

A summer learning activity/task

Trial date set for man accused of train stabbings



Emergency crews and police met the train at Huntingdon railway station in Cambridgeshire after 999 calls from those on board

A man accused of the attempted murders of 10 people during a mass stabbing on a train in Cambridgeshire is due to stand trial in October.

People on board the LNER service from Doncaster to London King's Cross were seriously injured shortly after the train left Peterborough on Saturday, 1 November. Armed police met the train when it made an unscheduled stop at Huntingdon.

Anthony Williams, 32, from Langford Road in Peterborough, is charged with a total of 13 counts of attempted murder, which also relate to other alleged attacks in Peterborough and east London prior to the train incident.

At Cambridge Crown Court, Judge Mark Bishop moved a provisional trial date from June to 26 October.

Emergency services spent most of Sunday, 2 November at Huntingdon railway station

Passengers and staff on the 18:25 from Doncaster raised the alarm and Williams was arrested at Huntingdon.

His trial date had originally been set for 22 June, but Judge Bishop agreed that that date could no longer be met as the courts waited for further reports.

Williams faces a total of 21 charges.

Huntingdon charges:

- **Attempted murder of 10 people who were on the train**
- **Possessing a bladed article**
- **Actual bodily harm in connection with the alleged assault of a police officer while in custody**

Other charges:

- **One count of attempted murder and possessing a bladed article after a man suffered facial injuries at the Pontoon Dock DLR station in Silvertown, east London, in the early hours of 1 November**
- **Attempted murder of a 14-year-old boy at Henry Penn Walk in Peterborough city centre on 31 October**
- **Attempted murder of a 22-year-old man at Rail World Car Park in Peterborough on 31 October**
- **Attempted wounding with intent of a 28-year-old man at Henry Penn Walk in Peterborough on 31 October**
- **Possession of a bladed instrument in a public place at Henry Penn Walk**
- **Affray in connection with an alleged incident at Ritzy Barbers in Queen's Walk, Fletton in Peterborough on 31 October**
- **Theft of knives from an Asda supermarket in Stevenage on 31 October**
- **Common assault of a 31-year-old man on a train travelling between Hitchin in Hertfordshire and Biggleswade in Bedfordshire on 1 November**

All 11 people who received treatment at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge after the Huntingdon train incident have since been discharged.

The defendant did not appear in court for the latest hearing and he remained remanded in custody.

You will find the answers to these questions in the article:

1. Which court was involved in the case and which Judge was involved in the hearing? [2]
2. What are the charges against the defendant? [2]
3. When is the trial date set for and why has it been moved? [2]
4. What does remand mean? [2]
5. Was the defendant present at the hearing? [2]

The article will help you with the answers to these questions, but your general knowledge should also help. Give as much detail as you can:

6. What is the highest court in the domestic legal system of England and Wales? [2]
7. How do people and organisations involved in court cases present their arguments to the court? [2]
8. Who actually makes the decision in a court case? [2]
9. If the defendant is found guilty, what is the likely sentence? [2]
10. Is it a civil case or a criminal case? What do you know about the differences? [2]
11. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of courts waiting nearly 12 months to hear the trial of cases like this?