

Draconian Oppression of Free Speech by United Kingdom Government

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Western countries have frequently criticized Russia, North Korea, *et al*, for having oppressive regimes that suppress free speech and employ draconian punishments to intimidate their citizens into silence. But, in a rampant display of hypocrisy, the United Kingdom government engages in behavior every bit as oppressive as the other countries it criticizes so harshly.

My name is Marcus Potter, and I have personally been the victim of bullying by the Police, Crown Prosecutors and courts. Indeed, the actions taken against me by these agencies of the UK government have been so ludicrous, so childish, so outright farcical, that any sane person would laugh at their behavior. I would laugh too if it was not causing such major damage to my life, and inflicting so much pain on me.

My hobby is video recording the Police. In the UK this is a lawful activity. I have a YouTube channel where I publish my videos. Many people consider my work to be a valuable public service. When the Police are unmonitored they often infringe upon the rights of the public, in some cases with unjustified violence. My work serves both to collect evidence of Police misconduct, and deter some of their more egregious violence. Unfortunately the Police have sought to suppress my lawful activities. They have done so with the full knowledge and compliance of the Crown Prosecution Service and the Courts. Thus this oppression of legitimate citizen journalism is carried out with the full knowledge and consent of the UK government.

On one occasion I was sent to prison for making a finger gesture at a police building while walking past it on the public sidewalk. The Police officers inside alleged that my simple gesture caused them to feel frightened and upset even though they were inside a secure building with access control and guarded by Police officers, and I was outside the building just walking by. Not only does this violate my rights to free speech, but indeed if the Police are such cowards that they are put in terror by the finger gesture of a gentle man walking past their building then clearly they are not capable of functioning as Police officers.

The courts have now imposed a Criminal Behavior Order on me that forbids me from:

- Recording (by film, sound or photograph) any member of the Police service based within the county of Norfolk
- Engaging in a conversation with anyone about Norfolk Constabulary whilst knowingly

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within the earshot of any Norfolk Police Officer.

- Not to approach any member of Norfolk Constabulary except if you are in danger or need to report a crime.
- Not to speak to, telephone, write to, email, fax or correspond with in any way directly or indirectly with any member of Norfolk Constabulary except if you are in danger, need to report a crime or have been written to or approached by a member of Norfolk Constabulary.

My YouTube channel is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfns4tualsI>
Indeed, in this video you can clearly see a Norfolk Police Officer, PC 54 David Allum, act aggressively towards a innocent member of the public. Towards the end of the video PC Allum makes a mock charge at a member of the public while shouting verbally aggressive threats. Under UK law this is common assault. But yet PC Allum will face no disciplinary action for this aggressive behavior, while I am sent to prison for merely making a finger gesture while passing a secure Police building in which the Police are securely and safely tucked up inside.

I hope that you will find my story newsworthy and of interest to your readers. It will provide some balance to the anti-Russian sentiment of the western press. Please contact me if you wish to proceed to publish my story. I can provide you with more detail, and rigorous evidence to substantiate my claims.