

Teen IS fanatic who planned London terror attack reported by his mum

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Matthew King appeared at the Old Bailey to be sentenced on Friday (May 12) after he pleaded guilty to preparation of terrorist acts.

The 19-year-old staked out a British Army barracks in Stratford and expressed a desire to “torture, mutilate and kill military personnel”, Prosecutor Paul Jarvis said. Other targets for his potential knife attack included Stratford police station, train station and magistrates’ court

After being expelled from school King asked his mum to take him to a mosque and began watching videos about Islam, wearing traditional Islamic clothing and learning Arabic. The court heard that Islam initially had a positive effect on his life, but soon his behaviour became more extreme as he called his sisters slugs for not dressing modestly.

He talked about travelling to Syria. King told his mum he did not believe in terrorism but she was so concerned about him that she contacted Prevent. This culminated in him being arrested.

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King had also posted a video in a WhatsApp group of a man holding a knife with the words "those who said that there is no jihad and no battle. They are lying!" and also set his WhatsApp status to "Kill the non-Muslims, wherever you see them".

Videos on his phone revealed that he had actively gone out to scope possible locations for his potential attack. . . discussions with his UK based girlfriend in which he said he wanted to "get his hands on" an American or British marine.

King was taking lessons from Imams with extreme views in both USA and Green Street, Mr Jarvis said.

As his behaviour became more extreme King was expelled from one mosque, while other Muslims warned him about his behaviour.

After being arrested and cautioned, King responded: "I don't believe in the UK law, the only law I believe in is the law of Allah."

"Allah says he will punish the oppressors, everywhere will be Sharia law on day. When I get out, they will be controlling me, they probably won't let me have a driving license because I'll probably run people over."

Judge Mark Lucraft, the Recorder of London, adjourned to allow further time, so King is expected to be sentenced in two

weeks.

The judge's comments at his sentencing will be broadcast on television.

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