

Pervert Policemen in The News

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Police officers have **a privilege money can't buy**, but only when they are bent for the job. When a police officer is caught with his hand in the till, he will be dealt with ruthlessly, and police officers who are caught using their position to prey on the vulnerable are likewise rooted out and booted out.

Four years ago, a police officer was **gaoled for life** after being convicted of two rapes and three indecent assaults. Stephen Mitchell was a serial rapist who had been offending since at least 1991 when he was in the army, but his past caught up with him big time. Recently, two police officers appeared in court for far less serious sex offences than rape; they are both sad rather than evil, having thrown away their careers for



Stephen Mitchell, rapist
Credits: Northumbria Police

something they could have done perfectly legally either on-line or with consenting partners.

Kevin Dwyer was a police constable with 13 years service under his belt; when **he appeared in court** charged with filming “upskirt” videos of students while on duty, he was described as pathetic and a figure of national shame by his own lawyer. His offending dated back to October 2013, and he told the arresting officers he “absolutely admired a great pair of legs and a short skirt. The fitter the better”. Nothing wrong with that, but again with the caveat of consent, and not while keeping the Queen’s Peace. He also spied on a couple making love.

Dwyer, who turned up for court in motorcycle garb including helmet (presumably to avoid the cameras) was given a community service order after being convicted, on his own admission, of two counts of voyeurism and ten counts of outraging public decency. This was wise; he has thrown away his career, a fat pension, and his honour. And for what?

Another pervert PC did not get off quite so lightly. Andrew Price had videoed women on private property while they were using the ablutions; one had been videoed in the shower, naked, as one would expect. Andrews, who is over fifty, was given **a six month sentence** for each offence to be served concurrently, although they were suspended for 18 months, which means he will not serve hard time (unless he is caught at it again!) He was also ordered to perform 200 hours of unpaid work. He will almost certainly lose some if not all of his pension, and he will have to sign the sex offenders’ register for seven years.

It is difficult not to feel sorry for both Price and Dwyer, but they are both the authors of their own misfortunes.

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