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**PENSIONER
MUGGING
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PENSIONER MUGGED IN BACK OF AMBULANCE



Not even safe in the back of an ambulance!

Flora Johnson, 75 (pictured), was being treated by paramedics for a suspected broken wrist when jobless local heroin addict, John Dunn, 23, attacked both Flora and paramedic Janet Finch, 35. Dunn made off with the ambulance medical bag. Plucky local man, Gerald Baker, 43, tackled Dunn but he got away. He was later arrested in Blackstone Street. Shocked Flora said it was the most frightening

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We think it's shameful that nothing is being done. It's time to get tough

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Have your say?

Should John Dunn go to prison?

A Yes

B No



Summary of the Facts

- 7.45pm two paramedics go to attend to elderly female patient (Flora) with suspected broken wrist
- Being treated in ambulance by female paramedic (Janet) when man (Dunn) appears and demands drugs
- Dunn jumps in ambulance, pushes Janet on top of Flora and grabs medical bag
- Janet shouts for assistance and tries to retrieve bag



Summary of the Facts

- Dunn hits Janet and escapes with bag pursued by male paramedic
- Member of public tries to trip Dunn who then drops bag
- Dunn arrested within hours and charged with causing actual bodily harm and common assault
- Janet has bruised face and Flora has graze to her head



Purposes of Sentencing

1. Punishment
2. Rehabilitation
3. Protection of the Public
4. Reparation
5. Reduction in re-offending



Pre-Sentence Report Background

- **Lived in area all his life**
- **Settled upbringing until aged 17**
- **Six good GCSEs & and on GNVQ course until aged 17**
- **Left college at 17 and started taking drugs**
- **Not previously known to Probation Service**



Pre-Sentence Report

- **One interview with the offender carried out**
- **Prosecution documents seen**
- **List of all previous documents**
 1. Driving without insurance 4 years ago – resulting in a fine.
 2. Two shoplifting offences in the last 2 years: the 1st resulting in a conditional discharge for 12mths and costs and the 2nd resulting in a fine and costs
- **Liaison with the drug treatment agency**
- **Liaison with social services and Police Domestic Violence Unit**
- **No previous contact with the probation service**



Pre-Sentence Report Background

- **Both parents died in a car crash when he was 17**
- **Employed for 3 months and employer will keep job open**
- **One conviction for no insurance and two for shoplifting**
- **Has started on drug rehabilitation course**
- **Full of remorse and wants to apologise personally**



Probation Pre-Sentence Report Recommendation

- Community Order for 18 Months
- Unpaid Work from 150-200 hours
- Supervision Requirement
- Drug Rehabilitation



Have your say!

Should John Dunn still go to prison?

A Yes

B No



The Sentence of the Court

Community Order for 18 months with the following requirements:

- **Community Payback (Unpaid Work) for 160 hrs**
- **Supervision for 18 months**
- **Drug Rehabilitation**
- **Prosecution costs and compensation**
 - **£100 to Janet Finch**
 - **£50 to Flora Johnson**



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