

36 GROUP



Advocacy Competition 2024

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First Round Pack

Welcome to the 36 Group Advocacy Competition, designed to test your oral or written advocacy.

Our mini-pupillages are not assessed, nor do they form part of our pupillage process. As a result, we have decided to make sure that we offer mini-pupillages to those who can demonstrate their potential as an advocate. We do not want to know anything about you other than your name. You will be judged entirely on your advocacy, either written or oral. You must choose one or the other.

In order to compete you must be either:

1. Doing a degree in law.
2. Doing a conversion course, GDL.
3. Completing your BVC.
4. Waiting to commence the GDL or BVC.
5. You must not already have a pupillage.

The closing date for the first round is 12th April 2024. The first round will be assessed, and the candidates will be advised as to whether or not they have succeeded in gaining sufficient marks to take part in the second round. The second-round entries must be provided by 24th May 2024 and the candidates who succeed into the final will be notified by the 19th July 2024.

The top 10 scoring candidates will receive a mini-pupillage for one week with The 36 Group.

If there are any questions please email kelly@36group.co.uk.

Round One Materials

The papers are the same whether you are taking part in the written or oral advocacy.

IN THE CROWN COURT
AT LEICESTER

REGINA

V

BOBBIE BELL

ORAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION - PREPARE A 3 MINUTE PROSECUTION OPENING FOR BELL'S JURY TRIAL. ASSUME BELL'S COMMENTS IN THE POLICE CAR HAVE BEEN RULED INADMISSIBLE BUT HIS COMMENT TO COOK IS ADMISSIBLE. VIDEO IT AND SEND IT TO:
[KELLY@36GROUP.CO.UK](mailto:kelly@36group.co.uk)

WRITTEN ADVOCACY COMPETITION - PREPARE AN APPLICATION TO EXCLUDE THE EVIDENCE OF BELL'S COMMENTS TO PC BRAMBLE - MAX 3 PAGES (THAT IS A MAXIMUM, NOT A TARGET). SEND YOUR DOCUMENTS TO: [KELLY@36GROUP.CO.UK](mailto:kelly@36group.co.uk)

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CASE MATERIALS

No 20234163

INDICTMENT

IN THE CROWN COURT SITTING IN LEICESTER

THE KING V BOBBIE BELL

Bobbie Bell is charged as follows:

Count One

STATEMENT OF OFFENCE

Possession of a controlled drug of class B with intent to supply it to another contrary to section 5(3) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

On the 3rd October 2023 Bobbie Bell had in his possession a controlled drug of class B namely cannabis with intent to supply it to another.

Officer of the Court

WITNESS STATEMENT
Section 9 Criminal Justice Act 1967

STATEMENT OF CHARLIE COOK

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated 5th October 2023.

Signed C Cook

I am a police officer currently stationed in Keyham Lane Police Station in Leicester. My teenager, Billie Cook attends Haven High School, London Road, Leicester. On the 3rd October 2023 I went to Haven High School at about 1600 as I had an appointment with the Head Teacher. It was a lovely sunny day. I was wearing shorts and a tshirt as I was not on duty. As I walked across the playground I saw three students huddled together with their hoods up. I saw one of the three who was wearing a bright red hoodie quickly hand another student wearing a green hoodie a package. The student wearing the green hoodie gave the student in red money. I think it was a £20 note. I was very suspicious of this behaviour. It looked like a drug deal. The third student who wore a yellow hoodie didn't seem to be doing anything. That student was texting on their phone. I saw Ms. Bright, the deputy Head walk towards me and I beckoned her over. She agreed that I should confront the group. I therefore walked over to the three. I approached the group and said "what are you doing?". The student in the red hoodie looked up at me and said "Are you buying?" I introduced myself and detained the person in the red hoodie. The other two students ran off. I explained that I intended to search the person in the red hoodie and asked their name. The student said "Bobbie Bell. I haven't done anything. I want my mum here." I took Bobbie Bell to the Head Teacher's office where I searched the student. In a jeans pocket I found £100 in £20 notes (exhibit CC1) and 5 individual deals of cannabis wrapped in cling film (exhibit CC2). I seized these items. I also seized Bobbie's mobile telephone (exhibit CC3). Bobbie was arrested and taken to Keyham Lane Police Station by PC

Bramble where Bobbie was interviewed. I have produced a summary of that interview which is exhibited as CC4.

The school's CCTV was viewed and the Head advised me that the student in green was called Danni Davies. The student in yellow was called Max Martin.

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STATEMENT OF PC Bramble

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated 8th October 2023.

Signed E Bramble

On the 3rd October 2023 at about 1700 I was tasked to attend at Haven High School as PC Cook had arrested a schoolboy. I arrived with PC Lamb. We were handed a number of exhibits by PC Cook, namely CC1, CC2 and CC3. We took custody of Bobbie Bell and took him to Keyham Lane Police Station. I reminded Bell he was under caution.

On the way to the station, Bobbie Bell asked what would happen and we told him he would be questioned at the station. He said he didn't think selling weed was a big deal.

I did not write down his comment as we were nearly at the station, and I couldn't find my pen. I told the custody sergeant what Bell had said once he had been booked in.

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STATEMENT OF MAX MARTIN

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated 8th October 2023.

Signed M Martin

On the 3rd October 2023 at about 1600 I was in the playground of the Haven High School with Bobbie Bell and Danni Davies. We were just chatting. I know Bobbie smokes cannabis. I don't use it. As we were chatting Danni asked Bobbie if he had any spare cannabis. I'm not sure if there was a response. I saw their hands out, they touched I think, but I'm not sure as I was on my phone. Then the policeman came over. I was scared so I ran off. When I went to school the next day I had to go to the Head's office and I told the Head what happened. The Head called the police and I made this statement. I really don't want to get involved in this case. I would rather not give evidence.

EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT CC2 was analysed and confirmed to be cannabis. Each wrap was between 3.3g and 3.5g in weight

EXHIBIT CC3

The mobile phone was examined and no drug related communications were found. Images of cannabis plants were found on the phone. A message incoming to the phone from an unknown contact read:

Yoooooo you live today?

A message from Davies dated 3/10/23 07:45 stated: You at school today?

At 07:46 Bell responded: What you need? Stressed?

There was then a call from Davies to Bell lasting 15 seconds.

EXHBIT CC4

INTERVIEW OF BOBBIE BELL

Bobbie said that he bought the cannabis with birthday money. Bobbie planned to hide it in a school locker. The £100 was birthday money and Bobbie intended to buy trainers with it. Bobbie denied giving anyone any drugs or receiving any money for drugs. He was not asked anything about what he said when he arrived at the police station. There were texts on Bobbie's phone that Bobbie sent to four people saying that they owed Bobbie money but this was for a school trip. Bobbie got very upset and said that he was sorry that he had ever started smoking drugs.

CCTV- The CCTV shows the relevant persons in the relevant locations, but does not show the transaction as Bell's back is turned to the camera. The officer can be seen looking at the group, walking over, speaking to the group and then two members of the group running away.

UNUSED MATERIAL (Disclosed)

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STATEMENT OF DANNI DAVIES

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated 5th October 2023.

Signed D DAVIES

I was at school on the 3rd October 2023 at about 1600. I was saying goodbye to my friends when a man stormed up to us looking really angry. I panicked and ran off. I do not smoke any drugs and I did not buy any drugs that day. I did shake my mates' hands before I left but that was it. There is a big drugs problem at school but it's nothing to do with me. I know some one called Billie Cook had been in trouble at school for smoking weed. Billie had been suspended. That's all I know. I don't know why Max Martin is lying but he is.

IN THE CROWN COURT AT LEICESTER

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BOBBIE BELL

DEFENCE STATEMENT

1. I deny that I had any intention of selling any drugs.
2. I have no criminal convictions or cautions recorded against me. I am 16 years old.
3. I accept that I was in possession of cannabis. I smoke cannabis. I have anxiety and depression and cannabis makes me feel better.
4. I did have £100 on me. That was my birthday money. I was planning to go into town and buy some trainers with it after school.
5. As I was about to leave I said goodbye to Danni Davies. We have our own handshake to say goodbye to each other. We were not exchanging anything.
6. When the man came up to us Danni and Max ran off. They both had cannabis on them. They did not want to be caught. The man grabbed hold of me. I was really scared. I denied dealing drugs because I wasn't. I bought the cannabis in bulk so it was cheaper. I used my birthday money to buy £100 worth. I was going to hide it in my locker at school but I hadn't got there by the time the man arrived. I bought the cannabis from another student at school. Loads of people smoke cannabis there.
7. I had no intention of supplying drugs to anyone. It was all mine.