

Notable Criminal Cases

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2018

2018 – R V T/G – MURDER – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

SVS represented both Defendants in this case who were charged with murder. They were accused of shooting dead an unfortunate bystander during the course of a gangland feud. Murder squad detectives had investigated an incident whereby the main Defendant was shot at and stabbed in the head and then allegedly sought to retaliate by firing shots at members of the rival gang on a housing estate in West London. CCTV and cell site evidence was utilised in the preparation of this case and after a 6 week trial both Defendants were acquitted.

2018 - R V K - CONSPIRACY TO SUPPLY CLASS A - AYLESBURY CROWN COURT

The Defendant was charged as part of a large scale surveillance operation that culminated in a lengthy and complex trial in relation to an allegation of conspiracy to supply class A drugs. This case attracted considerable media attention. After a 2 month long trial the Defendant was acquitted of the charges.

2018 - R V A - MURDER - LEWES CROWN COURT

It was alleged that the Defendant was a class A drug dealer and that he had stabbed and killed a drug addict in St Leonards on Sea. He was arrested near to the scene of the crime and was summarily charged. Following careful case preparation representations were made to the Crown and the murder charge was discontinued and an alternative charge of manslaughter was preferred.

2018 - R V S - CONSPIRACY TO SUPPLY FIREARMS - KINGSTON CROWN COURT

The Defendant was charged as part of a multi handed conspiracy to import and then transfer firearms. The case involved a complex surveillance operation by British and German Police as the firearms were being imported from Germany by a Bulgarian gang. Telephone intercepts were also utilised. Alleged UK based members of organised crime groups were also arrested.

2018 - R V C-D - MURDER - BASILDON CROWN COURT

A drug addict in South Ockenden was hacked to death with a machete and it was alleged that the Defendant had set him up. There had been a long standing feud between the victim and the drug dealer who was alleged to have killed him. The Crown sought to prove their

case by the use of eye witnesses to the murder and extensive telephone evidence and cell siting. After a fully contested trial the Defendant was acquitted.

2018 - R V H - CONSPIRACY TO SUPPLY CLASS A DRUGS - PORTSMOUTH CROWN COURT

The Defendant was charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs in the Portsmouth area. There were 8 Defendants charged in total in this high level "county lines" case. There was a considerable amount of telephone evidence and evidence from undercover officers. The Defendant was the only one not to be convicted in this case.

2017

2017 – R V E A-S– MURDER- CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

This was a case that was underpinned by gang related violence. The Defendant was charged alongside one other and was accused of the murder of a gang member from East London. It was alleged that he had stabbed the victim in an unprovoked attack. The case was heavily reliant upon CCTV and telephone evidence.

2017 – R V S – MURDER – BIRMINGHAM CROWN COURT

The Defendant who was from South London was accused of the murder of an alleged London based gang member at a party in Leicester. The case was investigated by the Midlands Major Crime Team and led to their enquiring into other knife related crime in this area. 2 other alleged gang members from South London were also charged in connection with these offences.

2017 – R V L – MURDER - LEWES CROWN COURT

The Defendant was charged alongside three others in relation to the murder of a man in Crawley. The motivation for this offence was alleged to have been drawn from illicit drug dealing in the Sussex area. The Defendant conceded that he had struck the fatal blow using a kitchen knife but advanced self-defence as an explanation for this. After a fully contested trial he was acquitted of murder.

2017 – R V M – MURDER – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

The Defendant was a youth that was accused of stabbing the victim to death in Harrow. The alleged motivation was gang related and driven by a desire for revenge. This case involved a number of sensitive issues due to the Defendants being youths. After a full trial the Defendant was the only one to be acquitted. Both of his Co Defendants were convicted of murder.

2017 – R V H – ATTEMPTED MURDER – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

This case concerned an armed robbery in East London. The alleged victim was shot at close range by the perpetrators. Operation Trident investigated the case and utilised telephone attribution/cell site evidence and CCTV. This case attracted considerable media attention.

2017 – R V B – ATTEMPTED MURDER – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

This Defendant was accused of the attempted murder of a police officer who was conducting surveillance in the East End of London. This case was heavily publicised and was investigated by Homicide and Major Crime Command. The investigation that was undertaken was complex and reliant upon CCTV as well as cell site evidence.

The Defendant was acquitted of attempted murder after trial.

2017 – R V K – POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT – WOOLWICH CROWN COURT

The Defendant was arrested by Operation Trident following a shooting in South East London. He was alleged to be in the company of a single accomplice in the course of attempting to fire shots at members of the travelling community. The case involved telephone and forensic evidence.

2017 – R V S– CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ROBBERY AND HAVING FIREARM WITH INTENT – MAIDSTONE CROWN COURT

This was a large scale armed robbery case which resulted in a trial involving multiple Defendants that lasted for 3 months. It was alleged that a travellers' site in Kent had been the subject of a robbery by a gang of men armed with firearms. A complex and detailed investigation ensued.

2017 –R V E AND K – POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT

The Defendants were arrested by Operation Trident as part of an intelligence led surveillance operation. It was alleged that the first Defendant had travelled to Stockwell and fired shots at a rival gang member in order to exact revenge for being assaulted by him. The firearm was recovered on the person of the second Defendant who conceded that he was in possession of it but denied any intention to use it. Operation Trident analysed the Defendant's phones and produced downloads in furtherance of their case. Both Defendant's were acquitted of the main charge of possession of firearms with intent after trial.

2017 – R V T AND N-B – CONSPIRACY TO TRANSFER FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION – SNARESBROOK CROWN COURT

The Defendants represented by SVS were charged following a raid on a flat in East London by armed Police and Operation Trident. 11 Handguns, an assault rifle, ammunition for each of the weapons and 11 silencers were seized.

CCTV evidence was recovered which established that both Defendants were at the scene and telephone analysis linked them to the alleged conspiracy but they were both acquitted after a lengthy trial during the course of which neither Defendant gave evidence.

2016

2016 – R V M – MURDER – CROYDON CROWN COURT

This is a case which relates to the heavily publicised murder of a man whose body has never been recovered which took place in Sussex.

Sussex Police undertook a lengthy investigation involving telephone and forensic analysis which necessitated the use of expert evidence.

2016 – R V A – MURDER – BRISTOL CROWN COURT

The Defendant was charged with the murder of a drug user and was also implicated in the large supply of class A drugs.

Medical evidence was pivotal throughout this case and a leading expert was instructed on behalf of the Defence who managed to undermine the Crown's case. After a submission of no case to answer was made at trial the charges of murder and manslaughter were both dismissed.

2016 – R V M-G – ATTEMPTED MURDER – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

The Defendant was accused of carrying out a "drive by" shooting in West London. He transferred to SVS after admitting in his police interview that he had been responsible for the shooting but avoided conviction for attempted murder.

2016 – R V H – ATTEMPTED MURDER – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

The Defendant was charged with attempted murder as it was alleged he had shot a police officer after Operation Trident had executed a raid on his home address. This case attracted national media coverage and a fully contested trial at the Central Criminal Court ensued. The Defendant had been detained by officers in possession of a firearm and was identified by a number of them as being responsible for the shooting but was acquitted by a jury after trial.

2016 – R V K – ATTEMPTED MURDER – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT

The Defendant was charged in connection with a gang related stabbing that took place in South London. Detailed analysis of telephone and CCTV evidence was utilised by the investigating police force.

Our client was identified by a former school teacher whose evidence was supported by CCTV. He was also arrested and charged with separate firearms offences during the course of his trial but was acquitted by a jury in his absence.

2016 – R V D – CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MONEY LAUNDERING – BLACKFRIARS CROWN COURT

The Defendant was alleged to be part of an organised crime network and was arrested following a surveillance operation. She was the only one of the four Defendants to be acquitted.

2016 – R V B – CONSPIRACY TO PERVERT THE COURSE OF JUSTICE AND MONEY LAUNDERING

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This case arose from a complex investigation into money laundering and involved a great deal of telephone and cell site analysis by a regional Major Crime Team. There were eleven Defendants in total. After detailed representations were made to the Prosecution the Defendant pleaded to a lesser substantive count and the main allegations were discontinued.

2016 – R V M – CONSPIRACY TO SUPPLY CLASS A – WOOLWICH CROWN COURT

The Metropolitan Police Special Intelligence Service had charged six men after the seizure of 200 kilograms of high purity cocaine valued at £70m. The Defendant was arrested at Tilbury Docks after the cocaine was found concealed in the rear of a vehicle being used by the Defendants.

A protracted investigation resulted in a trial after which the Defendant was acquitted.

2016 – R V P – CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ROBBERY – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

The Defendant is one of six Defendants charged by the Flying Squad in relation to a complex conspiracy to commit armed robberies. This follows an investigation that lasted for two years. In total it was alleged that ten armed robberies had taken place in the South London area.

After a lengthy trial our client was acquitted of the main charges.

2016 – R V B – CONSPIRACY TO TRANSFER FIREARMS – HARROW CROWN COURT

This case concerned the large scale manufacture of lethal firearms, and their subsequent onward sale. It was alleged that the conspirators would organise the purchase of de-activated firearms from antique or military shops and would then “re-activate” the firearms, and in so doing manufacture a fully functioning and lethal firearm.

There were eleven Defendants in total and the case was investigated by Operation Trident and it was alleged that they were connected to 30-40 firearms.

2016 – R V C – CONSPIRACY TO TRANSFER FIREARMS – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

The Defendant was one of four charged with plotting to transfer a loaded firearm onwards for use in a criminal enterprise. This case involved the use of cell site analysis and an undercover surveillance operation by Trident officers.

After 2 trials our client was the only defendant out of 4 that was acquitted.

2016 – R V R – CONSPIRACY TO TRANSFER FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION – WOOLWICH CROWN COURT

The Defendant was arrested in the course of an undercover Police “Sting” which involved the use of phone recordings and surveillance. It was alleged that the weapons were to be obtained for the purpose of being used in gang related activity.

2016 – R V A – CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT KIDNAP, FALSE IMPRISONMENT AND BLACKMAIL

This is a multi-handed kidnap case that is said to have taken place in the South London area. It was investigated by the Human Trafficking Unit and was based upon the evidence of the complainant combined with CCTV and cell site analysis.

Our client was acquitted after a fully contested trial.

2015

2015 – R V S – MURDER – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

The defendant along with one other was charged with stabbing the victim to death in West London. After representations were made the charge was reduced to one of perverting the course of justice.

2015 – R V O – ATTEMPTED MURDER – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

A shooting took place in South London and the Defendant was charged with attempted murder. The case centred upon CCTV evidence and an identification by an eye witness and was supported by telephone analysis.

Our client was acquitted of attempted murder after trial.

2015 – R V O – POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT TO ENDANGER LIFE – WOOD GREEN CROWN COURT

Expert evidence was secured in this case by the defence which led to the case being dismissed because the prosecution's forensic evidence was undermined.

2015 – R V L – HUMAN TRAFFICKING – MANCHESTER CROWN COURT

This was a multi handed case which concerned a complicated scheme whereby the alleged victims were being trafficked into the UK from Eastern Europe.

2015 – R V A-A AND A – KIDNAPPING, FALSE IMPRISONMENT AND BLACKMAIL – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

This was a multi handed case which related to a kidnapping in East London involving the alleged use of a firearm.

Following a lengthy investigation by the Specialist Crime Directorate there were two lengthy trials after which both Defendants who were represented by SVS were acquitted of all charges.

2015 – R V K – CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MONEY LAUNDERING – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

This was a multi handed trial which related to a conspiracy to launder large sums of money. Exceptionally detailed telephone and financial analysis was undertaken and then examined by our defence team.

2015 – R V B – CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ROBBERY – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

The MET's Flying Squad had arrested and charged a number of defendants in relation to a series of armed robberies that had taken place in the South London area. Our client was acquitted of the main conspiracy to commit robbery with the use of a firearm after a fully contested trial.

2015 – R V P AND U – POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT AND CONSPIRACY TO SUPPLY – SOUTHAMPTON CROWN COURT

Both Defendants were charged in relation to an extensive drugs supply conspiracy and also a related offence of possession of a firearm with intent. A large volume of evidence focussing on cell site analysis and ANPR readers was brought to bear.

The Defendants were acquitted of the firearms offence after trial.

2015 – APPEAL OF ISRAR ASLAM – COURT OF APPEAL

The Appellant had been convicted of robbery and received a substantial term of imprisonment. After instructing SVS and lodging an appeal against his conviction the Court of Appeal ruled that his conviction was unsafe and he was acquitted following a retrial.

2015- R V B/ AND L – VIOLENT DISORDER – SNARESBROOK CROWN COURT

This case related to an instance of alleged gang related violence in East London. A large volume of telephone and cell site analysis was produced by the Prosecution.

After the jury had failed to reach a verdict the violent disorder charge was discontinued and a lesser charge was substituted.

2014

2014 – R V L – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT– MURDER

Lengthy and complex case involving complex forensic and evidential issues.

2014 – R v I – READING CROWN COURT – ATTEMPTED MURDER

There were complex psychiatric issues involved in this case and largely thanks to the intervention of medical experts recruited by SVS the Prosecution offered no evidence in respect of the attempted murder charge.

2014 – R v T – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT – ATTEMPTED MURDER, POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT TO ENDANGER LIFE AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

This was a multi handed case that centred on a shooting. There had been a large scale investigation into an East London gang who were believed to be responsible for a spate of shootings which culminated in this lengthy trial.

2014 – R V A – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT – POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT

The Defendant in this case was acquitted after a full trial having successfully established a defence of duress.

2014 – R V S – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT – ATTEMPTED MURDER

A stabbing occurred in Brixton and the majority of the incident was captured on CCTV. A lesser charge was brought following successful representations.

2014 – R V D – SNARESBROOK CROWN COURT – ATTEMPTED MURDER

A stabbing took place in a restaurant in East London. The entire incident was captured on CCTV and the Defendant was apprehended close to the scene of the offence.

2014 – R V F – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT – POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT TO ENDANGER LIFE

The Defendant was charged with possession of a firearm following the seizure of a shotgun and a forensic link being established.

2014 – R V O – WOOD GREEN CROWN COURT – POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT TO ENDANGER LIFE

The Defendant was charged with possession of a handgun due to being forensically linked to the firearm.

2014 – R V M – SNARESBROOK CROWN COURT – CONSPIRACY TO SUPPLY CLASS A

This case was the result of a complex investigation involving the importation and subsequent supply at street level of controlled substances valued at several million pounds.

2014 – R V R – BLACKFRIARS CROWN COURT – CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MONEY LAUNDERING

A detailed investigation resulted in multiple defendants being charged as part of a conspiracy. Although significant evidence was brought to bear the case was successfully defended.

2014 – R V T – SNARESBROOK CROWN COURT – POSSESSION OF FIREARM AND VIOLENT DISORDER

Operation Trident conducted an investigation into a shooting in the Newham area and the Defendant was charged having been identified by 2 eye witnesses. Detailed telephone and cell site analysis was deployed against the Defendant who was acquitted of the firearms offence as it was established that he had in fact been involved in a relatively minor public disturbance.

2013 – R V O – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT – MURDER

Multi handed murder trial concerning a fatal stabbing at a nightclub. The Crown's case was founded upon CCTV evidence which captured the entire incident leading to the murder. The Defendant was acquitted after trial despite his Co Defendants being convicted of murder.

2013 – R V L – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT – MURDER

This was a four handed trial which arose due to a contract killing in Hackney. This was a shooting with a Mac 10 machine pistol that was said to have been carried out by gang members from Tottenham at the behest of the Turkish mafia. This fatal shooting was alleged to have been the twenty ninth shooting that had taken place during the course of a feud between rival Turkish gangs vying for control of the illegal drug trade.

2013 – R V M – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT – ATTEMPTED MURDER

This case concerned a stabbing in a nightclub during the course of which the victim sustained life threatening injuries.

2013 – R V S – INNER CITY LONDON CROWN COURT – CONSPIRACY TO SUPPLY DRUGS

This was a complex and multi handed conspiracy to supply drugs. Voluminous cell site evidence and raw call data had to be carefully analysed in preparation for this complex trial.

2013 – R V O at WOOD GREEN CROWN COURT – AGGRAVATED BURGLARY AND POSSESSION OF FIREARM

This case was dismissed prior to trial despite our client having been identified by 2 witnesses.

2013 – R V C & C – WOOD GREEN CROWN COURT – POSSESSION OF FIREARM & ROBBERY

This case related to an armed robbery and both of our clients were identified by the victim and the Police had also recovered property belonging to the victim from our clients. As a result of representations the case was discontinued prior to trial.

2012

2012 – R V D – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT – MURDER

9 Handed gang related murder. This was said to be a planned execution of a rival gang member.

2012 – R V S – CROYDON CROWN COURT- CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FRAUD

Large scale conspiracy concerning tens of thousands of pounds of credit card fraud.

2012 – R V C – WOOD GREEN CROWN COURT – POSSESSION OF FIREARM

Our client benefited from a successful dismissal application prior to trial.

2012 – R V D – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT – POSSESSION OF FIREARM

Our client was acquitted notwithstanding the fact that he had signed police officer's notes to the effect that both the firearm and a CS gas canister belonged to him. At trial he admitted signing 2 notebooks and the property search record to the effect that both were his. After a 5 day trial during which 3 DC's and a DI were accused of lying and fabricating evidence it took the jury an hour to unanimously acquit.

2012 – R V A – WORCESTER CROWN COURT – CONSPIRACY TO SUPPLY CLASS A

5 Handed conspiracy in which no evidence was offered against our client following extensive representations.

2012 – R V M – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT – POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT TO ENDANGER LIFE

Representing client allegedly found to be in possession of a loaded firearm and mobile phone that had been used in furtherance of a conspiracy to supply drugs.

2012 – R V D – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT – CONSPIRACY TO SUPPLY CLASS A

Multi handed conspiracy to supply class A drugs in the London and Oxfordshire areas. Vast amount of phone evidence and extensive surveillance.

2012 – R V W – CROYDON CROWN COURT – BLACKMAIL, FALSE IMPRISONMENT AND HAVING FIREARM W/INTENT

Our client was acquitted after trial with all prosecution witnesses attending and giving evidence against him.

2012 – R V D – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT – POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT TO ENDANGER LIFE

Multi handed conspiracy to transport a firearm from Bedfordshire to South London for alleged use in gang related activities.

2012 – R V P – LUTON CROWN COURT – HAVING FIREARM W/INTENT AND ROBBERY

Representing Defendant charged with having committed an armed robbery in Luton.

2012 – R V S – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT – PERVERTING THE COURSE OF JUSTICE IN A MURDER CASE

Alleged that our client assisted in destroying a car that had been used in a drive by shooting.

2012 – R V A – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT – CONSPIRACY TO IMPORT CLASS A

Complex and multi handed case relating to the importation of class A drugs into the jurisdiction.

2011

2011 – R V I – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT – MURDER

Multi-handed murder which was alleged to be gang related.

2011 – R V Y – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT – MURDER

9 Handed murder case which lasted for 4 months and resulted in an acquittal after trial.

2011 – R V T – SNARES BROOK CROWN COURT – ATTEMPTED MURDER

This case concerned the attempted execution of a police informant who was shot 7 times at close range. Our client was exonerated despite having been identified and being forensically linked to the firearm used in the shooting and also the phone that had been used by the gunman.

2011 – R V R – BLACKFRIARS CRIMINAL COURT – CONSPIRACY TO STEAL

Large scale conspiracy to steal mainly centred upon the railway network. Our client was alleged to be the main ringleader and the case against him was successfully dismissed prior to trial.

2011 – R V S – READING CROWN COURT – CONSPIRACY TO MURDER

This was a 5 handed trial which centred on a conspiracy to murder that was alleged to be retribution for an earlier attack on one of the Co Defendants. Our client was also charged with offences relating to possession of a firearm and conspiracy to inflict grievous bodily harm. Following protracted representations the conspiracy to murder charge was withdrawn.

2011 – R V S – CHELMSFORD CROWN COURT – CONSPIRACY TO IMPORT CLASS A

Multi handed and complex conspiracy to import drugs to the value of 4.5 million pounds.

2011 – R V W – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT – CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ROBBERY

Defendant acquitted after full trial despite accepting that he had driven the perpetrators of the robbery away from the scene.

2010

2010 – R V B – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT – POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT TO ENDANGER LIFE

Alleged South London gang member who was arrested in possession of a loaded handgun following a Police surveillance operation.

2010 – R V B – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT – POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT TO ENDANGER LIFE

Our client who was portrayed as being an active member of a South London gang was alleged to have been in possession of a loaded firearm.

2010 – R V F – KINGSTON CROWN COURT – CONSPIRACY TO SUPPLY CLASS A

Complex conspiracy involving extensive use of surveillance evidence and forensic analysis.

2010 – R V G – SNARESBROOK CROWN COURT – CONSPIRACY TO POSSESS FIREARMS WITH INTENT TO ENDANGER LIFE

Large scale multi handed conspiracy relating to a firearms factory that had been set up in East London. Our client who had maintained that he had never visited the premises in question, was acquitted after a month long trial despite there being CCTV and DNA evidence linking him to the premises.

2009**2009 – R V S – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT – ATTEMPTED MURDER**

Multi Handed case relating to the kidnapping and attempted murder of a rival gang member.

2009 – R V A – CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT – ATTEMPTED MURDER

Our client was the subject of an Operation Trident investigation as a firearm had been deployed. This was a multi handed case and required careful analysis of complex evidence.

2009 – R V B – ST ALBANS CROWN COURT – CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ROBBERY

This was a multi handed conspiracy that related to robberies of numerous commercial businesses. There was a vast amount of material that had been collated and was subjected to close scrutiny.

2009 – R V C – KINGSTON CROWN COURT – CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ROBBERY

Large scale multi handed conspiracy that was the result of a lengthy Flying Squad surveillance operation. This case required the analysis of a huge volume of phone data and cell site analysis.

2009 – R V H – ISLEWORTH CROWN COURT – CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT BLACKMAIL

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Multi handed conspiracy to commit blackmail which involved the alleged use of a firearm. Our client's case was successfully dismissed prior to trial.

2009 – R V P – INNER LONDON CROWN COURT – POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT TO ENDANGER LIFE

This case related to a pre-planned Operation Trident which engaged surveillance on a vehicle carrying 3 suspected South London gang members. The vehicle was stopped and several Mac 10 machine pistols were recovered. Our client was acquitted after a full trial.

2008

2008 – R V S – LUTON CROWN COURT -ATTEMPTED MURDER

This case centred upon a stabbing and a conviction was successfully averted as a result of a plea bargain.