

# **Sportsmans' Association News**

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**By General Secretary Mike Wells**

**A man who liked "highly offensive" Facebook messages about Islam had his shotgun licence revoked by police.**

North Wales Police claimed Owen Jones, 52, of Caernarfon, Gwynedd, was not fit to hold a firearms certificate after officers looked at his profile.

Mr Jones, who had held a licence for more than 30 years, appealed against the decision and won.

Caernarfon Crown Court heard on Friday that he was not a cause for concern despite the posts.

The hearing was told a senior police officer regarded the posts as "highly offensive", prompting the licence to be revoked.

Judge Niclas Parry said Mr Jones was ignorant about the subject of the Muslim faith, but added: "None of those messages were created by the appellant.

"The appellant has liked certain messages that appeared on his Facebook profile. He has then effectively re-published the message."

## **Three Just Men**

Dohery, Toufexis Wells. Rolls off the tongue like a sixties chain of High Street Cobblers. These three gentlemen probably are the most legally able to assist our members in winning prosecutions and upholding appeals

Some months ago Sportsman's member Carl Roberts phoned Mike Wells to say the North Wales police had revoked his fire arm and shot gun certificates on the grounds that he had offensive posts on his facebook pages, in their view Carl was a danger to the public with a

gun. This takes the biscuit, the police will go to any lengths to revoke certificates. In my case in 2010 they seized my certificates registers and computers in an illegal search, with a view to try and fit me up with something, anything that they could use to convict and make an example of me.

The same treatment has been used on several of our members Dealerships Their Registered Dealership. Certificates have been revoked while the police examine their registers and computers at their leisure.

For the second time the Sportsman's Association have won an appeal for Carl Roberts. The Judge who found the facebook posts offensive stating that Mr Roberts did not understand the Muslim religion, however, this did not, in the Judges view make Mr Roberts a danger to the public and the peace with a gun. A quote from member Carl Roberts; "Dear Mike, feel free to use this case in any way that may help others involved in circumstances like this, I have already given a couple of shooters Nicholas Doherty office telephone number, because they think they may be next on North Wales Police hit list. The Daily post asked me to comment outside the court, I declined but Nicholas spoke to them, again many thanks, hope you feel better soon and I will see you at the Phoenix AGM,"

To all our readers please take this as a serious warning, as to the lengths the police will go to in their quest to reduce gun ownership and gun sales. You will be the loser as if you appeal you will pay for your legal representation £1500-£2000 plus if you lose you will have to pay the Crown Prosecution costs, which could be tens of thousands, so be warned the police are bulletproof, it costs them nothing

The police are scrutinizing supporters of Sergeant Blackman also known as Marine A, who has been jailed for the murder of an enemy sniper, yes you did read that

right. Hundreds of Royal Marine Commandos are under investigation, by a police force that is also under investigation, and yes, you read that right....