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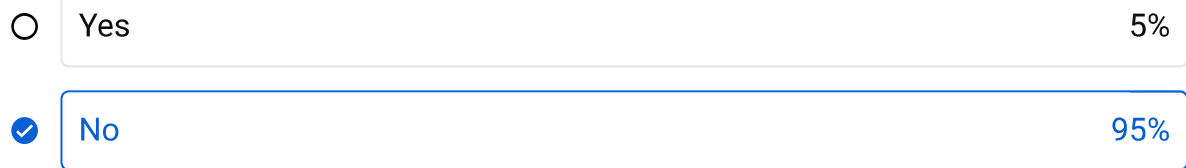
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**BlackBeltBarrister** 7 days ago

Is it appropriate for the CPS to make a charging decision on the basis of information collected by the officers, whose honesty is in a reasonable doubt, instead of asking to rectify that issue?

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**@kevyarham** 7 days ago

An Untrustworthy cop, who would have thought that!!

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**@ali-T695** 7 days ago

The Cps has to make decisions based on the information supplied. Corrupt information = corrupt outcome

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**@TJspaceman** 5 days ago

Correct. But the process doesn't allow for sufficient information to be supplied

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**@NickHolt\_2201** 5 days ago



I was just about to add the same comment! If the honesty of the officers is in question, that's a separate matter and should be dealt with quickly and appropriately.


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**@danielhart4430** 4 days ago


Court proceedings already allow for the exclusion of evidence where its admission would have an adverse effect on the fairness of the proceedings (s.78 PACE).

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 **@cobbler40** 7 days ago  
It seems withholding evidence which would show innocence is the main way the police fit people up.

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 **@an1\_uk** 6 days ago  
Evidence can be used against you, but not for you.


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 **@sjrossiter2289** 5 days ago  
And it works both ways, withholding evidence also fails a victim.

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 **@thunberbolttwo3953** 7 days ago  
When the source is suspect the information is suspect. CPS should have gotten a independent confirmation before doing anything. That why they avoid doing anything stupid.



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 **@bobfry5267** 7 days ago  
I have been in the position of having legal aid refused because of evidence produced by the police seemingly predetermined the verdict. A bit of a shock. If the evidence is in doubt before the case, then surely the CPS is there to make a charging decision. Which is not to charge.



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 **@Umski** 7 days ago  
That would entail trusting that the police are competent at their jobs sadly and lo and behold the CPS assumes they are 😬


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 **@501sqn3** 5 days ago  
..... quite so. , And they frequently do!

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 **@TJspaceman** 5 days ago  
CPS shouldn't make a charging decision without a full statement of defence from the accuse/ lawyer.

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 **@TheMissPoovey** 7 days ago  
Verbal communication is important, charges change lives and should be investigated before not after.

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**@evelbsstudio** 6 days ago

It's like tv licensing enforcement officers gaining a warrant on information that isn't correct or very little information.

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**@bear1245** 7 days ago

You see allegations invented or embellished more & more. Hurty words & bruised egos seem to be the main cause of this. It's a soft & sensitive modern world 🤔🌍

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**@timwalker218** 4 days ago

Surely must decide after all parties have had discussion..for fair and reasonable complaint.

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**@scubarick1** 7 days ago (edited)

Been there. Had to do my own detective work and present CPS with evidence for them to drop the charges against me.

If I hadn't then the lazy/ corrupt police would have seen me banged up.

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**@davidstancomb5380** 5 days ago

I fended off a woman once, the second time she had attempted to push me into the road.... with the flat of my hand against her shoulder, creating about 18 inches of space between us so I could step back. She called the police stating "You just assaulted me and I'm a woman so I can't assault you" as she pointed to a half healed bruise about the size of a 5 p coin on her arm well away from where I had fended her off. I shouted at her and told her that the bruise was so obviously old and not to be such a stupid \*\* - and because her friend videoed that bit I was done for breach of the peace and given a conditional caution. At interview the police showed me a photo of extensive bruising to her arm - I was shocked at the extent of the damage she had done to herself in order to bolster her claims. I shouldn't have taken the solicitor's advice to accept the charges, but at the time the advice I was given was that it wouldn't affect my life (but it has). I was arrested and de-arrested several times because the copper didn't have a clue and was taking everything she had said at face value because she had turned on the waterworks and was playing the victim. She has moved away from the area (and her friend has also moved) so my life is far less stressful as I no longer have neighbours who cause problems - several years later one of their friends still swears at me and calls me a 'woman beater' every time I have to walk past her house on the way to the shops.

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**@myriadhues457** 5 days ago

Not a lawyer but I think would depend on the situation. Like imminent danger vs a situation that can be remedied and the guardians are cooperative.

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@DJWESG1 7 days ago

I clicked no, but I know there's a massive part of the picture missing.

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@jimbrown2688 6 days ago

Police officers' honesty must be above reproach. Any questions of dishonesty amongst law enforcement or officers of the court puts evidence into question and damages the whole process.

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@Historyfan476AD 7 days ago

I think basing the whole decision on just the word of one person, not matter their position or reputation, is just reckless.

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@johnallen7807 7 days ago

Agreed, on that basis we can get rid of the whole concept of "hate" crime!

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@deadprivacy 6 days ago

I had this happen to me.

Even had my barrister catch the witness directly in the lie.

The judge just smirked , was a real eye opener regarding the british court system.

They couldn't have cared less about the actual evidence.

The judge still said ahe was credible!

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@jamesdecross1035 7 days ago

More information please!

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@fixzy115 7 days ago

A part of me is screaming "Evidence is Evidence, regardless of who it's from or how it was collected" but at the same time if the person that is submitting the evidence is not trustworthy, then it kinda brings a big question mark over what is being submitted.

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
@JakeTheTrouserSnake 7 days ago

"Trustworthy" is a very subjective concept, so who's trust do we base judgement on? The defence? Declare all evidence harmful to the case as untrustworthy and you win by default! Or the prosecution? The defendant isn't allowed to testify or present evidence then, they're clearly untrustworthy after all, they've been charged with a crime!

Personal opinion or trust should be irrelevant in a courtroom, the evidence should be analysed in isolation and in conjunction with other evidence from ALL angles.

A real courtroom isn't a battle of defence versus prosecution, it's a dance where the defence and prosecution work in parallel to discover the truth. Or at least, it should be.

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@pete1942 6 days ago



[@JakeTheTrouserSnake](#) In reality, the prosecution just try to prove case they have brought. They've chosen a suspect and will do their utmost to prove guilt. Likewise the defence are just fighting to disprove the prosecutions case. Important evidence can be dismissed due to the character of the witness, or on a technicality, or suppressed. Neither side are really seeking ...

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@JakeTheTrouserSnake 5 days ago



[@pete1942](#) unfortunately I have to agree with you, I'm old enough to have heard the myths of a fair and equal justice system but young enough to have never experienced it. I can only hope that we start fixing the mistakes of our antecedents in my lifetime, I'd hate for my son to live this same way.

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@davidstancomb5380 5 days ago

Exactly that.

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@mercedesblack7828 7 days ago

A reinvestigation of that evidence would be warranted.

Whilst there is always a torch held on officers, there are some dubious lawyers about too...

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@denise4487 7 days ago



Well dan as you know thats exactly what happens and people end up in prison I TRUST NO ONE

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@davehopkin9502 5 days ago

If the information presented to CPS is suspect it should be referred back for corroboration

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@sammni 6 days ago



The things I've personally witnessed from the police would make the Gambino crime family look good

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@colinfudge8660 6 days ago (edited)

What on earth is going through the heads of the other 5%?!

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@thedoctor007dfw 7 days ago

Officers who have misconduct findings have to declare them to CPS. Also, if an officer is served papers for an honesty and integrity allegation, they are removed from the evidential chain and put on admin duties. This would also be disclosed to CPS.

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@Doubledonky 7 days ago

But still get to keep job and pension wow

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@thedoctor007dfw 7 days ago

@Doubledonky not if the outcome is dismissal. Honesty and integrity breaches are hard to survive

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@Doubledonky 7 days ago

@thedoctor007dfw I wonder if she was made acting Sargent so they could demote instead of remove

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@thedoctor007dfw 7 days ago

@Doubledonky demotion isn't common. Unfortunately the media cherry pick cases which cause outrage and largely ignore cases which the public would approve of.

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@alastairjhunter3666 7 days ago

They've always had to do that

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@thedoctor007dfw 7 days ago

@alastairjhunter3666 yes but some may not know so I thought it might be useful to mention it

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@thedoctor007dfw 7 days ago

@ian\_bradley you must have had a bad experience. Unless you have something that shows that is the case in every single PSD or IOPC investigation across the country without fail?

The IOPC aren't the first port of call anyway. Professional Standards deal with most cases and there's plenty of dismissals out there, that aren't always in the papers.

Mark Knight and Darren Mabbott of Derbyshire Police were recent cases in the local press where they were sacked.

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@ian\_bradley 6 days ago

@thedoctor007dfw yes I've had a bad experience and I watch a YT channel that reports on police misconduct cases - as well as giving praise for good policing behaviour - from across the 4 nations of the UK, sadly there's not many cases that come up for praise!  
And yes, there are some that get dismissed, but the majority just get an NFA or a slap on the wrist!

I don't dislike the police but they don't police properly the majority of times imo and are too far to lay the boot in and concentrate more on hitting targets than proper policing, going for the easy targets for conviction rates!



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@thedoctor007dfw 6 days ago



@ian\_bradley unfortunately the many decent hard working cops get tarred with the same brush as those who let the public down

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@ian\_bradley 6 days ago

@thedoctor007dfw Very true! Whilst at the same time, they shouldn't be fearful of pointing out their colleagues wrongdoings to their senior officers or professional standards department, instead of backing them up and supporting the wrongdoers!

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@thedoctor007dfw 6 days ago

@ian\_bradley indeed

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@JakeTheTrouserSnake 7 days ago

I'd argue that it doesn't matter whether it is considered appropriate or not by the layman because the CPS has a duty to prosecute based on the information it is provided. If there is doubt as to the quality or strength of evidence, is there a better place to analyse it than in a court of law? Consider this, if simply arguing that evidence is dubious was enough to completely halt proceedings, wouldn't every criminal defence lawyer have a 100% success rate? While I recognise it leaves a proverbial bad taste, even questionable evidence MUST be allowed because there is no way to disprove that which hasn't been presented, for better or worse.

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@seanoconnor8843 7 days ago (edited)

It is better a dozen criminals escape justice than one innocent person be wrongly convicted

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@chrisclark6705 6 days ago

I disagree.

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@vulgar\_scabby\_beaver 6 days ago

@chrisclark6705 until It's you...

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 **@17losttrout** 6 days ago

[@chrisclark6705](#) Would you say the same with capital punishment?

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 **@chrisclark6705** 6 days ago


[@vulgar\\_scabby\\_beaver](#) One innocent person gets sent down or allow 15 criminals to go free?

Lot of innocent people will suffer with those 15 criminals. A lot more than that 1 unfortunate innocent person to be sent down.



I take the utilitarian approach.  
It makes sense to me.


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 **@vulgar\_scabby\_beaver** 6 days ago

[@chrisclark6705](#) like I said, until it's you or a member of your family or someone you love. Lets see if your utilitarian approach survives. I worked for the CCRC and there are certainly innocent people in prison in the UK who never thought they'd be there. Your understanding of the word "Justice" is simplistic and needs work.

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
 **@chrisclark6705** 6 days ago (edited)


[@vulgar\\_scabby\\_beaver](#) Your occupation has no relevance to the discussion. Also the scenario itself isnt even realistic. You aint gonna have a situation where one person goes down and is innocent and if they dont 15 criminals will be released.

The system either prosecutes effectively or prosecutes and fails the public. The situation in which an innocent goes down or many criminals walk free is purely hypothetical and has no bearing on the real world.

So maybe you should check on your grasp of reality instead of telling me to check my grasp on utilitarianism.

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 **@vulgar\_scabby\_beaver** 5 days ago

[@chrisclark6705](#) and what is glaring here is your failure to address my premise, "until It's you". You avoid it judiciously because that requires thought and analysis. Do you sit in your cell and say "My unjust conviction results in the greatest happiness for the greatest number of people so I took one for the team YAY ME!?" Give me a break, some intellectual honesty woul...

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| **@501sqn3** 5 days ago

Well now, that depends doesn't it !. An interesting statistic , and broadly accepted is :- there are far fewer innocent people serving sentences in prison than there are people on the streets who should be in prison! 🙄





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**@seanoconnor8843** 5 days ago

[@chrisclark6705](#) I'm lucky enough not to see much crime and the crime I do see wouldn't impact someone as much as being wrongly convicted. But as say, I'm lucky

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**@seanoconnor8843** 5 days ago

[@501sqn3](#) I heard of some men who served decades for something they didn't do. When they were finally exonerated and released, they were billed for their accommodation! You wouldn't be happy about that

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**@chrisclark6705** 5 days ago

[@seanoconnor8843](#) No way in hell somebody got falsely accused and then billed for the the accommodation. If thats true then i want a source because that sounds like utter shite lol

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**@seanoconnor8843** 5 days ago

[@chrisclark6705](#) sounds mad I know but it happens every time. The prison service end up with a chunk of their compensation for wrongful imprisonment.

I found this from another case reported in The Guardian...

"Two men who spent almost 20 years in jail after they were wrongly convicted of murdering the paperboy Carl Bridgewater yesterday asked the high court to review a compensation assessment which in effect charges them for prison board and lodging."



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**@vulgar\_scabby\_beaver** 5 days ago

[@chrisclark6705](#) I can assure you it is completely true. Mike O'Brien who served 11 years for a wrongful conviction was awarded compensation and of the part of his award for lost earnings, £37k was deducted for board and lodging. Just one case, there are many others.

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**@rogereynon4954** 4 days ago

Surely the Post Office themselves have entered the element of "doubt" and that applies to all convictions. That alone makes any conviction unsafe despite PO representatives clutching their pearls and stating that a number are in fact 100% guilty. That may be the case but they should have thought of that before covering up what is now known. I don't see how they can now prove that any of their prosecutions are trustworthy if Horizon is involved. Post hoc, ergo propter hoc - after this, therefore because of this.

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**@DeltaMikeTorrevieja** 7 days ago

The two classics are 'resisting arrest' and assaulting a police officer. Those just get tacked on for sport nowadays.

And often bodycams are too close in once the occifer goes 'hands-on'. Like the stop struggling order

while the break someone's wrist dragging cuffs up someone's back.

The more cameras we get the more we see what they've been getting away with for decades. But the more they and others in the system cover for each other.

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**@andiehyde3714** 7 days ago

As witnessed in the recent "piano war", the first thing the lady copper did was try to get them to turn off their camera with the reason she was already filming.

In other words, she tried to completely control the situation.

Can't be having that pesky accountability getting in the way of "just doing our jobs" now can ...

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**@TehJumpingJawa** 5 days ago

I answered no, however I'm conflicted.

It's ultimately up to the court to determine the veracity of the evidence. The CPS's policy of what cases to pursue doesn't need to be held to the same standard.

That said, a prosecution is inherently disruptive to the defendant irrespective of the outcome, so the CPS should be exercising care & due diligence with the cases it chooses to pursue.

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**@jamesgorman5241** 7 days ago

If they can't get in the witness box they need to go.

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**@andrewgilbertson5356** 6 days ago

IF it is their information only then the CPS should not go ahead. If it only forms a small part of the evidence then yes, but with the caveat that judge, jury should be made aware of their unreliable evidence.

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**@GlennPowell-Is3lg** 6 days ago

How can the CPS pass a prosecution on allegations and the defendant having made a "no comment" interview during custody?



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**@501sqn3** 5 days ago

They wouldn't. They'd need a reasonable element of reliable evidence, and going 'no comment' through an en entire IUC is never, ev er a good idea! 🙄

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**@Tommy-he7dx** 4 days ago

**@501sqn3** That implies there would be some kind of punishment for exercising your right not to incriminate yourself



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**@wilderbeest773** 7 days ago

What would be the point if that alone could probably lead to an acquittal in the end?



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**@dayslikethis82** 7 days ago

Would there still be a chance of a charging decision if it was sent back?

Without more context, it's hard to answer but I'd like to think (as a gross generalization) that a chance of a conviction is better than it being rejected. Obviously, there's many situations where this may not be warranted but from a victims perspective then a chance for justice or accountability I would think is preferable so I'm going to say yes! (And partly because many cases fail to meet the threshold but it does not mean no crime was committed).

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**@andybarnard4575** 6 days ago (edited)

The CPS applies a public interest test. Id like to know why the public interest was at odds with my interest when my children were abducted. The police officers handling the case are the only ones to talk to the CPS, victims are ignored by them in my experience.



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**@stonelaughter** 7 days ago

Who is better qualified to decide on "Reasonable Doubt" than the court? Surely that is the defined role of the justice process??? If the CPS think they have evidence to charge, let them charge. Any defence Barrister will pounce all over reasonable doubt as an absolute defence... all he has to do is be competent in convincing the Jury that such doubt exists.



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**@michaelbruce5415** 7 days ago

Heavens who on earth thought it was appropriate?



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**@thomas.parnell7365** 7 days ago (edited)

Given the questionable integrity of todays officers absolutely not .



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**@jimmymorrison8314** 7 days ago

Beyond reasonable doubt.



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**@17losttrout** 6 days ago

Request the unused material.

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@TurnerN4tor500 6 days ago

I know this is a slight digression, but I do think the entry methods for many police services in the UK are out of date. Particularly, the national sift process. Scoring candidates' answers against those of serving officers (who may be corrupt) surely doesn't allow the police services to recruit appropriate candidates, rather just a quota of yes men who's integrity could be questionable.

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@WinstonSmith685 6 days ago

Tangible evidence is one thing, but if it's hearsay evidence, then the CPS should take into account that it may not be reliable when making their charging decision. Look at the recent case with Auditing Britain. Stitched up on a malicious section 50 charge where the complainant made a false 999 call, then lied again in the witness box in court. AB's barrister got the case thrown out, but it could have easily gone the other way based on nothing more than ropey hearsay evidence due to hurt feelings.

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@clangerbasher 7 days ago

If in reasonable doubt surely they are someway to becoming an ex-officer?

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@michaelgallagher7082 5 days ago

Obviously not lives are getting wrecked with this system we have.

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@orvillefindley8117 7 days ago

It's quite amusing that a barrister would ask a question like this when he knows that the CPS are just as dishonest as any dodgy police officers. 😊

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@sjrossiter2289 5 days ago

Sadly, if the people supplying the information to the CPS, the police, have not followed procedures, withheld evidence, lost evidence, failed to gather evidence, my assumption is, the CPS won't know this.

My question, if the IOPC, who apparently, have zero power to "course correct" have a complaint logged, regarding the failures, do the CPS see this?


A victims Right to Review is only as good as the honesty, of the force investigating the offences.

If a force has made mistakes, which = a decision. They won't go back and rectify it. It would look like this 🙄

"Sorry to bother you, but, well, you know when we arrested you, ah, well, we were meant to search

your property, as per PACE, and, this is embarrassing, well, we didn't, so can we search now please, and pretend this never happened..."

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**@brianm.595** 5 days ago

Agents that do it for the kids, verify.



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**@marzieansari7216** 4 days ago

I was abused by police officers many many times. Once CPS relied on their false documents and charged me. After a year prosecution I found not guilty. I issued proceedings for malicious prosecution against CPS and police which was upheld. I am a qualified lawyer in another jurisdiction which all the criminal allegations go directly to CPS rather than police. CPS orders to police what to do. The system works perfectly. In the UK Police Act gives extreme power to a constable with 3 months training and no education.



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**@Rusty-Hinge** 7 days ago

Surely trial by jury dictates that a jury hears ALL evidence, then decides which, if any laws have been broken and what punishment or compensation is reasonable?

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**@dayslikethis82** 7 days ago

The charging decision is before that.. ie if it passes the tests and threshold to essentially get a conviction.

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**@Rusty-Hinge** 7 days ago



[@dayslikethis82](#)

Exactly my point. It should be up to the jury to decide, not some politically motivated public service that disregards the basic tenant of Common Law..

For example, look at the Kier Starmer / Jimmy Saville situation.

According to constitutional law, anybody could put Saville before a jury, and the CPS would not have existed to protect Saville and cover up for the "inner circles".

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**@dayslikethis82** 7 days ago

But not everything goes to trial or needs to...



The police can charge suspects "in

less serious cases, which account for around two thirds of all criminal offences, the police make the decision about whether a suspect can be charged with an offence. In more serious cases, the charging decision is made by the CPS".

If a case passes both stages of the legal test, the cps will authorise the police to charge the suspect. The prosecutor will decide which charges are most appropriate, based on the available evidence. The police will charge the suspect with these offences and the case will be listed for a first hearing.

After the first hearing, there would or wouldn't be a trial depending on the plea.

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**@Rusty-Hinge** 7 days ago



[@dayslikethis82](#)

I fully agree that not all cases need to go to court.

The point of the constitutional law argument is that the law is basic, revolves around no harm, no loss, no damage, no fraud.

Simple and effective, used for many years and formed the basis of every western legal system until the maritime legal system was introduced.

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**@Barbarapape** 7 days ago

How many people are charged based on false evidence?  
There are a lot of innocent people in Jail due to bent policemen.

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**@darkwoods1954** 5 days ago

Hiding or "losing" evidence of someones innocence is standard practice by police isn't it?



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**@fabiennemitchell2371** 5 days ago

This has been an issue with police officers being witnesses for years. The CPS would need to weigh up the pros and cons of calling such witnesses, because the Defense sometimes ask for info about disciplinary action about individual officers.

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**@TheNeilmmm** 7 days ago



Could you clarify with an example?

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**@somethinglikeanonymous1773** 7 days ago

A broken clock is right twice a day

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**@FozzyZ28** 6 days ago

What happened to "beyond all reasonable doubt"?

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**@emmatkinson4334** 6 days ago

The CPS needs to get an independent investigative organisation (SFO, police?) to gather verifiable evidence. That will in turn require advanced System Engineering skills that understand the challenges in designing distributed database systems that are loosely coupled over potentially unreliable data communications. From what I have heard, the only part of Horizon that has good data is the SubPO database. That is on condition that covert editing (i.e. without an immutable transaction record or journal at the SubPO) of data held at the SubPO needs to be investigated in depth across Fujitsu and the PO Centre.

It is not safe to rely on data held at the centre. That includes message sequence numbers because they do not catch missing communications.

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**@SuperBartles** 6 days ago

Kind of a loaded question :) But a fair point nonetheless

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**@jamieeames8934** 7 days ago

Only if it can be demonstrated that the person evidence itself is tainted.

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**@dolldoll2914** 6 days ago

What would the police officer know more than people in the neighborhood. Police are their to COLLECT information and continue to investigate under th purview the District Attorney who needs this information to CHARGE WITH. Where I live it is the District Attorney after a process and consultation with others are CHARGES BROKE TO BEAR. But long before indictments are ever presented the Police may use Probable Cause tomgain access to private property of citizens. This Probable Cause action has to bear the Attorney General and a Judge to allow Police into a home with the document outline what they are searching for.

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**@googlecontrolled** 7 days ago

You lawyers and Barristers have been quite content with this injustice till now! Shoe is on the other foot perhaps is it now.

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**@andywilliams1160** 7 days ago

What's the difference between a Barrister and a bent copper? Around £400 an hour.

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@privatename1250 5 days ago

Garbage in garbage out.



Reply



@DaedricGamingHD 6 days ago

Cps Categorically fails a confident majority of its cases only had respect for 1 individuall from the care system after getting to know them and they're character and its wrong how many people it screws up due to negligence or incompetency a system that create more suubstance abuserers then anything else and it desperately needs charging



Reply



@josephrankin9406 6 days ago

Evidence is SUPPOSED to be examined.



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@Hurts44 7 days ago (edited)

People lives and freedom are dependent on the police being truthful about evidence. All it takes with some convictions is an officer to tell one lie or untruth and a person goes to prison. So it's unexeptable that some police officers are liers when people's freedom is a stake it shouldn't be tolerated, and the first sighns of it, they should be suspended and investigated for the perversion of ...



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@missmerrily4830 5 days ago (edited)

Yes, surely the CPS doesn't get to be the judge and the jury? As I understand it, the CPS makes its decision to charge on the basis of what they consider to be enough evidence, not to judge whether it's 100 percent accurate. Surely it should be for the court to disprove any dodgy evidence at trial? 'Reasonable doubt' of an officer's honesty is too subjective. And that's why 'evidence' is examined ...



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@freddieellis8449 7 days ago

What was wrong with the police making their own charging decisions like they used to before the creation of Criminal Protection Service?



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@bren4061 7 days ago

Yes it would have saved a lot of girls from Grooming Gangs s



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@stuartb4525 7 days ago

The way they act nowadays, they couldn't be trusted.



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@bobfry5267 7 days ago

See my response above. They were proven untrustworthy to the point where it became indefensible.



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**@DeltaMikeTorrevieja** 7 days ago

Not only should this charging decision be re-evaluated ALL of their past cases that relied on that officer's word should be re-examined in light of contaminated evidence.

Isn't it called parole evidence? The idea that testimony should be believed unless there is reason to doubt it. Well, once it is established the officer is untruthful you have that reason - and not only him. Everyone involved on scene and up the chain of command AND prosecutors who cover or turn a blind eye.



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**@laratheplanespotter** 7 days ago

If this is the way things are going, do I just give up on this forensic science degree seeing as we'll be superfluous to requirements?



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**@Verysimpleyetverydifficult** 7 days ago

Bit of a loaded question. Would need to know the context

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**@thomasdalton1508** 7 days ago

The CPS should make their decision on the basis of the file the police send them. If the evidence provided is of dubious quality, then that decision should be to not charge the suspect. I don't see how the CPS could ask the police to rectify the situation - the evidence is what it is. Do you want the police to find some more reliable officers and send them back in time to watch what happened and ...

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**@stephenbaxter3369** 7 days ago



Yes.

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**@501sqn3** 5 days ago

It's not as simple as that I'm afraid, why is the officers honesty in doubt?, If an officer has made a mistake with an evidential matter, then that could be discussed and rectified. However if it's a case of out and out dishonesty or corruption, then that cannot be fixed The question lacks detail and cannot be accurately or safely answered 🤔

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**@blackandwhiteaudits** 6 days ago

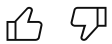
Luke Mitchell is innocent

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@Kyrelel 5 days ago

There is not enough information in the question for a yes/no answer.

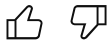


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@budweiser600 7 days ago

What the hell are you talking about? - officers whose honesty is in reasonable doubt??? It's appropriate! Yu don't decide what's reasonable doubt - you decide subjective doubt, and the systems put in place over a 1000 years decide if it's reasonable.



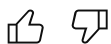
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@budweiser600 7 days ago

I'm not voting because the scenario of the question is false.



Reply



@vulgar\_scabby\_beaver 7 days ago

I know officers who can't be honest with their own wives, they aren't likely to be honest in court. I've met many "lesser spotted verblers" who wouldn't know the truth if it jumped up and pepper sprayed them. They are on performance related pay and promotion, they depend upon convictions, it doesn't go well if your arrestees keep being found "not guilty" (that's not innocent btw) so where's the harm ...



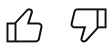
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@vipertwenty249 7 days ago

The question is lacking clarity. Are you saying that in the particular instance the honesty of the police persons involved is in reasonable doubt, or are you asking a more general question unrelated to any particular instance?

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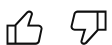


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@HarpoonB2 7 days ago

What type of doubts?



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@bobtheboozzer9452 7 days ago

Is this about auditing Britain?

The police and cps are spineless in this regard in my experience. So many people don't have the knowledge or are in such a bad position with no support that they don't understand the situation and just plea guilty as advised by useless jury solicitors who don't care as long as they get paid. The duty solicitors should be the safety net for a most cases but sadly they seem to be spineless too

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@PilotChris06FW 7 days ago

Who said yes to this????



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**@thomasdalton1508** 7 days ago

I did because it is obviously the correct answer. What else are the CPS supposed to base their decision on? The question didn't say what the decision should be, just what it should be based on. If the police submit a file to the CPS that only contains statements from unreliable officers then the CPS should base its decision on that and should decide not to charge the suspect.

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**@eddiecatflap3838** 7 days ago

do you trust the police ?

[@thomasdalton1508](#)

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**@mikeuk666** 7 days ago

[@thomasdalton1508](#) cringe

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**@thomasdalton1508** 7 days ago

[@eddiecatflap3838](#) You didn't actually read my comment before replying to it, did you?

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**@thomasdalton1508** 7 days ago

[@mikeuk666](#) You also didn't read my comment before replying to it, did you?

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**@eddiecatflap3838** 7 days ago

yes i read your answer,, i was just asking if you trusted the police [@thomasdalton1508](#)

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**@kdog3908** 7 days ago

It's an odd sentence. '...instead of asking to rectify the issue?' has thrown me a little. I'd still say it's inappropriate for them to make a charging decision based solely on the information provided. However, i'd say it is entirely appropriate for the CPS to bounce it back to the officers and say they need more information. So, they've already made a decision based on the information given....kinda.

Reply



**@davidbrewster7701** 6 days ago

Theres no need for the CPS, if your caught you should be prosecuted , end of !!

Reply



**@michaeldoolan7595** 5 days ago

Any copper who is bent is suspect.

However most police intelligence comes from people you wouldn't trust in your house.

If a copper is bent they should be screwed for information by any means.

They need to grass up others involved.

Reply





@chrishallam75 7 days ago (edited)

Myself and my mother were arrested on allegations of stalking the local Tory MP. We had only ever attended his open surgeries and asked him difficult questions then posted the questions and his answers on FB. Because he complained to the police and Special Branch reviewed CCTV and said no case to answer, no further action, I presumed he was told we needed to do more. In September I attended a surgery which was in event cancelled but he used this as a pretense to later publish an article inferring I had impersonated him, made a hoax call and cancelled his security.

We still await for the case and bail restrictions to be dropped over 4 months on.

On the basis of this allegation with no evidence I was arrested and my 76 year old mother on allegations of stalking him.

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@darrenhenderson6921 7 days ago

I had a case won against my ex, Scot's law is different we have three verdicts not guilty, not proven, and guilty, I was acquitted after a five day trial in which my ex was found to be lying to police and the court on various occasions, she let it rip, she accused me of all sorts, luckily neighbours recorded and seen stuff that completely contradicted her after a very convincing and emotional testimony, they played recorded evidence and she went from a crying victim in court to all arms crossed and fuming with rage, there was absolutely no question whatsoever that she was lying and she got caught like indisputably, all other witnesses said I was calm and I had to jump from a high window as she was trying to stab me, I went away proper this time and as soon as she realised I really ended it, she concocted a ridiculous story and I actually spend 6 months in prison, I was only released because she didn't turn up, I had conditions for my release which I followed pretty much exactly, I mean she was always contacting me via messenger and it was usually weekends and sometimes I did just tell her to eff off instead I should have ignored her so technically I guess I breached those guidelines but I didn't contact her she contacted me, then, I get arrested for attempting to murder her, I can't believe that the court actually has taken on a case that's pure fiction and she decided to give this additional information after my lawyer picked her apart and just did her job and showed the jury her true nature, I was open and honest the entire time from the police interview to me going on the stand, it was never once an inconsistency in my version which matched all other witnesses, I actually can't believe I was remanded for it when they had all kinds of evidence including from her when she wanted me back and out jail she wrote to a what happened so, you have like 5 statements 3 from very reliable sources like school teacher and some like social health care worker and a police officer who had seen her and me, I couldn't understand why they kept trying to jail me even though after day 2 they are talking about throwing the case out when the jury isn't there, but no a educated person was absolutely intending on locking me up for something she, without doubt knew I didn't do, or at minimal I wasn't by her own admission responsible for her injuries, I come home from work and she was high as a kite, she knew and withdrew all the months wages and the second she got access to money she spend it on crack, I should have knows as her parents controlled all her money and she was a pill popper, I found Valium strips empty lying around frequently, she only cares how she's perceived, she lost that trial bad and then wanted it to go back to a question in people's mind as opposed to the verdict, she couldn't handle the truth, but what most surprises me is I'm on bail as obviously there is that question she lied so I had special circumstances in that I was just acquitted like a month after a sheriff and jury trial when I was charged without a single shred of evidence, I know this because this never happened, it's like someone saying you robbed a bank, there is no evidence of a bank being robbed other than the statement of a legally confirmed liar, and they make a case of this, how is this possible? Now I

understand the double jeopardy rule because this stuff destroys you let me tell you it's absolutely rubbish when they say if your innocent then you have nothing to worry about, when the crown prosecution is after you, chances are they will get you they are making a case and you should be very concerned that highly educated barristers are going to try their best to convict you do you have a lot to worry about it's terrifying going to court and having the dice rolled on on your life. Last time if those neighbours who are my exes friends didn't testify then I would probably have been convicted, apparently the burden of proof isn't on you but you basically need proof they are lying, some people are extremely manipulative and I have Asperger's syndrome and can't tell when I'm being used and abused until it's like obvious to anyone, I'm not smart in some ways but she knew I was an earner like she knew I always had money had good jobs, qualifications ect, even letting her get her nails done was like so much to her, her last boyfriend's must have been down and outs and she is highly narcissistic and sociopathic, she always broke my phones and I fell out with family and friends as a results, she wanted to store me away and just use me really, but my point is I'm actually disillusioned by the CPS, I love our country and our system and it hurts to see it used as a weapon by a jealous ex, I thought they would be smart enough to see through her lies but they don't challenge potential victims even court, I thought it was a truth finding mission, it was nothing but a calculated effort to convict me, only my tame, calm but extremely intelligent lawyer deconstructed the whole case lie an absolute pro, she took the Prosecution service back to school and I was acquitted in a grand total of 25/26 minutes the jury seen it for what it was and the system worked, I was so happy I almost walked home I didn't realise how much it was taking out of me and that word justice now has that amazing feeling attached to it, it's not a word to me anymore, I experienced justice and validation and they got it right, it breaks my heart they want to just try again, it's basically because double jeopardy is gone now they want to split hairs in her statement and make another case, thank God I have my lawyer Victoria Good, she's done so much for me and was actually the first person to suggest I had Asperger's, I didn't think i did but after all the testing, I came back as on the autism spectrum then it was later diagnosed as Asperger's syndrome which I struggle with as an adult, my brain never stops it's an information absorbing machine, oh and after she accused me, ran away from an an abusive guy she came to me because that's where she felt safest as she knows I'm a machine, I'm like the black belt barrister like shoulders anyway and I done boxing as a kid and won junior titles all over Europe, no one would start a fight with me so I don't have to pull out incase I kill, it's accuracy and speed and it's the small ones that seem to do the damage as you are naturally applying your weight, I'm committed to non violence but I'll threaten someone if I'm intimidated, when they see that look of fearlessness in you they always back off anyway if you don't get it your a beta male u won't don't get it but its all instinctive for guys like me and I don't fear people, I'm terrified of authorities though, I'm never rude to them.

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