



RMT LONDON CALLING

Defend the London Bridge three special
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The RMT are to ballot tube workers at London Bridge and Waterloo stations in the dispute that has led to **Lee Cornell** being sacked and 2 other workers getting a final warning.

The ballot will demand the reinstatement of Lee and the withdrawal of the punitive sanctions handed down to the 2 other workers.

The balloting period will commence on March 30 with ballot papers having to be returned by April 18

All station staff at these 2 busy Central London stations are being asked to vote **YES** for strike and **YES** for action short of to defend the London Bridge 3,

Lies, damned lies and LUL twitter feeds.

LUL twitter feeds have falsely claimed Kirsty Watts was never assaulted.

LUL have began to construct a smear campaign on our members at London Bridge with false statements that Kirsty Watts was not assaulted and Lee Cornell was not punched twice and had his glasses stolen.

A " source " at LUL have stated they have viewed the CCTV and Kirsty Watts was never assaulted by the fare evader.

London Underground are being extremely economical with the truth when they suggest 3 members of staff were not assaulted on November 16 2016

The facts of the case have always been laid out by the RMT and we have never tried to hide anything.

The fare evader doubled through the gate, when challenged by a CSA, he threatened and abused him. He tried to punch and head butt him. He pushed him hard in the chest causing **Dave Sharp** to almost lose his balance.

Dave has been found guilty of " provoking or inciting a violent incident "

The fare evader then ran towards Kirsty Watts and pushed her in her stomach.

She is pregnant.

Lee Cornell rushed to assist and was punched twice in the head and had his glasses nicked.

Lee reacted to get his property back. He pushed the fare evader into a wall, retrieved his glasses and walked away.

Dave Sharp was accused of assisting Lee Cornell to "slam the customer " into a wall This couldn't have happened.

The CCTV shows Dave Sharp still at the gate line 6 seconds after he was supposed to have slammed the customer against the wall.

Seed Sioussi defused the situation on no less than 3 occasions. The CDI panel accepted his role was as a

peace maker and his intentions were good.

They gave him a suspended dismissal. For defusing a potentially violent situation. On no less than 3 occasions.

London Underground give their staff a commitment that anyone who is the victim of assault and or abuse will be given full support and anyone who abuses or assaults their staff will be actively pursued through criminal and civil courts as necessary

The fare evader who assaulted 3 members of staff in November has never been apprehended.

Indeed London Underground have confirmed that they have never tried to ascertain the identity of this individual and they have never intended to nor do they intend to try to bring this person to justice.

Workplace justice must be seen to be done.

Workplace violence by aggressive customers must be pursued as vigorously as LUL have turned on their own staff.

Vote **YES** for action

Vote **YES** for action short of

Ballot papers must be returned by first post **April 18**



Demo to support the London Bridge 3

London Bridge Station Monday April 3 0800 - 0930

London Underground senior managers are seeking to lie and mislead the public over the events surrounding the punitive disciplinary sanctions handed down to the London Bridge 3.

Their colleague, who was pregnant, was assaulted by a fare evader on November 16.

She requested assistance via connect radio and this has been confirmed by the CSS who took the radio call.

London Underground are lying when they say this CSA was not assaulted.

The RMT have documentary evidence that supports these facts.

3 CDI panels, the Jubilee Performance manager and even the AMS who conducted the fact fine all agree :

Kristy Watts was assaulted by the fare evader on November 16 at 1309:39

The RMT are balloting members at London Bridge and Waterloo for strike action and action short of strike

We will be holding regular demonstrations at London Underground stations during the balloting period.

Our message to LUL is clear. Reinstate Lee Cornell and withdraw the punitive sanctions against the other 2.

Ballot papers will go out on March 30 and must be returned by April 18 Because of the new thresholds on balloting it's important all members compete the ballot paper as soon as they receive them.

If you do not receive a ballot paper contact RMT membership department on 0800 376 3706

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Tube union RMT reacted with fury after London Underground upheld the sacking of a staff member who intervened to stop a violent fare dodger from assaulting colleagues in an incident at London Bridge last autumn.

RMT is already balloting station staff across the London Bridge group for both strike action and action short of a strike after the member was sacked, and two others disciplined, for stepping in to stop the serious assault by the fare-dodger on fellow staff members including one who was pregnant. The unions executive will now consider an escalation of the dispute.

In the incident, which occurred last November, the fare-dodger assaulted three members of staff, including punching in the stomach a pregnant colleague. One staff member had his glasses stolen and was punched twice. That member of staff has now been sacked, and has had that sacking upheld after appeal, in what the union describes as an "appalling miscarriage of justice."

The staff member who initially challenged the fare-dodger to produce a ticket or oyster card was disciplined on the ludicrous, trumped-up charge of "inciting or provoking an incident." A third member of staff, who defused the situation after being repeatedly threatened with violence, has also been disciplined by London Underground when they should have been commended for their bravery.

RMT General Secretary Mick Cash said: "This is one of the most appalling abuses of the LU disciplinary procedure that RMT has ever come across. This was a shocking, violent incident and those that bore the brunt of it should have been supported and commended by the company. Instead they have been sacked or disciplined in what is the most disgraceful miscarriage of justice.

"This is a disgusting and sickening outcome and RMT intends to fight it all the way. As well as our ballot of staff on the London Bridge Group our Executive will look at escalation of the dispute over a case that will send shock waves throughout London Underground.

"LU have flouted their own zero tolerance policy, their own duty of care to their staff and have sent out a message to fare dodgers and yobbos that staff can be treated as punch bags with impunity. That is an outrage that will enrage every single tube employee who risks their neck on the stations and platforms against a backdrop of a growing pattern of abuse and violence."



Remember!
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