

Trial of Darren Osborne draws to a close

All week I have been following the trial of Darren Osborne, the man charged with murder and attempted murder after the van he appeared to be driving [she was anxious to tell readers](#) that Osborne had recently watched the BBC Docudrama Three Girls about the abuse victims in Rochdale; that he had read articles on Lee Rigby, the Manchester Arena bombing and other grooming gangs AND that in the hours before the attack he had received messages from both Tommy Robinson and Jayda Fransen of Britain First. It was later clarified, after Tommy's lawyer intervened, that these were not personal messages, but that Osborne had read general messages available to all, in Tommy Robinson's case through Rebel Media. Tommy's lawyer must wait until the end of the trial before she can call up a transcript of what was said in the first instance; she will then know whether to direct the complaint to the Crown Prosecution Service, or if their remarks were not correctly reported but shaded with bias to the Press Complaints Commission about the Independent. Time will tell. That is, at the moment, a side issue.

We have had descriptions of the incident, how the crowd looked likely to [I was, observing](#)) He couldn't get near, he got lost, eventually he found his way into Jeremy Corbyn's constituency and the Finsbury Park Mosque is a well-known name.

He maintains that he was helped by some friends 'Dave' and 'Terry Jones'.

["He's like Dynamo, an illusion."](#) An illusionist. He can make himself vanish perhaps. I don't know."



Darren Osborne in the witness box with defence barrister Lisa Wilding QC (right) at Woolwich Crown Court

The summing up will be tomorrow and then the jury will go out to deliberate. I do believe we are in a war, undeclared, but then the Cold War was never declared either. The taking of human life is not a matter for levity or lightness. We are better than that. Murder is wrong. But lets wait for the verdict.