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Ik Aihie successfully challenges Police Caution

The British Transport Police have agreed to quash a formal caution administered to Ik Aihie after his arrest at London Bridge Station on 21 July 2016.

Video footage of Mr Aihie's arrest, broadcast across national and international media, shows a spit hood being placed over his head whilst he is handcuffed and held face down on the ground by police officers.

Following his arrest Mr Aihie was detained at a police station overnight before he was cautioned for an alleged offence contrary to s.5 Public Order Act 1986, an offence which Mr Aihie has always denied.

After his release from custody Mr Aihie instructed Bhatt Murphy Solicitors to issue judicial review proceedings in the High Court to challenge the caution on the basis that it was unlawful and unjustifiable. Just days before that challenge was due to be heard in the High Court, the British Transport Police have now accepted that Mr Aihie, who is of good character, should not have been cautioned, and all records of the caution have been removed from police records.

An Independent Police Complaints Commission investigation into Mr Aihie's arrest, detention and the use of force upon him is ongoing.

Mr Aihie said:

"I am delighted that the caution has been quashed so I can start to move on with my life; justice has prevailed. I'm grateful for the support I have received from everyone who knows me, members of the public and my legal team during these difficult months".

Mr Aihie's solicitor, **Shamik Dutta** at Bhatt Murphy said:

"A formal caution is a serious matter; it can prevent someone from gaining employment and travelling to certain countries. This caution should never have been issued and so it is only right that in the face of legal proceedings it has now been quashed."

Notes to Editor

- The Guidance on Formal Cautions can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/397867/adult-simple-caution-guidance.pdf
- Neither Mr Aihie nor Mr Dutta wish to make any further comment at this stage in view of the ongoing investigation into the circumstances surrounding Mr Aihie's arrest. The IPCC are continuing their investigation into those circumstances.

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