to sea again but he had a considerable property portfolio and wads of cash, so what was the cause for him kill himself? It is thought his ongoing heart condition was a constant worry. He left a widow and four grown-up children. Later on, a cemetery worker saw him in Section Four of the C of E section and he was sat on her grave. He told Gilmore that was against the rules, whereupon he took out a revolver, pointed it at his head and pulled the trigger. He died instantly on her grave with his brains blown out. She was found by the verger a while later, she was unconscious but still had a pulse. She died later on in the hospital. Police came to the conclusion that she was suffering from depression. Was it a sick hoax or genuine? Well, it just so happened that on June 16th, , the body of a Manchester man called W. Johnson, was found drowned near the pier. He was on the Cheshire side of the Mersey. A couple of pistols lay nearby, one of them had been fired, so it was suicide. Further investigation revealed a skeleton. The bones were on the site of Peter Street where there used to be a row of pubs and brothels, which were hang-outs of the criminal fraternity. It is believed that the skeleton was once a murder victim of one of these thugs. To be left at parcel office till called for. He was originally from the Midlands area. The tram had just done its route and transported lots of passengers from the Pierhead to Wavertree and was back at the depot waiting to be cleaned. One of the cleaners was inside the tram when he found a brown paper parcel under a seat. There must have been an odour, because when they opened it, and lo and behold there was a baby girl wrapped in cotton cloth. A gateman saw a bag floating in the water, which was rather large in size, so he hooked it in and opened it out of curiosity. Inside was a teenage boy with his throat slit and both legs had been amputated at the knee. Clearly, somebody had murdered the boy and tried to chop him up and then dump the remains in Sandon Dock. Police thought that he could have been dumped in the river and that it floated to the Dock. The description of the boy was; four feet three inches tall, brown hair, grey eyes, brown corduroy jacket, black trousers. He had sixpence in his pocket and two brass buttons. You see how little life means in Victorian Britain? He was jumping from tier to tier to try and get a seat at the front, but he fell headlong into the pit and was killed instantaneously. Thompson ran a pub in Toxteth Park where the remains of a four-month-old child were found under the attic floorboards. The tenant who took over the building complained about the stench, she told him it was damp, when in fact it was the decomposing body of an infant. Who was this fella? It was meant to contain the corpse of a former rector of the parish, Reverend Henry Barton, who died around eighty years ago. It is surmised that body-snatchers of the time are responsible for the empty coffin. The bones were entire but had no flesh at all or of any clothing. Some nails were found near the body, the sort used on boots. Garside took possession of the skeleton and police are currently investigating. An officer, on duty near the place the gunfire was heard, found a gentleman with a gunshot wound in his mouth. His hand had the revolver in it. He was on a train that was due to leave for St Helens at and his death was immediate. There was also telegram addressed from the North Western Hotel to a place in Leeds. Who was the guy? Could have been German as well. The head and one leg were severed from the body. Sunday, her sister heard the sound of a gun, went to see what was going on and found Martha lying on the floor with a bullet wound to the head. On the table was the following note: I cannot live in misery. Adam the lover will not come when he promised us. He never performs it. Whenever I see him, he treats me with the greatest cruelty, and I have not had a happy hour for the last two or three years. Grieve not after me. I shall be happier in heaven than being in this world. All that I have to name is not to allow Ned her brother to follow me to the grave. The Almighty will reward him for his conduct to me. Some of the locals had reported seeing a white figure, somewhat ghostly in appearance, walking towards the ferry. In the morning her body was found floating in the river, wearing only a nightie. Her brother, John Thomas Smart aged twenty-eight, who was there to see her off, was also struck and had both his legs cut off. August As the train arrived at Edge

Hill Station from Runcorn, a third class carriage was being checked by the ticket collector. His throat was cut from ear to ear and the head nearly severed from the neck, but there was no sign of a razor or other weapon in the carriage. The prisoner appears to have been impelled by abject poverty to desire the death of his children. No notice was taken of them, but some time afterwards McTighe was found on the ground dead, with a terrible stab penetrating from the shoulder blade into the lung. Police are investigating the affair. They were both badly decomposed and wrapped in calico and a piece of blue dress material. Police are investigating a double infanticide. Unusually she let the kids go off half an hour early and then left at half-past four. Apparently, she was very nervous about the Government Inspector of Schools doing his visit and this had caused the suicide. When she was found, her body was frozen solid. It had been posted from Granton in Scotland and was addressed to an M. Kay in Liverpool, but they could not be found, so it was sent to the goods depot. It was opened due to the horrid stench coming from the box, then the contents were found to be a dead infant. It is thought that the child was born alive but died a couple of hours afterwards. James and John Simms aged eight and twelve years respectively, went on the ice of a deep pit to slide. James fell on his back and the ice broke. John lay down at the edge of the hole and clutched his brother. The ice again gave way and both were struggling together. An alarm was raised and John was rescued, but James was drowned. The sack in the garden was found to contain human remains. Liverpool police examined them and they are of a child, with the head had been cut from the body. Ever found the culprit? He entered the building and asked for a ginger beer, then he sat down and chatted to the barmaid about how he was meeting a friend there. Soon after, Mr Modsley went into the parlour and saw the chap with his head resting on a table. On raising his head, he seemed to be lifeless, and the doctor confirmed this later on. On his person were found a bottle of cyanide of potassium and a letter addressed to the editors of the Liverpool and Manchester newspapers, which said that he had been unemployed some time and was penniless. The husband, a tin-plate worker was the main suspect but he had vanished from the area. Police in the United States arrested Reed a few weeks ago and it came to light that he murdered his wife four years ago. She came back after fifteen minutes or so, but the next time anyone saw her she had a fatal stab wound to her body. He was bedraggled and frightfully skinny, so his answer was suicide. Crowds of people flocked to the park eager to catch a glimpse of the place where he committed suicide. He is unknown at the present time. This one is infamous because it was thought that Frederick Bailey Deeming was a main suspect in the Jack the Ripper killings. He committed the Rainhill murders in July and was hanged in Australia, for another murder in May The usual scenario occurred when an awful smell came from the box, so it was opened. Inside was the body of a decomposed child, wrapped in a Glasgow Herald newspaper. They told me that if I went into the streets and saw a desperate burglar, I was to shoot him. Then I would go to Heaven. Obviously, Mrs Holdsworth was in a state of shock and had been ever since, so as a precaution she went to live with her brother at 7, Lower Mersey View in Bootle.

Chapter 3 : LIVERPOOL AND MERSEYSIDE MURDERS

***Published on Tuesday, 6 November at pm** We can confirm that a murder investigation is underway following the death of a year-old man who was assaulted in Kirkby on Tuesday, 23 October.*

They have an older son, Owen born His former headteacher and neighbours said he was a friendly and popular boy who loved football. As he was crossing the Fir Tree pub car park in the Croxteth Park estate , Liverpool , [8] a hooded youth riding a silver mountain bike approached. It was originally believed that one of the shots hit Jones in the neck, [8] but during the trial, the pathologist revealed that the bullet had entered his back above his left shoulder blade and then exited from the front right side of his neck. Local radio station Radio City Two further arrests both teenagers were made, but both suspects were soon released on bail pending further inquiries. The murder weapon was described as a black handgun with a long barrel. It led to 12 people calling into the programme, all of whom gave police the same name. On 15 April , Merseyside police confirmed that 11 people all aged between 17 and 25 had been arrested in connection with the case. Six more males of a similar age were arrested the next day in connection with the murder – one for murder and the other five for assisting an offender. One of these men had already been charged with possessing a firearm. All six of them were remanded in custody by Liverpool Magistrates on 17 April Mercer, then aged 18, was sentenced to life imprisonment , being ordered to serve a minimum term of 22 years. Boy "K", later revealed as Dean Kelly, was convicted of four related offences. Kays and Coy were both sentenced to seven years. A year-old was sentenced to a two-year supervision order. It is still not clear what the motive was, but a case of mistaken identity is being considered. Jones may have been caught in the crossfire between gangs. The murder came the day before the first anniversary of the killing of Liam Smith, an alleged member of a rival gang, the Norris Green Strand Crew, who was shot dead by members of the Croxteth Crew as he walked out of Altcourse Prison on 23 August Tributes and public reaction[edit] Rhys Jones was a dedicated supporter of Everton FC , and had a season ticket along with his father and brother. Players of the team laid a floral tribute, football boots, and football shirts at the scene of the crime, and players and fans paid tribute to him in a minute-long applause at the home game against Blackburn Rovers on 25 August. His family issued a public invitation for well-wishers to attend the service, where mourners were requested to wear bright clothes or football strips. After the service, there was a private burial. It was met with positive reviews where viewers described how hard it was to watch. She said the ITV programme, although based on a real event, is a drama and therefore details had been dramatised and should not be taken as fact.

Chapter 4 : Man shot dead in Liverpool by man riding a bicycle | UK news | The Guardian

A man was charged over the attempted murder of a police officer in Wirral. Stuart Whittaker, of Beech Grove, Ellesmere Port, was remanded in custody after also being charged with wounding, making.

Chapter 5 : Man, 18, charged with murder of PC Dave Phillips - BBC News

Murders of Merseyside This book - available in paperback and Kindle format - is a real tour de force of the many murders that have taken place locally here on Merseyside (or at least have local connections with murders that took place elsewhere), and some of the conclusions Tom Slemen comes to are nothing short of controversial.

Chapter 6 : Man charged over John Kinsella gangland murder in Merseyside | UK news | The Guardian

A man has been charged with the murder of John Kinsella, above. Photograph: Rex/Shutterstock Detectives investigating the gangland murder of John Kinsella, an underworld enforcer, have charged a.

Chapter 7 : Murder of James Bulger - Wikipedia

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An investigation with Merseyside Fire and Rescue Services is underway and a year-old woman from Waterloo, has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder. She has been taken to a police station where she will be interviewed by detectives.

Chapter 8 : Netherton shooting: Man arrested on suspicion of murder - BBC News

Two men have been jailed for life for the murder of Merseyside man following a "dispute over a cannabis factory". Paul Morson, 31, of St Helens, was last seen on 8 June but his body has never.

Chapter 9 : BBC News - Man arrested over shooting murder in Bootle

Liverpool shooting: Merseyside Police name victim shot dead by cyclist. year-old arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit murder.