



[Shotgun and ammunition]

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Three found guilty of drugs and firearms offences

Three men have been convicted after being found in possession of a sawn off shotgun and a quantity of drugs.

On 19 November 2020, officers patrolling Rotherhithe New Road, SE16, noticed the occupants of a black BMW acting suspiciously.

They turned their vehicle around in an attempt to stop the car but as they did so, the BMW sped away. Soon afterwards, the car came to a stop and the driver, Kane Lamar (02.08.96) of Salter Road, Southwark, was detained.

The two passengers, later identified as Jack Purfield (25.07.96) of Chilton Grove, Southwark and Enriquo Withers (05.01.01) of Queenstown Road, Wandsworth, made off from the scene and a short foot chase through a nearby estate began.

Officers located Withers in a front garden, where he was arrested. Two packages, discarded by the suspects, were found nearby and later confirmed to contain ammunition and around £1,000 worth of crack cocaine and heroin.

Police then retraced the route taken by Purfield and Withers and located a black holdall in the corner of a courtyard. Inside was a sawn off shotgun, further ammunition and several pairs of rubber and latex gloves.

Despite an extensive search, no trace of Purfield was found. Following enquiries, he was arrested a number of days later.

On Monday, 25 October, all three appeared at Inner London Crown Court where they were convicted of two counts of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs, possession of a shotgun without licence and two counts of possession of ammunition without licence.

They were remanded in custody pending sentencing on Friday, 17 December.

Detective Constable Tim Tripp, from the Met's Violent Crime Taskforce, said:
“We are always working to remove guns and other weapons from the streets of London and we are pleased that another deadly firearm has now been removed from circulation.

“Those who carry weapons should be in no doubt – we will use every tool at our disposal to protect our communities by prosecuting those intent on perpetrating serious violence.”